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Open House for Proposed 2030 Comprehensive Plan and Urban Growth Boundary Expansion

The City of Springfield will hold an Open House from 3 to 7 PM on September 8, 2016 for community members to learn more about the proposed 2030 Comprehensive Plan and Urban Growth Boundary expansion

Adoption of Springfield's proposed 2030 Comprehensive Plan policies and Urban Growth Boundary expansion by the Springfield City Council and Lane County Board of Commissioners is necessary to meet Springfield's obligation under Oregon lands use law to provide a 20-year supply of land for jobs by using available lands effectively and efficiently. Future job needs are based on State population and employment forecasts.

The proposed Urban Growth Boundary amendment adds approximately 257 acres of suitable employment land to meet Springfield's need for large employment sites that cannot be met within the existing Urban Growth Boundary. The two employment expansion areas are North Gateway and Mill Race. The proposed amendment also adds approximately 455 acres of public land to the Urban Growth Boundary and designates the public land for public facilities, parks, and open space.

Oregon's 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."

The City has considered a range of alternatives for accommodating employment growth within the existing UGB and in alternative locations around the UGB. The Springfield and Lane County Planning Commissions conducted the first evidentiary hearing on the land needs analysis and boundary location alternatives in 2010.

What: Open House on Springfield's proposed 2030 Comprehensive Plan and Urban Growth Boundary expansion

Who: Lane County residents, and business and property owners

When: 3 to 7 PM on September 8, 2016;
There will be a presentation at 4 PM and repeated at 6 PM

Where: Springfield City Hall, Library Meeting Room, located at 225 Fifth Street

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