

Springfield 2030 Plan Urban Growth Boundary Study Frequently Asked Questions



Q: What is the Springfield 2030 Plan?

A: The Springfield 2030 Comprehensive Plan will be a new set of land use policies that will help meet the demand and need for the creation of diverse family wage jobs over the next 20 years by using available lands effectively and efficiently. Future job needs are based on State population projections.

Q: Why is the Springfield 2030 Plan necessary?

A: Statewide Planning Goals require cities and counties to “provide for an orderly and efficient transition from rural to urban land use, to accommodate population and urban employment inside urban growth boundaries, to ensure efficient use of land, and to provide for livable communities.”

Additionally, Springfield’s proposed 2030 Plan and Urban Growth Boundary expansion will help meet two of the City’s goals of:

- a. Community and Economic Development and Revitalization; and
- b. Preservation of our Hometown Feel, Livability and Environmental Quality.

Q: Where is Springfield considering expansion?

A: The City proposes to expand the Urban Growth Boundary in the North Gateway and Mill Race areas to add suitable sites adjacent to the City that are larger than five acres. During the analysis period of the project, alternative areas were considered for expanding the Urban Growth Boundary to provide suitable large employment sites to meet the needs of desired industries. Based on the final Commercial and Industrial Buildable Lands Inventory and Economic Opportunities Analysis (CIBL/EOA), the City can meet most of that need in North Gateway with the remaining acres provided in the Mill Race area.

Q: How did the city determine where to expand?

A: The proposed expansion areas were identified after extensive consideration of alternatives. Proposed expansion areas include suitable employment sites that fit desired employment industries that will help meet the demand and need for the creation of diverse family wage jobs over the next 15 years.

Desired employment industries include industries that are most likely to be attracted to the area and best meet Springfield’s economic objectives. Springfield has and will continue to focus on attracting these desired employment industries:

- Medical Services
- Professional and Technical Services
- Back-Office Functions
- Green businesses
- Manufacturing
- Call Centers
- Corporate Headquarters
- Services for the community
- Specialty Food Processing
- High-Tech
- Tourism
- Services for seniors

The City has gone through the process, received input and changed course based on changes in the laws since 2009 and with consideration of input received from the community, which included both property owners that wanted to be included in the UGB expansion and those that did not. Further, the City has learned more about potential suitable employment sites for desired industries that could be included a UGB expansion.

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Q: Why create a comprehensive plan?

A: Statewide Planning Goals require cities and counties to “provide for an orderly and efficient transition from rural to urban land use, to accommodate population and urban employment inside urban growth boundaries, to ensure efficient use of land, and to provide for livable communities.”

Q: What is the main purpose of the plan?

A: Springfield’s proposed Comprehensive Plan and Urban Growth Boundary expansion will help meet the demand and need for the creation of diverse family wage jobs over the next 20 years by using available lands effectively and efficiently. Future job needs are based on State population projections..

Q: Who will approve the plan?

A: The plan requires co-adoption at the local government level by the Springfield City Council and Lane County Board of Commissioners. The plan will then be considered by Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development for approval.

Q: What public outreach and involvement has occurred so far?

A: City staff has conducted outreach to citizens, property owners, residents, service providers, policymakers, and interest groups between 2008 and 2015 to gain input on potential expansion areas and will continue to do so through the public hearing process. A schedule for public hearings will be disseminated through a variety of communication channels including posting to the City’s website springfield-or.gov when dates have been confirmed with the Lane County Board of Commissioners.

Q: Where can I learn more and follow the process?

A: Please visit: <http://www.springfield-or.gov/dpw/2030Plan.htm>
<http://www.springfield-or.gov/dpw/2030Background.htm>

Q: Who can I contact if I have questions?

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