

Envision Eugene



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Welcome to the monthly update for Envision Eugene. This community project is creating a vision for accommodating our future growth and designing the necessary steps to achieve the vision. In May, staff provided project updates to the Planning Commission and City Council. Did you know that Planning Commission meetings are now viewable via webcast? See the May 23 meeting video [here](#).

The council update on May 25 included Technical Resource Group (TRG) members Shawn Boles and Rick Duncan to talk about some of the work of the TRG on residential land assumptions, including what kinds of housing to plan for in the future. View the meeting video [here](#). As time was short to get through all of the material, staff are scheduled to go back to Council on **June 8** at noon. The **June 8** staff presentation will include an overview of where we are within the overall process, pickup on the housing need discussion, and introduce a concept for phased implementation. The goal of phasing implementation is to use new land only as we need it, through the use of appropriate trigger mechanisms. An [update on Envision Eugene](#) appeared in the Register Guard on **May 26th**, following the council meeting.

Technical Analysis Update - Housing

The Technical Resource Group (TRG) is providing input and review of technical assumptions and analysis methodology. The goal is to involve community experts in the technical aspects of the project, strengthening public confidence in this important work. Guiding the TRG's work are the strategies in the draft Envision Eugene proposal to adopt compatibility measures, maintain allowable density levels within existing single family neighborhoods, and concentrate redevelopment along transit corridors and in core commercial areas. The TRG is looking at infill and redevelopment assumptions that will influence the amount of land we need for different types of housing. This work will be mostly complete by the end of the month, and will be featured in an Envision Eugene project update to council on **June 29**.

A public event/open house following the council presentation (date and time TBD) will allow the public to review maps and information about residential infill and redevelopment. *This will be an important step for people to see the level of development assumed within established neighborhoods, and where additional housing density will be promoted.*

If you are not around in July, don't despair! The summer months will be used to hold individual and small group stakeholder meetings, refine the analysis, and post documents and maps on the website. Additional public meetings, hearings, and Planning Commission and City Council work sessions will be held in September and October. Council will not be asked to act on these important decisions until adequate public review and comment periods have been made available.

Council Initiates Code Amendments

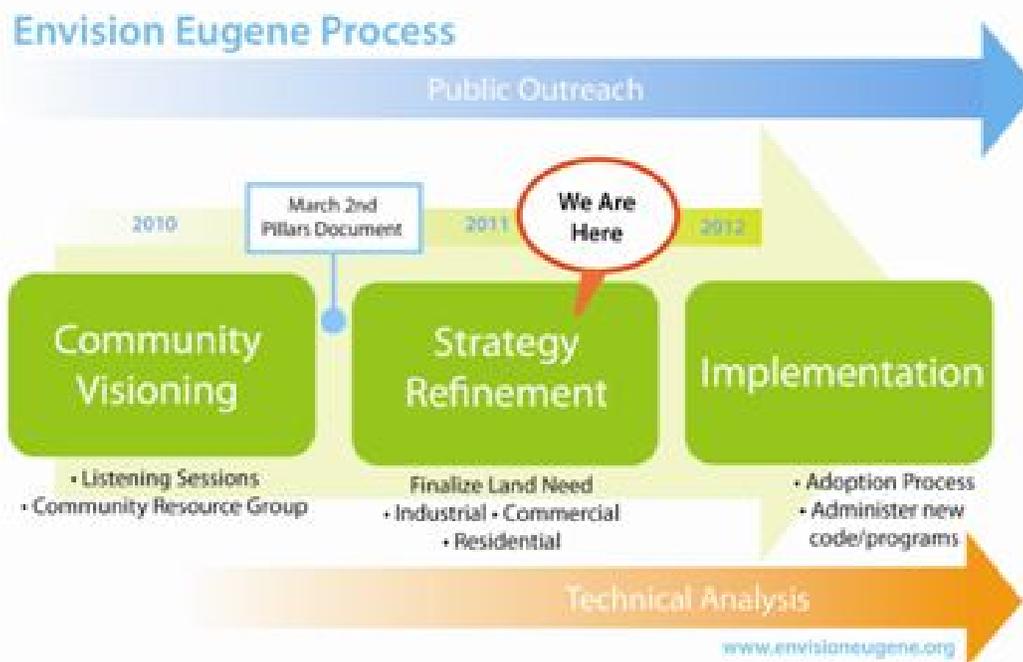
During an Envision Eugene work session on May 25th, the City Council initiated code amendments for Infill Compatibility, Opportunity Siting, and Mixed Use Development. The goal of these amendments is to get the ball rolling on changes to the land use code that will achieve some long-standing community goals. These amendments need not wait for adoption of the Eugene urban growth boundary. You can learn more about the amendments at a conceptual level in the May 25th Council memo (click [EE City Council Presentations](#) to find a copy of the 5/25/11 work session memo). *Specific code language will be developed through a public process over the coming months.* During the summer, staff will be working with past Infill Compatibility Standards (ICS) and Opportunity Siting (OS) committee members, as well as community members with downtown and mixed use redevelopment expertise to develop code language that meets the objectives outlined in the Envision Eugene proposal. As with our land need strategies, Council will not be asked to act on these important decisions until adequate public review and comment periods have been made available.

Envision Eugene Overview

The diagram below (also available online at www.envisioneugene.org) shows a high level overview of the Envision Eugene process. The bulk of 2010 was spent doing community visioning, through open houses, workshops, listening sessions, Community Resource Group meetings, and on-line surveys. Public outreach will continue throughout the process. Technical Analysis also runs through the entire project.

With the publication of the March 2nd Envision Eugene Proposal, or “Pillar” Document, the project began a phase of strategy refinement. We are receiving feedback on the pillars, strategies, and tactics contained in the March 2nd document, and fleshing out the numbers and maps associated with projecting and meeting our land needs for residential, commercial, and industrial development. Numerous ways will be made available for the public to weigh in on the numbers and maps before we get to the formal adoption process.

The implementation phase itself will also include many opportunities for community involvement at the individual, group, and neighborhood levels. Upcoming meetings and events are listed on the project website and advertised through local media networks.



Next Steps

At the City Council meeting next Wednesday, **June 8**, staff will continue the housing mix and phased implementation discussion. Staff will present preliminary single family land need information to the Planning Commission on **June 27** and the City Council on **June 29**. Meeting materials will be posted on the [Planning Commission](#) and [City Council](#) websites prior to those meetings.

Summer Events

A summer block party will be held on East 31st Avenue on June 18th. Organizers of this event are requesting Envision Eugene materials to hand out at a lemonade stand. What a great idea for summer outreach! If you would like materials for your event, email me at terri.l.harding@ci.eugene.or.us.

Thanks for your interest, and please pass this message along to anyone you think might like to read it.

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