

We are writing to invite you to be part of a team that has been tasked to write a chapter for The Intertwine Alliance's Regional Conservation Strategy for the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region and the surrounding rural landscape (see the extent map at the end of this memo). The Regional Conservation Strategy will communicate the current state of conservation in the region, synthesize ongoing conservation efforts, and make recommendations that are regional in scope to improve the protection, restoration and management of the region's natural areas and strengthen conservation efforts in the region. We are developing the Conservation Strategy as a resource for potential funders, decision makers, and resource-oriented professionals and practitioners. While we want the document to be as comprehensive as possible, it needs to be succinct and written in a manner that is easy to read and easy to comprehend. We want to stress that we are not looking to you to provide original research or to write a major document.

We've been tasked with writing a chapter on **Climate Change**. We intend to produce two products with a primary focus on Adaptation. First, for the Regional Conservation Strategy we will produce a two to three page summary of the state of our knowledge regarding climate change, what plans are currently in place to address climate adaptation and where we see gaps in adaptation responses in our region.

Obviously, a two to three page summary will not be sufficient in detail to adequately address climate adaptation in sufficient detail to provide local jurisdictions and others to address adaptation measures with on the ground projects. Therefore, we also hope to create, over a slightly longer time a document that lays out strategies for adapting to climate change in sufficient detail to allow us to use it to seek funding specific on the ground projects in our region.

We have agreed to take on the responsibility for the actual writing of these documents, but we want your help in scoping out the outline, identifying gaps, and ensuring we are covering all of the bases in each product. We plan to convene our first scoping meeting in early to mid-January.

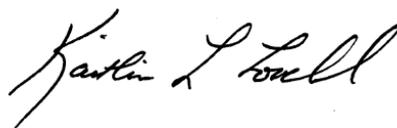
Would you be willing to attend this first meeting in person or by phone, and then possibly to committing to assist us in producing these two climate change documents? We want to stress we are **not** writing a new climate change overview or plan. Rather, we will synthesize what is already out there, including *The White House Council on Environmental Quality Progress Report for the Interagency Climate Change Adaptation Task Force*; the *Oregon Climate Change Adaptation Framework*; *Oregon Climate Assessment Report*; the *Building Climate Resiliency in the Lower Willamette Region of Western Oregon* draft report, local Climate Action Plans; and the scientific literature. We will then identify gaps with regard to climate change adaptation strategies and where there are successful initiatives already underway.

Please let us know if you are willing to join us in this exciting project. For your information we are attaching an overview of the Regional Conservation Strategy and the working outline for the Strategy so you have a context for the climate change chapter. We have also attached copies of the Regional Conservation Strategy overview and *The Intertwine Alliance* annual report in the event you are not yet familiar with *The Intertwine* and *The Intertwine Alliance*.

Regards,



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## Regional Conservation Strategy - Geographic Extent

