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### **1000 Friends of Oregon Wins Appeals Court Case**

1000 Friends of Oregon won a decisive victory in the Oregon Court of Appeals this week when the court reversed the City of Woodburn's approval of an urban growth boundary expansion.

“With this decision, over 400 acres of the best farmland in the world has been saved from development,” stated Mary Kyle McCurdy, 1000 Friends’ Senior Staff Attorney who handled the appeal. “Farmland is not undeveloped land waiting to be paved over. This is land that currently supports Marion County’s leading industry - agriculture.”

The appeals court ruled that the city and the state’s Land Conservation and Development Commission erred in approving an urban growth boundary expansion that included roughly double the industrial land that the city expected to use in the 20-year time frame called for in state law. The court sent the case back to LCDC for reconsideration.

“The city of Woodburn got caught in a big land grab,” said Lolita Carl, a petitioner in the case whose family has farmed just east of Woodburn for four generations. “And they went after prime farmland instead of expanding onto poorer soils better suited for industrial use.”

Diane Mikkelson, a petitioner who lives near downtown Woodburn, also praised the decision. “Woodburn should be reinvesting in our existing business district instead of supporting land speculators,” Mikkelson said.

The Marion County Farm Bureau, Friends of Marion County, Kathleen Carl, and Carla Mikkelson, were also a petitioners in the case.

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