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the city of Eugene's sustainability task force. The other two are economic prosperity and environmental quality.

Social equity is the least researched of the three principles and often given lowest priority, the report's authors say. The study shows that financial and environmental concerns are important, but that people's working experiences also matter in the Eugene-Springfield community.

In the spring of 2006, the study's authors convened seven focus groups. Workers, business owners and managers discussed what they valued about social equity and made suggestions for integrating social equity into sustainability initiatives.

The focus groups said health benefits, flexible work schedules, a living wage and opportunities for career advancement were most important. "Health benefits should be mandatory ... for any type of job," one participant said.

The focus groups definitely valued the idea of sustainability. One group member said, "Sustainability helps people feel connected to their community, feel good about what they're doing in their community."

Some participants worried that social equity would not receive the same attention as economic successes or environmental considerations. Business sector participants supported the concept but raised concerns about increased wages and employer-provided health care. They suggested that the

city recognize businesses with socially equitable practices.

Study co-author Claire Syrett said, "We hope that this report will spur a much-needed community dialogue." The report, *The Social Equity Factor*, is available online at www.uoregon.edu/~lerc/index.html

— Adrienne van der Valk

NCAP WINS EPA LAWSUIT

On Aug. 24, a federal judge in Seattle overturned new Bush administration rules that allowed pesticide manufacturers to ignore their products' effects on endangered species. The court restored earlier standards that gave better protection to plants and animals on the brink of extinction.

The ruling came in response to a lawsuit filed by a coalition of wildlife conservation and pesticide reform organizations, including the Eugene-based Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP). Earthjustice represented the plaintiffs.

The Endangered Species Act requires the Environmental Protection Agency to consult with wildlife scientists before approving pesticide products,

in order to ensure that pesticide use won't threaten protected species. The Bush administration had changed the rules, at pesticide



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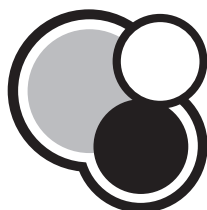
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