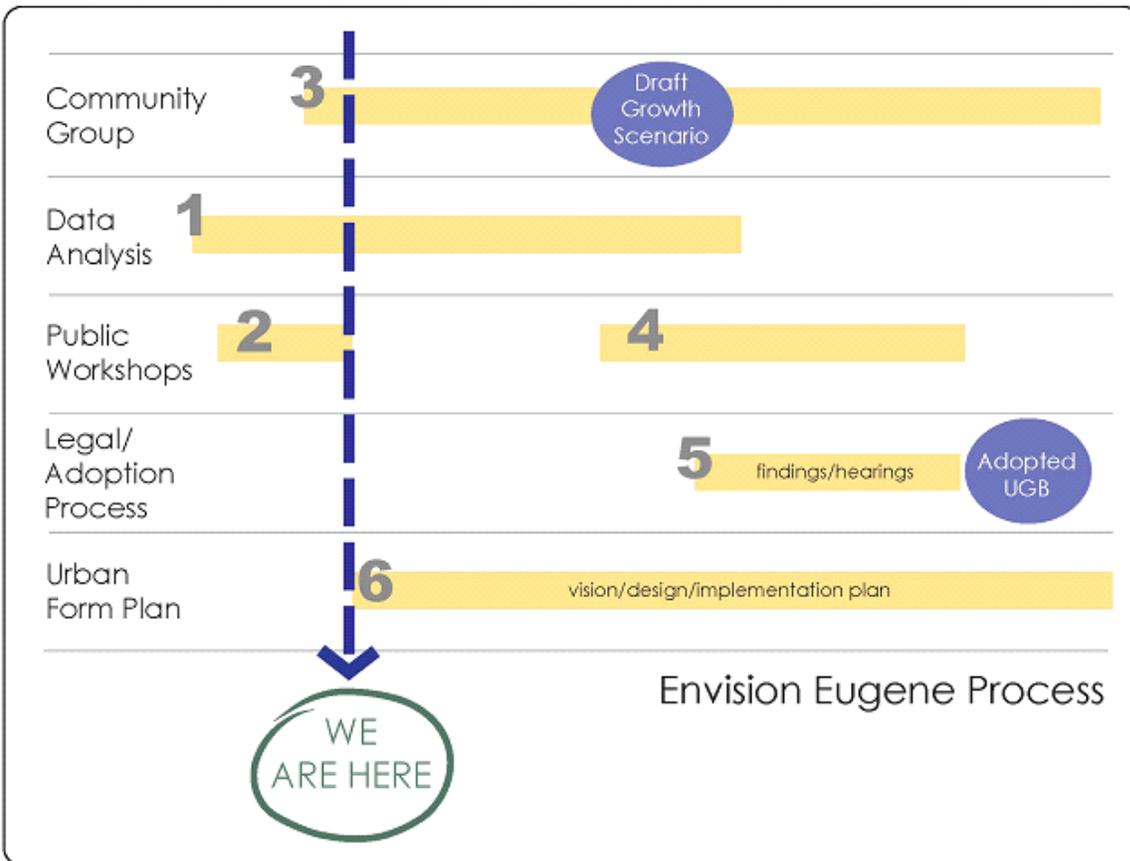


Envision Eugene

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Summer in Eugene – what could be better? It’s the perfect time to sit back and think about what makes our community special. In planning for our future, Eugene’s special qualities are in the forefront of everyone’s mind – including guiding the work of Envision Eugene.

And what’s happening with that work, you might ask? As the “We Are Here” line in the diagram below indicates, right now we’re working with our Community Resource Group (more on that below), we’re deep into Technical Analysis of strategies to accommodate growth, and we’re starting on the framework for the plan itself. Envision Eugene is the first of our comprehensive plans to have an Urban Design element, which will be a great asset in showing how our community plan will look when implemented on the ground. More on Urban Design in an upcoming newsletter edition.



Community Resource Group

The Community Resource Group (CRG) is made up of about 50 people with a wide variety of experience and perspectives on growth issues. The CRG is engaging in a collaborative conversation about the Envision Eugene process, keeping project momentum going during the summer months. The group met for a three-day workshop in early June that set the stage for creating a common vision of our future community. A follow up meeting occurred on July 22 where participants discussed a number of issues that arose during their initial three day workshop, including: the potential effects of growth on school districts, growth in general, neighborhood character, climate and energy issues, housing affordability and mixed use redevelopment. These and other critical issues are being explored by CRG participants in order to inform the creation of a draft growth scenario within the next couple of months. The next CRG meeting is Tuesday, August 10. Stay tuned for a summary of that meeting and other CRG happenings.

Upcoming Events

Monday, August 9, from 11:30-1:30 in the Bascom/Tykeson Rooms at the downtown library, the Planning Commission will discuss Envision Eugene. The agenda materials are posted on-line at www.eugene-or.gov/pc. Envision Eugene will resume general public outreach events with an open house/workshop in late October. Time, location, and format details are still being planned, so stay tuned to find out more.

I hope you're finding something fun to do this summer. Let us know what you love about Eugene by joining our Facebook page and telling us about it there. Recent topics include what's going on with the Portland Plan, Eugene Hot Spots, and songs about Eugene.

I'd love to hear from you, so don't hesitate to send me your thoughts, concerns, or ideas. Thanks for reading!

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