

Eugene Urban Growth Boundary

Introduction

The Eugene urban growth boundary identifies the land that is likely to be needed by Eugene’s growing population over a specific period of time. Eugene’s urban growth boundary, adopted by Eugene and Lane County, is expected to accommodate Eugene’s land needs through 2032. It includes all land inside Eugene’s city limits and some additional land that is likely to annex to the City over time. Land located between the city limits and the urban growth boundary, an area referred to as the “urban transition area,” will remain in rural use until the land is annexed to the City.

The location of the Eugene urban growth boundary was identified with careful consideration of the forecasted population growth for the City of Eugene and the corresponding need for additional **housing**, employment opportunities, parks, schools and public infrastructure. The City’s Growth Monitoring Program, discussed in the Administration and Implementation chapter of this comprehensive plan, will be used to evaluate new information for purposes of determining whether future adjustments to the urban growth boundary are needed.

The Employment Land Supply Study, located at Appendix B to this comprehensive plan, includes a supply and demand analysis of buildable employment land within the Eugene urban growth boundary area for the 2012-2032 planning period. The study demonstrates that, based on the best information available at the time of the study, Eugene’s 2012 urban growth boundary did not include sufficient buildable employment land to meet demands through 2032, and had to be expanded.

Eugene’s residential land supply has been established based on analysis that shows Eugene residents will have greater demand for more multi-family housing than they have in the past, as well as trends towards greater density and more diverse housing types that will provide for the needs of households at all income levels. The Residential Land Supply Study, located at Appendix C to this comprehensive plan, includes a supply and demand analysis of buildable residential land within the Eugene urban growth boundary area for the 2012-2032 planning period. The study demonstrates that, based on the best information available at the time of the study, Eugene’s 2012 urban growth boundary included sufficient buildable residential land to meet demands through 2032.

The Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan (Metro Plan) includes the “Metro Plan Diagram,” the land use designation map that assigns general land use designations to all land within the Eugene urban growth boundary (See Metro Plan Chapter II-G). The designations shown on the Metro Plan Diagram will continue to apply to Eugene until such time as a Eugene-specific land use designation map is adopted by the City of Eugene.

Policies

11.1 Urban Growth Boundary Map. The official, precise location of the Eugene urban growth boundary is shown in the Eugene Urban Growth Boundary Shapefile at Appendix A to this Envision Eugene Comprehensive Plan (on compact disc). The location of the urban growth boundary depicted on printed maps in this Envision Eugene Comprehensive Plan and in the Metro Plan is shown for illustrative purposes only.

