

Urban Growth Boundary Adoption - Fact Sheet

What is the urban growth boundary?

The urban growth boundary (UGB) is the cornerstone of land use planning in Oregon. It is the line that separates urban uses from rural uses with the aim of protecting our farm and forest lands while making sure we have enough space for the needs of a growing urban population to live, work and play. Every city in Oregon is required to have an urban growth boundary, which must contain enough land for housing, employment, parks and schools for the next 20 years of projected population growth.

The Cities of Eugene and Springfield have shared a common UGB since 1982. As part of Envision Eugene, we will adopt our first ever Eugene-specific UGB. We've listened to the community and completed a lot of technical analysis that together, guide where, when and how we should grow based on our shared community values. We learned that we can meet our needs for the next 20 years for most homes and businesses inside our current UGB. In addition to creating a UGB that will be *distinct from Springfield's UGB*, Eugene's UGB will become *parcel-specific*, more clearly defining which properties are inside and outside of Eugene's UGB, and it will *expand* to meet the anticipated need for jobs, parks and schools. Through Envision Eugene we have also learned that there is interest in monitoring development trends and planning for more than 20 years into the future.

How will the UGB be adopted?

Our UGB must be formally adopted by both the City of Eugene and Lane County. First, the Eugene and Lane County Planning Commissions reviewed the set of documents (Draft 1 of the "UGB adoption package") that are needed to adopt our new UGB. Their review included a public hearing and resulted in their recommendation on adoption. Based on that recommendation, adjustments were made, and a second draft (Draft 2 of the "UGB adoption package") will now go through a public hearing process with the City of Eugene City Council and the Lane County Board of Commissioners. These elected bodies will make a decision on adoption. The Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC), which oversees the statewide land use program, must then acknowledge the new urban growth boundary for it to go into effect.

QUICK FACTS

- We're adopting our own, Eugene-specific UGB
- The new UGB is expanded to bring in more land for jobs, parks and a school
- Tell us what you think! Visit envisioneugene.org to provide feedback.



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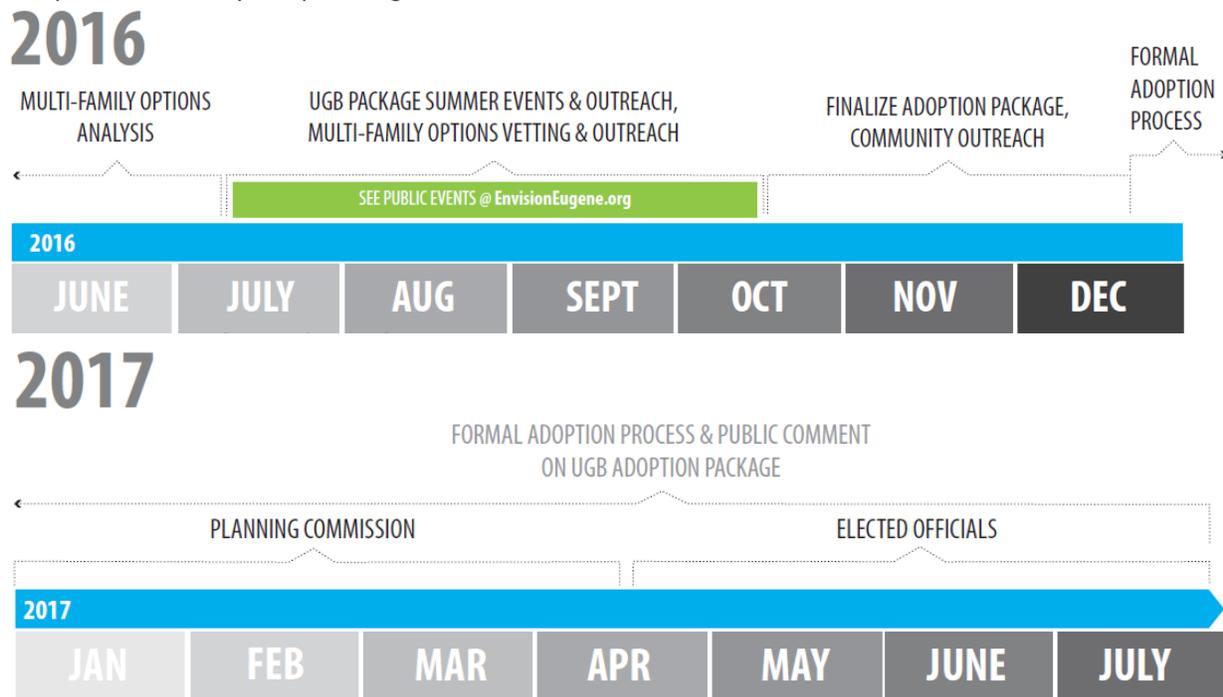
What will the “UGB adoption package” include?

The set of documents required for adoption of our UGB (the adoption package) cover three main areas:

- 1) **How the UGB was determined.** This includes analysis and legal documents about how much Eugene is expected to grow, how much land is needed to accommodate the growth, and what type of land will meet the various identified needs for housing, jobs, and public uses like schools, parks and utilities.
- 2) **Where the UGB is located.** These documents show the precise location of the entire UGB.
- 3) **How the UGB will work.** Policies and zoning codes provide details about policies to guide future growth, how land will be developed for its intended use and how it will be served by transportation and public facilities.

When will the UGB be adopted?

The formal adoption process takes time. The timeline below shows the phases of community outreach and public review by the planning commissions and elected officials.





How do I give feedback on the UGB?

Spring/Summer 2017: The proposed UGB adoption package is continuing through the formal adoption process. In January 2017, this process started with a series of work sessions, followed by a public hearing and deliberations with the City of Eugene and Lane County Planning Commissions, resulting in an updated Planning Commission Recommendation version of the UGB Adoption Package. In late spring/early summer, both the Eugene City Council and the Lane County Board of Commissioners will review this updated UGB Adoption Package through work sessions before holding a joint work session and joint public hearing on June 27. This public hearing will be the final opportunity for community members to speak in favor of or in opposition to elements of the adoption package before the elected officials make a decision. After the public hearing, each elected body will hold deliberations to consider public testimony, along with legal requirements, technical analysis, and the various components of the UGB proposal. These bodies will make a decision on the UGB adoption package, which will then need to be acknowledged by the state.

Need more details?

- Visit www.envisioneugene.org and see the ***Adopting Our Urban Growth Boundary*** page for specific components of the UGB adoption package and fact sheets and see the ***Get Involved!*** page for the latest timeline of events, other opportunities for comment, information and videos
- Subscribe to the **Envision Eugene newsletter** by emailing envisioneugene@ci.eugene.or.us