



# CITY OF West Linn

## STAFF REPORT FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION

**FILE NUMBER:** PLN-23-01

**HEARING DATE:** August 16, 2023

**REQUEST:** To consider adoption of text amendments to West Linn Comprehensive Plan Goal 10: Housing, adopting the 2021 West Linn Housing Capacity Analysis and Buildable Lands Inventory, and adopting West Linn Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map amendments. The purpose of the proposal is to implement House Bill 2003 and the associated state statutes and administrative rules.

**APPROVAL**

**CRITERIA:** Community Development Code (CDC) Chapters 98 and 105

**STAFF REPORT**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**APPLICANT:** City of West Linn

**DESCRIPTION:** The City of West Linn proposes to amend its Comprehensive Plan, Comprehensive Plan Map, and Zoning Map to comply with HB2003 and associated rules by December 31, 2023. Zoning Map amendments are proposed at 3939 Parker Road, 4100 Norfolk Street, and 4192 Sussex Street. Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map amendments are proposed at 1200 Tamarisk Drive. The Planning Commission will review the proposal and make its recommendation to City Council, who is the final decision-maker.

**APPROVAL  
CRITERIA:**

Community Development Code (CDC) Chapter 98 provides administrative procedures for legislative amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and/or the Community Development Code. Section 98.100 of the CDC lists the factors upon which a decision shall be based. These are briefly described below and addressed in greater detail in a separate Section of this report:

1. The Statewide Planning Goals and rules adopted under ORS Chapter 197 and other applicable state statutes;
2. Any federal or state statutes or rules found applicable;
3. Applicable plans and rules adopted by the Metropolitan Service District (Metro);
4. The applicable Comprehensive Plan policies and map; and,
5. The applicable provisions of implementing ordinances.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** Legal notice was published in the West Linn Tidings on August 2, 2023 and provided to required public agencies, all neighborhood associations, property owners adjacent to 1200 Tamarisk Drive, and persons who requested notice in writing on August 3, 2023.

**120-DAY RULE:** Not applicable to this legislative action.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2019 the Oregon Legislature enacted Oregon House Bill 2003 (HB2003), which requires jurisdictions to update their Housing Capacity Analysis (HCA) and develop an associated Housing Production Strategy. The aim is to help communities meet the housing needs of Oregonians. The City of West Linn is required to adopt its HCA by December 31, 2023 to meet the HB2003 administrative rules.

The City has approached the project to comply with HB2003 in two phases. Phase 1 included a Council appointed working group and resulted in the 2021 West Linn Housing Capacity Analysis (West Linn HCA) and Buildable Lands Inventory (BLI) compliant with Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules, recommended Comprehensive Plan Goal 10: Housing amendments, and recommended strategies the City could implement to encourage development of needed housing in the future. The West Linn HCA found the City to be five-acres deficient in buildable multi-family zoned land.

Council appointed the Planning Commission as the HB2003 working group for Phase 2. The result of the Planning Commission work sessions was proposed amendments found in Ordinances 1747, 1748, and 1749 to implement HB2003.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

The City received no public comment prior to the publishing of the staff report.

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Planning Commission finds the proposal to meet the necessary approval criteria. Therefore, staff recommends the Planning Commission **RECOMMEND** to the West Linn City Council that it approves Ordinance 1747, Ordinance 1748, and Ordinance 1749, adopting amendments to West Linn Comprehensive Plan Goal 10: Housing, to the West Linn Comprehensive Plan Map, and to the West Linn Zoning Map to implement HB2003 as provided in Exhibits PC-1, PC-2, and PC-3.

## PROJECT BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

In 2019 the Oregon Legislature enacted [Oregon House Bill 2003 \(HB2003\)](#), which requires jurisdictions to update their Housing Capacity Analysis and develop an associated Housing Production Strategy. The aim is to help communities meet the housing needs of Oregonians. The City has approached implementation of HB2003 as a two phase process. Phase 1 was completed in 2021. To complete Phase 1, the City secured grant funding from the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to conduct the technical analysis that led to recommendations on actions the City will need to take in order to meet the requirements put in place by HB2003. As part of the Phase 1 work, the City Council appointed a limited duration [Project Advisory Committee](#) to review consultant work products and provide feedback. The committee met five times from December 2020 to May 2021 and reviewed all tasks associated with the project.

The outcome of HB2003 Phase 1 was a [Housing Capacity Analysis \(HCA\)](#) compliant with Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules, recommended Comprehensive Goal 10 policy amendments, and [recommended strategies](#) the City could implement to encourage development of needed housing in the future. The primary substance of the HNA is a housing need forecast and a buildable lands inventory. Comparing the two shows the City has enough capacity overall but lacks available land to meet multi-family housing needs (five-acres deficient). This deficiency requires the City to rezone five-acres of low density residential land to multi-family residential land.

The purpose of Phase 2 is to finalize all necessary legislative amendments to comply with HB2003. City Council appointed the Planning Commission as the working group for Phase 2. The City secured additional grant funds from DLCD to hire a consultant team to help finalize proposed West Linn Comprehensive Plan Goal 10: Housing amendments, identify five-acres to rezone to multi-family housing, and attend Planning Commission work sessions to review materials.

The outcome of Phase 2 includes the following materials proposed for legislative adoption:

1. West Linn Comprehensive Plan Goal 10: Housing amendments
2. 2021 West Linn HCA and BLI
3. Comprehensive Plan Map amendment from Low-Density Residential to Medium-High Density Residential and Zoning Map amendment from R-10/R-15, Residential to R-2.1, Residential at 1200 Tamarisk Drive. This action will rectify the five-acre deficiency in multi-family zoned land.
4. Zoning Map amendment to apply R-7, Residential zoning to a residential property annexed in 1998, but never zoned (3637/3939 Parker Road). Th property has an existing Comprehensive Plan Map designation of Low-Density Residential, which aligns with R-7 zoning.
5. Zoning Map amendment to apply R-4.5 zoning to two properties (4100 Norfolk Street/4192 Sussex Street) to align the zoning with the existing Comprehensive Plan Map designation of Medium-Density Residential.

The Planning Commission held three work sessions to review the materials proposed for adoption. The focus of the April 5, 2023 work session was to review proposed Comprehensive Plan Goal 10 amendments and collect PC recommendations on language additions or deletions. Staff and the consultant team utilized the information found in the HCA to help inform the proposed amendment language, as well as responses to two surveys conducted during Phase 1. The survey questions focused on [Housing Needs and Conditions](#) and [Housing Strategies](#). Staff recommends reviewing the HCA and both surveys.



[Work Session 1 Packet](#)

[Work Session 1 Summary Notes](#)

[Work Session 1 Video](#)

The second work session was held on June 7, 2023. The focus of the June 7<sup>th</sup> work session was a second review of proposed Comprehensive Plan Goal 10 amendments. Minor changes were made based on PC feedback at the April 5<sup>th</sup> work session. Staff and the consultant team also discussed the Metropolitan Housing Rule (OAR 660-007-0035).

[Work Session 2 Packet](#)

[Work Session 2 Summary Notes](#)

[Work Session 2 Video](#)

The third work session was held on July 19, 2023. The primary focus of the meeting was proposed Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map changes. The Planning Commission was also provided one more opportunity to edit proposed Comprehensive Plan Goal 10 amendments. At the conclusion of the meeting, there was consensus to bring the proposal into the legislative adoption process.

[Work Session 3 Packet](#)

[Work Session 3 Summary Notes](#)

[Work Session 3 Video](#)

**FINDINGS**  
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**APPLICABLE CRITERIA AND COMMISSION FINDINGS**

West Linn Community Development Code

Chapter 98 - Procedures for Decision Making: Legislative

CDC 98.035 Citizen Engagement in Legislative Changes

A. Purpose. The purpose of a legislative working group is to provide a forum to discuss different points of view on a proposed land use legislative change.

B. New and modified land use legislative changes to this code will be developed by a representative working group of citizens and assisted by planning staff, unless the City Council determines that a working group is not necessary.

1. After receiving direction from the City Council, the Committee for Citizen Involvement shall recommend a purpose, goals, and a list of appointees for each proposed working group to the City Council for approval.

2. The working group will contain interested stakeholders, a member of the Planning Commission, and a staff representative.

3. The working group shall comply with WLMC 2.060 regarding the selection of officers and the other generally applicable citizen advisory group provisions.

**Findings:** City Council determined a legislative working group was not necessary and tasked the West Linn Planning Commission to act as the working group at its September 19, 2022 meeting.

C. Conduct of working group meetings.

1. Staff will prepare a suggested draft of the proposed changes. This draft will provide a starting point for discussion and education.

2. The working group will use the draft as a starting point for discussion, but then reconcile the implications of the draft with the goals established by the Council for the working group.

3. After each working group meeting staff will incorporate approved changes and prepare an updated working draft.

4. All working group meetings will be public meetings with an opportunity for anyone in attendance to provide public comment. The meetings and minutes will be conducted in accordance with the Council Rules, West Linn Municipal Code, City Charter, and State law.

5. In the event a consensus cannot be reached on an issue, the working group will prepare alternatives. Each alternative and its rationale will be presented to the Planning Commission.

6. Prior to submission to the Planning Commission, proposed code changes will be submitted to the City Attorney for review. The review should be limited to the identification of areas where the proposed language conflicts with other parts of this code, State law or Federal law. As an alternative, legal counsel may attend and advise during the creation of the draft.

D. Presentation to the Planning Commission. When the working group reaches consensus that the code changes are ready, the proposed code changes will be presented by the Director to the Planning Commission pursuant to CDC 98.040(A)(2). If the working group fails to reach a consensus on the code changes, all proposals will be presented to the Planning Commission. Pursuant to CDC 98.110(A), the Planning Commission shall recommend approval, denial, or approval with modifications to the Council.

**Findings:** Planning Commission meetings were held consistent with the procedures above. Staff prepared draft changes and presented relevant technical information as a starting point for discussion. The draft changes evolved in an iterative manner, with staff revising the text as directed and presenting the revised draft for consideration and approval. All meetings were open to the public and streamed live. On July 19, 2023, after three meetings, a consensus on proposed amendments was reached and the Planning Commission directed staff to bring the proposed amendments forward for a legislative public hearing. The final draft was submitted for City Attorney review.

*CDC 98.040 Duties of Director*

*A. The Director shall:*

*1. If appropriate, or if directed by the City Council or Planning Commission in their motion, consolidate several legislative proposals into a single file for consideration;*

**Findings:** The proposal is for three legislative actions. Adopting West Linn Comprehensive text amendments, West Linn Comprehensive Plan Map amendments, and West Linn Zoning Map amendments to implement HB2003 and associated statutes and administrative rules.

*2. Upon the initiation of a legislative change, pursuant to this chapter:*

*a. Give notice of the Planning Commission hearing as provided by CDC [98.070](#) and [98.080](#);*

**Findings:** The Planning Commission public hearing will be held on August 16, 2023 with the City Council public hearing scheduled for October 9, 2023. Legislative notice was provided as required and documentation can be found in Exhibit PC-6. Notice was provided to the Department of Land Conservation and Development on July 12, 2023, meeting the required 35-day notice timeline. Measure 56 Notice, per ORS 227.186, was not required as part of this proposal, but all properties proposed for rezoning support the proposal and were sent notice.

*b. Prepare a staff report that shall include:*

*1) The facts found relevant to the proposal and found by the Director to be true;*

*2) The Statewide planning goals and rules adopted under Chapter 197 ORS found to be applicable and the reasons why any other goal or rule is not applicable to the proposal except that goals 16 through 19 which are not applicable to the City of West Linn need not be addressed;*

*3) Any federal or State statutes or rules the Director found applicable;*

*4) Metro plans and rules the Director found to be applicable;*

*5) Those portions of the Comprehensive Plan found to be applicable, and if any portion of the plan appears to be reasonably related to the proposals and is not applied, the Director shall explain the reasons why such portions are not applicable;*

*6) Those portions of the implementing ordinances relevant to the proposal, and if the provisions are not considered, the Director shall explain the reasons why such portions of the ordinances were not considered; and*

*7) An analysis relating the facts found to be true by the Director to the applicable criteria and a statement of the alternatives; a recommendation for approval, denial, or approval with modifications; and at the Director's option, an alternative recommendation;*

**Findings:** Relevant facts and associated analysis for applicable Statewide Planning Goals, federal and state statutes and rules, Metro Functional Plan requirements, West Linn Comprehensive Plan goals and

policies, and West Linn Community Development Code criteria are found in the sections of the Staff Report below.

c. *Make the staff report and all case file materials available 10 days prior to the scheduled date of the public hearing under CDC [98.070](#);*

**Findings:** The staff report, proposed amendments, and all other associated project materials were made available on August 4, 2023, twelve days prior to the hearing.

d. *Cause a public hearing to be held pursuant to CDC [98.070](#);*

**Findings:** The West Linn Planning Commission is scheduled to hold the first evidentiary public hearing on August 16, 2023, with the West Linn City Council scheduled to hold its public hearing and make a final decision on October 9, 2023.

*CDC 98.100 Standards for Decision*

A. *The recommendation of the Planning Commission and the decision by the City Council shall be based on consideration of the following factors:*

1. *The Statewide planning goals and rules adopted under Chapter 197 ORS and other applicable State statutes;*

*Statewide Planning Goal 1 – Citizen Involvement:*

*This goal outlines the citizen involvement requirement for the adoption of Comprehensive Plans and changes to the Comprehensive Plan and implementing documents.*

**Findings:** The City has a citizen involvement program, which has been acknowledged by the State. This legislative process to review the proposed amendments will require two public hearings (one before the Planning Commission on August 16, 2023 and one before City Council on October 9, 2023) pursuant to CDC Chapter 98.

In developing code amendments to implement HB2001, the City Council appointed a working group for Phase 1 of the project, and the Planning Commission as the working group for Phase 2 of the project. All five working group meetings in Phase 1 were open to the public. Phase 1 also included a survey of the community receiving 423 responses and an online open house with 592 visits. Several City Council and Planning Commission updates were also provided during the course of the project.

Information was distributed throughout the process via the project website, through social media and email, presentations to neighborhood associations, City newsletter, and updates to City Council, Planning Commission, and other advisory groups. All of the aforementioned venues provided the opportunity for gathering feedback and comments.

The Planning Commission also held three work sessions on April 5, 2023, June 21, 2023, and July 19, 2023. The work sessions were open to the public and noticed in accordance with City rules and regulations. All work session materials, including meeting recordings and summaries, were available on the City's website. All of the aforementioned venues provided the opportunity for gathering feedback and comments.

As part of the legislative process, public notice requirements for the Planning Commission and City Council public hearings were met (see Exhibit PC-6). The notice was sent to persons who requested notice, affected government agencies, neighborhood associations, property owners adjacent to 1200 Tamarisk Drive and was published in the August 2, 2023 issue of the West Linn Tidings. The notice invited public input and included the phone number of a contact person to answer questions. The notice also included the address of the City's webpage where the draft of the proposal can be viewed.

Statewide Planning Goal 2 – Land Use Planning:

*This goal outlines the land use planning process and policy framework. The Comprehensive Plan was acknowledged by DLCD as being consistent with the statewide planning goals.*

**Findings:**

The City of West Linn has an acknowledged Comprehensive Plan and enabling ordinances. The amendments to West Linn Comprehensive Plan Goal 10: Housing, adoption of the 2021 West Linn Housing Capacity Analysis and Buildable Lands Inventory, as well as the proposed rezone of 1200 Tamarisk to multi-family residential are being undertaken to ensure compliance with HB2003 and the associated Oregon Revised Statute 197.297. The rezone of properties at 3939 Parker Road, 4100 Norfolk Street, and 4192 Sussex Street are proposed to align the zoning with the existing Comprehensive Plan Map designations.

The amendments are being processed in accordance to the City's adopted procedures, which requires any applicable statewide planning goals, federal or state statutes or regulations, Metro regulations or plans, comprehensive plan policies, and the City's implementing ordinances be addressed as part of the decision-making process. The amendments are being processed as a post-acknowledgement plan amendment (PAPA) and noticing requirements have been met. All applicable review criteria have been addressed within this staff report; therefore, the requirements of Goal 2 have been met.

Statewide Planning Goal 5 – Natural Resources, Scenic and Historic Areas, and Open Spaces:

*This goal requires the inventory and protection of natural resources, open spaces, historic sites and areas.*

**Findings:** The City is currently in compliance with the State's Goal 5 program and Metro's Title 13: Nature in Neighborhoods program, which implements Goal 5. The amendment does not alter the City's acknowledged Goal 5 inventories or associated land use programs. No changes will occur to current natural resource protections. As a result, the amendments are in compliance with Goal 5 process requirements.

Statewide Planning Goal 6 – Air, Water, and Land Resource Quality:

*To maintain and improve the quality of air, water, and land resources of the state.*

**Findings:** The City is currently in compliance with Metro's Title 3: Water Quality and Flood Management program, which implements Goal 6. The amendments do not alter the City's acknowledged land use programs regarding water quality. The amendments are consistent with Goal 6.

Statewide Planning Goal 7 – Areas Subject to Natural Hazards:

*To protect people and property from natural hazards.*

**Findings:** The City is currently in compliance with Goal 7 and Metro’s Title 3: Water Quality and Flood Management program. No changes will occur to city programs related to flood management or other natural hazards. The amendments are consistent with Goal 7.

Statewide Planning Goal 8 – Recreational Needs:

*This goal requires the satisfaction of the recreational needs of the citizens of the state and visitors.*

**Findings:** The proposed amendments do not address or alter any City recreational programs or land use requirements related to parks and recreation. The amendments are in compliance with Goal 8.

Statewide Planning Goal 9 – Economic Development:

*To provide adequate opportunities for a variety of economic activities vital to the health, welfare, and prosperity of Oregon’s citizens.*

**Findings:** The City is currently in compliance with Goal 9 and Metro’s Title 4: Industrial and Other Employment Areas. The amendments do not alter the City’s compliance with Goal 9.

Statewide Planning Goal 10 – Housing:

*To provide adequate housing for the needs of the community, region and state.*

**Findings:** In response to the state’s housing crisis, in 2019 the legislature passed Oregon House Bill 2003. The bill requires the City of West Linn to complete and adopt a Housing Capacity Analysis and Buildable Lands Inventory. The 2021 West Linn Housing Capacity Analysis found the City to have a five-acre deficiency of buildable multi-family zoned land to meet the future needs of the community. The amendments to West Linn Comprehensive Plan Goal 10: Housing, adoption of the 2021 West Linn Housing Capacity Analysis and Buildable Lands Inventory, as well as the proposed rezone of 1200 Tamarisk to multi-family residential are being undertaken to ensure compliance with HB2003 and the associated Oregon Revised Statute 197.297. Adoption of the proposed amendments will ensure continued compliance with Goal 10 and Metro’s Title 1: Housing Capacity.

Statewide Planning Goal 11 – Public Facilities and Services:

*To plan and develop a timely, orderly, and efficient arrangement of public facilities and services to serve as framework for urban and rural development.*

**Findings:** The City is currently in compliance with Goal 11 through its acknowledged Comprehensive Plan. This includes an adopted Public Facility Plan as required by Oregon Revised Statute 197.712 and Oregon Administrative Rule 660-011. The Public Facility Plan shows the City’s water, sanitary sewer, transportation, and stormwater facilities have adequate capacity to service development under the proposed zoning changes and implementation of HB2003. The amendments do not alter the City’s compliance with Goal 11 and are consistent with this goal.

Statewide Planning Goal 12 – Transportation:

*To provide and encourage a safe, convenient, and economic transportation system.*

**Findings:** The Land Conservation and Development Commission adopted Oregon Administrative Rule 660-012 (Transportation Planning Rule) to implement Statewide Planning Goal 12 and “to explain how local governments and state agencies responsible for transportation planning demonstrate compliance with other statewide planning goals.” Section 10 defines transportation planning, while Section 15

describes planning role requirements under the statewide planning goals. Section 16 describes coordination with federally required regional transportation plans in metropolitan areas. The development of the West Linn Transportation System Plan (TSP) complied with the above sections through collaboration with the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), Metro, and Clackamas County to ensure consistency with associated transportation plans required by the Transportation Planning Rule.

In addition, the Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) outlines the process to evaluate plan and land use regulation amendments for significant effect on a transportation facility in Section 60. The City performed a TPR analysis for the proposed Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map amendments and found no significant effect on a transportation facility (see Findings for Oregon Administrative Rule 660, Division 12).

Statewide Planning Goal 13 – Energy Conservation:

*Land and uses developed on the land shall be managed and controlled so as to maximize the conservation of all forms of energy, based on sound economic principles.*

**Findings:** The City is currently in compliance with Goal 13 through its acknowledged Comprehensive Plan. The amendments do not alter the City’s compliance with Goal 13 and are consistent with this goal.

Statewide Planning Goal 14 – Urbanization:

*To provide for orderly and efficient transition from rural to urban land use, to accommodate urban population and urban employment inside urban growth boundaries, to ensure efficient use of land, and to provide for livable communities.*

**Findings:** The City is currently in compliance with Goal 14 and Metro’s Title 11: Planning for New Urban Areas through its acknowledged Comprehensive Plan and land use regulations. The City also has a signed Urban Growth Management Agreement with Clackamas County as required by ORS 195.065. The amendments do not alter the City’s compliance with Goal 14 and are consistent with this goal.

Statewide Planning Goal 15 – Willamette River Greenway:

*To provide for keeping the land green along the banks of the river and providing for recreation access.*

**Findings:** The City is currently in compliance with Goal 15 through its acknowledged Comprehensive Plan and land use regulations. The amendments do not alter the City’s compliance with Goal 15 and are consistent with this goal.

**Conclusion:** Based on the analysis above, the Commission finds the proposed amendments are consistent with applicable Statewide Planning Goals.

2. Any federal or State statutes or rules found applicable;

Oregon Revised Statute 197.297 Analysis of Housing Capacity and Needed Housing in Metro Cities

**Findings:** In response to the state’s housing crisis, in 2019 the legislature passed Oregon House Bill 2003. The bill requires the City of West Linn to inventory the supply of buildable land and determine the housing capacity (2021 West Linn Buildable Lands Inventory). The bill also requires the City to conduct an analysis of existing and projected needed housing to determine the number of units and amount of

land needed for each needed housing type for the next 20 years (2021 West Linn Housing Capacity Analysis). Lastly, it requires the City to amend its comprehensive plan or land use regulations if the analysis shows a housing need. The analysis showed the City to be five-acres deficient in multi-family zoned land to meet future housing need. The City proposed to rezone 1200 Tamarisk Drive to multi-family residential to accommodate needed housing for the next 20 years.

Oregon Administrative Rules. Chapter 660, Division 7: Metropolitan Housing

**Findings:** The City adopted amendments to the West Linn Community Development Code to implement HB2001 in 2022. The result was all residential buildable land now allows attached housing. A second result was the allowance of all middle-housing types on all residential buildable lands, thus exceeding the requirement of minimum eight dwelling units per net buildable acre. Adoption of the updated HNA will ensure continued compliance with Goal 10 and the Metropolitan Housing Rule, and Metro's Title 1: Housing Capacity.

Oregon Administrative Rules. Chapter 660, Division 12: Transportation Planning Rule

**Findings:** The Transportation Planning Rule implements Statewide Planning Goal 12 to provide and encourage a safe, convenient, and economic transportation system. If an amendment to a comprehensive plan or land use regulation (including a zoning map) would significantly affect an existing or planned transportation facility, then the City must either find the changes consistent with the planned facilities or adopt measures to improve the facilities.

The 2021 West Linn Housing Capacity Analysis found the City to be five-acres deficient in multi-family zoned land and Oregon Revised Statute 197.297 requires the City to rezone five-acres to multi-family residential to meet the projected housing need. The City worked with a willing property owner at 1200 Tamarisk Drive to amend the West Linn Comprehensive Plan Map from Low Density Residential to Medium-High Density Residential and amend the West Linn Zoning Map from R-10/R-15, Residential to R-2.1, Residential. The property is 15.5 acres with natural resource constraints, leaving 5.5 acres of buildable land. The property is currently accessed via Debok Road or Killarney Street (Neighborhood Routes) to Tamarisk Drive (Local Street). The 2016 West Linn Transportation System Plan (TSP) does not identify any needed improvements to the Neighborhood Routes. The TSP does identify Project LSC-29, an extension of Tamarisk Drive through the subject property to Woodbine Road, a Clackamas County Road with a functional classification of Collector. Future development of the property will trigger construction of the Tamarisk Drive extension to provide an alternative route and reduce reliance on the Neighborhood Routes for not only the new development, but the existing neighborhoods.

OAR 660-012-0060(1) provides the rules to determine if an amendment significantly affects a transportation facility. The City finds the proposed amendments do not create a significant effect per the following findings:

- (a) HB2001 administrative rules (OAR 660-46-0030) did not require the City to consider whether the proposed amendments significantly affect an existing or planned transportation facility when amending land use regulations to allow middle-housing. The current zoning of the property (R-15/R-10) would permit 15 new residential lots to be platted. If each residential lot contained a detached single-family home, the average daily trip generation would be 141 for the development. Each residential lot could contain a quadplex, with each unit having an average daily trip generation of 7.22, which equates to 433 daily trips. Not TPR analysis was required with this land use change. Amending the zoning to R-2.1 would permit 114 multi-



family units, with an average daily trip generation of 6.74, which equates to 768 total trips. A Neighborhood Route has typical total vehicles per day of 1,500 to 5,000. The City does not have current traffic counts for Debok Road, but two Neighborhood Routes have counts, Barrington Drive (1,550 ADT) and Parker Road (1,430 ADT). With the construction of the Tamarisk Drive extension and low traffic volumes associated with Neighborhood Routes in the City, no change in the functional classification of an existing or planned facility is anticipated.

- (b) Based on the analysis in (a) above, the City does not anticipate the zoning map amendment to change standards implementing a functional classification system.
- (c) Based on the analysis in (a) above, the City does not anticipate the zoning map amendment to result in types or levels of travel or access that are inconsistent with the function classification of an existing or planned facility. The City does not anticipate a degradation of the performance of an existing or planned facility to not meet TSP performance standards or degrade a facility that is otherwise projected to not meet TSP performance standards.

The zoning map amendments at 3939 Parker Road, 4100 Norfolk Street, and 4192 Sussex Street do not create a significant effect per OAR 660-012-0060(9) as the proposed zoning is consistent with the existing comprehensive plan map designation, West Linn has an acknowledged TSP and the zoning is consistent with the TSP, and the area was not exempted from the rule at time of an urban growth boundary amendment.

The City of West Linn is also required to update its TSP as part of the Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities rulemaking process. Any unforeseen effects will be addressed through that process.

**Conclusion:** Based on the analysis above, the Commission finds the proposed amendments are consistent with applicable federal or state statutes or rules.

3. *Applicable plans and rules adopted by the Metropolitan Service District;*

*The Metro Urban Growth Management Functional Plan*

**Findings:** The purpose of the Metro Urban Growth Management Functional Plan (UGMFP) is to recommend and require changes to city comprehensive plans and implementing ordinances in order to achieve regional goals and objectives. These goals and objectives include housing capacity and choices, water quality and flood management, industrial and employment lands, protection of natural areas, and urbanization patterns. The City of West Linn is currently in compliance with the UGMFP. Metro staff was sent notice of the proposal and provided the opportunity to comment. The proposed changes will not impact compliance with requirements found in the UGMFP.

**Conclusion:** Based on the analysis above, the Commission finds the proposed amendments are consistent with applicable plans and rules adopted by Metro.

4. *The applicable Comprehensive Plan policies and map;*

*Goal 1: Citizen Involvement*

*Policy 2. Support neighborhood associations as a forum for discussion and advice on issues affecting the community.*

**Findings:** Notice was sent to the president of all eleven recognized neighborhood associations for the Planning Commission work sessions on April 5, 2023, June 21, 2023, and July 19, 2023, and the August 16, 2023 public hearing, as well as the City Council public hearing on October 9, 2023. Each president had the opportunity to relay information back to the associations for feedback and comment. Meeting agendas and materials were available for review and comment on the City's website. Members of the project team extended the opportunity to meet with each neighborhood association as part of the process.

*Policy 3. Encourage individuals to organize and work in groups to develop recommended programs or position on various issues.*

**Findings:** The City Council appointed a working group for Phase 1 and appointed the Planning Commission as the working group for Phase 2 of HB2003 implementation. Both working groups held meetings that were open to the public for feedback and comment. Members of the project team extended the opportunity to meet with each neighborhood association as part of the process.

*Policy 4. Provide timely and adequate notice of proposed land use matters to the public to ensure that all citizens have an opportunity to be heard on issues and actions that affect them.*

**Findings:** As part of the legislative process, public notice of the Planning Commission and City Council public hearings was sent to persons who requested notice, affected government agencies, neighborhood associations, property owners adjacent to 1200 Tamarisk Drive, and was published in the August 2, 2023 issue of the West Linn Tidings. The notice invited public input and included the phone number of a contact person to answer questions. The notice also included the address of the City's webpage where the entire draft of the proposed amendment could be viewed.

The Planning Commission held work sessions on April 5, 2023, June 21, 2023, and July 19, 2023 that were open to the public and noticed in accordance with City rules and regulations. All work session materials, including meeting recordings and summaries, were available throughout the process on the City's website. All of the aforementioned venues provided the opportunity for gathering feedback and comments.

*Policy 5. Communicate with citizens through a variety of print and broadcast media early in and throughout the decision-making process.*

**Findings:** Information was distributed throughout the process via the project website, through social media and email, presentations to neighborhood associations, City newsletter, and updates to City Council, Planning Commission, and other advisory groups. All the aforementioned venues provided the opportunity for gathering feedback and comments.

The Phase 1 and Phase 2 working group meetings were open to the public and noticed in accordance with City rules and regulations. All work session materials, including meeting recordings and summaries, were available throughout the process on the City's website. All the aforementioned venues provided the opportunity for gathering feedback and comments.

As part of the legislative process, public notice of the Planning Commission and City Council public hearings was sent to persons who requested notice, affected government agencies, neighborhood associations, property owners adjacent to 1200 Tamarisk Drive, and was published in the August 2,

**2023 issue of the West Linn Tidings. The notice invited public input and included the phone number of a contact person to answer questions. The notice also included the address of the City’s webpage where the entire draft of the proposed amendment could be viewed. The venues provided the opportunity for gathering feedback and comments. The same notice will be sent for the upcoming City Council public hearing.**

Goal 2: Land Use Planning

*Section 1: Residential Development*

*Goal 1. Maintain land use and zoning policies that continue to provide for a variety of living environments and densities within the city limits.*

**Findings:** The proposed HB2003 amendments will provide the opportunity to develop a variety of living environments and densities within West Linn. The proposed amendments will allow for the City to accommodate its projected future housing needs by having sufficient multi-family zoned land available. The proposed amendments are consistent with this goal and will also ensure the City’s compliance with Oregon House Bill 2003 and associated state rules.

*Policy 7. The following are criteria that shall be used when designating residential areas. This list is not exhaustive, but helps determine what types of residential densities are appropriate given topographical constraints, available public facilities, etc.*

*c. Medium-high density residential lands will meet all of the following criteria:*

**Findings:** The 2021 West Linn Housing Capacity Analysis identified a five-acre deficiency of needed medium-high density residential lands. Oregon Revised Statute 197.297 requires the City to rectify the deficiency. The City proposes to rezone 1200 Tamarisk Drive to comply. The City evaluated three properties to potentially rezone and found the proposed property for rezoning is as consistent with the criteria as the other two with the following findings:

*i) Areas that do not rely solely on local streets for the provision of access;*

**Only one property had direct access to a Collector Street. The property proposed to rezone has direct access to a Local Street but is within 700 feet of a Neighborhood Route.**

*ii) Areas that are not subject to development limitations such as topography, flooding, or poor drainage;*

**All three properties are not subject to flooding or poor drainage. All three properties also have topography constraints. The property proposed to rezone has no more development constraints than the other options and a willing participant.**

*ii) Areas where the existing facilities have the capacity for additional development;*

**The City’s utility master plans show adequate capacity for future development across the City, including a minor rezone of 5.5 acres of developable land.**

*iii) Areas within one-quarter mile of public transit;*

**None of the three properties are within one-quarter mile of transit. The property proposed to rezone is the closest at two-thirds of a mile. The others exceed a mile distance to transit.**

*iv) Areas within short distances of general commercial shopping center or office-business centers;*

**All three properties are within one mile of a commercial shopping center.**

*vi) Areas in close proximity to parks and schools.*

**All three properties have good access to parks and schools.**

*Section 5: Intergovernmental Coordination*

*Goal 1. Provide a coordinated approach to problems that transcend local government boundaries.*

**Findings:** The Oregon State Legislature passed HB2003 in 2019 as a direct response to the Oregon housing crisis. This is a problem that transcends local government boundaries and the HB2003 language requires cities within the Metro boundary to adopt a Housing Capacity Analysis and Housing Production Strategy. The proposed HB2003 implementation amendments for West Linn will be part of that coordinated approach to addressing the state housing crisis by providing the opportunity for all types of needed housing to be developed within the City. The proposed amendments are consistent with this goal and will also ensure the City's compliance with Oregon House Bill 2003.

*Section 5: Intergovernmental Coordination*

*Policy 1. Maintain effective coordination with other local governments, special districts, state and federal agencies, Metro, the West Linn-Wilsonville School District, and other governmental and quasi-public organizations.*

**Findings:** Notice was sent to Department of Land Conservation and Development, Metro, Clackamas County, ODOT, TriMet, Lake Oswego, Oregon City, West Linn-Wilsonville School District, and all West Linn Neighborhood Associations. They were provided the opportunity to review and comment on the amendments proposed for adoption.

*Goal 5: Open Spaces, Scenic and Historic Areas & Natural Resources*

*Goal 6: Air, Water & Land Resources Quality*

*Goal 7: Areas Subject to Natural Disasters and Hazards*

*Goal 8: Parks and Recreation*

*Goal 9: Economic Development*

**Findings:** None of the goals or policies under Goals 5-9 apply to this application.

*Goal 10: Housing*

*Goal 3. Encourage the development of affordable housing for West Linn residents of all income levels.*

**Findings:** In response to the state's housing crisis, in 2019 the legislature passed Oregon House Bill 2003. The bill requires the City of West Linn to adopt a Housing Capacity Analysis (HCA) and Buildable Lands Inventory (BLI). The HCA identifies needed housing types and affordability levels for the next 20 years. The HCA also identified a need for additional multi-family residential zoned land. With adoption of the proposed amendments, and completion of the follow-up Housing Production Strategy, the City will encourage development of affordable housing for all income levels.

*Policy 2. Provide the opportunity for development of detached and attached single-family units, duplexes, garden apartments, town houses, row houses, multiplex units and boarding houses, lodging or rooming houses, and manufactured housing.*

**Findings:** In response to the state’s housing crisis, in 2019 the legislature passed Oregon House Bill 2003. The bill requires the City of West Linn to adopt a Housing Capacity Analysis (HCA) and Buildable Lands Inventory (BLI). The HCA identifies needed housing types and affordability levels for the next 20 years. The HCA found the City has adequate buildable land to accommodate single-family detached/attached homes and middle-housing development, but also identified a need for additional multi-family residential zoned land. Rectifying the deficiency in multi-family zoned land as part of this HB2003 implementation package of amendments will ensure continued compliance with the policy.

Goal 11: Public Facilities and Services

*Goal – Require that essential public facilities and services (transportation, storm drainage, sewer, and water service) be in place before new development occurs and encourage the provision of other public facilities and services.*

**Findings:** The City has an adopted Public Facility Plan as required by Oregon Revised Statute 197.712 and Oregon Administrative Rule 660-011. The Public Facility Plan shows the City’s water, sanitary sewer, transportation, and stormwater facilities have adequate capacity to service development. The proposed amendments are consistent with this goal.

Goal 12: Transportation

Goal 13: Energy Conservation

Goal 14: Urbanization

Goal 15: Willamette River Greenway

**Findings:** None of the goals or policies under Goals 12-15 apply to this application.

**Conclusion:** Based on the analysis above, the Commission finds the proposed amendments are consistent with applicable West Linn Comprehensive Plan policies and map.

*5. The applicable provisions of the implementing ordinance.*

Chapter 105 – Amendments to the Code and Map

CDC 105.030 Legislative Amendments to this Code and Map

*Legislative amendments to this code and to the map shall be in accordance with the procedures and standards set forth in Chapter 98 CDC.*

**Findings:** The legislative process is being carried out in conformance with CDC Chapter 98 per Findings found in this Staff Report.

**Conclusion:** Based on the analysis above, the Commission finds the proposed amendment is consistent with applicable provisions of the implementing ordinance.

**EXHIBIT PC-1 – ORDINANCE 1747**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1747**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2021 WEST LINN HOUSING CAPACITY ANALYSIS AND BUILDABLE LANDS INVENTORY AS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO THE WEST LINN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ADOPTING TEXT AMENDMENTS TO WEST LINN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL 10: HOUSING**

Annotated to show deletions and additions to the sections being modified. Deletions are ~~lined through~~ and additions are **bold underlined**.

**WHEREAS**, Chapter II, Section 4, of the West Linn City Charter provides: Powers of the City. The City shall have all powers which the Constitution, statutes and common law of the United States and of this State now or hereafter expressly or implied grant or allow the City, as fully as though this Charter specifically enumerated each of those powers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, in response to the state's housing crisis, the Oregon Legislature enacted House Bill 2003 to require communities to address needed housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of West Linn initiated a two-phase project to implement the requirements of House Bill 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council appointed a working group in Phase 1 that reviewed technical documents and proposed comprehensive plan text amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council appointed the West Linn Planning Commission as the working group in Phase 2 to make a recommendation on proposed amendments to implement House Bill 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Linn Planning Commission held three work sessions on April 5, 2023, June 21, 2023, and July 19, 2023 to discuss proposed amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Linn Planning Commission held a public hearing, which was noticed in accordance with City standards, on August 16, 2023, and recommended approval of the proposed House Bill 2003 amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Linn City Council held a public hearing, which was noticed in accordance with City standards, on October 9, 2023, to consider the Planning Commission recommendation, receive public testimony, and evaluate the decision-making criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council's decision is based on the findings contained in these Whereas Clauses, together with findings, conclusions, and substantial evidence found in the associated land use record file PLN-23-01, which is incorporated by this reference.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WEST LINN ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. 2021 West Linn Housing Capacity Analysis.** The 2021 West Linn Housing Capacity Analysis, attached as Exhibit A, is adopted as a supporting document to the West Linn Comprehensive Plan.

**SECTION 2. 2021 West Linn Buildable Lands Inventory.** The 2021 West Linn Buildable Lands Inventory, attached as Exhibit B, is adopted as a supporting document to the West Linn Comprehensive Plan.

**SECTION 3. West Linn Comprehensive Plan Goal 10: Housing.** West Linn Comprehensive Plan Goal 10: Housing is amended to include new text and rescind existing text as shown in Exhibit C. Exhibit C may be reformatted, and sections may be renumbered, or re-lettered. The City Recorder or designee is authorized to correct any cross-references and any typographical errors.

**SECTION 4. Severability.** The sections, subsections, paragraphs, and clauses of this ordinance are severable. The invalidity of one section, subsection, paragraph, or clause shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, paragraphs, and clauses.

**SECTION 5. Savings.** Notwithstanding this amendment/repeal, the City ordinances in existence at the time any criminal or civil enforcement actions were commenced, shall remain valid and in full force and effect for purposes of all cases filed or commenced during the times said ordinance(s) or portions of the ordinance were operative. This section simply clarifies the existing situation that nothing in this Ordinance affects the validity of prosecutions commenced and continued under the laws in effect at the time the matters were originally filed.

**SECTION 6. Codification.** Provisions of this Ordinance shall be incorporated in the City Code and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "code", "article", "section", "chapter" or another word, and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered, or re-lettered, provided however that any Whereas clauses and boilerplate provisions (i.e. Sections 4-6) need not be codified and the City Recorder or the designee is authorized to correct any cross-references and any typographical errors.



**SECTION 7. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after its passage.

The foregoing ordinance was first read by title only in accordance with Chapter VIII, Section 33(c) of the City Charter on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, and duly PASSED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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RORY BIALOSTOSKY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY



**CITY OF WEST LINN, OR**

**HOUSING CAPACITY ANALYSIS  
(OREGON STATEWIDE PLANNING GOAL 10)**

**20-YEAR HOUSING NEED  
2020 - 2040**

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## I. INTRODUCTION

This analysis outlines a forecast of housing need within the City of West Linn. Housing need and resulting land need are forecast to 2040 consistent with 20-year need assessment requirements of Oregon Revised Statutes.<sup>1</sup> This report presents a housing need analysis (presented in number and types of housing units) and a residential land need analysis, based on those projections.

The primary data sources used in generating this forecast were:

- Portland State University Population Research Center
- Metro
- U.S. Census
- Environics Analytics Inc.<sup>2</sup>
- Oregon Employment Department
- City of West Linn
- Clackamas County
- Other sources are identified as appropriate.

This analysis relies heavily on Census data from both the Decennial Census, and the American Community Survey (ACS). Generally, data from the ACS has a larger statistical margin of error than the 10-year Census. This analysis relies whenever possible on the most recent ACS 5-year estimates. The 5-year estimates have the lowest margin of error in comparison to the ACS 3-year and 1-year estimates. All Census data feature some margin of error but remain the best source of data available on many demographic and housing subjects.

## II. CITY OF WEST LINN DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

### SUMMARY

The following table (Figure 2.1) presents a profile of City of West Linn demographics from the 2000 and 2010 Census. It also reflects the estimated population of this area as of 2019 from PSU estimates, forecasted forward to 2020 using the growth rate since 2010.

- West Linn is a City of nearly 26,000 people located in Clackamas County on the southern edge of the Portland metropolitan area.
- Based on estimated population, West Linn is the 20<sup>th</sup> largest city in the state by population, similar in size to other regional cities such as Tualatin, Wilsonville, and Frost Grove. West Linn has about 75% of the population of neighboring Oregon City.
- West Linn has grown by over 3,700 people since 2000 or 17%. In contrast, Clackamas County and the state experienced population growth of 25% and 24% respectively. (US Census and PSU Population Research Center)
- West Linn was home to an estimated 9,948 households in 2020, an increase of roughly 2,200 households since 2000. The percentage of families has remained steady since 2000, at near 76% of all households. The city has a larger share of family households than Clackamas County (69%) and the state (63%). Average household size is estimated to have fallen during this period and is similar to the county average.

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<sup>1</sup> ORS 197.628; OAR 660-025

<sup>2</sup> Environics Analytics Inc. is a third-party company providing data on demographics and market segmentation. It licenses data from the Nielson Company which conducts direct market research including surveying of households across the nation. Nielson combines proprietary data with data from the U.S. Census, Postal Service, and other federal sources, as well as local-level sources such as Equifax, Vallassis and the National Association of Realtors. Projections of future growth by demographic segments are based on the continuation of long-term and emergent demographic trends identified through the above sources.

- West Linn’s estimated average household size is 2.6 persons, equal to that of Clackamas County and slightly higher than the statewide average of 2.5.

**FIGURE 2.1: WEST LINN DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE**

<b>POPULATION, HOUSEHOLDS, FAMILIES, AND YEAR-ROUND HOUSING UNITS</b>					
	<b>2000</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Growth</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Growth</b>
	<b>(Census)</b>	<b>(Census)</b>	<b>00-10</b>	<b>(PSU)</b>	<b>10-20</b>
Population <sup>1</sup>	22,261	25,109	13%	25,995	4%
Households <sup>2</sup>	7,745	9,523	23%	9,948	4%
Families <sup>3</sup>	5,954	7,081	19%	7,580	7%
Housing Units <sup>4</sup>	8,697	10,035	15%	10,476	4%
Group Quarters Population <sup>5</sup>	92	127	100%	131	4%
<i>Household Size (non-group)</i>	2.72	2.62	-4%	2.60	-1%
<i>Avg. Family Size</i>	3.11	3.02	-3%	2.99	-1%
<b>PER CAPITA AND MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME</b>					
	<b>2000</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Growth</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Growth</b>
	<b>(Census)</b>	<b>(Census)</b>	<b>00-10</b>	<b>(Proj.)</b>	<b>10-20</b>
Per Capita (\$)	na	\$41,319	na	\$51,969	26%
Median HH (\$)	na	\$86,611	na	\$104,061	20%

SOURCE: Census, PSU Population Research Center, and Johnson Economics

Census Tables: DP-1 (2000, 2010); DP-3 (2000); S1901; S19301

1 From PSU Population Research Center, growth rate 2000-2019 extended to 2020

2 2020 Households = (2020 population - Group Quarters Population)/2020 HH Size

3 Ratio of 2020 Families to total HH is based on 2018 ACS 5-year Estimates

4 2020 housing units are the '10 Census total plus new units permitted from '10 through '20 (source: Census, City)

5 Ratio of 2020 Group Quarters Population to Total Population is kept constant from 2010.

### A. POPULATION GROWTH

Since 2000, West Linn has grown by over 3,700 people within the UGB, or 17% in 20 years. This was lower than the countywide rate of growth. Clackamas County as a whole has grown an estimated 25% since 2000, while other cities in the county such as Oregon City and Happy Valley grew by 38% and 400% respectively. Portland’s population also grew by an estimated 17% during this period (PSU Population Research Center).

### B. HOUSEHOLD GROWTH & SIZE

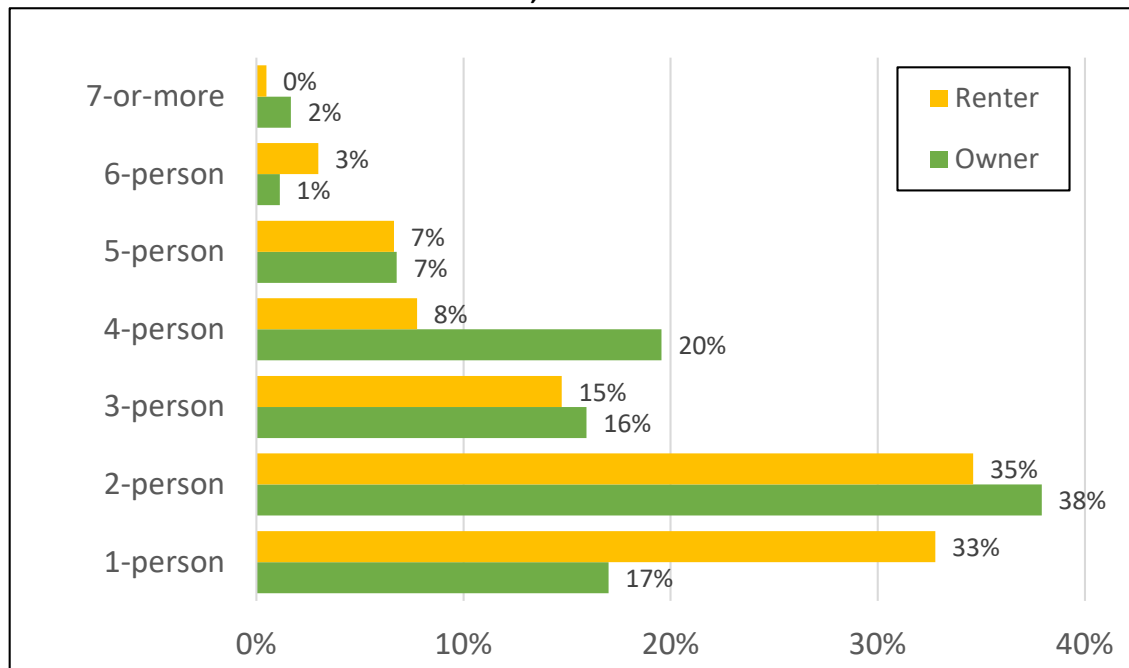
As of 2020, the city has an estimated 9,948 households. Since 2000, West Linn has added an estimated 2,200 households. This is an average of roughly 110 households annually during this period. The growth since 2000 has outpaced the growth in new housing units, which have been permitted at the rate of roughly 90 units per year.

There has been a general trend in Oregon and nationwide towards declining household size as birth rates have fallen, more people have chosen to live alone, and the Baby Boomers have become empty nesters. While this trend of diminishing household size is expected to continue nationwide, there are limits to how far the average can fall.

West Linn’s average household size of 2.6 people is similar to the Clackamas County average.

Figure 2.2 shows the share of households by the number of people for renter and owner households in 2018 (latest data available), according to the Census. Renter households are more likely to have two or fewer persons. Owner households are more likely to have larger households. Household size correlates to housing needs.

**FIGURE 2.2: NUMBER OF PEOPLE PER HOUSEHOLD, CITY OF WEST LINN**



SOURCE: US Census, JOHNSON ECONOMICS LLC  
 Census Tables: B25009 (2018 ACS 5-yr Estimates)

**C. FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS**

As of the 2010 Census, 76% of West Linn households were family households, roughly the same as 2000. The total number of family households in West Linn is estimated to have grown by over 1,600 since 2000. The Census defines family households as two or more persons, related by marriage, birth or adoption and living together. In 2020, family households in West Linn had an average size of 3.0 people.

**D. GROUP QUARTERS POPULATION**

The City of West Linn has an estimated group quarters population of 0.5% of the total population, or 131 persons. Group quarters include such shared housing situations as nursing homes, prisons, dorms, group residences, military housing, or shelters. For the purposes of this analysis, these residents are removed from the estimated population total, before determining the amount of other types of housing that are needed for non-group households. (The share of group quarters population is assumed to remain steady over the 20-year forecast period.)

**E. HOUSING UNITS**

Data from the City of West Linn and the US Census indicate that the city added roughly 1,780 new housing units since 2000, representing 21% growth in the housing stock. This number of new units is somewhat lower than the growth in new households estimated during the same period, indicating that housing growth has not kept pace with growing need.

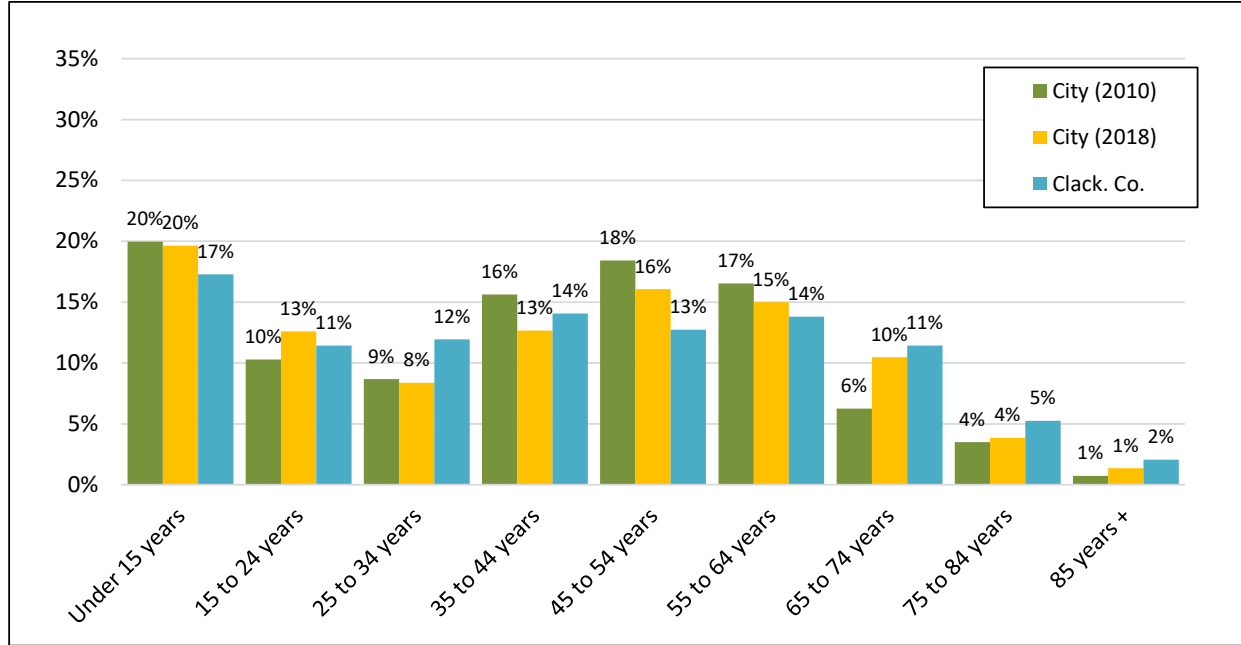
As of 2020, the city had an estimated housing stock of roughly 10,475 units for its 9,948 estimated households. This translates to an estimated average vacancy rate of 5%.

**Residential Permits:** An average of 90 units have been permitted annually since 2000, with under 12% being multi-family units. Few multi-family housing units have been built in West Linn in the last decade.

**F. AGE TRENDS**

The following figure shows the share of the population falling in different age cohorts between the 2010 Census and the most recent 5-year American Community Survey estimates. As the chart shows, there is a general trend for middle age cohorts to fall as share of total population, while older cohorts have grown in share. This is in keeping with the national trend caused by the aging of the Baby Boom generation. Overall, West Linn has a younger population than the county, with a greater share of children, but a smaller share of those aged 25 to 34 years.

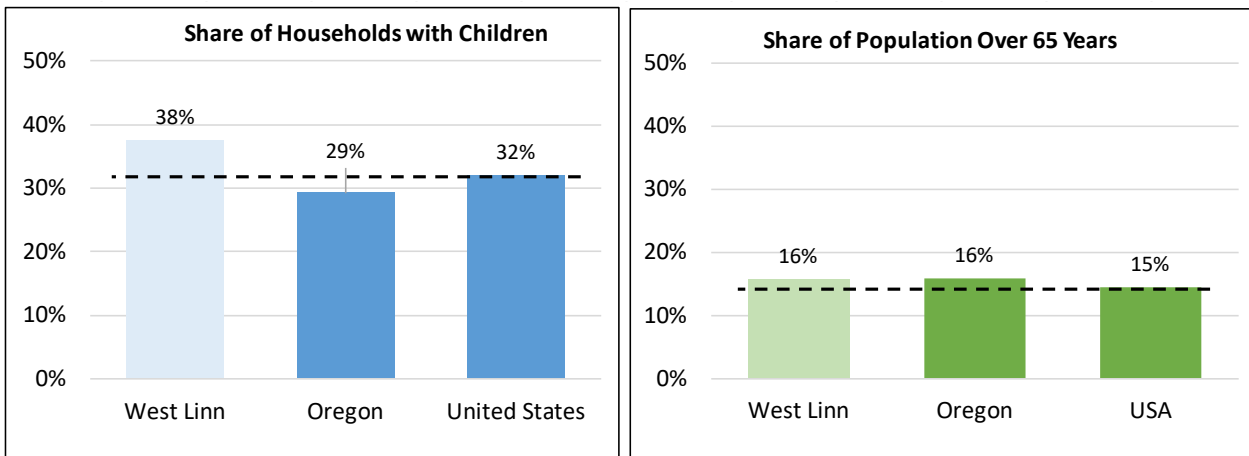
**FIGURE 2.3: AGE COHORT TRENDS, 2000 - 2018**



SOURCE: US Census, JOHNSON ECONOMICS LLC  
 Census Tables: QT-P1 (2000); S0101 (2018 ACS 5-yr Estimates)

- The cohort which grew the most in share during this period were those aged 65 to 74 years. Still, an estimated 85% of the population is under 65 years of age.
- In the 2018 ACS, the local median age was an estimated 42 years, compared to 38 years in Oregon.

**FIGURE 2.4: SHARE OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN/ POPULATION OVER 65 YEARS (WEST LINN)**



SOURCE: US Census, JOHNSON ECONOMICS LLC  
 Census Tables: B11005; S0101 (2018 ACS 5-yr Estimates)



Figure 2.4 presents the share of households with children, and the share of population over 65 years for comparison. Compared to state and national averages, West Linn has a higher share of households with children. At 16%, the share of population over 65 is similar to the state and national figures.

**G. INCOME TRENDS**

The following figure presents data on West Linn’s income trends. (2000 Census data on income is not available for West Linn.)

**FIGURE 2.5: INCOME TRENDS, 2000 – 2020**

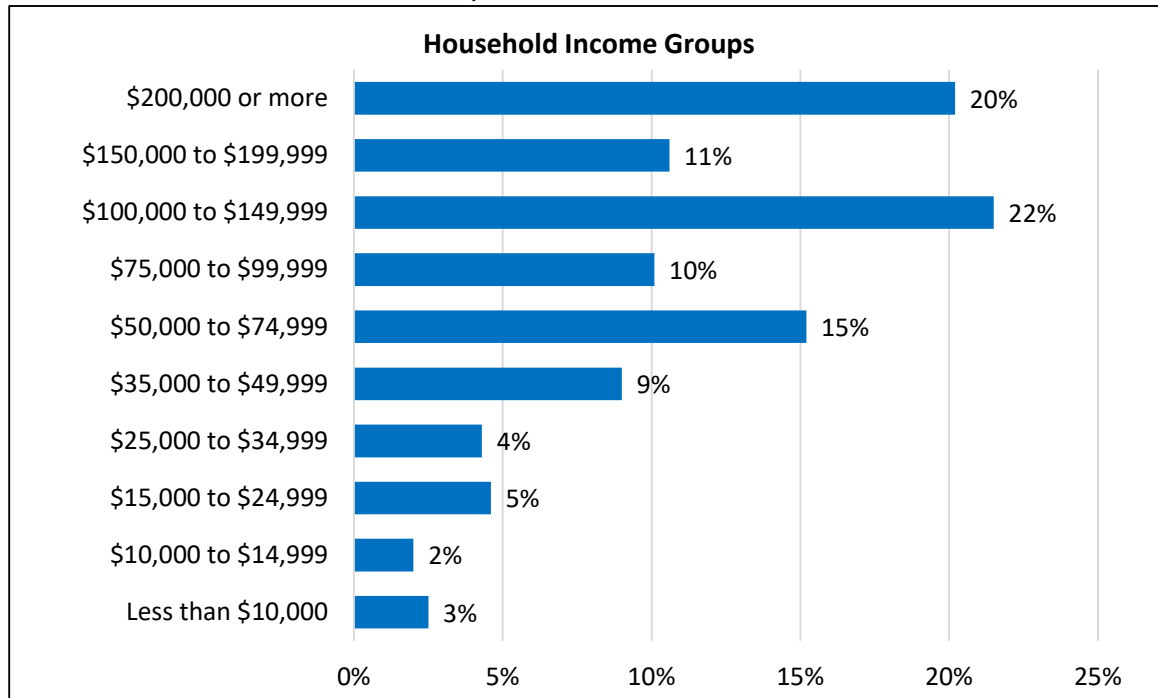
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- West Linn’s estimated median household income was \$105,000 in 2020. This is 30% higher than the Clackamas County median of \$80,500, and almost double the statewide median of \$56,000.
- West Linn’s per capita income is roughly \$52,000.
- Median income has grown an estimated 20% between 2010 and 2019, in real dollars. Inflation was an estimated 18% over this period, so the local median income has exceeded inflation. This is not the case in many regions and nationally, where income growth has not kept pace with inflation.

**FIGURE 2.6: HOUSEHOLD INCOME COHORTS, 2018**



SOURCE: US Census, Census Tables: S1901 (2018 ACS 5-yr Est.)

Figure 2.6 presents the estimated distribution of households by income as of 2018. The largest income cohorts are those households earning between \$100k and \$150k, followed by households earning over \$200k. Fifty-three percent of households earn more than \$100,000.

- Only 23% of households earn less than \$50k per year, while 77% of households earn \$50k or more.
- Only 10% of households earn less than \$25k per year.

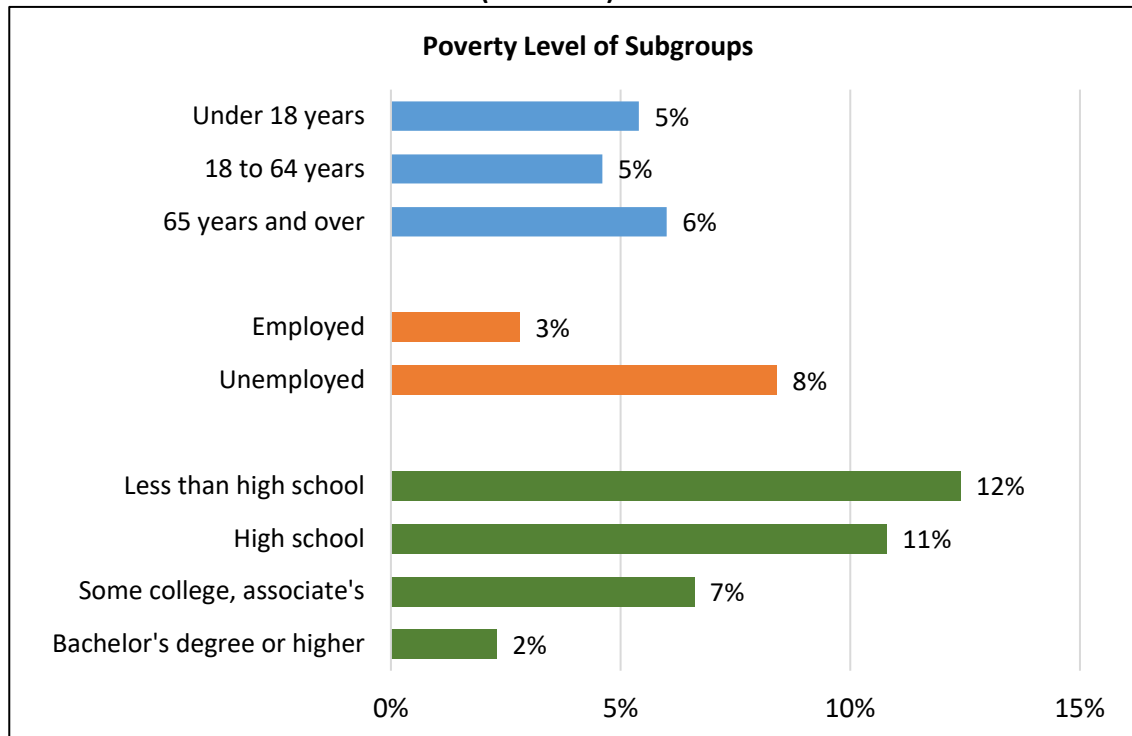
**H. POVERTY STATISTICS**

According to the US Census, the official poverty rate in West Linn is an estimated 5% over the most recent period reported (2018 5-year estimates).<sup>3</sup> This is roughly 1,330 individuals in West Linn. In comparison, the official poverty rate in Clackamas County is 9%, and at the state level is 17%. In the 2014-18 period:

- The West Linn poverty rate is low among all groups, but highest among those over 65 years of age at 6%. The rate is 5% among those under 65 years of age.
- For those with only a high school diploma, the poverty rate is 11%.
- Among those who are employed the poverty rate is 3%, while it is 8% for those who are unemployed.

Information on affordable housing is presented in Section II F of this report.

**FIGURE 2.7: POVERTY STATUS BY CATEGORY (WEST LINN)**



SOURCE: US Census  
Census Tables: S1701 (2018 ACS 5-yr Est.)

<sup>3</sup> Census Tables: S1701 (2018 ACS 5-yr Estimates)

## I. EMPLOYMENT LOCATION TRENDS

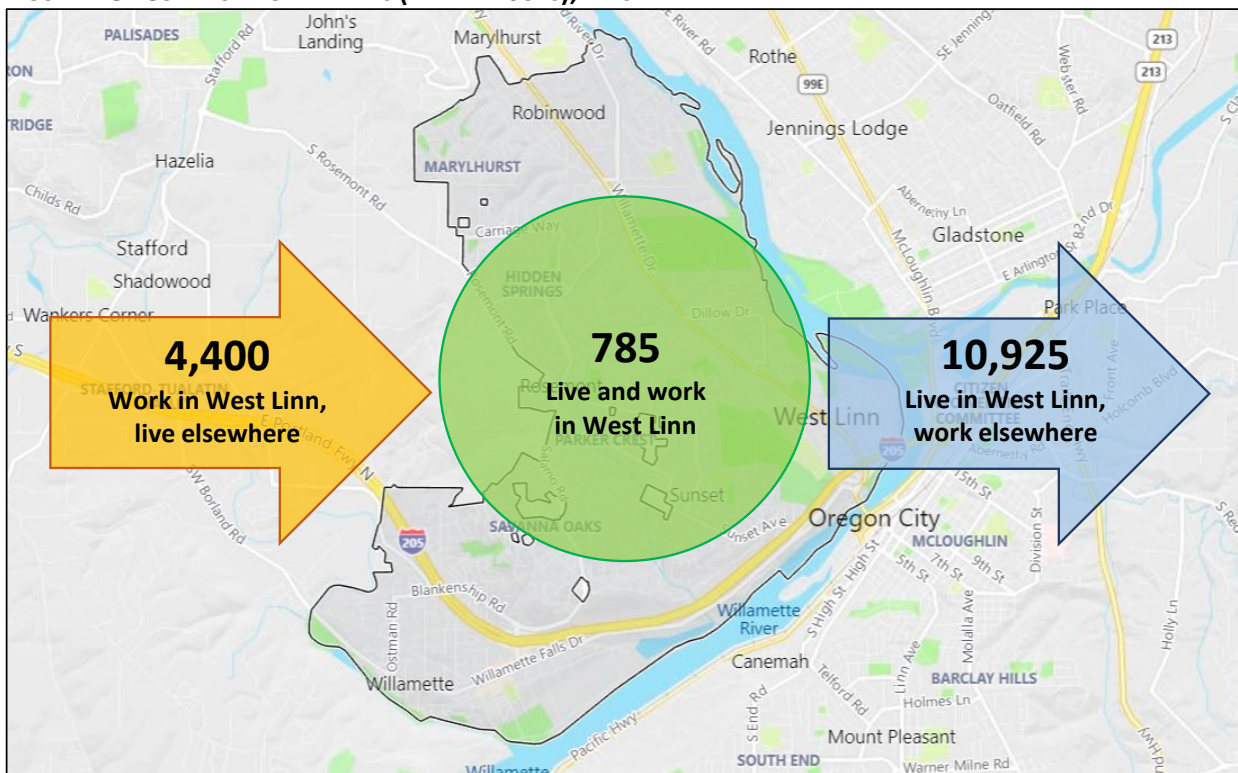
This section provides an overview of employment and industry trends in West Linn that are related to housing.

**Commuting Patterns:** The following figure shows the inflow and outflow of commuters to West Linn according to the Census Employment Dynamics Database. These figures reflect “covered employment” as of 2017, the most recent year available. (Covered employment refers to those jobs where the employee is covered by federal unemployment insurance.) This category does not include many contract employees and self-employed and therefore is not a complete picture of local employment. The figure discussed here is best understood as indicators of the general pattern of commuting and not exact figures.

As of 2017, the most recent year available, the Census estimated there were roughly 5,185 covered employment jobs located in West Linn. Of these, an estimated 785 or 15%, are held by local residents, while over 4,400 employees commute into the city from elsewhere. This general pattern is fairly common among many communities in the Metro area. The most common homes of local workers commuting into the city are Portland or Oregon City.

Similarly, of the estimated 11,700 employed West Linn residents, 93% of them commute elsewhere to their employment. The most common destinations for West Linn commuters are Portland, Lake Oswego and Beaverton. Smaller shares work elsewhere in the Portland metro or in the mid-Willamette Valley.

**FIGURE 2.8: COMMUTING PATTERNS (PRIMARY JOBS), WEST LINN**



Source: US Census Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics

**Jobs/Household Ratio:** West Linn features a fairly low jobs-to-households ratio. There are an estimated 5,185 jobs in the city of West Linn (covered), and an estimated 9,948 households in West Linn. This represents 0.5 jobs per household. There is no standard jobs-to-households ratio that is right for all communities, but it can provide a guide to the balance between employment uses and residential uses in the city.

There is an average of 1.2 jobs held for each West Linn households, a majority of which are located outside the city.

### III. CURRENT HOUSING CONDITIONS

This section presents a profile of the current housing stock and market indicators in West Linn. This profile forms the foundation to which current and future housing needs will be compared.

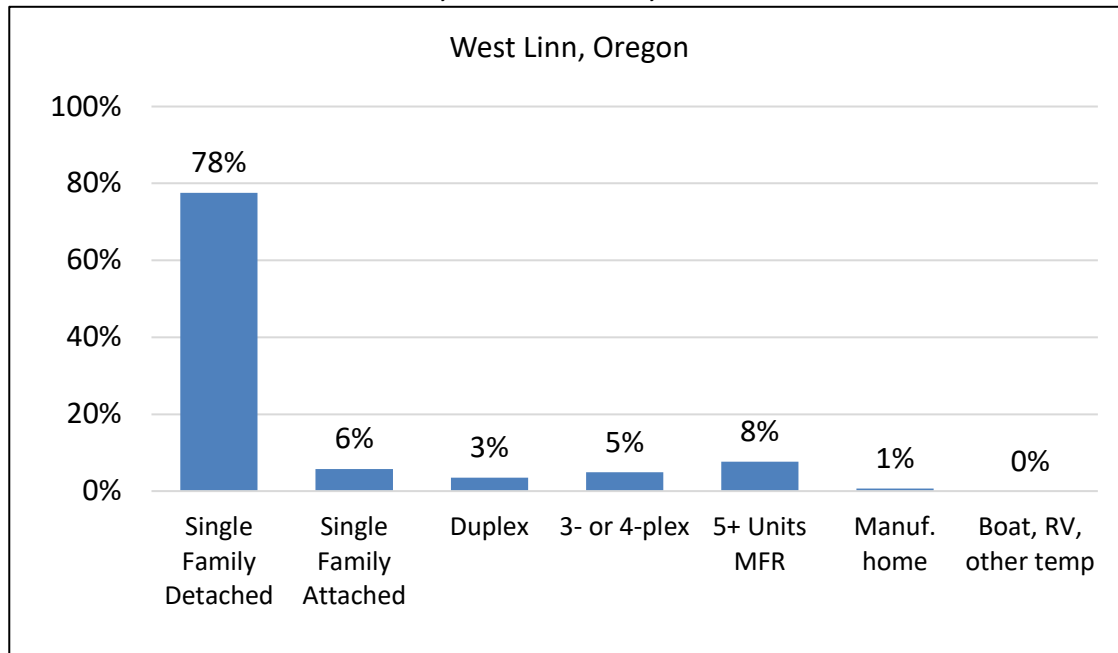
#### A. HOUSING TENURE

West Linn has a much greater share of homeowner households than renter households. The 2018 American Community Survey estimates that 79% of occupied units were owner occupied, and only 21% renter occupied. The ownership rate has held steady since 2000 (78%). This is significantly higher than the estimated ownership rate across Clackamas County (69%) and statewide (61%).

#### B. HOUSING STOCK

As shown in Figure 2.1, West Linn had an estimated 10,476 housing units in 2020, with a vacancy rate of 5% (includes ownership and rental units). The housing stock has increased by roughly 1,779 units since 2000, or growth of over 20%.

**FIGURE 3.1: ESTIMATED SHARE OF UNITS, BY PROPERTY TYPE, 2018**



SOURCE: US Census, City of West Linn

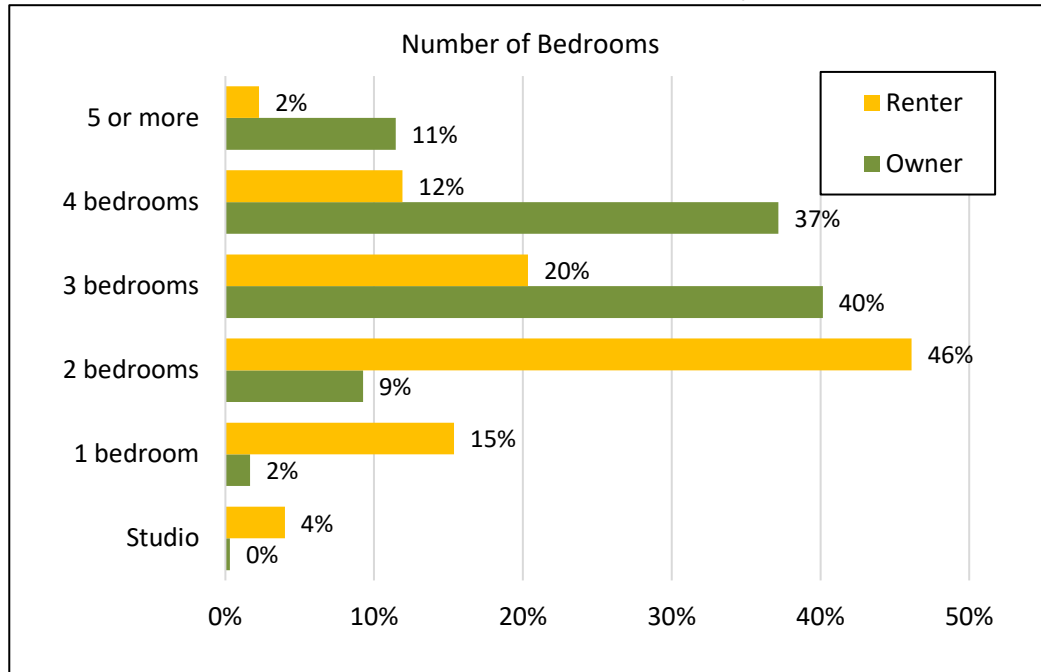
Figure 3.1 shows the estimated number of units by type in 2020 based on US Census. Detached single-family homes represent an estimated 78% of housing units.

Units in larger apartment complexes of 5 or more units represent only 8% of units, and other types of attached homes represent 14% of units. (Attached single family generally includes townhomes, and some 2 to 4-plexes which are separately metered.) Manufactured homes represent less than 1% of the inventory.

#### C. NUMBER OF BEDROOMS

Figure 3.2 shows the share of units for owners and renters by the number of bedrooms they have. In general, owner-occupied units are much more likely to have three or more bedrooms, while renter-occupied units are much more likely to have two or fewer bedrooms.

**FIGURE 3.2: NUMBER OF BEDROOMS FOR OWNER AND RENTER UNITS, 2018**



SOURCE: US Census  
 Census Tables: B25042 (2018 ACS 5-year Estimates)

**D. UNIT TYPES BY TENURE**

As Figure 3.3 and 3.4 show, a large share of owner-occupied units (90%) are detached homes, which is related to why owner-occupied units tend to have more bedrooms. Renter-occupied units are much more distributed among a range of structure types. About 32% of rented units are estimated to be detached homes or manufactured homes, while the remainder are some form of attached unit. An estimated 29% of rental units are in larger apartment complexes.

**FIGURE 3.3: CURRENT INVENTORY BY UNIT TYPE, FOR OWNERSHIP AND RENTAL HOUSING**

**OWNERSHIP HOUSING**

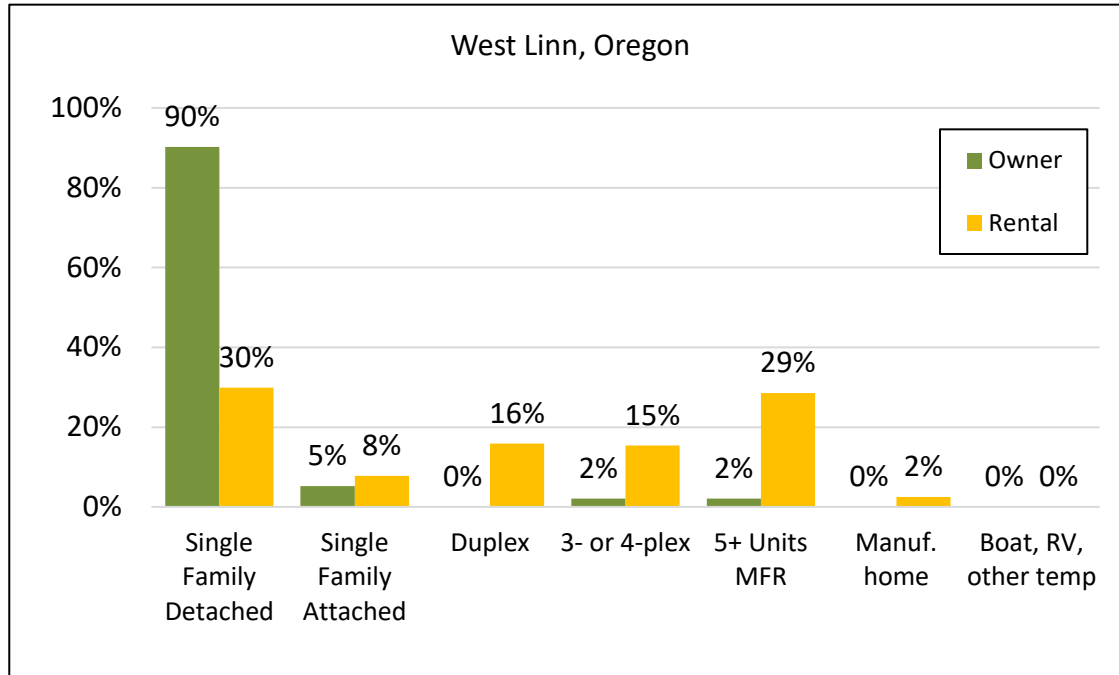
OWNERSHIP HOUSING								
	Single Family Detached	Single Family Attached	Duplex	3- or 4-plex	5+ Units MFR	Manuf. home	Boat, RV, other temp	Total Units
<b>Totals:</b>	7,460	432	13	175	170	14	0	8,264
<b>Percentage:</b>	90.3%	5.2%	0.2%	2.1%	2.1%	0.2%	0.0%	100%

**RENTAL HOUSING**

RENTAL HOUSING								
	Single Family Detached	Single Family Attached	Duplex	3- or 4-plex	5+ Units MFR	Manuf. home	Boat, RV, other temp	Total Units
<b>Totals:</b>	662	172	352	341	631	54	0	2,212
<b>Percentage:</b>	29.9%	7.8%	15.9%	15.4%	28.5%	2.5%	0.0%	100%

Sources: US Census, JOHNSON ECONOMICS, CITY OF WEST LINN

**FIGURE 3.4: CURRENT INVENTORY BY UNIT TYPE, BY TENURE**

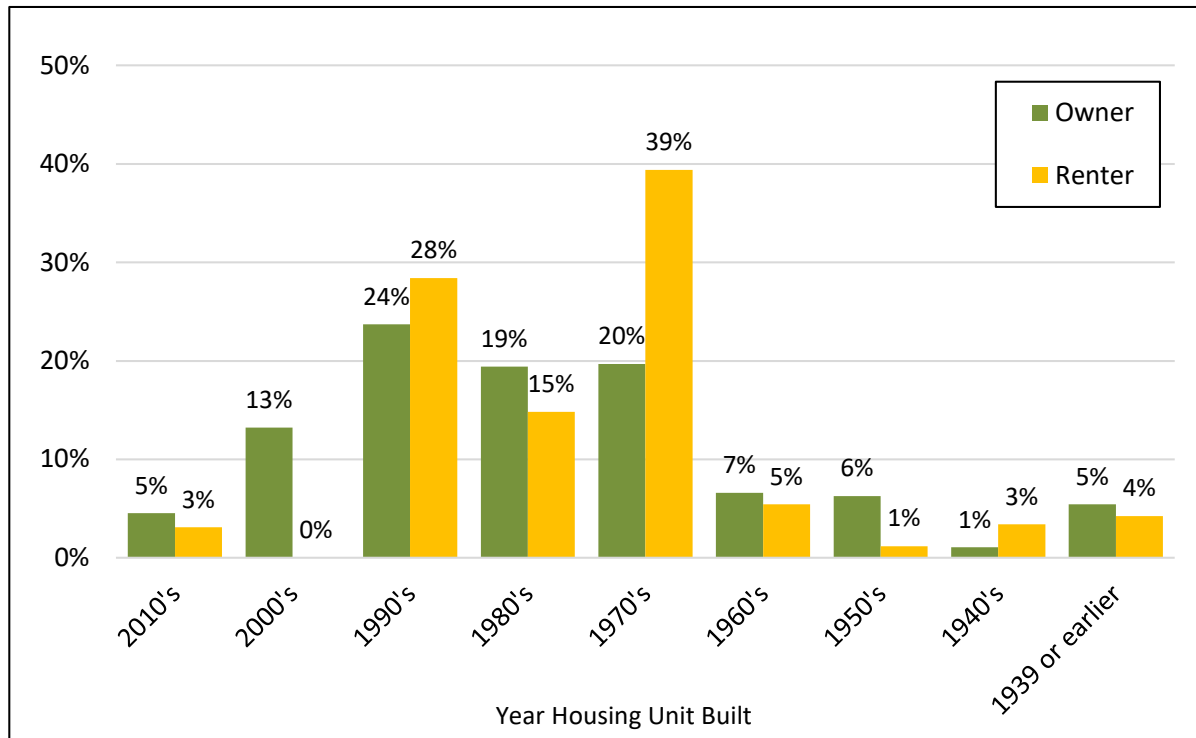


Sources: US Census, JOHNSON ECONOMICS, CITY OF WEST LINN

**E. AGE AND CONDITION OF HOUSING STOCK**

West Linn’s housing stock reflects the pattern of development over time. The largest share of housing stock has been built from the 1970’s to 1990’s. Most housing built since 2000 has been single-family detached housing for homeowners. The largest single share of renter units date to the 1970’s.

**FIGURE 3.5: AGE OF UNITS FOR OWNERS AND RENTERS**



SOURCE: US Census  
Census Tables: B25036 (2018 ACS 5-year Estimates)

- Unfortunately, good quantitative data on housing condition is generally unavailable without an intensive on-site survey of all local housing that is beyond the scope of this analysis. Census categories related to housing condition are ill-suited for this analysis, dealing with such issues as units without indoor plumbing, which was more common in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century, but is an increasingly rare situation. Age of units serves as the closest reliable proxy for condition with available data.
- For ownership units, older homes may be in poor condition, but are also more likely to have undergone some repair and renovation over the years. Rental units are more likely to degrade steadily with age and wear-and-tear, and less likely to receive sufficient reinvestment to keep them in top condition, though this is not universally true.

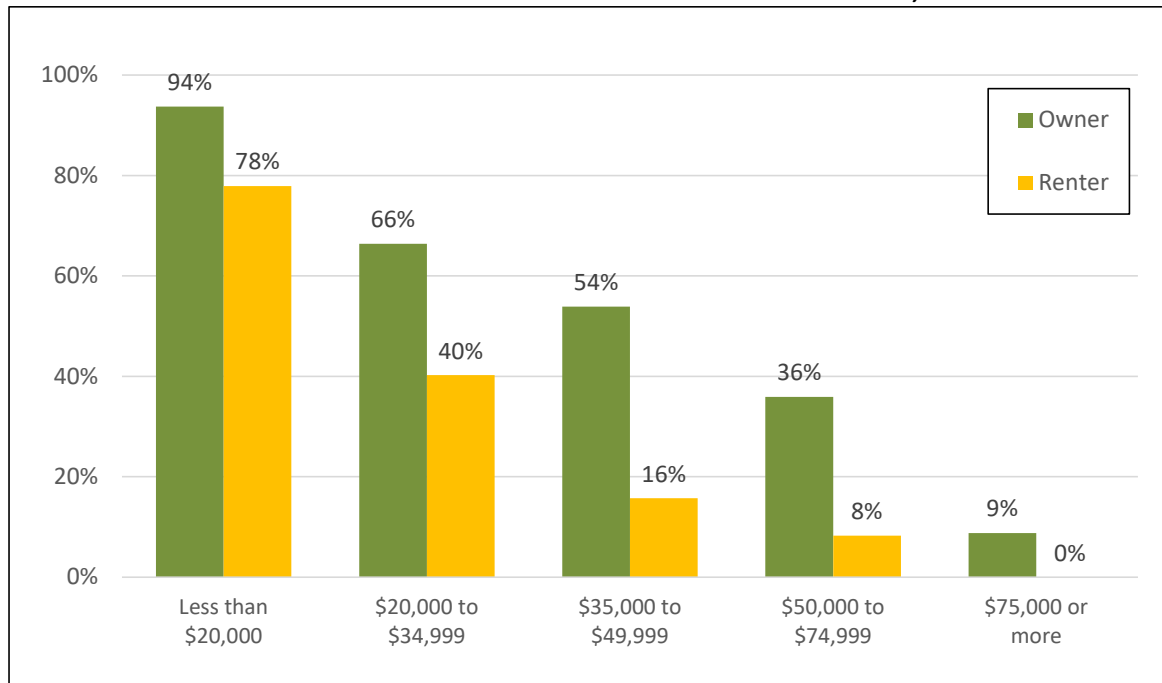
## F. HOUSING COSTS VS. LOCAL INCOMES

Figure 3.6 shows the share of owner and renter households who are paying more than 30% of their household income towards housing costs, by income segment. (Spending 30% or less on housing costs is a common measure of “affordability” used by HUD and others, and in the analysis presented in this report.)

As one would expect, households with lower incomes tend to spend more than 30% of their income on housing, while incrementally fewer of those in higher income groups spend more than 30% of their incomes on housing costs. Of those earning less than \$20,000, an estimated 94% of owner households spend more than 30% of income on housing costs and 78% of renters. Because West Linn has an income distribution skewed towards higher income levels, there are relatively few households in these lower income segments, compared to most other cities.

In total, the US Census estimates that over 24% of West Linn households pay more than 30% of income towards housing costs (2018 American Community Survey, B25106)

**FIGURE 3.6: SHARE OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING MORE THAN 30% ON HOUSING COSTS, BY INCOME GROUP**



Sources: US Census, JOHNSON ECONOMICS  
Census Table: B25106 (2018 ACS 5-yr Estimates)

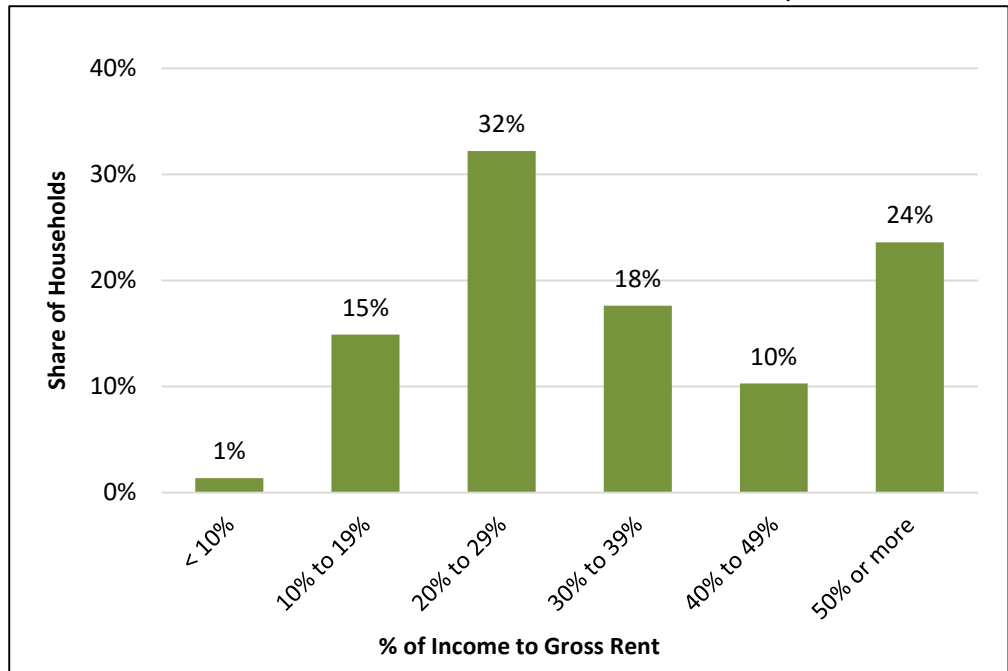
Housing is generally one of a household’s largest living costs, if not the largest. The ability to find affordable housing options, and even build wealth through ownership, is one of the biggest contributors to helping lower income

households save and build wealth. Even if renting, affordable housing costs, allow for more household income to be put to other needs, including saving.

The following figures shows the percentage of household income spent towards gross rent<sup>4</sup> for local renter households only. This more fine-grained data shows that not only are 52% of renters spending more than 30% of their income on gross rent, but an estimated 24% of renters are spending 50% or more of their income on housing and are considered severely rent-burdened.

Renters are disproportionately lower income relative to homeowners. Housing cost burdens are felt more broadly for these households, and as the analysis presented in a later section shows there is a need for more affordable rental units in West Linn, as in most communities.

**FIGURE 3.7: PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME SPENT ON GROSS RENT, WEST LINN RENTER HOUSEHOLDS**



Sources: US Census, JOHNSON ECONOMICS  
Census Table: B25070 (2018 ACS 5-yr Estimates)

### G. PUBLICLY ASSISTED HOUSING

West Linn currently has very few subsidized apartment properties, according to Oregon Housing and Community Development (OHCS). These are properties that are funded through HUD programs, tax credits and other programs which guarantee subsidized rents for qualified households. There are an estimated 10 such units in West Linn, which appear to be in separate single-family homes rather than a multi-family development.

The high share of renters paying over 30% of their income towards housing costs indicates that there is an ongoing need for rental units at the lowest price points.

**Agricultural Worker Housing:** West Linn is not currently home to properties dedicated to agricultural workers. This population may also be served by other available affordable units.

#### Homelessness:

A Point-in-Time count of homeless individuals in Clackamas County conducted in January of 2019 found 1,166 homeless individuals on the streets, in shelters, or other temporary and/or precarious housing. This number was

<sup>4</sup> The Census defines Gross Rent as “the contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities (electricity, gas, and water and sewer) and fuels (oil, coal, kerosene, wood, etc.) if these are paid by the renter (or paid for the renter by someone else).” Housing costs for homeowners include mortgage, property taxes, insurance, utilities and condo or HOA dues.



2,196 individuals in the 2015 count, indicating that the rate of homelessness has fallen significantly as the economy has recovered since 2010. *These figures are for the entire county.*<sup>5</sup> In 2019, this included:

- 50% of those counted were in emergency shelter, warming shelter, or transitional housing programs.
  - 18% people living in doubled-up or unstable housing.
  - 32% people unsheltered.
  - 454 were chronically homeless.
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- An estimated 63% of those counted were male, 37% female, and 2% transgender or non-binary.
  - Children under the age of 18 made up 8% of those counted, at 98 individual children.

While the Point-in-Time count is one of the few systematized efforts to count homelessness across the country in a regular, systematized way, it is widely thought to undercount the population of homeless and precarious households. In addition, to the impossibility of finding all homeless people on the streets, the count is conducted in late January, when homeless counts are likely near their lowest of the year due to the inclement weather. A 2017 study conducted by Portland State University estimated over 38,000 homeless individuals in the tri-county metro area at that time. Given that Clackamas County is one of only three counties in the estimate, it most certainly had well more than 2,000 homeless individuals by that estimate.

A recent analysis prepared for OHCS to test a potential approach for preparing Housing Needs Analyses on a regional basis, included estimates of homeless population in Oregon communities, including West Linn. The approach utilizes a combination of data from the bi-annual Point-in-Time count and from tracking of homeless school-aged children in keeping with the McKinney-Vento Act. The analysis estimates 111 homeless households in West Linn as of mid-2020. These include household who are unsheltered, in temporary shelter, or staying with friends or relatives. These households are a component of current and future housing need.

An analysis of the ability of current and projected housing supply to meet the needs of low-income people, and the potential shortfall is included in the following sections of this report.

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<sup>5</sup> Figures via Clackamas County Health, Housing, and Human Services, and North Clackamas School District

## IV. CURRENT HOUSING NEEDS (CITY OF WEST LINN)

The profile of current housing conditions in the study area is based on Census 2010, which the Portland State University Population Research Center (PRC) uses to develop yearly estimates through 2019. The 2019 estimate is forecasted to 2020 using the estimated growth rate realized since 2010.

**FIGURE 4.1: CURRENT HOUSING PROFILE (2020)**

CURRENT HOUSING CONDITIONS (2020)		SOURCE
Total 2020 Population:	25,995	PSU Pop. Research Center
- Estimated group housing population:	131 (0.5% of Total)	US Census
<b>Estimated Non-Group 2020 Population:</b>	<b>25,864</b> (Total - Group)	
Avg. HH Size:	2.60	US Census
<b>Estimated Non-Group 2020 Households:</b>	<b>9,948</b> (Pop/HH Size)	
<b>Total Housing Units:</b>	<b>10,476</b> (Occupied + Vacant)	Census 2010 + permits
Occupied Housing Units:	9,948 (= # of HH)	
Vacant Housing Units:	528 (Total HH - Occupied)	
Current Vacancy Rate:	5.0% (Vacant units/ Total units)	

Sources: Johnson Economics, City of West Linn, PSU Population Research Center, U.S. Census

\*This table reflects population, household and housing unit projections shown in Figure 2.1.

We estimate a current population of roughly 26,000 residents, living in 9,948 households (excluding group living situations). Average household size is 2.6 persons.

There are an estimated 10,476 housing units in the city, indicating an estimated vacancy rate of 5%. This includes units vacant for any reason, not just those which are currently for sale or rent.

### ESTIMATE OF CURRENT HOUSING DEMAND

Following the establishment of the current housing profile, the current housing demand was determined based upon the age and income characteristics of current households.

The analysis considered the propensity of households in specific age and income levels to either rent or own their home (tenure), in order to derive the current demand for ownership and rental housing units and the appropriate housing cost level of each. This is done by combining data on tenure by age and tenure by income from the Census American Community Survey (tables: B25007 and B25118, 2018 ACS 5-yr Estimates).

The analysis takes into account the average amount that owners and renters tend to spend on housing costs. For instance, lower income households tend to spend more of their total income on housing, while upper income households spend less on a percentage basis. In this case, it was assumed that households in lower income bands would *prefer* housing costs at no more than 30% of gross income (a common measure of affordability). Higher income households pay a decreasing share down to 20% for the highest income households.

While the Census estimates that most low-income households pay more than 30% of their income for housing, this is an estimate of current *preferred* demand. It assumes that low-income households prefer (or demand) units affordable to them at no more than 30% of income, rather than more expensive units.

Figure 4.2 presents a snapshot of current housing demand (i.e., preferences) equal to the number of households in the study area (9,948). The breakdown of tenure (owners vs. renters) reflects data from the 2018 ACS.

**FIGURE 4.2: ESTIMATE OF CURRENT HOUSING DEMAND (2020)**

Ownership				
Price Range	# of Households	Income Range	% of Total	Cumulative
\$0k - \$80k	201	Less than \$15,000	2.6%	2.6%
\$80k - \$130k	113	\$15,000 - \$24,999	1.5%	4.0%
\$130k - \$190k	163	\$25,000 - \$34,999	2.1%	6.1%
\$190k - \$250k	388	\$35,000 - \$49,999	5.0%	11.1%
\$250k - \$330k	807	\$50,000 - \$74,999	10.4%	21.5%
\$330k - \$390k	875	\$75,000 - \$99,999	11.2%	32.7%
\$390k - \$470k	727	\$100,000 - \$124,999	9.3%	42.0%
\$470k - \$540k	716	\$125,000 - \$149,999	9.2%	51.2%
\$540k - \$710k	1,211	\$150,000 - \$199,999	15.5%	66.7%
\$710k +	2,591	\$200,000+	33.3%	100.0%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>7,792</b>		<b>% of All:</b>	<b>78.3%</b>

Rental				
Rent Level	# of Households	Income Range	% of Total	Cumulative
\$0 - \$400	178	Less than \$15,000	8.3%	8.3%
\$400 - \$700	257	\$15,000 - \$24,999	11.9%	20.2%
\$700 - \$900	209	\$25,000 - \$34,999	9.7%	29.9%
\$900 - \$1200	219	\$35,000 - \$49,999	10.1%	40.0%
\$1200 - \$1600	472	\$50,000 - \$74,999	21.9%	62.0%
\$1600 - \$1900	159	\$75,000 - \$99,999	7.4%	69.3%
\$1900 - \$2200	214	\$100,000 - \$124,999	9.9%	79.3%
\$2200 - \$2500	156	\$125,000 - \$149,999	7.2%	86.5%
\$2500 - \$3400	92	\$150,000 - \$199,999	4.3%	90.8%
\$3400 +	199	\$200,000+	9.2%	100.0%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>2,156</b>		<b>% of All:</b>	<b>21.7%</b>

<b>All Households</b>
<b>9,948</b>

Sources: PSU Population Research Center, EnviroNics Analytics., Census, JOHNSON ECONOMICS  
 Census Tables: B25007, B25106, B25118 (2018 ACS 5-yr Estimates)  
 EnviroNics Analytics: Estimates of income by age of householder

The estimated home price and rent ranges are irregular because they are mapped to the affordability levels of the Census income level categories. For instance, an affordable home for those in the lowest income category (less than \$15,000) would have to cost \$80,000 or less. Affordable rent for someone in this category would be \$400 or less.

The affordable price level for ownership housing assumes 30-year amortization, at an interest rate of 5% (significantly more than the current rate, but in line with historic norms), with 15% down payment. These assumptions are designed to represent prudent lending and borrowing levels for ownership households. The 30-

year mortgage commonly serves as the standard. In the 2000's, down payment requirements fell significantly, but standards have tightened somewhat since the 2008/9 credit crisis. While 20% is often cited as the standard for most buyers, it is common for homebuyers, particularly first-time buyers, to pay significantly less than this using available programs.

Interest rates are subject to disruption from national and global economic forces, and therefore impossible to forecast beyond the short term. The 5% used here is roughly the average 30-year rate over the last 20 years. The general trend has been falling interest rates since the early 1980's, but coming out of the recent recession, many economists believe that rates cannot fall farther and must begin to climb as the Federal Reserve raises its rate over the coming years.

During the 2020 Covid-19 emergency, the Federal Reserve has again cut their benchmark funds rate to near zero, which has reduced mortgage rates moderately, but not dramatically. The economic uncertainty has the effect of making lenders more cautious, and this can balance the effect of a lower federal rate.

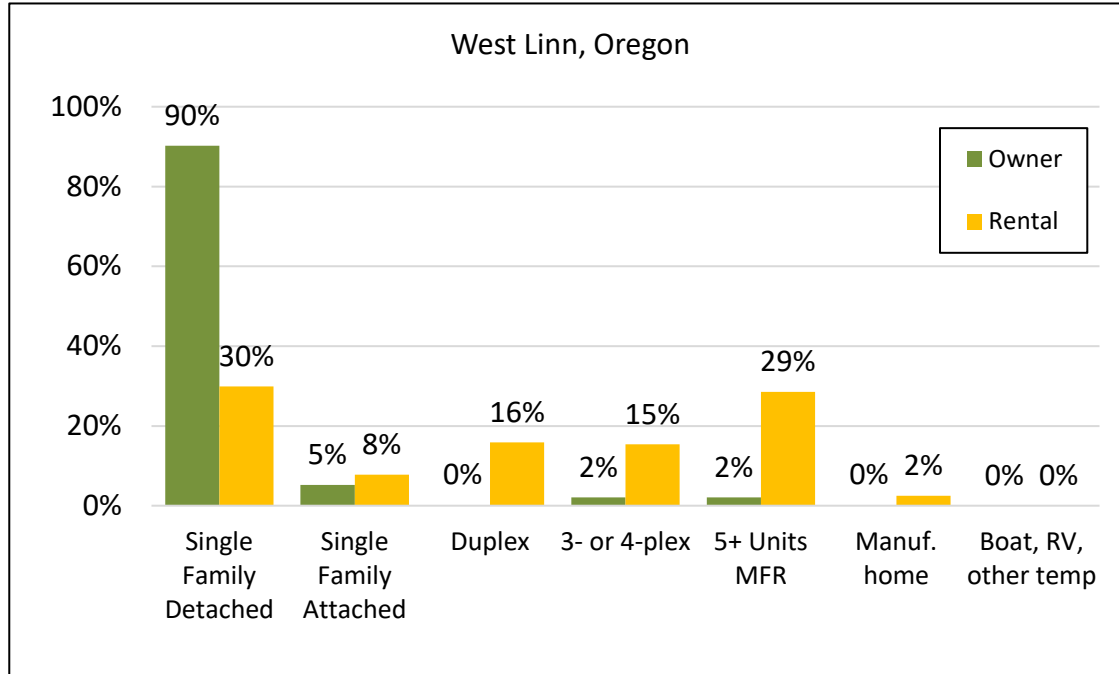
### **CURRENT HOUSING INVENTORY**

The profile of current housing demand (Figure 4.2) represents the preference and affordability levels of households. In reality, the current housing supply (Figures 4.3 and 4.4 below) differs from this profile, meaning that some households may find themselves in housing units which are not optimal, either not meeting the household's own/rent preference, or being unaffordable (requiring more than 30% of gross income).

A profile of current housing supply in West Linn was estimated based on permit data from the City of West Linn and Census data from the most recently available 2018 ACS, which provides a profile of housing types (single family, attached, manufactured home, etc.), tenure, housing values, and rent levels. The 5-year estimates from the ACS were used because 3-year and 1-year estimates are not yet available for West Linn geography.

- An estimated 79% of housing units are ownership units, while an estimated 20% of housing units are rental units. This is similar to the estimated demand profile shown in Figure 4.2, which estimated a somewhat higher demand for rental units over time. The inventory includes vacant units, and in the case of West Linn many vacant units are estimated to be second homes or seasonal homes, which are counted as ownership units. The available rental units are estimated to have a much lower vacancy rate.
- 90% of ownership units are detached homes, and very few are manufactured homes. Thirty-two percent of rental units are either single family homes or manufactured homes, while 29% are in structures of 5 units or more.
- Of total housing units, an estimated 78% are detached homes or manufactured homes. Twenty-two percent are some sort of attached unit type.
- The affordability of different unit types is an approximation based on Census data on the distribution of housing units by value (ownership) or gross rent (rentals).
- Most subsidized affordable housing units found in the city are represented by the inventory at the lowest end of the rental spectrum.
- Ownership housing found at the lower end of the value spectrum generally reflect older, smaller homes, or homes in poor condition on small or irregular lots. **It is important to note that these represent estimates of current property value or current housing cost to the owner, not the current market pricing of homes for sale in the city.** These properties may be candidates for redevelopment when next they sell but are currently estimated to have low value.

**FIGURE 4.3: PROFILE OF CURRENT HOUSING SUPPLY BY TYPE (2020)**



Sources: US Census, PSU Population Research Center, JOHNSON ECONOMICS  
 Census Tables: B25004, B25032, B25063, B25075 (2018 ACS 5-yr Estimates)

**FIGURE 4.4: PROFILE OF CURRENT HOUSING SUPPLY, ESTIMATED AFFORDABILITY (2020)**

Income Range	Ownership Housing		Rental Housing		Share of Total Units
	Affordable Price Level	Estimated Units	Affordable Rent Level	Estimated Units	
Less than \$15,000	\$0k - \$80k	89	\$0 - \$400	0	1%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	\$80k - \$130k	143	\$400 - \$700	87	2%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	\$130k - \$190k	155	\$700 - \$900	234	4%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	\$190k - \$250k	425	\$900 - \$1200	469	9%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	\$250k - \$330k	838	\$1200 - \$1600	438	12%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	\$330k - \$390k	1,139	\$1600 - \$1900	305	14%
\$100,000 - \$124,999	\$390k - \$470k	1,371	\$1900 - \$2200	244	15%
\$125,000 - \$149,999	\$470k - \$540k	948	\$2200 - \$2500	214	11%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	\$540k - \$710k	1,783	\$2500 - \$3400	159	19%
\$200,000+	\$710k +	1,374	\$3400 +	62	14%
	79%	8,264	21%	2,212	

Sources: US Census, PSU Population Research Center, JOHNSON ECONOMICS  
 Census Tables: B25004, B25032, B25063, B25075 (2018 ACS 5-yr Estimates)

- Most housing in West Linn is found in price and rent levels affordable to those earning at least \$50,000 per year. There is very little housing available to those in lower income segments.

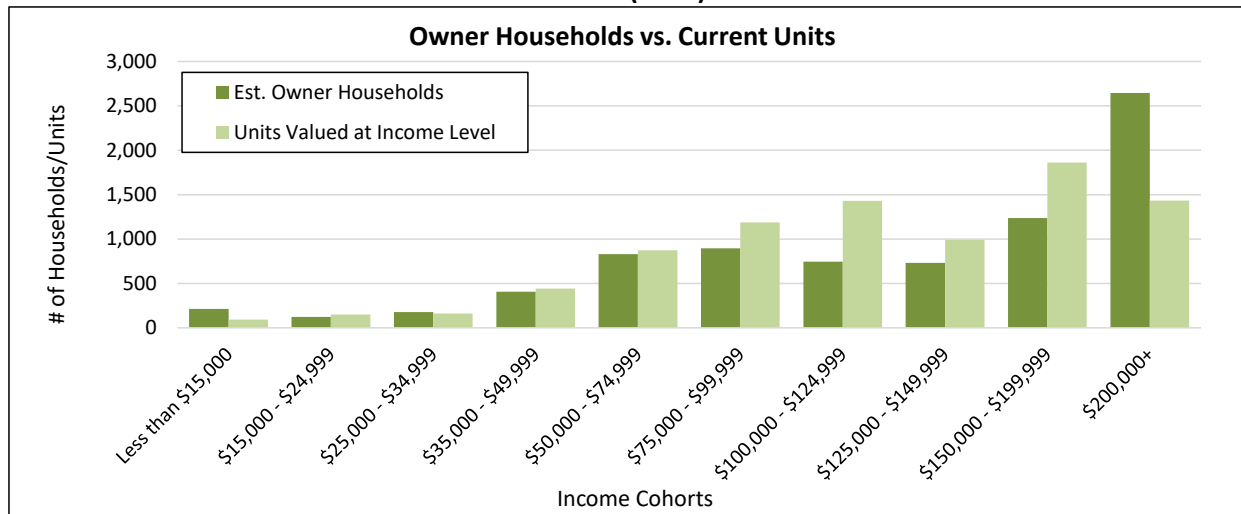
**COMPARISON OF CURRENT HOUSING DEMAND WITH CURRENT SUPPLY**

A comparison of estimated current housing *demand* with the existing *supply* identifies the existing discrepancies between needs and the housing which is currently available. The estimated number of units outnumbers the number of households by roughly 530 units, indicating an average vacancy rate of 5%.

In general, this identifies that there is currently support for more ownership housing at lower price points and at the upper end of the market. This is because most housing in West Linn is clustered at upper-middle property values, which matches the community’s high average household incomes but leaves some households underserved.

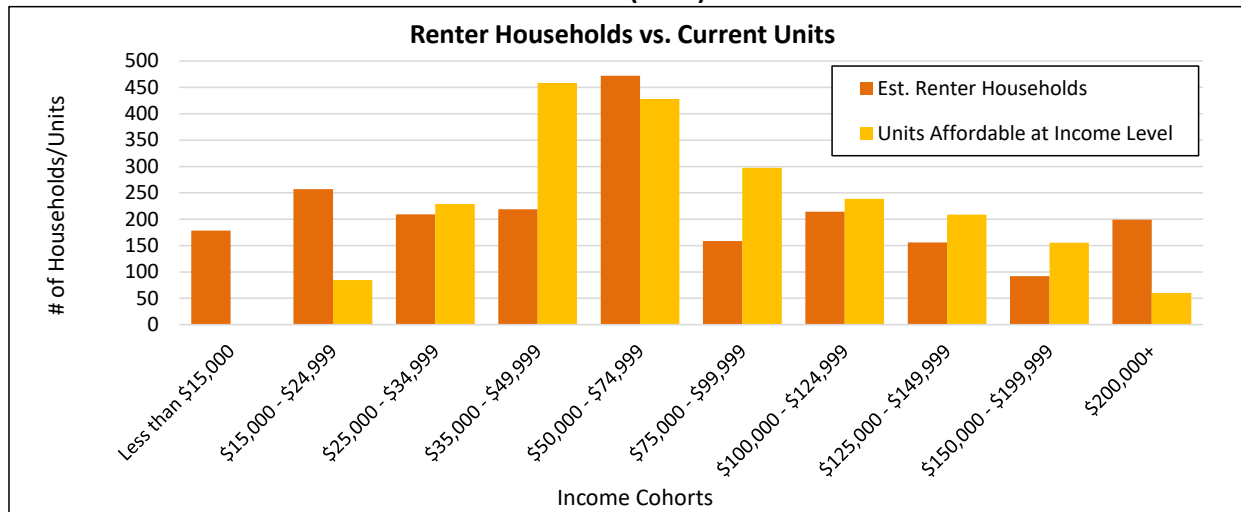
Figures 4.5 and 4.6 present this information in chart form, comparing the estimated number of households in given income ranges, and the supply of units currently valued (ownership) or priced (rentals) within those income ranges. The data is presented for owner and renter households.

**FIGURE 4.5: COMPARISON OF OWNER HOUSEHOLD INCOME GROUPS TO ESTIMATED SUPPLY AFFORDABLE AT THOSE INCOME LEVELS (2020)**



Sources: PSU Population Research Center, City of West Linn, Census, JOHNSON ECONOMICS

**FIGURE 4.6: COMPARISON OF RENTER HOUSEHOLD INCOME GROUPS TO ESTIMATED SUPPLY AFFORDABLE AT THOSE INCOME LEVELS (2020)**



Sources: PSU Population Research Center, City of West Linn, Census, JOHNSON ECONOMICS

The analysis finds that the current market rates for most rental units are in the \$900 to \$2,000/month range. Therefore, this is where most of the rental unit supply is currently clustered. However, the greatest unmet need is found at the lowest end of the income scale, where many current renters pay more than 30% of their income in housing costs. Rentals at the most expensive levels generally represent single family homes for rent.

The home value and rent segments which show a “surplus” in Figures 4.5 and 4.6 illustrate where current property values and market rent levels are in West Linn. Housing prices and rent levels will tend to congregate around those levels. These levels will be too costly for some (i.e., require more than 30% in gross income) or “too affordable” for others (i.e., they have income levels that indicate they could afford more expensive housing if it were available).

In general, these findings demonstrate that there are few lower-value housing opportunities for many owner households, and potential support for some less expensive types of ownership housing. There is a need for more rental units at lower rent levels (<\$900/mo.).

**HOME SALE PRICES**

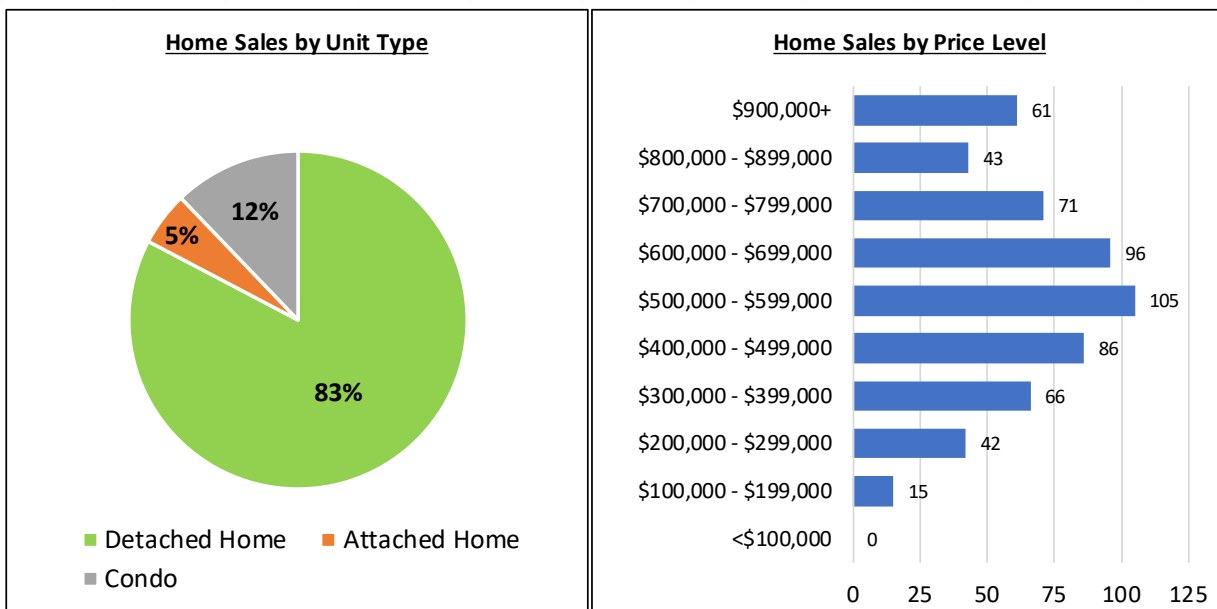
It is important to note that the figures presented in the prior section represent estimates of current *property value or current housing cost to the owner, not the current market pricing of homes for sale in the city*. For instance, a household living in a manufactured home that has been paid off over many years may have relatively low housing costs. This indicates that one owner household is living in a “lower value” unit. It does **not** indicate that units at this price point are available on the current market.

If this hypothetical household were to sell their home, it would sell at a higher price reflecting inflation and current achievable market prices. For this reason, many of the lower value or lower rent units found in the previous section will actually become higher-priced units when they are sold or become vacant.

For reference, this section presents home sales data from fall 2019 to fall 2020 to indicate housing costs for new entrants into the market (Figure 4.7).

- The median sale price was \$585,000.
- The average (mean) sale price was \$635,000.
- The average price per square foot was \$230/s.f.
- The median square footage was 2,630 s.f.

**FIGURE 4.7: WEST LINN HOME SALES (12 MONTHS)**



Sources: RMLS, JOHNSON ECONOMICS

- 18% of sales were priced between \$500,000 and \$599,000.
- 15% of sales were priced between \$400,000 and \$499,000.
- 46% of sales were priced at \$600,000 or more.
- 10% of sales were priced over \$900,000.
- Only 10% of sales were priced below \$300,000.

**Affordability:** As indicated, half of recent sales in West Linn took place within the \$400,000 to \$700,000 price range. Homes in this range should be mostly affordable to households earning at least \$100,000 per year. An estimated 60% of local households fall within these income segments.

Roughly 40% of households earn less than \$100,000 per year, meaning that the bulk of housing supply on the current for-sale market is likely too expensive for most of these households.

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The findings of current need form the foundation for projected future housing need, presented in the following section.



## V. FUTURE HOUSING NEEDS - 2040 (CITY OF WEST LINN)

The projected future (20-year) housing profile (Figure 5.1) in the study area is based on the current housing profile (2020), multiplied by an assumed projected future household growth rate. The projected future growth is the forecasted 2040 population for the City of West Linn included in the most recent Metro Urban Growth analysis and Regional Transportation Plan analysis (0.3%).

**FIGURE 5.1: FUTURE HOUSING PROFILE (2040)**

PROJECTED FUTURE HOUSING CONDITIONS (2020 - 2040)		SOURCE
2020 Population (Minus Group Pop.)	25,864	PSU
Projected Annual Growth Rate	0.3%	Metro UGR Forecast Program
2040 Population (Minus Group Pop.)	27,720	(Total 2040 Population - Group Housing Pop.)
Estimated group housing population:	141	Share of total pop. (0.5%)
<b>Total Estimated 2040 Population:</b>	<b>27,861</b>	
<b>Estimated Non-Group 2040 Households:</b>	<b>10,907</b>	(2040 Non-Group Pop./Avg. Household Size)
New Households 2020 to 2040	959	
Avg. Household Size:	2.54	Projected household size
<b>Total Housing Units:</b>	<b>11,481</b>	Occupied Units plus Vacant
Occupied Housing Units:	10,907	(= Number of Non-Group Households)
Vacant Housing Units:	574	(= Total Units - Occupied Units)
Projected Market Vacancy Rate:	5.0%	(Vacant Units/ Total Units)

Sources: PSU Population Research Center, Metro, Census, JOHNSON ECONOMICS LLC

\*Projections are applied to estimates of 2020 population, household and housing units shown in Figure 2.1.

The model projects growth in the number of non-group households over 20 years of roughly 960 households, with accompanying population growth of 1,866 new residents. (The number of households differs from the number of housing units, because the total number of housing units includes a percentage of vacancy. Projected housing unit needs are discussed below.)

### PROJECTION OF FUTURE HOUSING UNIT DEMAND (2040)

The profile of future housing demand was derived using the same methodology used to produce the estimate of current housing need. This estimate includes current and future households but *does not include a vacancy assumption. The vacancy assumption is added in the subsequent step.* Therefore, the need identified below is the total need for actual households in occupied units (10,907).

The analysis considered the propensity of households at specific age and income levels to either rent or own their home, in order to derive the future need for ownership and rental housing units, and the affordable cost level of each. The projected need is for *all* 2040 households and therefore includes the needs of current households.

The price levels presented here use the same assumptions regarding the amount of gross income applied to housing costs, from 30% for low-income households down to 20% for the highest income households.

The affordable price level for ownership housing assumes 30-year amortization, at an interest rate of 5%, with 15% down payment. Because of the impossibility of predicting variables such as interest rates 20 years into the future,

these assumptions were kept constant from the estimation of current housing demand. Income levels and price levels are presented in 2020 dollars.

Figure 5.2 presents the projected occupied future housing demand (current and new households, without vacancy) in 2040.

**FIGURE 5.2: PROJECTED OCCUPIED FUTURE HOUSING DEMAND (2040)**

Ownership				
Price Range	# of Households	Income Range	% of Total	Cumulative
\$0k - \$80k	214	Less than \$15,000	2.5%	2.5%
\$80k - \$130k	119	\$15,000 - \$24,999	1.4%	3.9%
\$130k - \$190k	173	\$25,000 - \$34,999	2.0%	6.0%
\$190k - \$250k	415	\$35,000 - \$49,999	4.9%	10.9%
\$250k - \$330k	864	\$50,000 - \$74,999	10.2%	21.0%
\$330k - \$390k	959	\$75,000 - \$99,999	11.3%	32.3%
\$390k - \$470k	797	\$100,000 - \$124,999	9.4%	41.7%
\$470k - \$540k	785	\$125,000 - \$149,999	9.2%	50.9%
\$540k - \$710k	1,328	\$150,000 - \$199,999	15.6%	66.6%
\$710k +	2,841	\$200,000+	33.4%	100.0%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>8,496</b>		<b>% of All:</b>	<b>77.9%</b>

Rental				
Rent Level	# of Households	Income Range	% of Total	Cumulative
\$0 - \$400	202	Less than \$15,000	8.4%	8.4%
\$400 - \$700	287	\$15,000 - \$24,999	11.9%	20.3%
\$700 - \$900	235	\$25,000 - \$34,999	9.8%	30.0%
\$900 - \$1200	250	\$35,000 - \$49,999	10.4%	40.4%
\$1200 - \$1600	538	\$50,000 - \$74,999	22.3%	62.7%
\$1600 - \$1900	174	\$75,000 - \$99,999	7.2%	69.9%
\$1900 - \$2200	235	\$100,000 - \$124,999	9.8%	79.7%
\$2200 - \$2500	171	\$125,000 - \$149,999	7.1%	86.8%
\$2500 - \$3400	101	\$150,000 - \$199,999	4.2%	91.0%
\$3400 +	218	\$200,000+	9.0%	100.0%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>2,411</b>		<b>% of All:</b>	<b>22.1%</b>

<b>All Units</b>
<b>10,907</b>

Sources: Census, Environics Analytics, JOHNSON ECONOMICS

The number of households across the income spectrum seeking a range of both ownership and rental housing is anticipated to grow. It is projected that the homeownership rate in West Linn will fall slightly over the next 20 years to 78% from 79%, which would still be significantly higher than the Clackamas County and statewide ownership rates.

**COMPARISON OF FUTURE HOUSING DEMAND TO CURRENT HOUSING INVENTORY**

The profile of occupied future housing demand presented above (Figure 5.2) was compared to the current housing inventory presented in the previous section to determine the total future need for *new* housing units by type and price range (Figure 5.3).

*This estimate includes a vacancy assumption. As reflected by the most recent Census data, and as is common in most communities, the vacancy rate for rental units is typically higher than that for ownership units. An average vacancy rate of 5% is assumed for the purpose of this analysis.*

**FIGURE 5.3: PROJECTED FUTURE NEED FOR NEW HOUSING UNITS (2040), WEST LINN**

OWNERSHIP HOUSING									
Unit Type:	Single Family Detached	Single Family Attached	Multi-Family			Manuf. home	Boat, RV, other temp	Total Units	% of Units
			2-unit	3- or 4-plex	5+ Units MFR				
<b>Totals:</b>	572	56	8	14	28	1	0	679	67.6%
<b>Percentage:</b>	84.3%	8.2%	1.2%	2.1%	4.1%	0.2%	0.0%	100%	

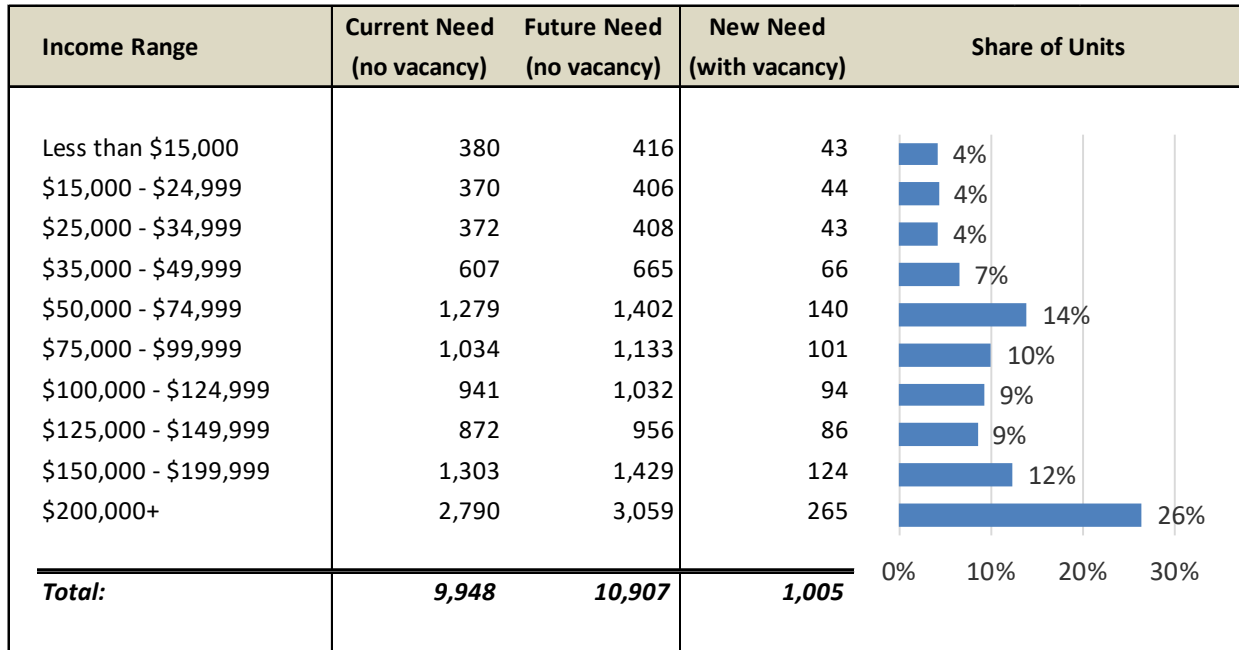
RENTAL HOUSING									
Unit Type:	Single Family Detached	Single Family Attached	Multi-Family			Manuf. home	Boat, RV, other temp	Total Units	% of Units
			2-unit	3- or 4-plex	5+ Units MFR				
<b>Totals:</b>	71	29	55	53	109	8	0	326	32.4%
<b>Percentage:</b>	21.9%	8.8%	16.9%	16.4%	33.5%	2.5%	0.0%	100%	

TOTAL HOUSING UNITS									
Unit Type:	Single Family Detached	Single Family Attached	Multi-Family			Manuf. home	Boat, RV, other temp	Total Units	% of Units
			2-unit	3- or 4-plex	5+ Units MFR				
<b>Totals:</b>	644	84	63	68	137	9	0	1,005	100%
<b>Percentage:</b>	64.1%	8.4%	6.3%	6.8%	13.6%	0.9%	0.0%	100%	

Sources: PSU, City of West Linn, Census, Environics Analytics, JOHNSON ECONOMICS

- The results show a need for 1,005 new housing units by 2040.
- Of the new units needed, roughly 68% are projected to be ownership units, while 32% are projected to be rental units. This represents more renters than the estimated tenure split, but it is projected that more rental units will need to be added to balance the disproportionate share of ownership units in the current inventory.
- Currently, the estimated vacancy rate of rental units is very low, so to serve the current need, future need, and allow for a 5% vacancy rate, a disproportionate number of rental units are needed. The current vacancy rate for ownership units, including second homes, is higher, so fewer new ownership units are projected.
- There is some need for new ownership housing at the low-end and upper end of the pricing spectrum. But income trends suggest that the greatest demand will remain in the upper-middle price ranges (\$300k to \$600k).
- The greatest need for rental units is found at the lowest and some higher price points. Market rents are currently clustered in the \$900 to \$2,000 range in current dollars. Therefore, most units are to be found in this range. There is insufficient rental housing for the lowest income households making \$35,000 or less.

**FIGURE 5.4: ESTIMATED CURRENT NEED & FUTURE NEED BY INCOME BRACKET WEST LINN**



Sources: PSU, City of West Linn, Census, Environics Analytics, JOHNSON ECONOMICS

**Needed Unit Types**

The mix of needed unit types shown in Figure 5.3 reflects both past trends and anticipated future trends. Since 2000, detached single family units have continued to constitute most of the permitted units in West Linn. In keeping with development trends, and the buildable land available to West Linn, single family units are expected to continue to make up a large share of new ownership housing over the next 20 years. However, an increasing share of new units is anticipated to be attached housing types to accommodate renters and first-time home buyers.

- 64% of the new units are projected to be single family detached homes, while 35% is projected to be some form of attached housing, and under 1% are projected to be new manufactured homes.
- Single family attached units (townhomes on individual lots) are projected to meet 8% of future need. These are defined as units on separate tax lots, attached by a wall but separately metered, the most common example being townhome units.
- Duplex through four-plex units are projected to represent 13% of the total need. Duplex units would include a detached single-family home with an accessory dwelling unit on the same lot, or with a separate unit in the home (for instance, a rental basement unit.) This includes attached units allowed to be built in single-family neighborhoods under new statewide rules.
- 14% of all needed units are projected to be multi-family in structures of 5+ attached units.
- Of ownership units, 84% are projected to be detached single-family homes, and 16% projected to be attached forms.
- About 76% of new rental units are projected to be found in new attached buildings, with 34% projected in rental properties of 5 or more units, and 33% in buildings of two to four units, and 9% in attached single family forms. Only 22% of new rental units are projected to be detached homes.

**Needed Affordability Levels**

Figure 5.5 presents the estimated need for net new housing units by major income segment, based on the projected demographics of new households to the market area. The needed affordability levels presented here are based on current 2020 dollars. Over time, incomes and housing costs will both inflate, so the general relationship projected here is expected to remain unchanged.

Figure 5.5 also discusses the housing types typically attainable by residents at these income levels.

**FIGURE 5.5: PROJECTED NEED FOR NEW HOUSING AT DIFFERENT INCOME LEVELS**

Household Income Segment	Income Level (Rounded)*	Afford. Rent Range	Afford. Price Range	Owner Units	Renter Units	Total	Share	Common Housing Product
Extremely Low Inc. < 30% AMI	< \$27,500	<\$800	<\$150k	21	76	97	10%	Govt-subsidized; Voucher
Very Low Income 30% - 50% AMI	\$27.5k - \$46k	\$800-\$1,100	\$150k-\$225k	27	54	80	8%	Aging/substandard rentals; Govt-subsidized; Voucher
Low Income 50% - 80% AMI	\$46k - \$73.5k	\$1,100-\$1,600	\$225k-\$330k	59	90	150	15%	Market apts; Manuf. homes; Plexes; Aging SFR
Middle Income 80% - 120% AMI	\$73.5k - \$110.5k	\$1,600-\$2,100	\$330k-\$475k	113	35	148	15%	Single-family detached; Townhomes; Small homes; New apts
Upper Income > 120% AMI	> \$110,500	\$2,100 +	\$475k +	459	70	530	53%	Single-family detached
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>679</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>100%</b>	

\* Adjusted to 2020 dollars. The median household income level in 2020 will be will be inflated from current levels.

Sources: HUD, Census, Environics Analytics, JOHNSON ECONOMICS

- Generally, based on income levels there is a shortage of units in the lowest pricing levels for renter and owner households.
- Figure 5.3 presents the *net NEW* housing unit need over the next 20 years. However, there is also a *current* need for more affordable units. In order for all households, current and new to pay 30% or less of their income towards housing in 2040, more affordable rental units would be required. This indicates that some of the current supply, while it shows up as existing available housing, would need to become less expensive to meet the needs of current households.
- There is a finding of current and new need at the lowest end of the rental spectrum (\$900 and less).
- The projection of future ownership units finds that the supply at the lowest end of the spectrum is currently insufficient due to the prevalence of newer homes most of which are detached houses. (This reflects the estimated *value* of the total housing stock, and not necessarily the average pricing for housing currently for sale.) Ownership options and lower and middle price points are townhomes, condos, and small detached homes, often on smaller lots.
- Figure 5.6 presents estimates of need at key low-income affordability levels in 2020 and in 2040. There is existing and on-going need at these levels, based on income levels specified by Oregon Housing and Community Services for Clackamas County. An estimated 30% of households qualify as at least “low income” or lower on the income scale, while 9% of household qualify as “extremely low income”.
- Typically, only rent-subsidized properties can accommodate these lowest-income households at “affordable” housing cost levels. (The threshold income levels presented here are generated for the entire county based on the significantly lower countywide average household income in comparison to West Linn.)

**FIGURE 5.6: PROJECTED NEED FOR HOUSING AFFORDABLE AT LOW INCOME LEVELS, WEST LINN**

Affordability Level	Income Level*		Current Need (2020)		Future Need (2040)		NEW Need (20-Year)	
			# of HH	% of All	# of HH	% of All	# of HH	% of All
Extremely Low Inc.	30% AMI	\$27,630	848	9%	945	9%	97	10%
Very Low Income	50% AMI	\$46,050	1,569	16%	1,746	16%	178	18%
Low Income	80% AMI	\$73,680	2,940	30%	3,267	30%	327	33%

Sources: OHCS, Environics Analytics, JOHNSON ECONOMICS

\* Income levels are based on OHCS guidelines for a family of four.

**Agricultural Worker Housing**

There is currently no housing dedicated to this population in West Linn. Based on the assumption that this type of housing will maintain its current representation in the local housing stock, this indicates that there will likely be no new need for housing dedicated specifically for agricultural workers over the planning period. However, this population may also be served by other available affordable units.

## VI. RECONCILIATION OF FUTURE NEED (2040) & LAND SUPPLY

This section summarizes the results of the Buildable Lands Inventory (BLI). The BLI is presented in detail in an accompanying memo to this report. This analysis relies on the most conservative estimate of capacity from the multiple scenarios considered in the BLI memo.

The following table (Figure 6.1) presents the estimated new unit capacity of the buildable lands identified in the City of West Linn and within the UGB. The table breaks down the City's zoning into broad categories:

- Low density (<8 units/gross acre)
- Medium density (8 – 18 units/gross acre)
- High density (18+ units/gross acre)

Residential zones, as well as mixed-use zones that can accommodate some residential uses, were included in the inventory.

**FIGURE 6.1: ESTIMATED BUILDABLE LANDS CAPACITY BY ACREAGE AND NO. OF UNITS (2020)**

ZONING		Unconstrained Acres			Unit Capacity	
		Vacant	Infill	Total	Units	Share
RESIDENTIAL ZONE	Category					
R-40	Low-Density Res.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0%
R-20	Low-Density Res.	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	0%
R-15	Low-Density Res.	6.0	1.2	7.2	30	2%
R-10	Low-Density Res.	30.8	102.9	133.7	727	60%
R-7	Low-Density Res.	3.5	10.3	13.8	89	7%
R-5	Medium-Density Res.	3.0	9.2	12.2	105	9%
R-4.5	Medium-Density Res.	2.7	10.9	13.6	134	11%
R-3	High-Density Res.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0%
R-2.1	High-Density Res.	0.0	1.9	1.9	36	3%
LD	Low-Density Res.	6.8	10.4	17.2	83	7%
<i>TOTALS:</i>		<i>52.8</i>	<i>146.8</i>	<i>199.6</i>	<i>1,205</i>	<i>100%</i>
ZONE CATEGORIES	Typical Housing Type					
Low-Density Res.	Single-family detached; Some SF attached & plex	47.1	124.8	171.9	930	77%
Medium-Density Res.	SF attached; Manufact. home; 2-4 plexes	5.7	20.1	25.8	239	20%
High-Density Res.	Multi-family apartments	0.0	1.9	1.9	36	3%
<i>TOTALS:</i>		<i>52.8</i>	<i>146.8</i>	<i>199.6</i>	<i>1,205</i>	<i>100%</i>

Source: Angelo Planning Group

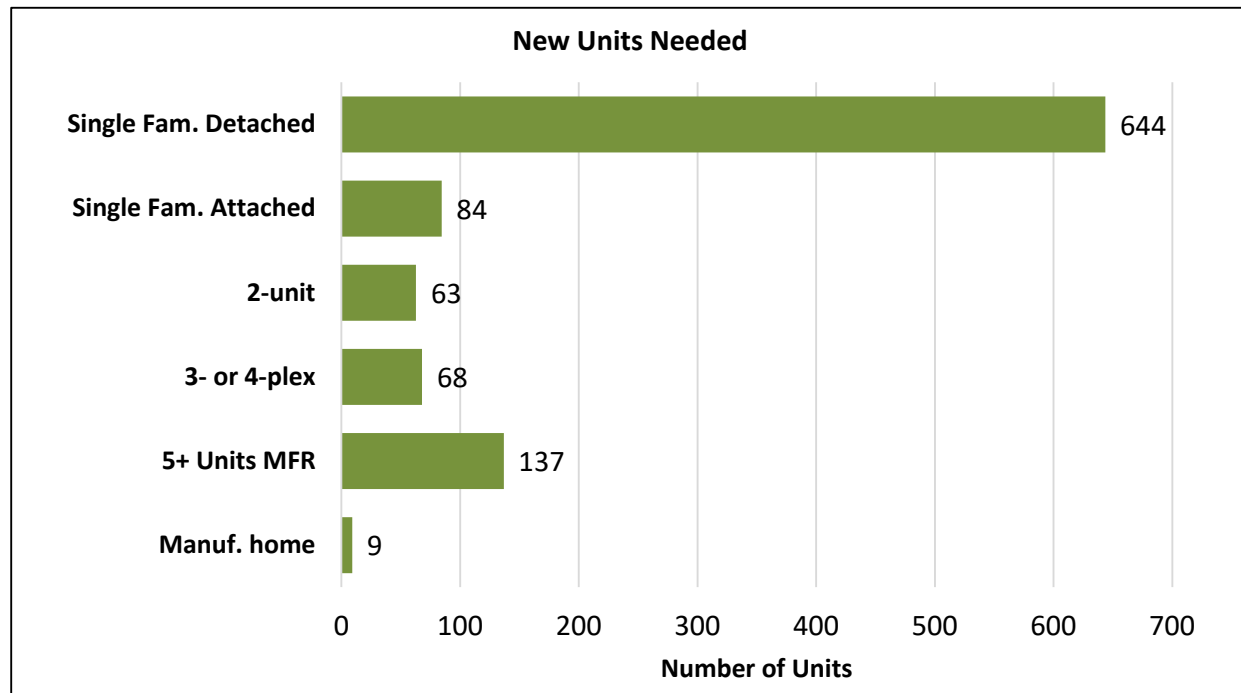
- There is a total estimated remaining capacity of 1,205 units of different types within the study area.
- Most of the remaining buildable acreage is in the low-density residential zones. At a total capacity 930 housing units, these zones represent roughly 77% of the total unit capacity.

- There are sufficient buildable medium-density acres to accommodate nearly 239 new units. This is 20% of the total unit capacity.
- There are very few available buildable acres in the high-density zone. In total, the capacity of these zones represents just 3% of the total unit capacity.

The following table summarizes the forecasted future unit need for West Linn. These are the summarized results from Section V of this report, presented here for reference.

**FIGURE 6.2: SUMMARY OF FORECASTED FUTURE UNIT NEED (2040)**

TOTAL HOUSING UNITS									
Unit Type:	Single Family Detached	Single Family Attached	Multi-Family			Manuf. home	Boat, RV, other temp	Total Units	% of Units
			2-unit	3- or 4-plex	5+ Units MFR				
<b>Totals:</b>	644	84	63	68	137	9	0	<b>1,005</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Percentage:</b>	64.1%	8.4%	6.3%	6.8%	13.6%	0.9%	0.0%	100%	



Sources: PSU Population Research Center, Census, Johnson Economics

**Comparison of Housing Need and Capacity**

There is a total forecasted need for just over 1,000 units over the next 20 years based on the forecasted growth rate. This is less than the estimated total capacity of 1,205 units. Figure 6.3 below presents a comparison of the BLI capacity for new housing units, compared to the estimate for new unit need by 2040. It breaks down need by general zoning category (LDR, MDR, HDR).

- The results find ample capacity for low-density housing, and medium-density housing.
- The amount of land zoned for “high-density housing” is insufficient for the projected demand for high-density housing types. There is a projected deficit of 5 acres of land in this zone to accommodate the forecasted number of multi-family apartment units.



- Under recently adopted state rules (HB2001, 2019), West Linn as a Metro-area city will be required in the future to allow for additional housing types in low-density residential zones. This includes attached single-family homes (townhomes), duplex-to-fourplex, and compact small-unit “cottage cluster” developments.
- In the case of West Linn, given the shortage of HDR-zoned land presented below, it becomes more likely that available land in lower-density zones may be developed with attached forms of housing, as other lands to accommodate these units is scarce. At the same time, there is capacity in the MDR zones to accommodate demand for most of the attached types listed above.
- These findings assume that under newly adopted state rules, 2% of available buildable parcels in the LDR zone will be used for the various types of attached units (single-family attached townhomes, duplex – fourplex). This amounts to a total of 28 attached units, plus 644 detached units in the LDR zone.

**FIGURE 6.3: COMPARISON OF FORECASTED FUTURE LAND NEED (2040) WITH AVAILABLE CAPACITY**

WITHIN CITY LIMITS		SUPPLY			DEMAND		
Zone & Plan Category	Typical Housing Type	Buildable Land Inventory (Total)			Growth Rate (1.8%)		
		Developable Acres	Unit Capacity	Avg. Density (units/ac)	New Unit Need (2040)	Surplus or (Deficit)	
						Units	Acres
Low-Density	Single-family detached; Some SF attached & plex	171.9	930	5.4	672	258	48
Med-Density	SF attached; Manufact. home; 2-4 plexes	25.8	239	9.3	196	43	5
High-Density	Multi-family apartments	1.9	36	18.9	137	(101)	(5)
<i>TOTALS:</i>		<i>199.6</i>	<i>1,205</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>1,005</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>47</i>

Sources: Angelo Planning Group, Johnson Economics



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MEMORANDUM

## West Linn Buildable Lands Inventory

### City of West Linn

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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this memorandum is to describe the methodology and data sources for the City of West Linn Residential Buildable Lands Inventory (BLI) and the initial results of the inventory. This BLI is a component of the West Linn Housing Capacity Analysis (HCA) project, and the results will inform the Residential Land Needs Analysis (RLNA) and the Measures to Accommodate Needed Housing. The West Linn HNA is being funded through a Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) grant for implementing applicable requirements of House Bills 2001 (Middle Housing) and 2003 (Regional Housing Needs Analysis) implementation. The BLI addresses land within the West Linn city limits, shown in Figure 1.

The BLI is conducted in several steps, as follows.

- **Step 1: Identify Constraints.** Constraints include the City's regulatory floodway and floodplain (100-year), steep slopes, and Title 3 and 13 areas.
- **Step 2: Classification of Land.** APG has classified every tax lot within the West Linn city limits based on residential zoning designation. The BLI for this project is confined to those properties that are designated or zoned for residential uses.
- **Step 3: Assign Development Status.** Each tax lot within the West Linn city limits is given a "development status." These development statuses are based on assessor's data, aerial photography, and staff input. Each development status type is defined later in the memo.
- **Step 4: Determine Developable Acreage and Development Capacity.** Tax lots with a "vacant" or "infill" status are given an amount of developable acreage based on their size, existing uses, and any development constraints on the property identified in Step 1. For land categorized as residential, APG has identified development capacity in number of units based on the developable acreage of a parcel and a review of the City's zoning regulations.

The remainder of this memorandum discusses these steps and initial results in greater detail.

## LEGAL FRAMEWORK

### STATE RULES AND STATUTES

This memorandum draws on requirements related to analyzing buildable lands for UGB expansions in jurisdictions throughout Oregon and the Portland Metropolitan area. Relevant to this analysis are provisions under OAR 660 Division 24, Urban Growth Boundaries (660-024-0050 Land Inventory and Response to Deficiency) and Division 7, Metropolitan Housing (660-007). The State's Metropolitan Housing provision requires jurisdictions in the Portland Metropolitan (Metro) urban growth boundary to follow BLI guidelines for HNAs that are separate from the rest of the State's HNA requirements. This BLI uses the same methodology as the Metro Urban Growth Report (UGR, 2018).<sup>1</sup>

Figure 1 shows the project study area, which includes all land within the West Linn city limits, as well small portions of unincorporated land within the UGB along the southwest border of the City.

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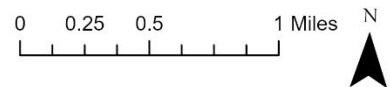
<sup>1</sup> Appendix 2, Buildable Land Inventory [https://www.oregonmetro.gov/sites/default/files/2018/07/03/UGR\\_Appendix2\\_Buildable\\_Lands\\_Inventory.pdf](https://www.oregonmetro.gov/sites/default/files/2018/07/03/UGR_Appendix2_Buildable_Lands_Inventory.pdf)

FIGURE 1. STUDY AREA



### West Linn BLI: Study Area

- West Linn City Limits
- Metro Cities
- UGB



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 Source: Angelo Planning Group  
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## STEP 1 - CONSTRAINTS

Development constraints are factors that temporarily or permanently limit or prevent the use of economic development. Development constraints include, but are not limited to, wetlands and stream corridors (Title 3), environmentally sensitive areas such as habitat (Title 13), slope, topography, infrastructure deficiencies, parcel fragmentation, or natural hazard areas. The first step of the BLI process addresses land constrained by natural resources. Subsequent steps in the BLI removes the constrained acreage from the total area within each tax lot.

### NATURAL RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS

Natural resources typically provide beneficial environmental functions or aesthetic enhancements that are necessary to preserve. The preservation of these resources often provides a constraint on the developability of an area. To reflect this, environmental resources are identified in this step and removed in subsequent steps.

The following natural resources were removed from buildable acreage at different rates due to the City allowing limited development in some resource areas. Using the Metro UGR method, the natural resources and their associated removal rates are as follows:

#### Single-family residential

1. Floodways: 100% removed
2. Floodplain: 100% removed
3. Slopes > 25% and Title 3 treated the same way: 100% removed
4. Title 13: 50% of Title 13 constrained acres removed from BLI (consistent with Title 13 model Ordinance)
5. Assume at least one unit per tax lot, even if fully constrained

#### Multi-family residential

1. Floodways: 100% removed
2. Floodplain: 50% removed
3. Slopes > 25%: 100% removed
4. Title 3: remove 50% of the constrained land with the other 50% considered buildable
5. Title 13: 15% of Title 13 constrained acres removed from BLI (consistent with Title 13 Model Ordinance)
6. Assume at least one unit per tax lot, even if fully constrained

Note that any given piece of land can have multiple, overlapping constraints. Examples of this includes steep slopes within the floodplain. Portions of resources with less protection/less constrained (e.g. Title 13) are removed from the overlapping area of higher constrained resources (e.g. Floodway). Once overlapping portions are consolidated, the natural resources are overlaid with City tax lots to estimate the amount of land in each parcel where development is limited.

The data for each natural resource constraint is derived from Metro's Regional Land Information System (RLIS). The full constraints, including overlapping portions, are shown on Figure 3.

Table 1 summarizes the acreage for each constraint. Note that land can be subject to more than one constraint, as explained earlier. A significant portion of the City's natural resource constraints include Title 13 and Title 3 land, which is largely composed of stream corridors, wetlands, and upland habitat. While much of the City has Title 13 and 3 land, a substantial portion of these areas is still considered buildable, as noted above.

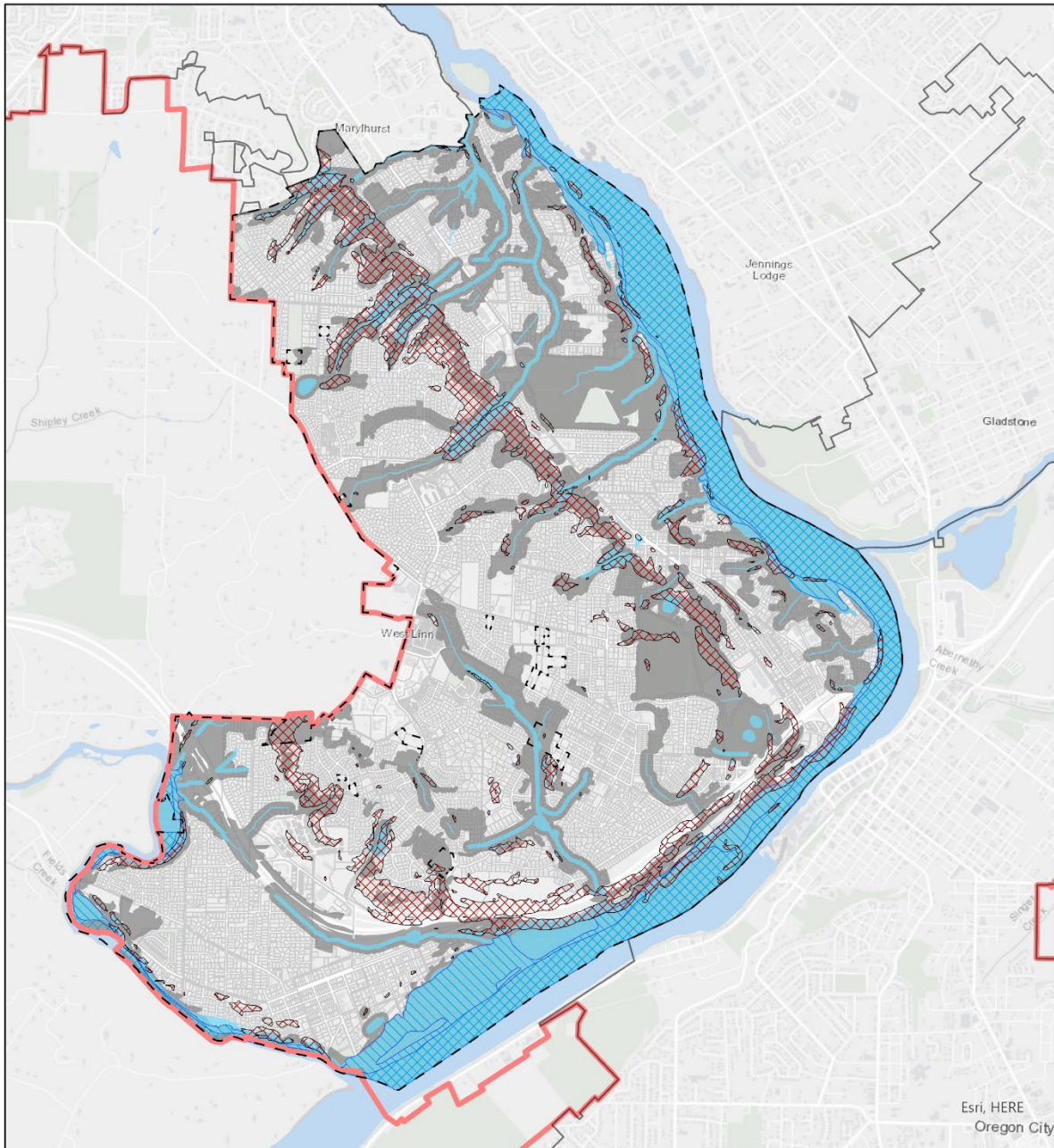
**TABLE 1: ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINT SUMMARY**

<b>Constraint</b>	<b>Total (acres) *</b>
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,811.4</i>
Steep Slopes	586.4
Floodway	511.9
Floodplain	216.6
Title 3	1,013.6
Title 13	2,482.9

\* Note: Total acres does not account for overlap among categories

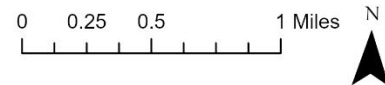


FIGURE 2. CONSTRAINTS MAP



### West Linn BLI: Constraints

West Linn City Limits	Taxlot	Title 3
Metro Cities	Steep Slope (>25%)	Title 13
UGB	Floodplain	Floodway



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## STEP 2 - CLASSIFICATION OF LAND

For the purpose of this analysis, residential land is identified as the following:

- Lands identified as a residential zone in the City's Zoning Code. These include:
  - o Single-Family Detached (R-40, R-20, R-15, R-10, LD<sup>2</sup>)
  - o Single-Family Detached and Attached/Duplex (R-7, R-5, R-4.5)
  - o Single-Family and Multiple-Family (R-3, R-2.1)

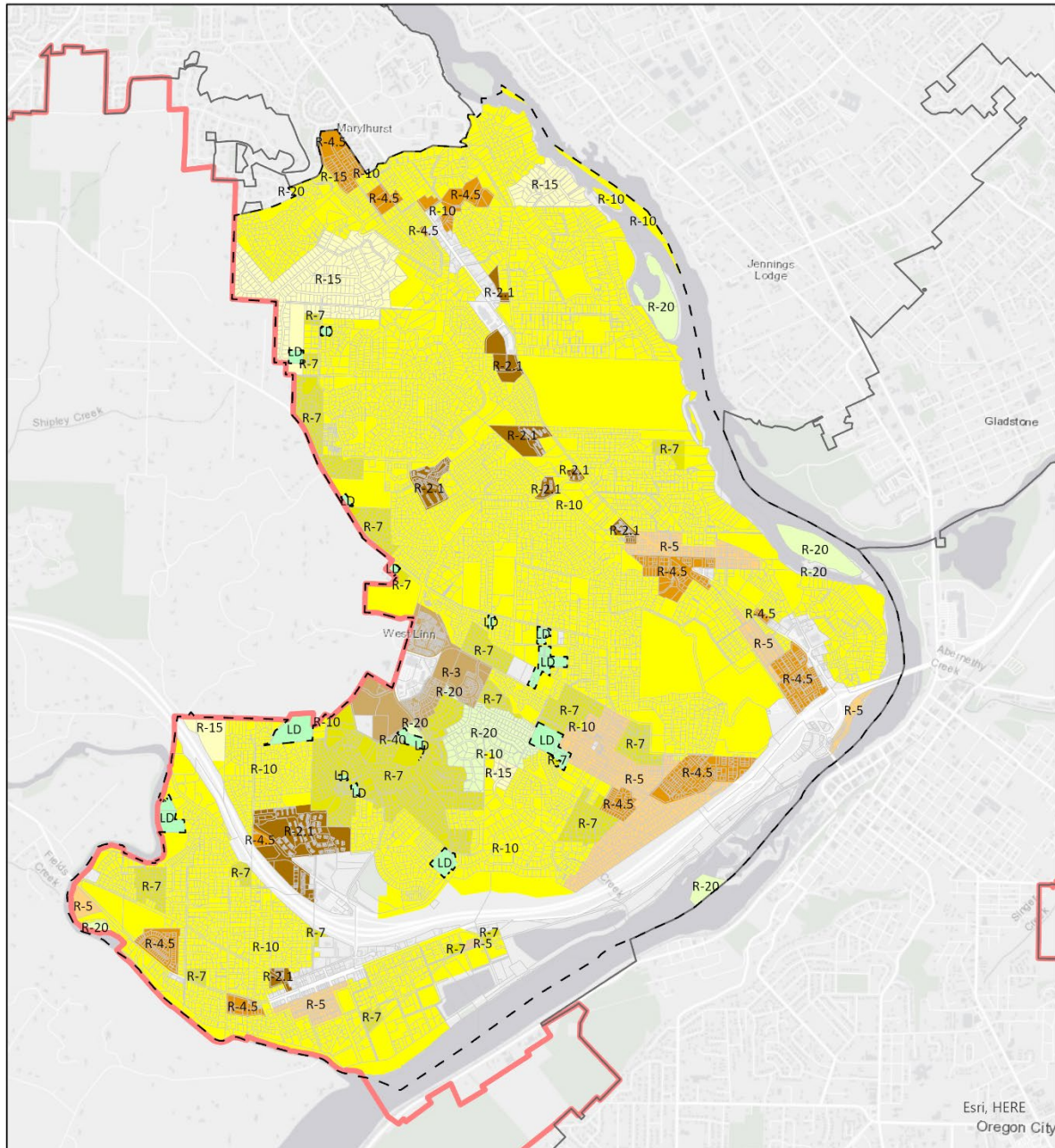
Land zoned for other uses (commercial, industrial, open space, etc.) is excluded. Although the City's zoning code allows for limited residential uses in other, non-residential zones, it is not the primary purpose of these zones and there is no guarantee that land so designated will be used for residential purposes. The City's residential zones are shown in Figure 3.

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<sup>2</sup> LD is the City's Low Density Comprehensive Plan designation, which for the purposes of this analysis, only apply to the unincorporated islands within the City that do not yet have a zoning designation.

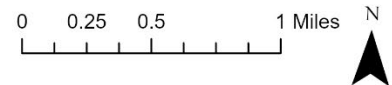


FIGURE 3: RESIDENTIAL ZONES IN WEST LINN



West Linn BLI: Residential Zones

[ - - - ]	West Linn City Limits	Residential Zone	[ Yellow ]	R-10	[ Orange ]	R-4.5	[ Light Green ]	LD
[ Solid ]	Metro Cities	[ Olive ]	R-40	[ Yellow-Green ]	R-7	[ Tan ]	R-3	
[ Red Outline ]	UGB	[ Light Yellow ]	R-20	[ Orange-Yellow ]	R-5	[ Brown ]	R-2.1	
[ Thin Grey ]	Taxlot	[ Yellow ]	R-15					



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Table 2 summarizes the amount of residentially zoned and land that is constrained. There is a total of 3,499 acres of residential land within the City. As shown, R-10 represents a significant portion of all residential land within the City at approximately 2,528 acres (approximately 72% of residential land).

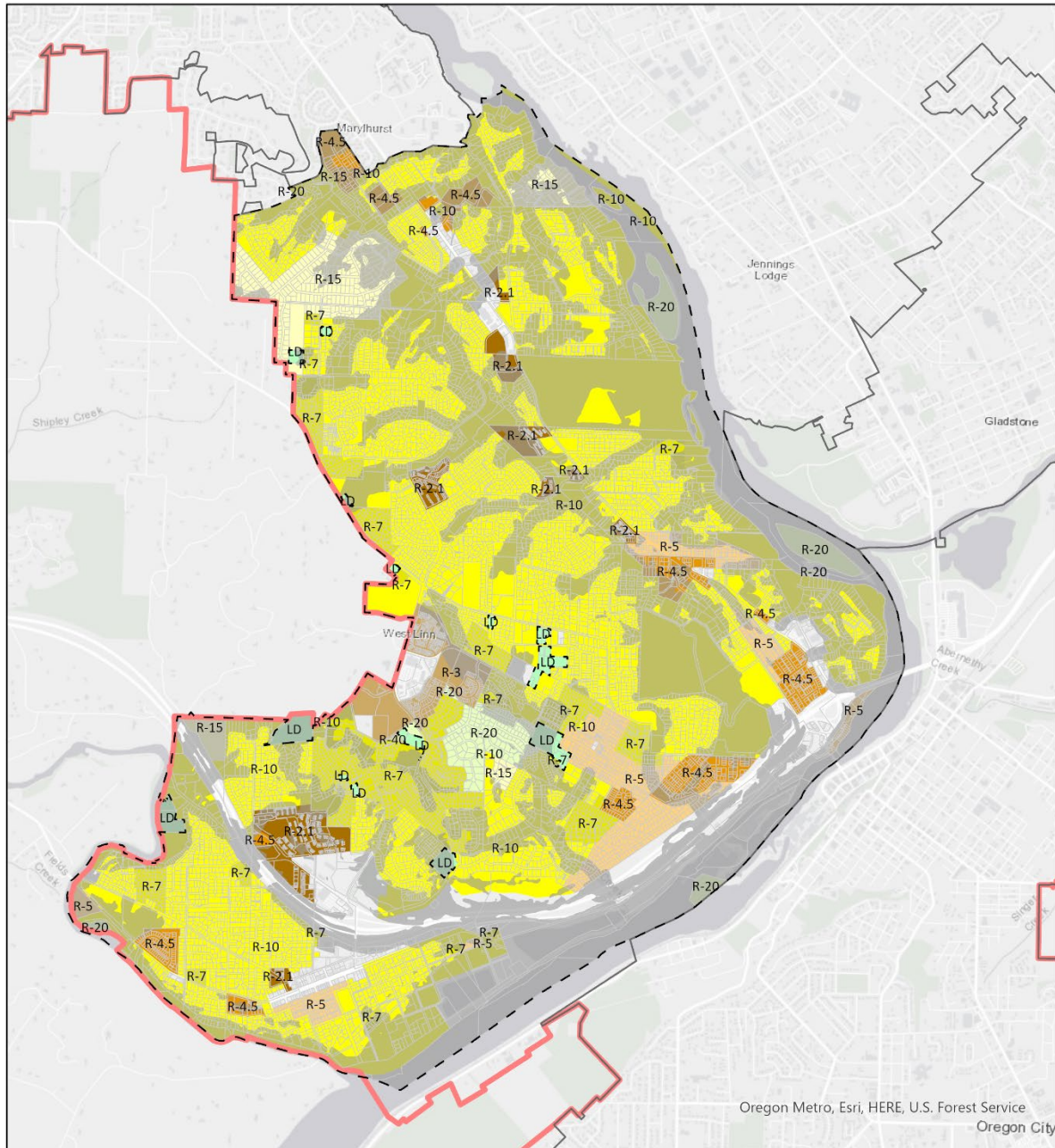
Most zones have a significant amount of natural resource constrained area relative to their total area, with R-20, R-15, R-10, and R-2.1 all showing nearly half their land as constrained. Every residential zone's constrained land represents at least 20% of the zone's entire land base (aside from R-40), while nearly half the City's residential land has some constraint on it (1,701 acres). Note that this table accounts for overlapping constraints, thus includes fewer constrained acres than shown in Table 1.

**TABLE 2: GROSS ACREAGE IN RESIDENTIAL LAND INVENTORY**

<b>Zone/Comp Plan</b>	<b>Constrained (acres)</b>	<b>Unconstrained (acres)</b>	<b>Total (acres)</b>
R-40	0.0	0.9	0.9
R-20	60.0	43.0	103.0
R-15	80.2	86.4	166.6
R-10	1,344.2	1,184.0	2,528.2
R-7	72.0	193.4	265.4
R-5	33.5	101.9	135.5
R-4.5	56.9	70.5	127.4
R-3	14.7	55.0	69.7
R-2.1	39.7	62.9	102.6
LD	32.9	25.8	58.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,734.1</b>	<b>1,823.8</b>	<b>3,557.9</b>

Residential land classifications with constraints overlaid are shown in Figure 4. Consistent with the table and figures above, a substantial portion of constrained appears in R-10 areas, which represents most of the City's residential land overall.

FIGURE 4. RESIDENTIAL ZONES AND CONSTRAINTS



West Linn BLI: Residential Zones and Constraints



West Linn City Limits	Constraints	<b>Residential Zone</b>	R-10	R-3
Metro Cities		R-4.5	R-7	R-2.1
UGB		R-20	R-5	LD
Taxlot		R-15	R-4.5	

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## STEP 3 - DEVELOPMENT STATUS

Each residential tax lot within the West Linn city limits has a “development status” of either vacant, infill, committed, or developed. These designations are based on County tax assessor’s data, aerial photography, and staff input. Criteria for these categories follows the Metro UGR methodology and are described below.

### DEVELOPMENT STATUS FOR RESIDENTIAL TAX LOTS

- **Vacant** – Vacant tax lots have no existing development, as identified by assessor data or the Metro RLIS Developed GIS layer. Vacant tax lots are identified as follows:
  - Any tax lot that is fully vacant, based on Metro aerial photo.
  - Tax lot with less than 2,000 sq. ft. developed AND developed portion is under 10% of the entire tax lot area.
  - Tax lots that are 95% or more “vacant” from the GIS vacant land inventory.
- **Infill** – These tax lots have existing single-family and meet the following criteria:
  - Lot size threshold > 2.5 times the minimum zoned lot size and less than \$300,000 in improvement/building values.
  - Any parcel that is > 5 times the minimum zones lot size, regardless of property value.
- **Committed** – These properties include parcels in common ownership (e.g., homeowners’ association common areas), are in private and public rights-of-way, and/or are designated or planned for other public facilities (e.g., schools, parks, water treatment facilities, etc.), and are assumed to be unavailable for additional residential uses. They are also properties under 1,000 square feet. The RLIS datasets for schools and Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Areas (ORCA) are the primary datasets used to identify committed parcels.
- **Developed** – Tax lots with this designation are assumed to be fully developed and unavailable for additional uses. Any tax lot that was not previously identified as vacant, infill, or committed was assumed to be developed.<sup>3</sup>

Table 3 summarizes the number of tax lots within each development status category by the respective zoning designation. As shown in the table, there is an estimated 614 vacant or infill tax lots within the City (approximately 6% of residentially zoned tax lots).

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<sup>3</sup> Developed lots were assessed for redevelopment in multifamily zones using the Metro UGR methodology. This approach assumes that a total real market property value (RMV) to property area ratio below a certain threshold has a high redevelopment probability. The Metro UGR method uses a \$10/sqft threshold, or “strike price”, for suburban areas, which includes West Linn. There are no multi-family properties in the City that are below the \$10/sqft strike price. Therefore there are no properties in the City that meet “redevelopment” development status criteria.

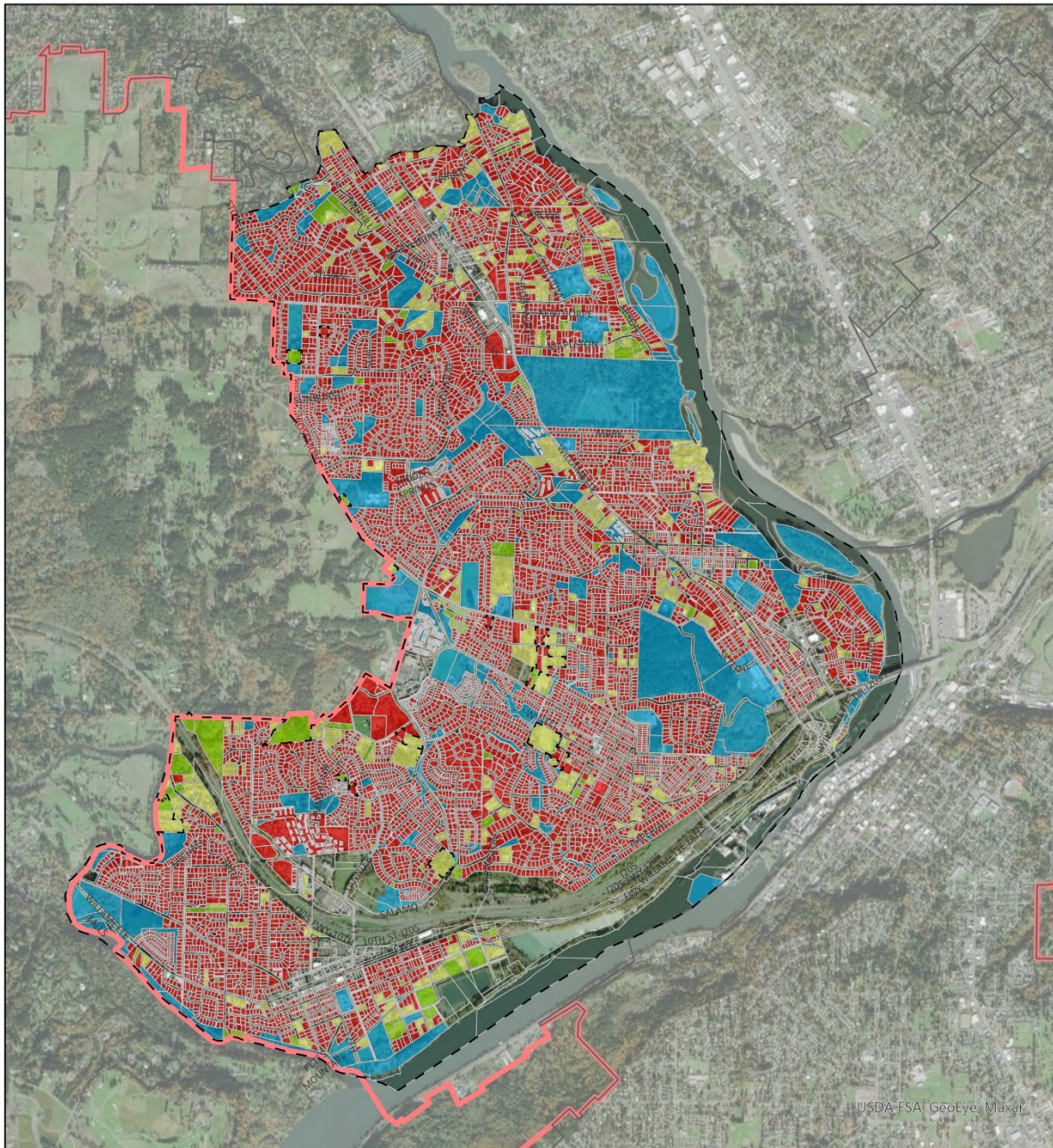
**TABLE 3. NUMBER OF TAX LOTS BY DEVELOPMENT STATUS AND ZONE**

<b>Zoning/ Comp Plan</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Infill<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Committed</b>	<b>Developed</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
R-40	--	--	--	1	1
R-20	1	--	15	139	155
R-15	9	5	5	296	315
R-10	219	209	254	5,337	6,019
R-7	17	11	54	1,082	1,164
R-5	31	29	51	615	726
R-4.5	28	31	38	445	542
R-3	--	--	22	312	334
R-2.1	--	5	687	244	936
LD	12	7	--	19	38
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>1,126</b>	<b>8,490</b>	<b>10,230</b>

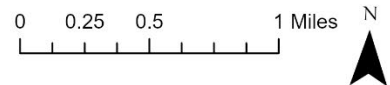
Figure 5 illustrates the location and development status of tax lots within the City. As shown, most of the area is developed throughout the City. New residential development opportunities in the City are sparse, with vacant and infill lots scattered throughout the City and a few small, concentrated pockets of vacant lots along the fringes.

<sup>4</sup> The infill estimation based on the Metro UGR methodology may overestimate the number of lots that are likely to redevelop or add capacity during the planning period. This BLI analysis identified a number of small lots that fit the Metro UGR infill criteria but that appear to be unlikely to experience additional development within the next 20 years, given the size of the lot, the value of the home, and/or the placement of the existing home on the lot. The Metro UGR criteria applies to the whole region, and therefore may overestimate infill capacity for smaller jurisdictions with less development pressure.

FIGURE 5. DEVELOPMENT STATUS



### West Linn BLI: Development Status



Development Status	
West Linn City Limits	Vacant
Metro Cities	Infill
UGB	Committed
Taxlot	Developed

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## STEP 4 - DETERMINE DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY

The capacity of developable residential land is estimated based on the City's zoning provisions of the West Linn Development Code. Buildable land is the unconstrained acreage minus the assumed future right-of-way (ROW) dedication to accommodate dwelling units (e.g. streets). Consistent with Metro UGR methods, ROW dedication removal from unconstrained acreage was determined from the following sliding scale:

- Tax lots under 3/8 acre, assume 0% set aside for future streets.
- Tax lots between 3/8 acre and 1 acre, assume a 10% set aside for future streets.
- Tax lots greater than an acre, assume an 18.5% set aside for future streets.

Assumed densities for each zone were determined by the minimum lot sizes shown in Table 4, coupled with data related to the density of previously permitted developments, and an assumption that future densities are likely to be marginally higher based on allowed middle housing types in these zones.

**TABLE 4: RESIDENTIAL AREAS, MINIMUM LOT SIZE, AND DENSITY ASSUMPTION**

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Minimum Lot Size(s) (square feet)</b>	<b>Density Assumption</b>	<b>Current Density Provisions</b>
Single-Family Detached (R-40)	SFR – 40,000	1.2 DU/acre	1.1 DU/acre
Single-Family Detached (R-20)	SFR – 20,000	2.5 DU/acre	2.18 DU/acre
Single-Family Detached (R-15)	SFR – 15,000	3.5 DU/acre	2.9 DU/acre
Single-Family Detached (R-10)	SFR – 10,000	5 DU/acre	4.35 DU/acre
Single-Family Detached and Attached (R-7)	SFR – 7,000, SFR Attached – 5,500	6.5 DU/acre	6.2 DU/acre
Single-Family Detached and Attached/Duplex (R-5)	SFR – 5,000, SFR Attached – 4,500	9 DU/acre	8.7 DU/acre
Single-Family Attached and Detached Duplex (R-4.5)	SFR – 4,500, SFR Attached – 4,000	10 DU/acre	9.68 DU/acre
Single-Family and Multiple-Family (R-3)	SRR (detached and attached) – 3,000, MFR – 3,000 per unit	14 DU/acre	14.5 DU/acre
Single-Family and Multiple-Family R-2.1	SFR – 4,000, SFR Attached – 2,700, MFR – 2,100	20 DU/acre	20.74 DU/acre
Low Density (LD)	N/A	5 DU/acre	N/A

The housing capacity was estimated by multiplying the assumed density by the estimated buildable acreage for each zone. Additionally, housing capacity for each parcel was rounded to the nearest whole number. Specifically, all parcels with a calculated capacity greater than one unit were rounded down, while those calculated to be less than one unit were rounded up. As previously mentioned, every lot that is fully constrained is assumed to accommodate at least one unit, consistent with Metro UGR methodology. This approach assumes that every vacant or infill parcel can accommodate at least one unit. The buildable acreage is shown in Table 5, and the estimated housing capacity is shown in Table 6. Housing capacity estimates are mapped in Figure 6.

**TABLE 5: ESTIMATED BUILDABLE ACRES BY DEVELOPMENT STATUS AND ZONE**

<b>Residential Area</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Infill<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
R-40	--	--	--
R-20	0.0	--	0.0
R-15	6.0	1.2	7.2
R-10	30.8	102.9	133.7
R-7	3.5	10.3	13.8
R-5	3.0	9.2	12.2
R-4.5	2.7	10.9	13.6
R-3	--	--	--
R-2.1	--	1.9	1.9
LD	6.8	10.4	17.2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>146.9</b>	<b>199.7</b>

**TABLE 6: HOUSING UNIT CAPACITY ESTIMATE AND DENSITY ASSUMPTIONS<sup>6</sup>**

<b>Residential Area</b>	<b>Assumed Density</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Infill<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
R-40	1.2 DU/acre	--	--	--
R-20	2.5 DU/acre	1	--	1
R-15	3.5 DU/acre	25	5	30
R-10	5 DU/acre	254	473	727
R-7	6.5 DU/acre	26	63	89
R-5	9 DU/acre	34	71	105
R-4.5	10 DU/acre	33	101	134
R-3	14 DU/acre	--	--	--
R-2.1	20 DU/acre	--	36	36
LD	5 DU/acre	33	50	83
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>1,205</b>

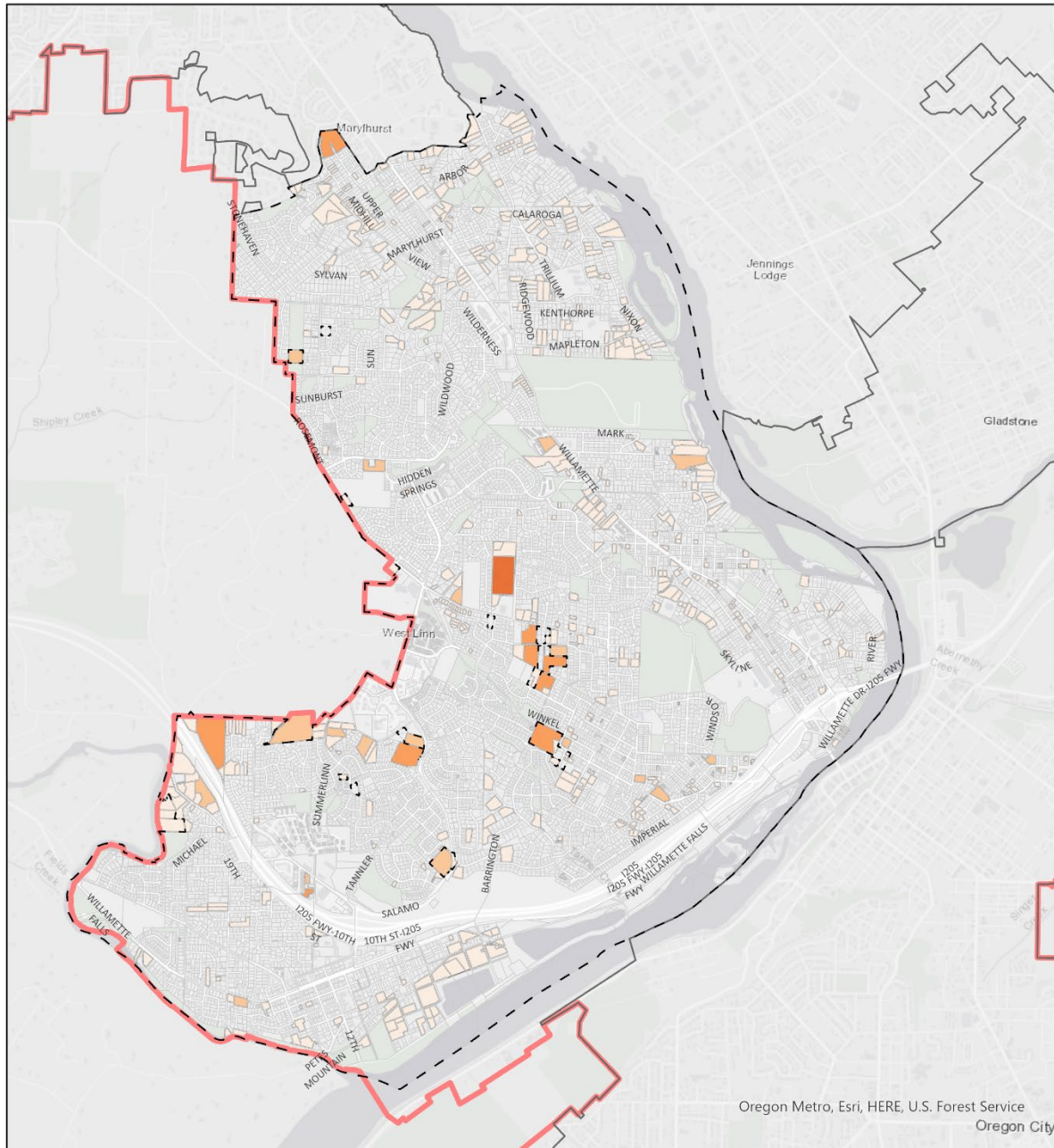
<sup>5</sup> See footnote 3 on page 12 regarding potential infill capacity.

<sup>6</sup> There are minor discrepancies between some of these figures and the product of multiplying the buildable acreage (Table 5) for some zones with their corresponding assumed density. This is because multiplying each zone's total buildable acreage with its assumed density does not account each parcel's rounding to the nearest whole number, which was discussed in the Step 4 methodology.

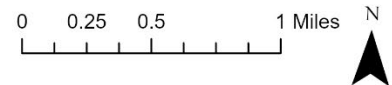
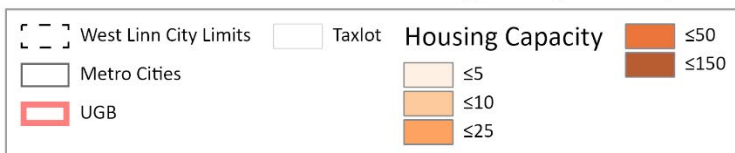
<sup>7</sup> See footnotes 3 and 4.



FIGURE 6: ESTIMATED HOUSING UNIT CAPACITY



### West Linn BLI: Housing Capacity



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## Goal 10 - HOUSING

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### BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS

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Having affordable, quality housing in safe neighborhoods with access to community services is essential for all Oregonians. Like other cities in Oregon, the City of West Linn is responsible for helping to ensure that its residents have access to a variety of housing types that meet the housing needs of households and residents of all incomes, ages and specific needs. Towards that end, the City has undertaken and will continue to implement and update a variety of activities to meet current and future housing needs:

- Conduct and periodically update an analysis of current and future housing conditions and needs. The City most recently conducted this analysis in 2021. The results are summarized in this element of the Comprehensive Plan and described in more detail in a supporting Housing and Residential Land Need Assessment Report.
- Conduct and periodically update an inventory of buildable residential land to ensure that the City has an adequate supply of land zoned for residential use to meet projected future needs. The City most recently conducted this analysis in 2021. The results are summarized in this element of the Comprehensive Plan and described in more detail in a supporting Buildable Lands Inventory Report.
- Adopt a set of amended housing-related Comprehensive Plan policies to address future housing needs and continue to update them, as needed.
- Regularly update and apply regulations in the City's Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances to meet housing needs identified in the Comprehensive Plan and supporting documents.
- Implement additional strategies to address housing needs in partnership with state and county agencies and other housing organizations. Potential strategies are described in more detail in a Housing Strategies Report prepared as part of the Housing Capacity Analysis in 2020-2021.
- Coordinate with Metro and other surrounding jurisdictions regarding future amendments to the Portland Metro area urban growth boundary.

West Linn is a City of 27,420 people (in 2022) located in Clackamas County on the southern edge of the Portland metropolitan area. Based on estimated population, West Linn is the 20th largest city in the state by population, similar in size to other regional cities such as Tualatin, Wilsonville, and Forest Grove. The City has grown by over 3,700 people since 2000 or 17%. As of 2020, the city has an estimated 9,948 households. Since 2000, West Linn has added an estimated 2,200 households. This is an average of roughly 110 households annually during this period. The growth since 2000 has outpaced the growth in new housing units, which have been permitted at the rate of roughly 90 units per year, with the majority being single-family detached homes.

There has been a general trend in Oregon and nationwide towards declining household size as birth rates have fallen, more people have chosen to live alone, and the Baby Boomers have

become empty nesters. While this trend of diminishing household size is expected to continue nationwide, there are limits to how far the average can fall. West Linn’s average household size of 2.6 people is similar to the Clackamas County average and slightly higher than the statewide average of 2.5.

In addition, between 2000 and 2020, middle-aged cohorts generally decreased as share of total population, while the share of older residents grew. This is in keeping with the national trend caused by the aging of the Baby Boom generation. Overall, West Linn has a younger population than the county, with a greater share of children, but a smaller share of those aged 25 to 34 years. In 2018, the local median age in West Linn was 42 years old, compared to 38 years old in Oregon. Compared to state and national averages, West Linn has a higher share of households with children. At 16%, the share of population over 65 is similar to the state and national figures. West Linn is a relatively affluent community and its estimated median household income (\$104,061 in 2020) typically has been higher than in Clackamas County, and was almost double the statewide median in 2020. In 2020, 53% of households earned more than \$100,000, while only 23% of households earn less than \$50k per year.

Housing is generally one of a household’s largest living costs, if not the largest. The ability to find affordable housing options, and even build wealth through ownership, is one of the biggest contributors to helping lower income households save and build wealth. Over 24% of West Linn households pay more than 30% of income towards housing costs (American Community Survey 2018). Households with lower incomes tend to spend more than 30% of their income on housing, while incrementally fewer of those in higher income groups spend more than 30% of their incomes on housing costs.

Even if renting, lower housing costs allow for more household income to be put to other needs. Renters have disproportionately lower incomes relative to homeowners. Housing cost burdens are felt more broadly for these households. West Linn has an income distribution skewed towards higher income levels, there are relatively few households in these lower income segments, compared to most other cities, however, there is still a need for more affordable rental units in West Linn, as in most communities. For example, 52% of renters spending more than 30% of their income on gross rent, but an estimated 24% of renters are spending 50% or more of their income on housing and are considered severely rent-burdened.

West Linn had a housing vacancy rate of 5% (includes ownership and rental units) in 2020. The housing stock increased by roughly 20% between 2000 and 2020. West Linn had a much greater share of homeowner households than renter households. The 2018 American Community Survey estimates that 79% of occupied units were owner occupied, and only 21% renter occupied. The ownership rate has held steady since 2000 (78%). This is significantly higher than the estimated ownership rate across Clackamas County (69%) and statewide (61%).

A large share of owner-occupied units (90%) are detached homes, which is related to why owner-occupied units tend to have more bedrooms, compared to other community averages. Renter-occupied units are much more distributed among a range of structure types. About 32% of rented units are estimated to be detached homes or manufactured homes, while the remainder are some form of attached unit. An estimated 29% of rental units are in larger apartment complexes.

The future housing needs projection shows a need for 1,005 new housing units by 2040, which is less than the estimated total housing capacity of 1,205 units. Of the new units needed, roughly 68% are projected to be ownership units, while 32% are projected to be rental units. This represents more renters than the estimated tenure split, but it is projected that more rental units will need to be added to balance the larger share of ownership units in the current inventory.

While cities typically do not directly provide housing, they can influence a number of factors that impact the availability of housing. These can include the supply of available residential land; the availability of public services; development regulations (density and design), and support for low- and moderate-income housing through funding or incentives. The City also can assist in providing information to non-profit and private developers about housing opportunity sites, state and federal funding opportunities and design and development practices that promote construction of accessible, sustainable, attractive and affordable housing.

In the Portland metropolitan region, only land included in the Metro Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), an invisible line that separates resource land from presently developable areas, can be developed at residential densities requiring urban services. At the local level, each county and city must inventory its buildable land, which is defined as vacant and re-developable land suitable for residential use, to determine housing capacity. West Linn updated its buildable land inventory in 2020. Buildable land supply in West Linn shows adequate capacity for low-density housing, and medium-density housing, while the amount of land zoned for “high-density housing” is insufficient for the projected demand for high-density housing types. There is an estimated surplus of approximately 50 acres of land (equivalent to 300 dwelling units) for low and medium density housing and a projected deficit of 5 acres of land in this zone to accommodate the forecasted number of multi-family apartment units.

In addition, given the shortage of High-density Residential-zoned land in West Linn and recent changes to Development Code provisions, it becomes more likely that available land in lower-density zones may be developed with attached forms of housing, as other lands to accommodate these units is scarce. At the same time, there is capacity in the Medium Density Residential zones to accommodate demand for most of the attached types. The HCA shows a surplus of approximately 5 acres or 50 housing units for this type of housing. In addition, updates to the City’s development code adopted in 2022 to permit middle-housing types in all residential zones adds to the capacity for medium density housing.

- A number of state and regional policies also affect how West Linn plans for and encourages the production of housing. These include:
- House Bill 2003, passed in 2021, and related administrative rules requiring West Linn and other cities in the Portland Metro region to update their Housing Needs Analyses and adopt Housing Production Strategies every six years. Several other recent legislative actions related to housing allowed in commercial areas, conversion of motels to temporary housing, required density bonuses for affordable housing projects, and others also will affect the City’s approach to regulating specific types of housing.
- The Metro Urban Growth Management Functional Plan which also requires cities in the Metro area to determine its housing capacity and adopt minimum density requirements. West Linn must require that new developments be built at densities that are at least 80% of the maximum density allowed.

**House Bill 2001 (HB2001, 2019) and associated administrative rules require West Linn and other Metro-area cities to allow for additional housing types in low-density residential zones and the City already has adopted amendments to its Community Development Code to do this. This includes attached single-family homes (townhomes), duplex-to-fourplex, and compact small-unit “cottage cluster” developments. These amendments will increase the variety of housing that can be developed throughout the City. They also affect compliance with related state rules and regulations.**

Residential housing is the predominant land use in West Linn. Through the City's planning process, policies and programs are developed to maintain the existing housing stock and allocate vacant lands for future housing development. City policies and programs must also address a variety of issues, including:

- housing type, location, and density;
- affordability;
- housing for low and moderate income householders and housing for elderly and handicapped residents;
- housing rehabilitation;
- compatibility of new housing with existing land uses;
- functional and aesthetic design of multi-family developments;
- providing the opportunity for manufactured housing;
- preservation of historically significant residential structures; and,
- plan review costs.

The amount of housing needed in the City is directly related to the City's current and expected future population and the characteristics of its residents. As of July 1, 1999, the population of West Linn was 22,835. By the year 2017, the population is expected to grow to approximately 31,723, assuming 2.65 persons per household. The City will meet Metro's target of 3,226 new units in the time period between 1995 to 2017. During the five-year period of January 1995 to January 2000, 1,542 permits for new housing units were issued. As of January 2000, another 670 units were in the process of being approved and another 2,241 units could be accommodated on vacant or infill land. This equates to a buildout total of 11,971 units. This represents an average annual growth rate of approximately 1.8%. The City has enough land within the City limits and the remaining West Linn Planning Area (including areas within the Urban Growth Boundary, and contiguous to, but not within City limits) to accommodate this growth and to provide for a range of housing types, at a variety of price levels, and with a suitable mix of multi-family and single-family housing.

The number of housing units assumes development of buildable, vacant land at planned densities allowed by current zoning, as well as infill development on selected parcels that are partially vacant, and construction of some accessory dwelling units (Figure 10-1, p. H-6). Property constrained by steep slopes, located in the flood plain, and needed for roads or other public infrastructure is not included in the inventory of buildable land. Additional new units could be added to the forecast assuming codes are changed to allow for accessory dwelling units and plan policies encouraging greater redevelopment in community interest areas are implemented. Approximately 135 units would be reasonably accommodated as accessory dwelling units (i.e., small dwellings, typically for a

single person attached, or in close proximity to, and on the same lot as an existing house). Another 200 units also could be expected through redevelopment. West Linn has average population characteristics reflective of a middle class, suburban, predominantly white, upper middle income community. Average education levels are above the norm for the region, with over 80% of residents in 2000 having at least some college education (compared to just under 65% in the region). There are few minority residents in West Linn (less than 5% in 2000). West Linn has a high proportion of married couple households, with few female headed and non-related households. West Linn's median household income in 2000 was \$72,010 (compared to \$53,700 in the region). Per capita income for West Linn residents was \$20,168 in 1990 (compared to \$15,286 in the region). Approximately 3.2 percent of all families in West Linn had incomes below the poverty level in 1990 (compared to 7.1 percent in the region). Of these poor households, 73 were single female-headed households; 12 were single male-headed households, and 77 were families with two parents.

The household size of 3.2 people per family in 1970 has dropped to 2.9 in 1980, remained at this level through 1990, and dropped again to 2.7 in 2000. Regionally, the average household size is expected to decrease further to 2.6 by the year 2017. However, the ratio is expected to remain relatively constant in West Linn, given West Linn's typical family structure (i.e., a large proportion of married households with children and relatively few female-headed and nonrelated households). The percentage of owner-occupied units decreased from 80 percent in 1970 to 78 percent in 2000. This gradual shift from owner-occupied housing to renter-occupied housing is expected to continue. The percentage of single-family and multi-family housing units changed from 86% and 14%, respectively, in 1990, to 80% and 20% in 1999. From 1991 to 1998, 35% of all units constructed were multi-family.

Housing values in West Linn are comparable to other middle class suburban communities, though significantly higher than the regional average, with a median housing sales price of \$259,900 in 1999 (compared to a regional average of approximately \$144,000). For multi-family units, the median rent is higher in West Linn than in the region, though the difference is not as great as for single-family homes.

Housing affordability is an issue in West Linn. Affordable housing is defined as housing that is affordable to the majority of a city's residents – i.e., housing payments do not exceed 30% of a family's gross income. As noted above, West Linn has a higher median family income than the rest of the region. However, in 1990, 26 percent of families in the City paid more than 30% of their income for housing (including 47% of all renters and 20% of all homeowners). In 2000 this number remained at 26% (including 34% of renters and 24% of homeowners).

The housing element recognizes the value of historic district structures and landmarks. The Willamette Historic District area includes the early subdivision platted in Linn City. It includes small businesses and Victorian and bungalow styled homes built between 1890 and 1920. Today, Willamette remains a pleasant neighborhood with streets lined with picket fences, intricate architectural details, bay windows, decorative gables, wrap-around porches, and steeply pitched roofs to remind residents and visitors of Willamette's heritage. A number of homes in this neighborhood, and elsewhere in the City, have been designated as historic landmarks.

In 2000, the disabled population in West Linn accounted for approximately nine percent of the total population (representing an increase from six percent in the 1980 and 1990 censuses). This includes people who have physical, mental, or developmental disabilities. Some special services for the

disabled and residential care facilities are located in the City and a wide range of regional programs and services also are available to residents of West Linn through county agencies in Oregon City, Gladstone, and Marylhurst.

In 2000, the senior population of West Linn over 65 years of age accounted for 7.7% of the total city population. This percentage has increased from the 6.2% figure recorded in the 1980 census.

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## GOALS, POLICIES, AND RECOMMENDED ACTION MEASURES

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**Goals, Policies, and Recommended Action Measures are to address the housing needs identified in West Linn. In addition to ensuring consistency with regional, state and federal requirements, these aim to support partnerships among housing providers and stakeholders in West Linn and to promote opportunities for a wide range of housing choices, efficient land use, and development of housing affordable to people with low and moderate incomes.**

### Goals

1. Preserve **and provide a high level of residential livability** while also considering the character and identity of established neighborhoods **in balance with other local goals, as well as state and regional requirements.**
2. Assure good functional and aesthetic design of ~~multi-family and clustered single-family~~ **all residential** developments.
3. **Provide opportunities for a variety of housing types at a range of price levels to accommodate the diverse housing needs of current and future residents.**
34. Encourage the development of affordable housing for West Linn residents of all income levels, **especially including for low- and moderate-income households.**

### Policies

1. **Support Statewide Planning Goal 10 by ensuring for the availability of adequate numbers of needed housing units.**
2. Ensure that the Comprehensive Plan **and Community Development Code** is consistent with **federal, state, and regional housing rules and policies.** ~~LCDC's Metropolitan Housing regulations.~~
3. Provide the opportunity for development of detached and attached single-family units, duplexes, **triplexes, quadplexes, cottage clusters,** garden apartments, town houses, row houses, multiplex units and boarding houses, lodging or rooming houses, and manufactured housing.

4. **Provide the opportunity for a wider range of rental and ownership housing choices in West Linn.**
5. Allow manufactured housing, subject to state building code requirements, in all residential zones.
6. Require design review approval for all multi-family developments and manufactured home parks.
7. Allow for flexibility in lot design, size, and building placement to promote housing variety and protection of natural resources.
8. Allow accessory dwelling units, subject to City development and building regulations, in all residential zones.
9. Preserve and enhance, through design review, the Historic District in Willamette and landmark structures throughout the City.
10. Adhere to clear and objective standards to promote timely and predictable plan review.
11. ~~Encourage new housing to incorporate the following design elements (except in the case of infill lots, where existing patterns shall take precedence):~~
  - a. ~~Location of garages behind the primary building line of a house, side loading garages, or garages in the rear; and,~~
  - b. ~~Provisions for front porches.~~
12. Encourage use of energy efficient building materials and practices in the design, construction, and remodeling of housing.
13. Encourage installation of fire prevention equipment, such as sprinklers, in new developments and implement sprinkler requirements for multi-family construction.
14. **Continue to maintain and expand partnerships with non-profit housing developers and other affordable housing providers and agencies that preserve or provide new low- to moderate-income housing units, create opportunities for first-time homeownership, and help vulnerable homeowners stay in their homes.**
15. **Work with other jurisdictions, Clackamas County, Metro, and the State to identify the region's housing needs and pursue a shared approach to improve housing affordability across all household income ranges.**
16. **Encourage residential uses mixed with other compatible uses in the same building or on the same site within the City's mixed-use zones.**
17. **Employ strategies that support the Fair Housing Act and affirmatively further fair housing.**



18. The City shall prepare, regularly monitor, and periodically update an inventory of buildable residential land.
19. Encourage maintenance and rehabilitation of the existing housing stock and support local or regional programs that help provide funding for this purpose.

## **Recommended Action Measures**

1. Evaluate how West Linn can meet its share of the regional need for affordable housing.
2. Identify ~~constitutionally justifiable~~ measures, **policies, and programs** to encourage **the development** ~~provision~~ of affordable housing **projects**.
3. Determine costs of providing or subsidizing affordable housing. ~~Consider citizen referendum on whether the City should be subsidizing “affordable housing.” A referendum could be a non-binding advisory vote.~~

**4. Regularly update the City’s buildable land inventory.**

**5. Complete a Housing Production Strategy and regularly update the strategy to address community need and priorities.**

**6. Review the City’s System Development Charges (SDC) structure and consider tiered fees based on home size and affordability targets.**

**7. Coordinate with the Housing Authority of Clackamas County, private non-profit housing providers, and other federal, state, and regional agencies for the provision of affordable housing programs.**

**8. Encourage the development of affordable housing when opportunities arise to redevelop publicly owned properties.**

**9. Engage West Linn residents in public policy decisions, programs, and projects to improve neighborhood quality of life.**

**10. Evaluate policies and programs, such as density transfers and allowance of smaller lot sizes, to protect natural areas and significant trees and tree groves.**

**EXHIBIT PC-2 – ORDINANCE 1748**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1748**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT OF WEST LINN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF OREGON HOUSE BILL 2003**

Annotated to show ~~deletions~~ and additions to the code sections being modified. Deletions are ~~bold lined through~~ and additions are bold underlined.

**WHEREAS**, Chapter II, Section 4, of the West Linn City Charter provides: Powers of the City. The City shall have all powers which the Constitution, statutes and common law of the United States and of this State now or hereafter expressly or implied grant or allow the City, as fully as though this Charter specifically enumerated each of those powers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, in response to the state’s housing crisis, the Oregon Legislature enacted House Bill 2003 to require communities to address needed housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 West Linn Housing Capacity Analysis showed the City was five-acres deficient in multi-family residential zoned buildable land to accommodate projected housing needs in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon Revised Statute 197.297 requires the City to rectify the deficiency of multi-family residential zoned buildable land as part of House Bill 2003 implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Linn Planning Commission held three work sessions on April 5, 2023, June 21, 2023, and July 19, 2023 to discuss proposed House Bill 2003 amendments, including the proposed West Linn Comprehensive Plan Map amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owner was consulted and supports the amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Linn Planning Commission held a public hearing, which was noticed in accordance with City standards, on August 16, 2023, and recommended approval of the proposed West Linn Comprehensive Plan Map amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Linn City Council held a public hearing, which was noticed in accordance with City standards, on October 9, 2023, to consider the Planning Commission recommendation, receive public testimony, and evaluate the decision-making criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council’s decision is based on the findings contained in these Whereas Clauses, together with findings, conclusions, and substantial evidence found in the associated land use record file PLN-23-01, which is incorporated by this reference.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WEST LINN ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. West Linn Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment.** The West Linn Comprehensive Plan Map shall be amended as depicted in Exhibit A.

The following properties shall be included in the Medium-High Density Residential Plan Designation: 1200 Tamarisk Drive (2S 1E 34A 00600 and 2S 1E 34A 00700)

**SECTION 2. Severability.** The sections, subsections, paragraphs, and clauses of this ordinance are severable. The invalidity of one section, subsection, paragraph, or clause shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, paragraphs, and clauses.

**SECTION 3. Savings.** Notwithstanding this amendment/repeal, the City ordinances in existence at the time any criminal or civil enforcement actions were commenced shall remain valid and in full force and effect for purposes of all cases filed or commenced during the times said ordinance(s) or portions of the ordinance were operative. This section simply clarifies the existing situation that nothing in this Ordinance affects the validity of prosecutions commenced and continued under the laws in effect at the time the matters were originally filed.

**SECTION 4. Codification.** Provisions of this Ordinance shall be incorporated in the City Code and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "code", "article", "section", "chapter" or another word, and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered, or re-lettered, provided however that any Whereas clauses and boilerplate provisions (i.e. Sections 2-4) need not be codified and the City Recorder or his/her designee is authorized to correct any cross-references and any typographical errors.

**SECTION 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after its passage.

The foregoing ordinance was first read by title only in accordance with Chapter VIII, Section 33(c) of the City Charter on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, and duly PASSED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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RORY BIALOSTOSKY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

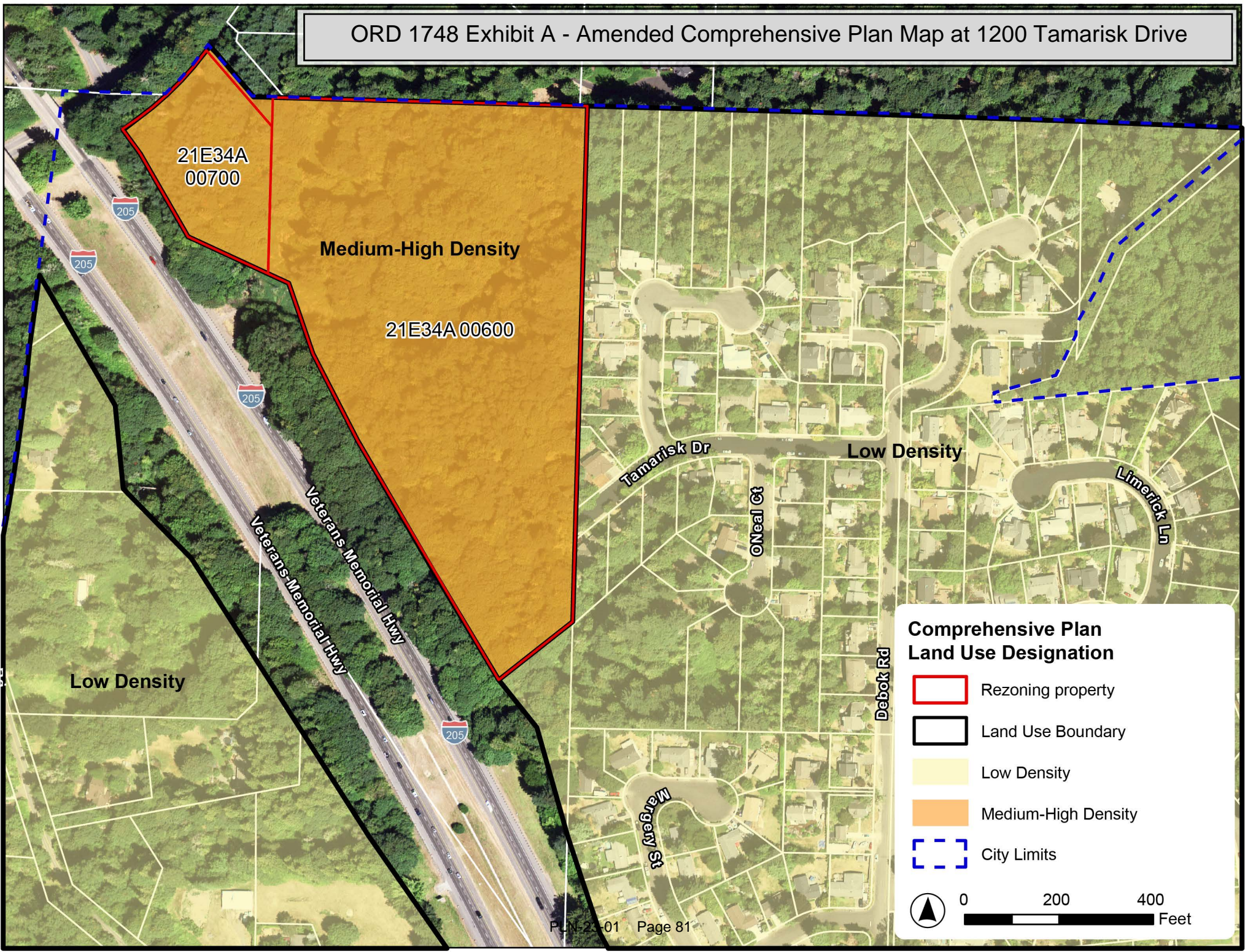
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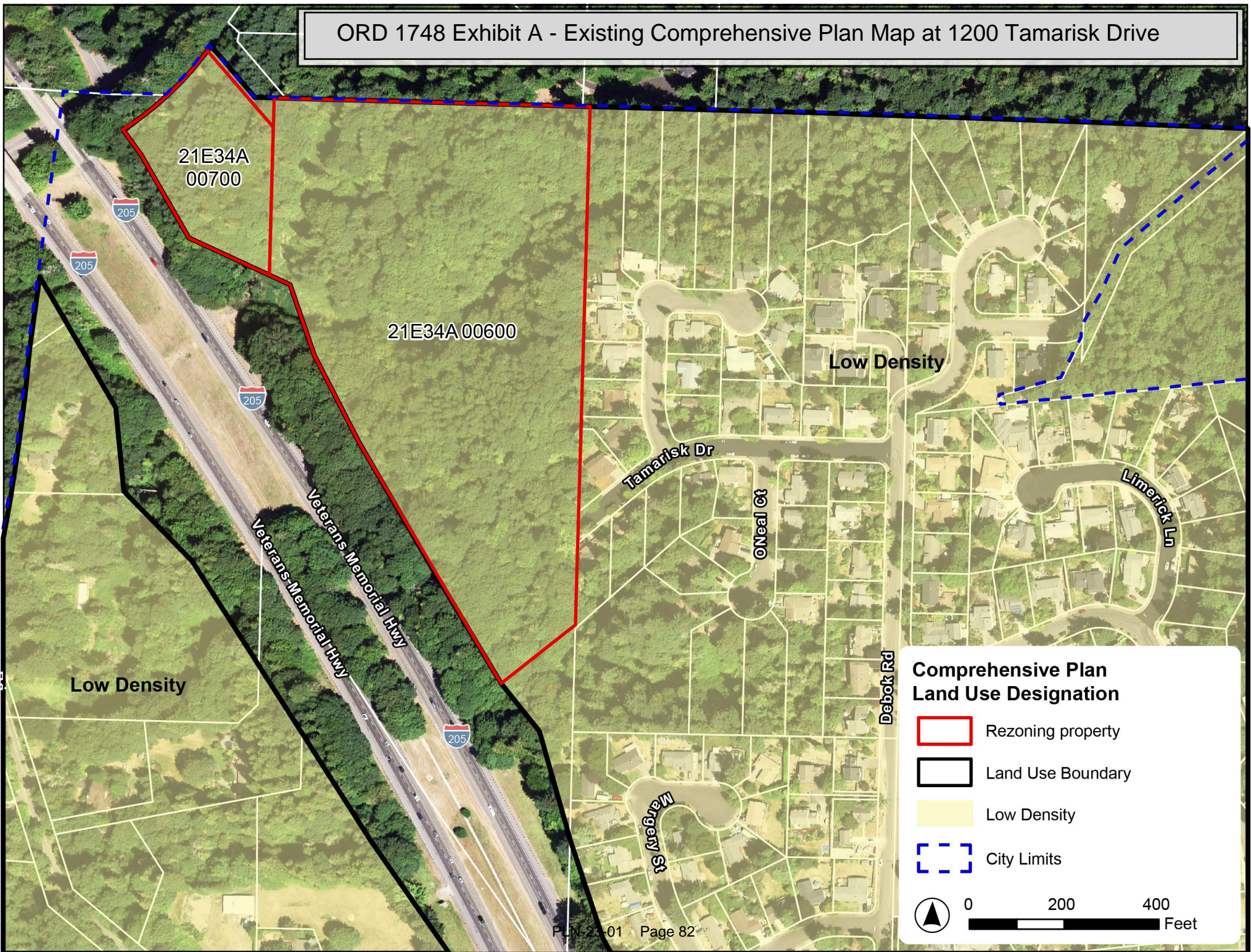


ORD 1748 Exhibit A - Amended Comprehensive Plan Map at 1200 Tamarisk Drive










ORD 1748 Exhibit A - Existing Comprehensive Plan Map at 1200 Tamarisk Drive



**Comprehensive Plan  
Land Use Designation**

-  Rezoning property
-  Land Use Boundary
-  Low Density
-  City Limits

 0 200 400 Feet



**EXHIBIT PC-3 – ORDINANCE 1749**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1749**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT OF WEST LINN ZONING MAP TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF OREGON HOUSE BILL 2003**

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**WHEREAS**, the City identified two properties that were never zoned after annexation in 1998 and two properties with zoning that does not align with the West Linn Comprehensive Plan Map designation; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Linn Planning Commission held three work sessions on April 5, 2023, June 21, 2023, and July 19, 2023 to discuss proposed House Bill 2003 amendments, including the proposed West Linn Zoning Map amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owners were consulted and support the zoning amendments; and

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1200 Tamarisk Drive (2S 1E 34A 00600 and 2S 1E 34A 00700)

The following properties shall be included in the R-7, Residential Zone:  
3637/3939 Parker Road (2S 1E 25CB 03500 and 2S 1E 25CB 03600)

The following properties shall be included in the R-4.5, Residential Zone:  
4100 Norfolk Street (2S 1E 36BA 08100 and 2S 1E 36BA 08000)

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RORY BIALOSTOSKY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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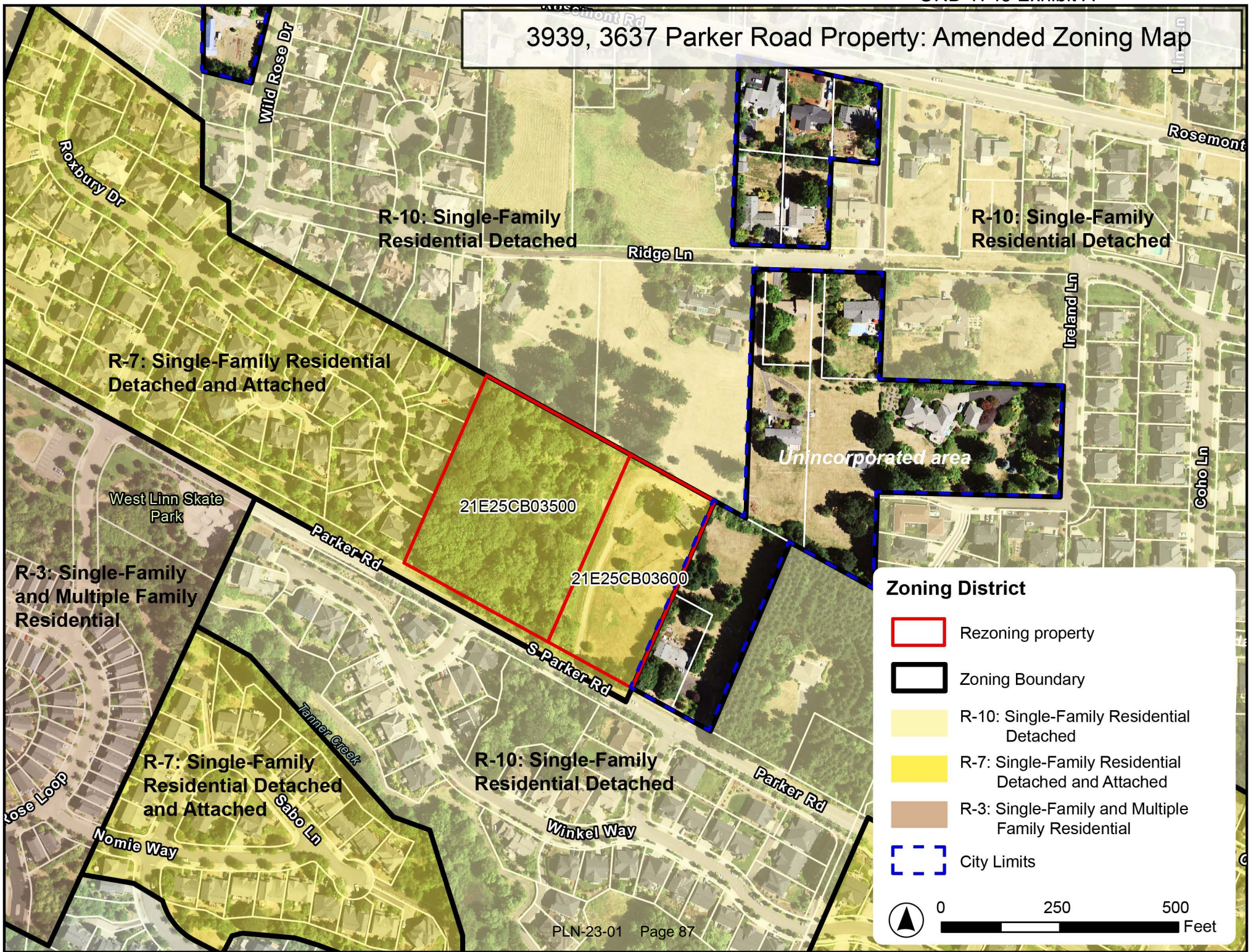
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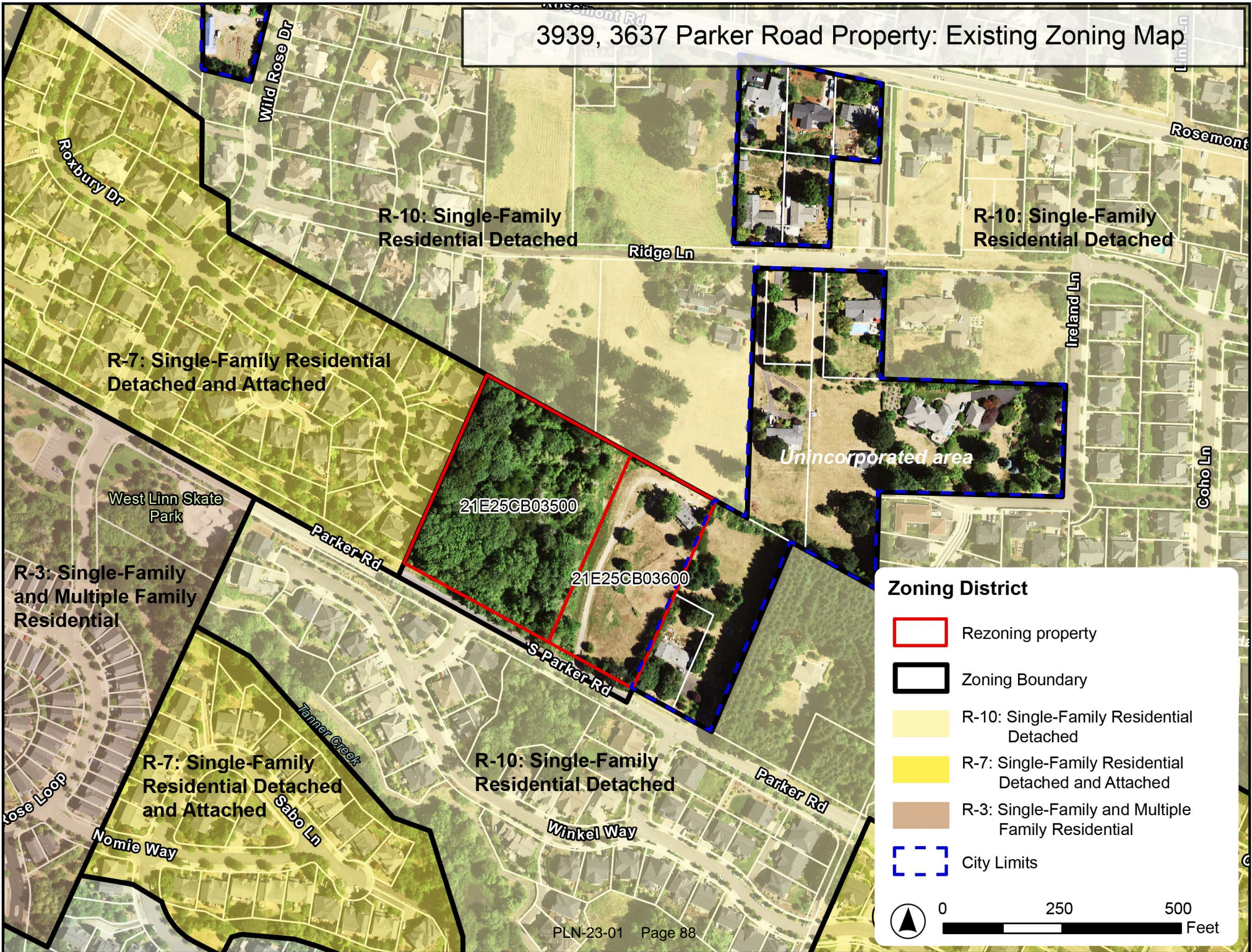


# 3939, 3637 Parker Road Property: Amended Zoning Map



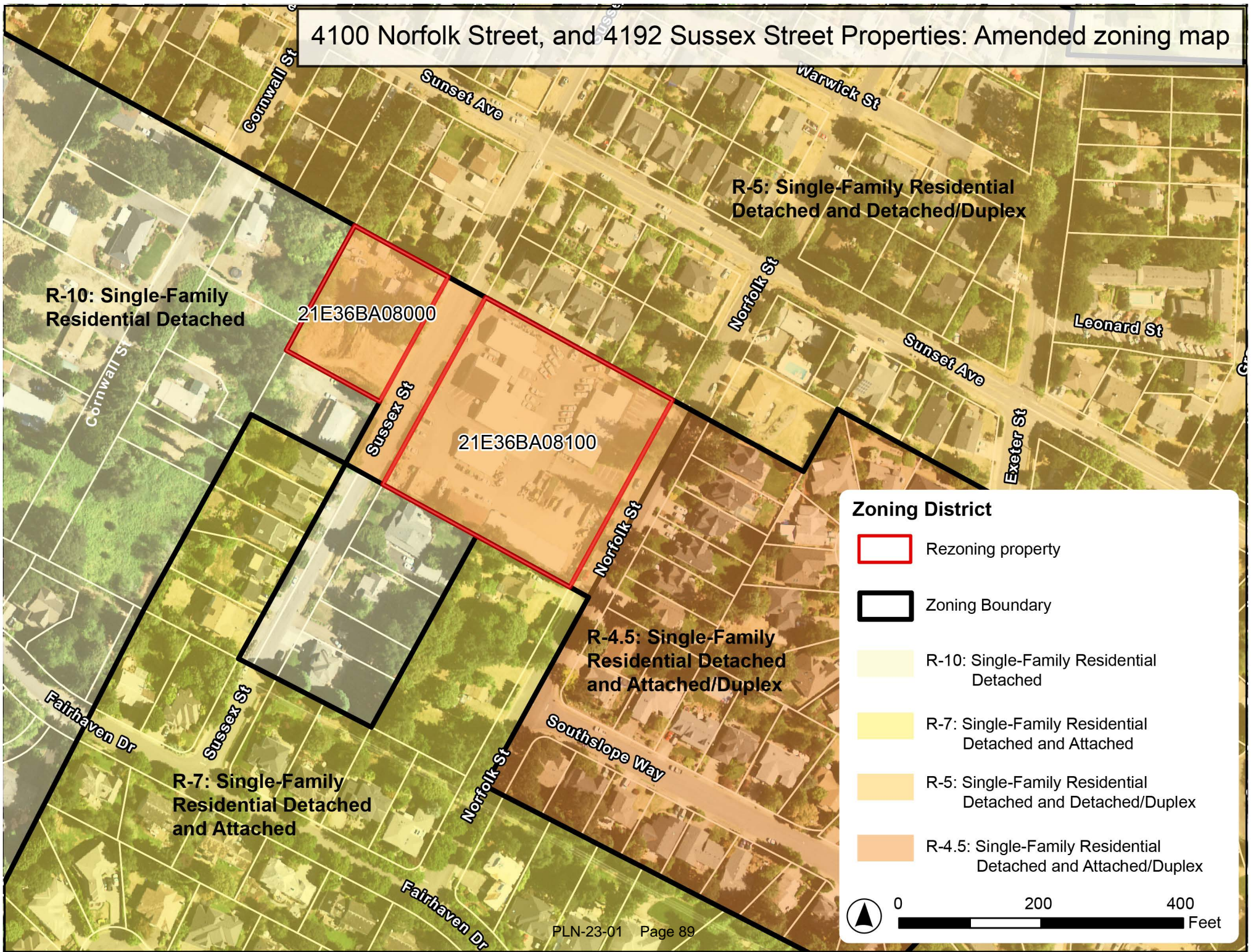


# 3939, 3637 Parker Road Property: Existing Zoning Map





# 4100 Norfolk Street, and 4192 Sussex Street Properties: Amended zoning map



R-10: Single-Family Residential Detached

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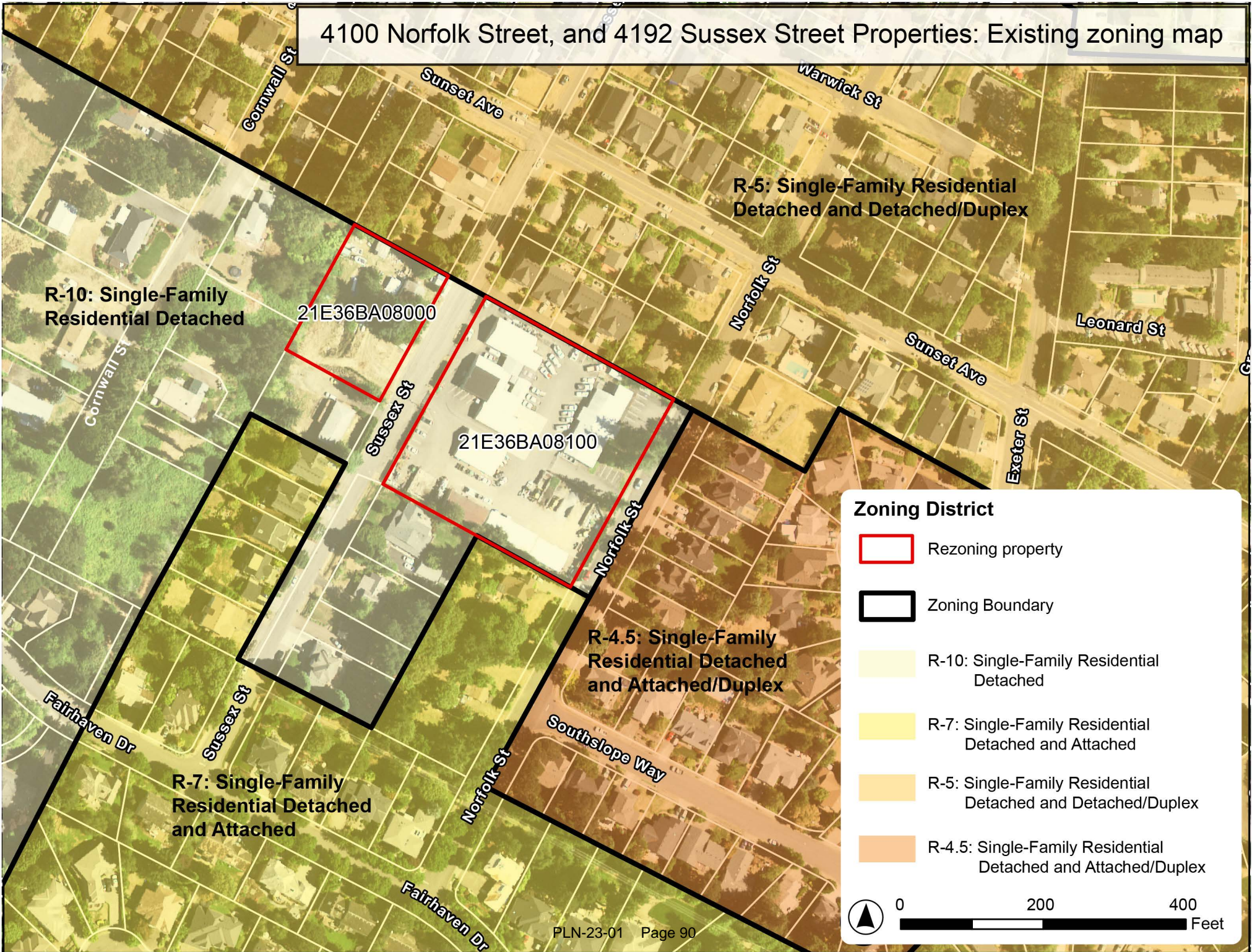
R-5: Single-Family Residential Detached and Detached/Duplex

R-4.5: Single-Family Residential Detached and Attached/Duplex

R-7: Single-Family Residential Detached and Attached

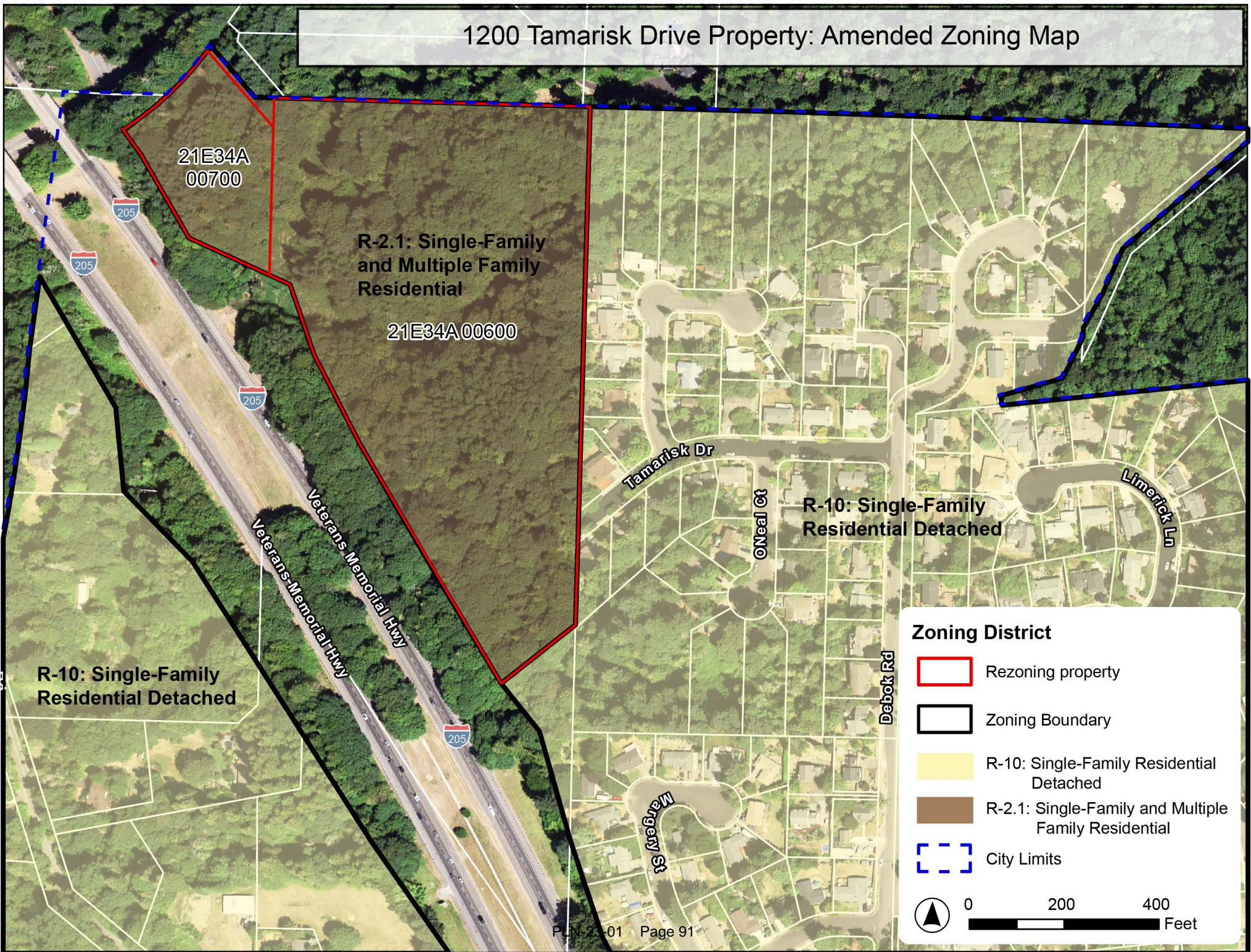


# 4100 Norfolk Street, and 4192 Sussex Street Properties: Existing zoning map











# 1200 Tamarisk Drive Property: Amended Zoning Map



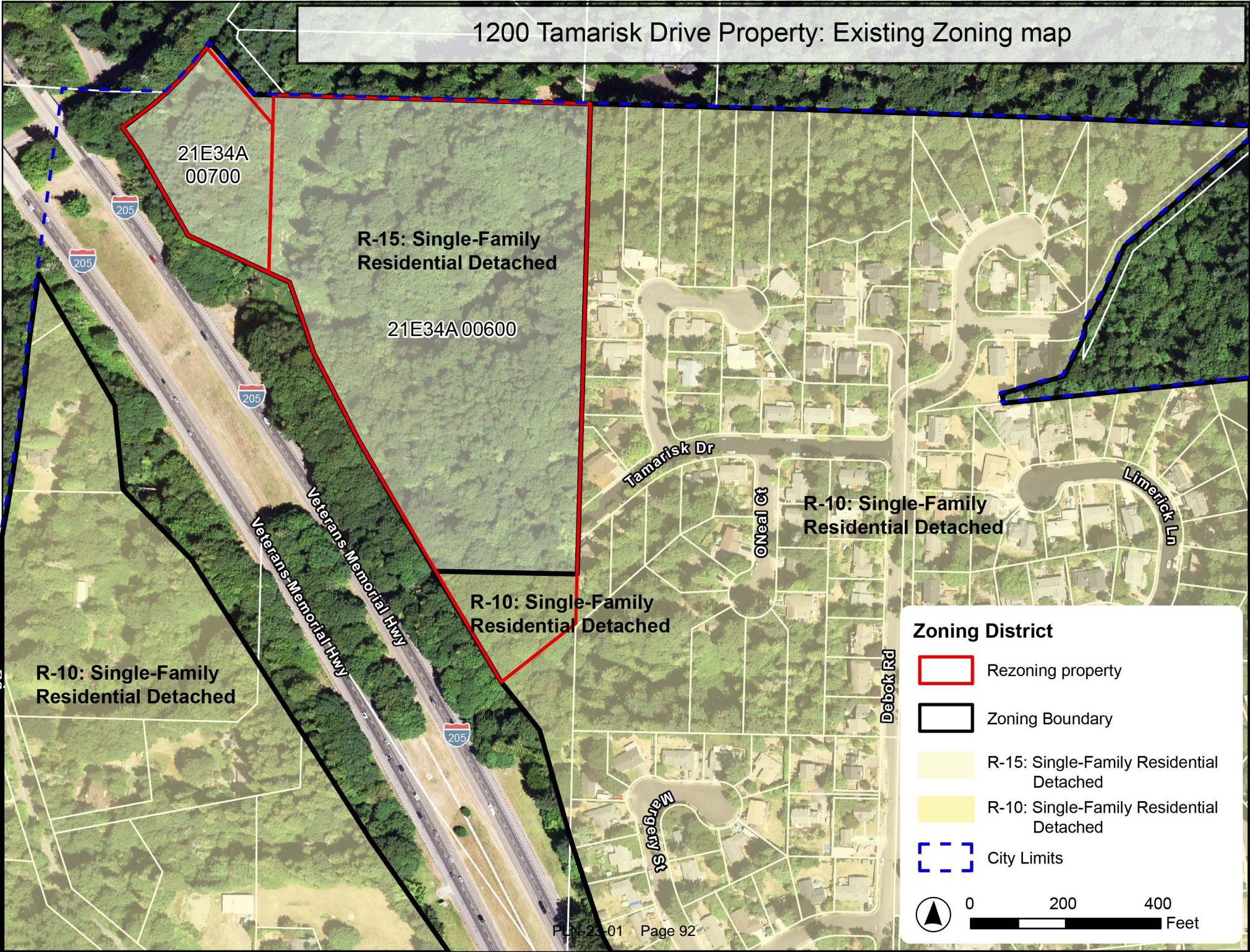
**Zoning District**

-  Rezoning property
-  Zoning Boundary
-  R-10: Single-Family Residential Detached
-  R-2.1: Single-Family and Multiple Family Residential
-  City Limits






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1200 Tamarisk Drive Property: Existing Zoning map



**Zoning District**

-  Rezoning property
-  Zoning Boundary
-  R-15: Single-Family Residential Detached
-  R-10: Single-Family Residential Detached
-  City Limits

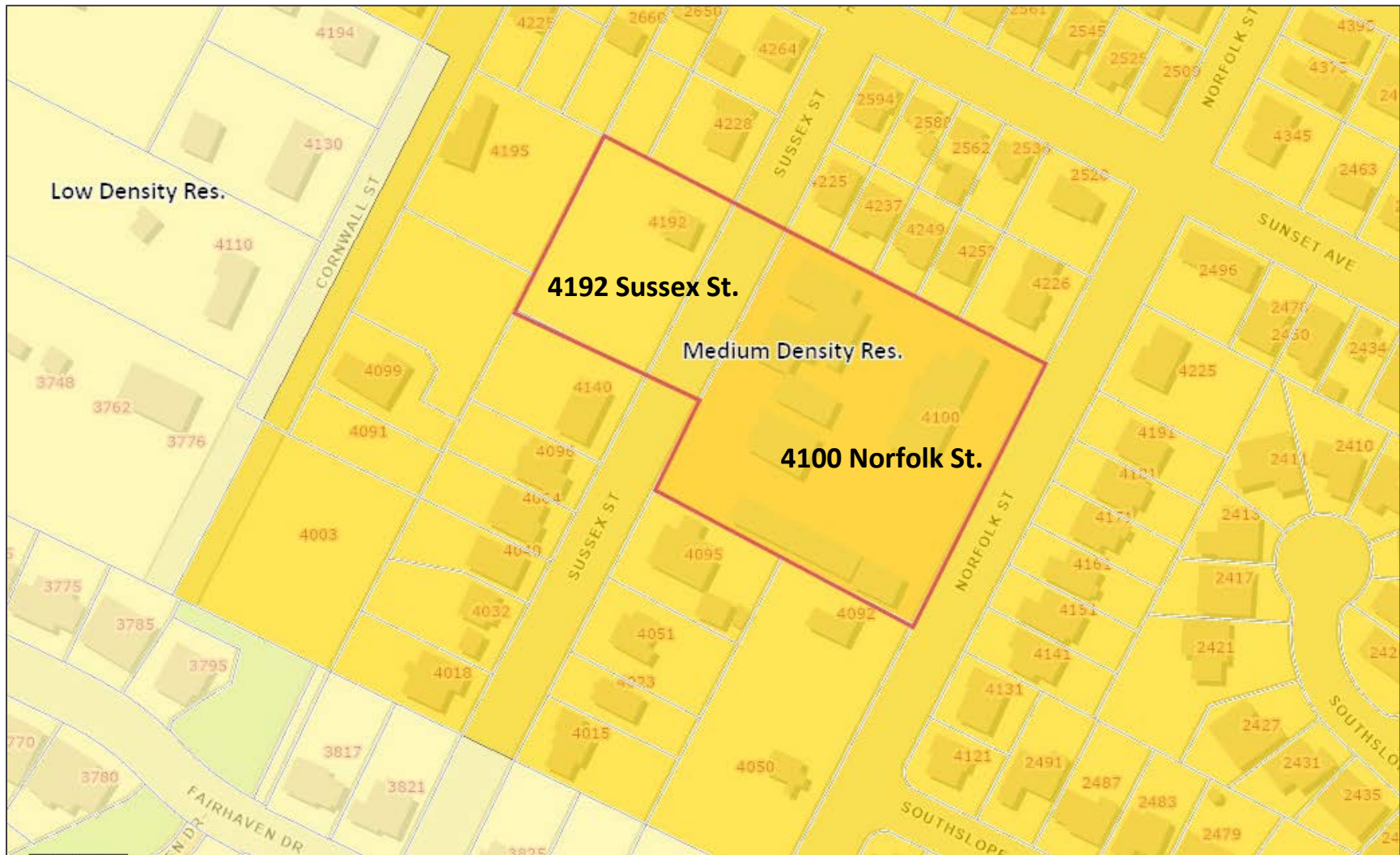




**EXHIBIT PC-4 – WEST LINN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP DESIGNATIONS**

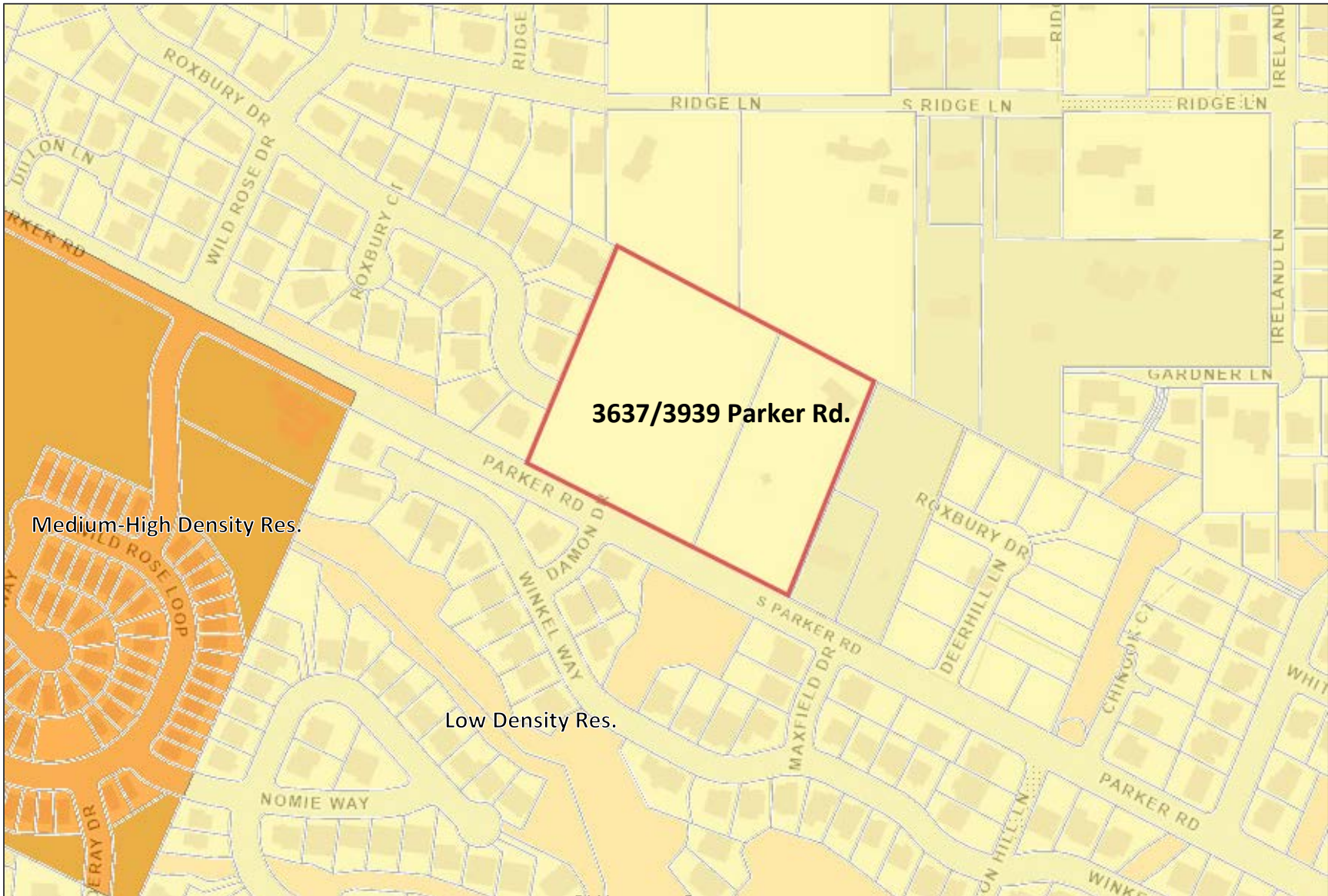
# Existing Comprehensive Plan Map Designation

## 4100 Norfolk Street and 4192 Sussex Street



# Existing Comprehensive Plan Map Designation

## 3637/3939 Parker Road



**EXHIBIT PC-5 – DRAFT PC TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO CITY COUNCIL**



## Memorandum

Date: August 17, 2023  
To: West Linn City Council  
From: West Linn Planning Commission  
Subject: PLN-23-01 Recommendation – HB2003 Implementation

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The Planning Commission held a legislative public hearing on August 16, 2023, for the purpose of making a recommendation to the City Council on adoption of proposed amendments to the West Linn Comprehensive Plan, West Linn Comprehensive Plan Map, and West Linn Zoning Map to implement HB2003 requirements.

In 2022, the City Council directed the Planning Commission to act as the working group for HB2003 implementation and recommend necessary amendments for compliance. The Planning Commission met three times from April 2023 to July 2023 to review draft documents and make changes before bringing the amendments into the legislative adoption process.

After conducting the public hearing, the Commission deliberated and voted # to # to recommend City Council adopt (or adopt with changes or not adopt) the proposal as presented (with the following changes or explain not adopt recommendation). Written testimony was submitted by # community members and # community members provided oral testimony at the public hearing.

The primary topics of the testimony included:

- Topic 1
- Topic 2
- Topic 3
- Etc.

Respectfully,

John Carr  
Chair, West Linn Planning Commission

**EXHIBIT PC-6 – AFFIDAVIT AND NOTICE PACKET**

**AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE  
LEGISLATIVE DECISION**

We, the undersigned, certify that, in the interest of the party (parties) initiating a proposed legislative change, the following took place on the dates indicated below:

**PROJECT**

File No.: **PLN-23-01**

Project: West Linn Comprehensive Plan Goal 10: Housing, Housing Capacity Analysis and Buildable Lands Inventory

Planning Commission Hearing: 8/16/23

City Council Hearing: 10/9/23

**MAILED NOTICE**

Notice of Upcoming Planning Commission and City Council Hearings was mailed at least 10 days before the Planning Commission hearing, per Section 98.070 and 98.080 of the Community Development Code to:

ODOT	8/3/23	<i>Lynn Schroder</i>
METRO – <b>emailed per request</b>	8/3/23	<i>Lynn Schroder</i>
TRIMET	8/3/23	<i>Lynn Schroder</i>
Clackamas County Planning Department	8/3/23	<i>Lynn Schroder</i>
All Neighborhood Associations	8/3/23	<i>Lynn Schroder</i>
City of Oregon City	8/3/23	<i>Lynn Schroder</i>
City of Lake Oswego	8/3/23	<i>Lynn Schroder</i>
West Linn Chamber of Commerce	8/3/23	<i>Lynn Schroder</i>
Stafford-Tualatin CPO	8/3/23	<i>Lynn Schroder</i>
Property Owners whose property may be rezoned	8/3/23	<i>Lynn Schroder</i>
Property Owners near 1200 Tamarisk	8/3/23	<i>Lynn Schroder</i>

**EMAILED NOTICE**

Notice was emailed at least 10 days before the decision date to:

Metro	8/3/23	<i>Lynn Schroder</i>
All Neighborhood Associations	8/3/23	<i>Lynn Schroder</i>
Persons Requesting Notification	8/3/23	<i>Lynn Schroder</i>

**WEBSITE**

Notice was posted on the City’s website at least 14 days before the Planning Commission hearing:

8/3/23	<i>Lynn Schroder</i>
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**TIDINGS**

Notice of the Planning Commission and City Council hearings was posted in the West Linn Tidings at least 10 days before the Planning Commission hearing, per Section 98.070 and 98.080 of the CDC.

8/2/23	<i>Lynn Schroder</i>
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**STAFF REPORT**

The proposed amendments and staff report were posted on the website and provided to Planning Commissioners at least 10 days before the hearing, per Section 98.040 of the CDC.

8/4/23	<i>Lynn Schroder</i>
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**CITY OF WEST LINN  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
PLN-23-01**

**TO ADOPT TEXT AMENDMENTS TO WEST LINN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL 10: HOUSING,  
TO ADOPT THE 2021 WEST LINN HOUSING CAPACITY ANALYSIS AND BUILDABLE LANDS INVENTORY,  
AND TO ADOPT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS TO IMPLEMENT  
HOUSE BILL 2003**

The West Linn Planning Commission will hold a hybrid public hearing on **Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 6:30pm** in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 22500 Salamo Road, West Linn, to consider adopting text amendments to West Linn Comprehensive Plan Goal 10: Housing, adopting the 2021 West Linn Housing Capacity Analysis and Buildable Lands Inventory, and adopting West Linn Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map amendments. The purpose of the proposal is to implement House Bill 2003 and the associated state statutes and administrative rules.

Following the Planning Commission hearing, the Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council. The Council will decide on the proposal following a hybrid public hearing on **Monday, October 9, 2023 at 6:00pm** in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

At least 10 days before the hearings, a copy of the proposed amendments and associated staff report will be available for inspection at no cost at City Hall and on the City website [HB2003 Implementation - Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments and Zoning Map Amendments | City of West Linn Oregon Official Website](#) Alternately, copies may be obtained for a minimal charge per page.

The hybrid hearings will be conducted in accordance with the rules of CDC Chapters 98 and 105. The public can attend in person or watch the meeting online at <https://westlinnoregon.gov/meetings> or Cable Channel 30.

The Commission and Council will receive a staff presentation and invite oral and written testimony at public hearings. The Body may continue the public hearing to another meeting to obtain additional information, leave the record open, or close the public hearing and take action on the proposed amendments as provided by state law.

Anyone wishing to present written testimony for consideration should submit all materials before 12:00 pm on the meeting day or in-person at the hearing. Persons interested in party status must establish standing by submitting oral or written testimony before or at the public hearings. Written comments may be submitted to [dwyss@westlinnoregon.gov](mailto:dwyss@westlinnoregon.gov). Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter before the close of the hearing, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes an appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) based on that issue.

To participate remotely during the meeting, please complete the form at: <https://westlinnoregon.gov/citycouncil/meeting-request-speak-signup> by 4:00 pm on the meeting day. Staff will email a Webex invitation before the meeting. If you do not have email access, please call 503-742-6061 for assistance 24 hours before the meeting. If you require special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call City Hall 48 hours before the meeting date 503-657-0331.

For further information, please contact Darren Wyss, Planning Manager, at City Hall, 22500 Salamo Road, West Linn, OR 97068, (503)742-6064 or [dwyss@westlinnoregon.gov](mailto:dwyss@westlinnoregon.gov).



Scan this QR Code to go to Project Web Page:





**NOTICE OF UPCOMING  
LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PROJECT # PLN-23-01  
MAIL: 08/03/2023 TIDINGS: 08/02/2023**

**CITIZEN CONTACT INFORMATION**

To lessen the bulk of agenda packets and land use application notice, and to address the concerns of some City residents about testimony contact information and online application packets containing their names and addresses as a reflection of the mailing notice area, this sheet substitutes for the photocopy of the testimony forms and/or mailing labels. A copy is available upon request.