



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Westside Area Concept Plan?

- The goal of the Westside Area Concept Plan is to develop an integrated land-use and transportation plan for the 450-acre project area located within the City of Hood River and Hood River County.
- The project will address land use, streets, bike ways, pedestrian paths, parks, schools, utilities, and infrastructure funding. It will facilitate the development of workforce and affordable housing, refine the City's Transportation System Plan (TSP) adopted in 2011 and the County's TSP adopted in 2011, and apply smart growth development strategies.
- The project will recommend updated comprehensive plan and zoning designations and code changes as needed for the City and County consistent with the project's objectives. Adoptions of the plans are expected to occur following Project completion.
- The Project Area contains approximately 450 acres and consists of 577 lots/parcels including developed neighborhoods, vacant, and partially vacant lands.
- About 55% of the Project Area is vacant or partially vacant and within residential zones. There are also approximately 65 developable acres zoned General Commercial and Light Industrial, located in the northern part area, and a 17-acre vacant parcel owned by the Hood River County School District that is being considered for future facility needs.
- About 160 acres of the Project Area are located outside the city limits but within the Hood River Urban Growth Boundary. An intergovernmental agreement between City and County addresses the County's management of land use activities in this Urban Growth Area ("UGA") consistent with City standards until such time that annexation occurs. The City and County were co-applicants for the grant funding this work, and are coordinating on the project.
- The project is funded by a grant from Oregon's Transportation and Growth Management Program.

What is the timeframe for this plan?

- The project was initiated in September, 2016 and is expected to be completed in July, 2017.

What are the expected outcomes of this plan?

- A document titled Hood River Westside Area Concept Plan that describes the vision for the area and recommendations for land use, affordable housing, transportation, parks and open space, and infrastructure.
- Comprehensive plan and zoning designations.
- Comprehensive plan policies.
- Potentially new zoning regulations.
- An infrastructure funding plan.



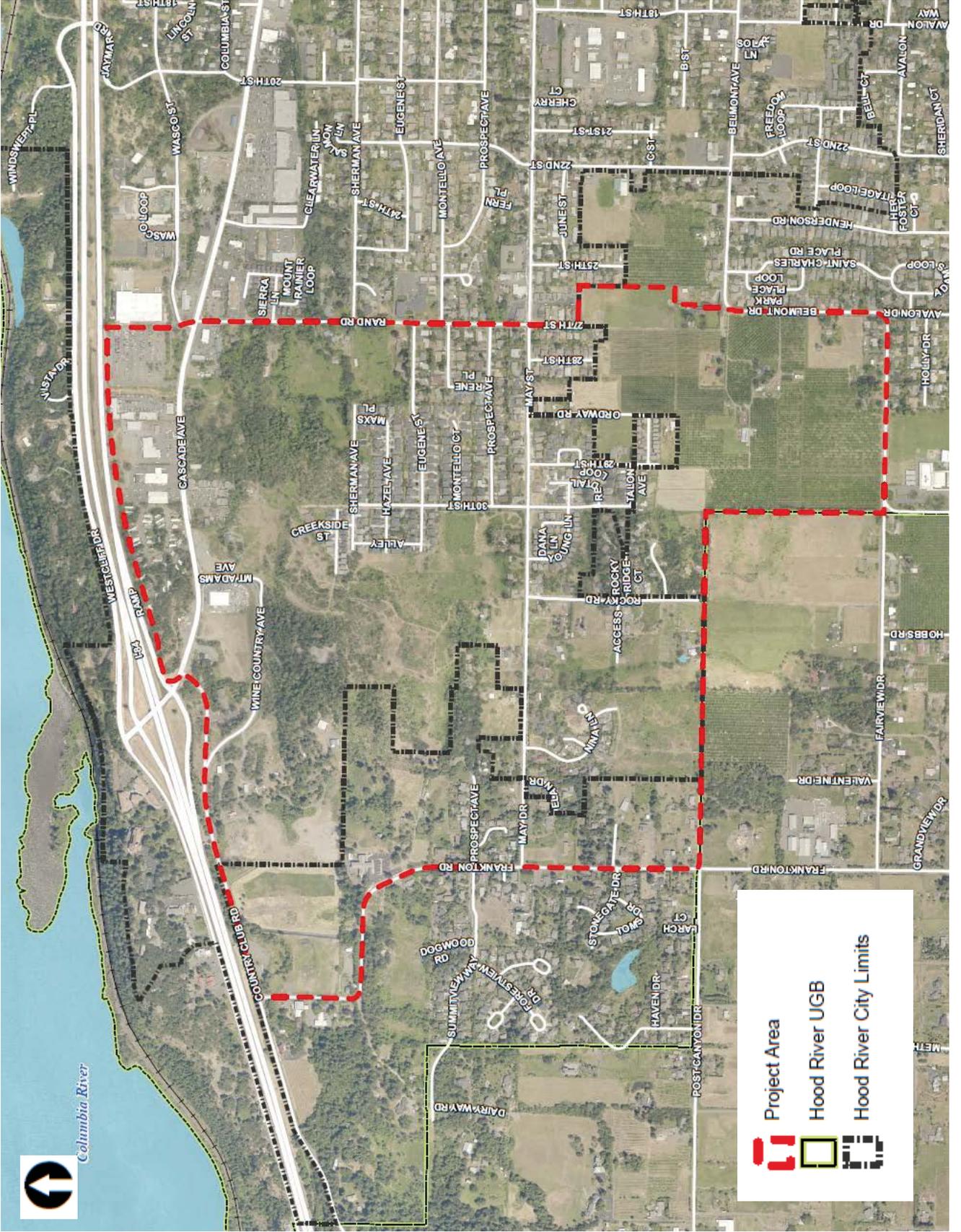
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How does this relate to other plans for the City?

- This work builds on other work the City has done, including:
 - **Housing Needs Analysis.** The Hood River Housing Needs Analysis (HNA) provides Hood River with a factual basis to support future planning efforts related to housing and options for addressing unmet housing needs in Hood River. The focus of the HNA is an assessment of whether Hood River has enough land within the City's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to accommodate expected population growth.
 - **Housing Strategy Report.** Hood River's Housing Strategy presents recommendations for revisions to policies in Hood River's Comprehensive Plan Housing Element and policy actions intended to result in policy changes that provide opportunities for development of housing to meet Hood River's identified housing needs.
 - **Economic Opportunities Analysis.** The Hood River Economic Opportunities Analysis (EOA) will serve as a basis for the City of Hood River to document and adopt local policies and actions that help make Hood River a "more economically viable" community while maintaining a good quality of life for residents, businesses, and workers.
 - **Transportation System Plan.** Hood River's Transportation System Plan (TSP) includes the actions and strategies needed to meet the City's transportation needs through the year 2031.
 - **Comprehensive Plan.** The purposes of the Comprehensive Plan are to establish a land-use planning process and policy framework as a basis for all decisions and actions relating to land use; to provide for the housing needs of the citizens of the planning unit; to diversify and improve the local economy; to plan and develop a timely, orderly and efficient arrangement of public facilities and services to serve as a framework to direct urban and rural development; to preserve scenic, historic and natural resources to maintain the quality of livability in the area; and to comply with State land use goals and related requirements.

How can I get more information and be involved?

- Visit the project web site at <http://www.hrwestsideplan.com/>
- Sign up on our mailing list. (<http://www.hrwestsideplan.com/get-involved/>)
- Take the survey.
- Attend upcoming TAC/PAC meetings.
- Provide written comments to the city at this address: info@hrwestsideplan.com



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