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Rally to Save Portland's Open Reservoirs

Rain or shine citizens will gather at Mt. Tabor park on Sunday, October 28, 2012 to demonstrate support for retaining Portland's beloved historic open reservoirs located in Mt. Tabor and Washington Parks.

Portland- Citizens demand that Portland's grand open reservoir system be preserved. New York City and Rochester, New York show us that "where there is a will there is a way."

On Sunday, October 28 at 3 p.m. citizens will rally around Mt. Tabor's Reservoir 6 (Tabor's lower reservoir) located on 60th near Hawthorne. We'll march around the reservoir, chant and demand action by Portland City Council. A short speaker's program will begin at 3:30 p.m.. Portland City Council candidates have been invited to speak.

Portland's historic open reservoirs have reliably served us wonderful, safe Bull Run drinking water for over 115 years. They were recently upgraded at a cost of \$40 million. Citizens call on Portland City Council and the Oregon Health Authority to stop the waste of \$80 million on the Kelly Butte project which will bury water now stored at Mt. Tabor. Documents recently obtained from the City of Rochester's water department reveal how that city with historic open reservoirs set in parks received a 10-year deferral of EPA LT2 reservoir projects until 2024. Rochester's reasons for deferral - economic hardship, limited resources, and revision of the onerous LT2 rule.

If Rochester can delay implementation of the LT2 reservoir mandate on economic grounds, Portland can too.

Get out your rain gear and join us at Mt. Tabor park on Sunday, October 28, 2012 at 3 p.m..

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