

## **Community Planning and Urban Design Section**

### **Regional Planning**

The Community Planning and Urban Design Section coordinates with regional partners on planning issues that affect Eugene and other jurisdictions. Some of these partners include:

- The City of Springfield
- Lane County
- Lane Transit District (LTD)
- Bethel School District
- Eugene School District 4J
- University of Oregon (UO)
- Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB)
- Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)

Regional planning has been highly valued in Eugene for decades. A significant aspect of this work is the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan (Metro Plan). The Metro Plan has served as the comprehensive plan for both Eugene and Springfield since 1982. While the cities are currently in the process of adopting city-specific comprehensive plans, the Metro Plan will continue to serve as a regional plan for the two cities. Eugene also engages in regional planning for transportation and other public services through the TransPlan and the Public Facilities and Services Plan (PFSP).

### **Envision Eugene**

Envision Eugene began as an opportunity to embrace a new community vision while implementing a new state law. Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 197.304 was adopted by the Oregon State Legislature in 2007 as HB 3337, which required Eugene and Springfield to divide their shared urban growth boundary, so that each of the cities would have its own, separate urban growth boundary and separate policies for land uses within it. Eugene embraced the opportunity to have a new kind of community conversation, with a series of community meetings, surveys, videos, group meetings, one-on-one interviews, tours, forums and a youth art contest. Central to the public process was a group of individuals called the Community Resource Group (CRG). The CRG included 65 thoughtful and knowledgeable community members that spanned the spectrum of planning and development interests in Eugene. The objective of this group was to find common ground from which to forge a vision for Eugene's future. The framework for the resulting vision is a series of seven pillars that express shared community values in Eugene. The seven pillars are:

- Provide ample economic opportunities for all community members
- Provide housing affordable to all income levels
- Plan for climate change and energy resiliency
- Promote compact urban development and efficient transportation options
- Protect, repair and enhance neighborhood livability
- Protect, restore and enhance natural resources
- Provide for adaptable, flexible and collaborative implementation

These seven pillars and the visioning around them formed the foundation for work on a Eugene-specific UGB, eventually to be supported by a set of four documents, collectively called Envision Eugene: Vision to Action.

The **Community Vision** provides a value-based narrative and city-wide map. The **Comprehensive Plan** sets out the City's adopted land use policies. The **Urban Form Plan** offers design guidance. The **Action Plan** presents an action-oriented approach for realizing the community's vision. Of these four documents, the Comprehensive Plan is the only adopted land use plan. The other documents are designed to be more flexible, supporting the community vision in non-regulatory ways.

The development of the Vision to Action documents will take place in phases. The first major phase was achieved with formal adoption of the urban growth boundary and a portion of a new Comprehensive Plan in 2017. The Urban Form Plan was also published in 2017. The Community Vision was finished in 2018, and a second phase of the Comprehensive Plan is being developed. The Action Plan will round out the set after the other components are complete.