



Oregon City 2040 Vision and Comprehensive Plan

COMMUNITY VISION STATEMENT FOR 2040



HEALTHY AND WELCOMING COMMUNITY

By 2040, Oregon City is a place of vitality, support, and opportunity. As the ancestral homelands of many Native American Tribes, and the location of the “End of the Oregon Trail,” Oregon City lives and breathes its rich and varied history. Oregon City honors its past and looks to the future through education, art, cultural programming and the preservation of our National Register Historic District and local Conservation District. Residents have access to quality education, and partners such as Oregon City School District and Clackamas Community College engage community members of all ages in lifelong learning. This culture of learning leads to engaged residents and a diverse, equitable and inclusive community. People from historically disadvantaged communities have equitable access to quality-of-life services that are essential for health, livability and economic advancement. Police, fire and medical services help neighbors feel safe and connect residents to services that promote health and wellbeing. Oregon City is a city of welcoming neighborhoods, both new and historic, that foster community, connect to nature and are grounded in a strong sense of place.



DIVERSE ECONOMY

By 2040, Oregon City’s economy is vibrant, diversified, and resilient. Oregon City is a thriving town where residents live, work and play while having access to the amenities of the greater metro region. A robust economy creates upward mobility and living-wage jobs. Businesses of all sizes flourish in a progressive environment, and thriving commercial and industrial districts are enhanced by partnerships with educational institutions. A strong tourism industry celebrates the Willamette Falls and Landings Heritage Area and provides economic opportunities for the community. Visitors come to Oregon City to experience the town’s historic and cultural attractions, and enjoy community events, the lively downtown and local dining and shopping throughout the City. Good jobs are balanced with a variety of diverse housing choices that ensures residents have more options to remain in their neighborhoods and be near family, friends, caregivers, and services. Affordable childcare and youth opportunities allow children growing up in Oregon City to stay and thrive. Residents can age in place and meet their housing needs through different stages of life, and our houseless neighbors find shelter, services and jobs in a strong and supportive economy.



CONNECTED
INFRASTRUCTURE

By 2040, Oregon City residents are connected physically and digitally. In the same way the Municipal Elevator ties neighborhoods together within the city, Oregon City connects people to places through a network of safe and convenient streets, sidewalks, bike paths and multi-use trails. Public transit facilities bring residents and visitors to their destinations efficiently, and community members of all ages and abilities can walk, bike and roll safely between school, work, play and home. A culture of equity, coordination, thoughtful planning and fiscal responsibility guide growth and development while preserving our small-town feel. Infrastructure and utilities such as water, sewer and stormwater are maintained and improved in established neighborhoods and strategically planned in developing areas. Access to state-of-the-art communication infrastructure closes the digital divide, strengthening education and engagement, and provides a lifeline to emergency services. Oregon City is a collaborative and effective partner that coordinates with neighboring jurisdictions, and regional, statewide and federal agencies to advance transportation, utility and communication infrastructure.



PROTECTED
ENVIRONMENT

By 2040, Oregon City preserves the integrity of its natural resources, and connects people to nature. Oregon City is a leader in protecting the environment and reducing the community's carbon footprint because of the City's ability to adapt and be innovative. A Climate Action Plan guides the City's investments in clean energy, waste reduction, air and water quality. The City promotes an efficient use of land that responds to the town's landscape and topography and weaves natural resources into the fabric of its neighborhoods. The powerful Willamette Falls and clean Willamette and Clackamas Rivers are the jewels of Oregon City, supporting healthy habitats for fish, wildlife and native vegetation. Oregon City is known for its extensive tree canopy and majestic groves, meandering creeks and streams and undisturbed wildlife. A network of accessible trails and greenways connect local parks, waterways and open spaces and inspire residents and visitors to boat, hike, bike, fish and recreate throughout the City.