

Using the OHCS Mapping Tool for the NOFA

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Applicants may get points under either the Vulnerable Gentrification Area criteria OR the Opportunity Areas; not both. All applicants must use data provided and published by Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS). OHCS has produced a web mapping application tool that allows applicants to enter the address of a proposed project and determine how many points you can get for the Vulnerable Gentrification Area criteria and the Opportunity Area criteria.

Vulnerable Gentrification Areas

It is possible to earn points in this section if the proposed property is located in a census tract that meets one or more of the following four criteria:

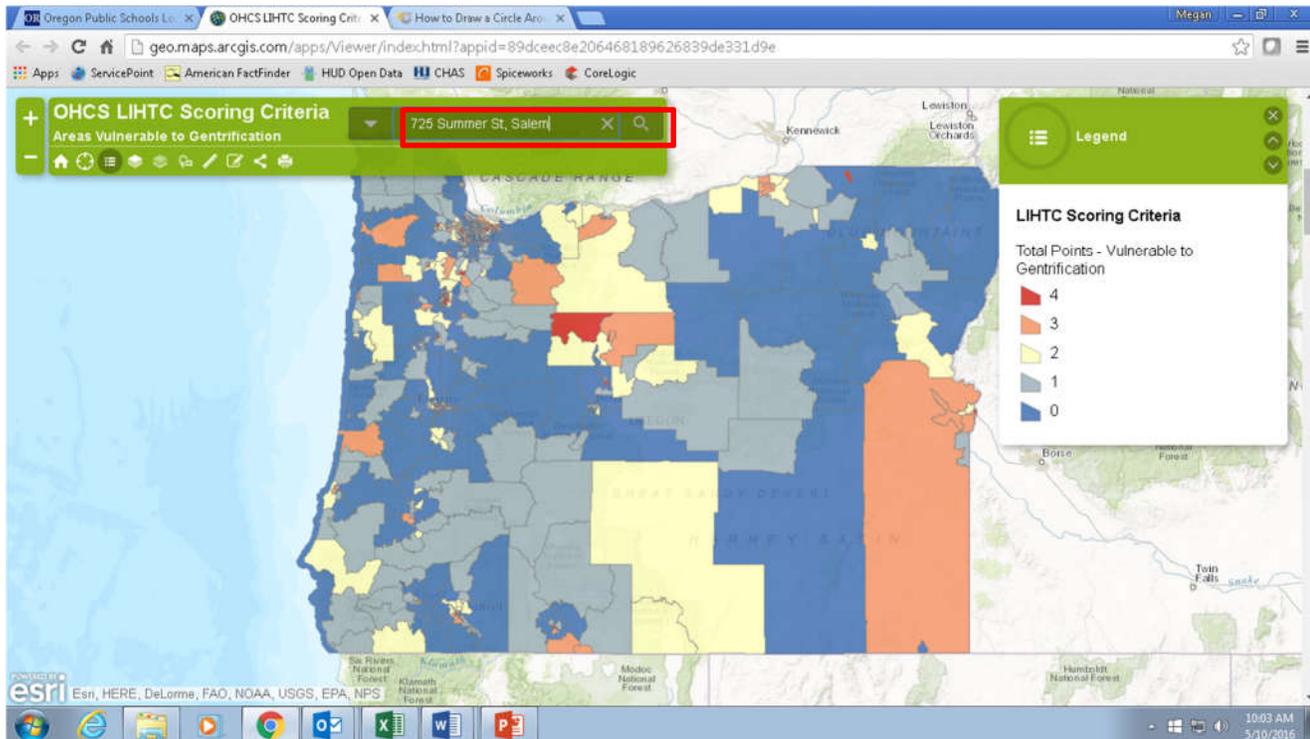
- It is in a HUD-defined Qualified Census Tract;
- It has a higher rate of non-white residents than that in the Region;
- It has a higher rate of people without college degrees than that in the Region;
- It has a higher rate of renters than that in the Region.

Step 1: Go to the following link:

<http://geo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=89dceec8e206468189626839de331d9e>

Step 2: Enter the address of the proposed project in the search bar highlighted in red below and hit enter or the magnifying glass icon (if a project is scattered site, please include any applicable information for each site in your response).

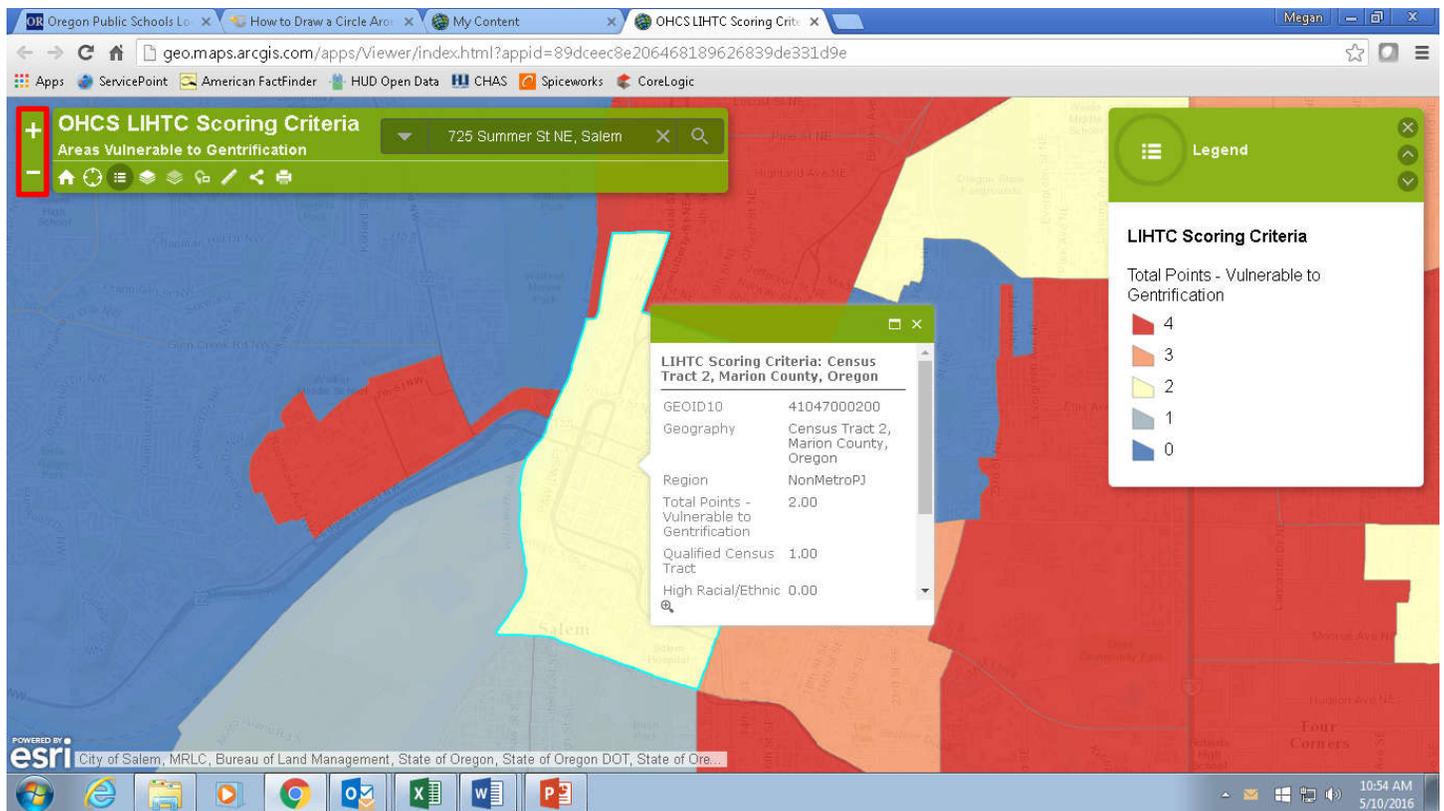
NOTE: Do not enter the state name (Oregon or OR) in your search. Only enter the street address, city, and zip code.



Step 3: Use the + or – signs to the left of the search bar to zoom in or out (highlighted in red below).

Step 4: Click on or near the property to highlight the census tract the property is located in (a light blue line will appear, outlining the census tract). An information box will appear that shows the name of the census tract where the property is located, as well as the LIHTC Scoring Criteria met.

In the below example, the data table shows that the property is in Census Tract 2 in Marion County and that this census tract is a Qualified Census Tract and has a high concentration of renters (use the scroll bar on the right of the information box to see more variables). This means that the property meets 2 out of the 4 criteria for the Vulnerable to Gentrification criteria. This is also clear from the color of the selected census tract, which is yellow and corresponds to 2 total points according to the legend at the right of the screen.



Step 5: Return to the LIHTC Scoring Criteria Workbook provided by OHCS to select the census tract you found using the mapping tool from the dropdown menu in the workbook (see red box below). This table can be found in either the 4.1BImpact (new acq rehab) or 4.1BImpact (preservation&PH) tabs under 7. Location Preferences. The table will automatically calculate the total points possible for this criteria.

Vulnerable Gentrification Areas		
The OHCS Mapping tool for this criteria is available at:		
http://geo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=89dceec8e206468189626839de331d9e		
- Revitalization Plan; required to get points in this section.		
Describe the Revitalization Plan in effect for the project site area; this will be reviewed by Scoring Committee to determine eligibility for Vulnerable Gentrification Area points. Preference is established and documented plans, though accommodation for concerted revitalization efforts in rural communities without significant planning efforts may be made at Scoring Committee discretion.		
2 points: Qualified Census Tract.		
2 points: Concentration of race / ethnicities; rates of non-white-non-Hispanic in Tract above that in the Region		
2 points: Concentration of low educational achievement; rates of non-college degree higher in Tract than that in the Region		
2 points: Concentration of renters; rates of renters in Tract higher than that in the Region		
Select Census Tract	Census Tract 2. Marion County. Oregon	
Qualified census tract	2	
Concentration of race / ethnicities	0	
Concentration of low educational achievement	0	
Concentration of renters	2	
Total Points Possible	4	

Opportunity Areas

It is possible to earn points in this section if the proposed property is located in a census tract that meets one or more of the following four criteria:

- It has a lower poverty rate than that in the Region;
- It has a higher ratio of jobs to labor force than that in the Region;
- It has a lower unemployment rate than that in the Region;
- It is located near a high scoring elementary school.

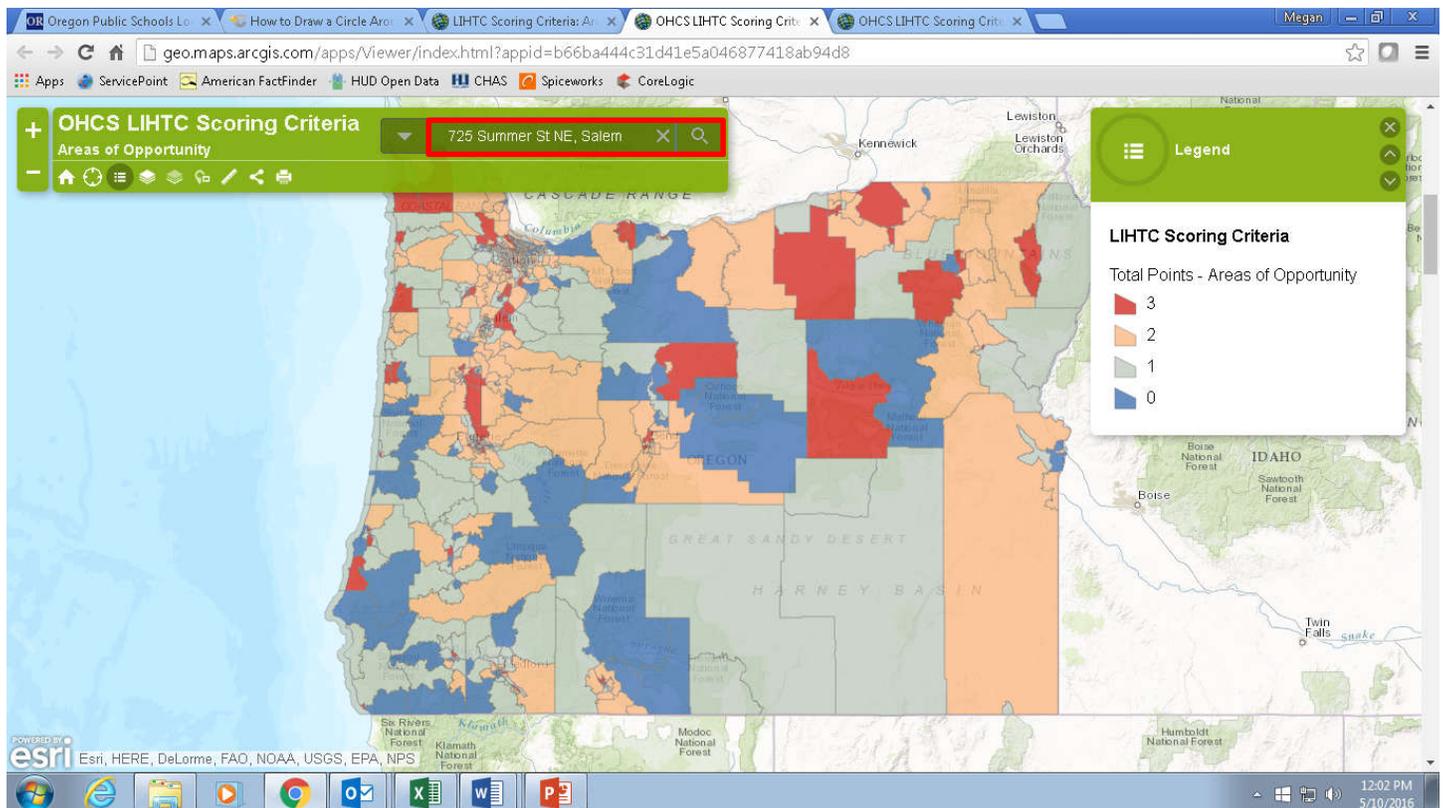
Data for the first 3 criteria can be found by using the OHCS mapping tool outlined below in steps 1-5. Data on high scoring elementary schools can be found by using a different mapping tool outlined below in steps 6-8.

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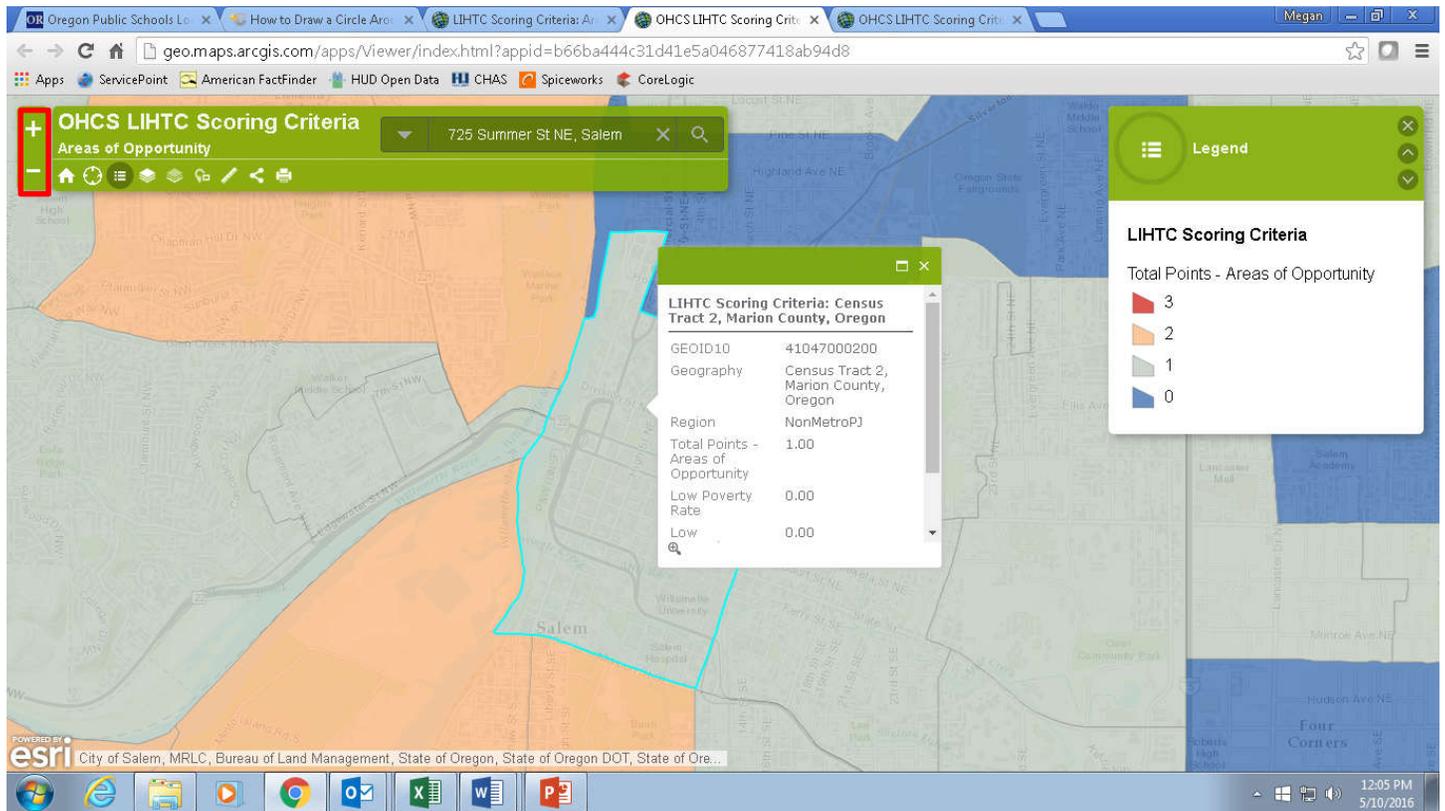
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In the below example, the data table shows that the property is in Census Tract 2 in Marion County and that this census tract has a high ratio of jobs to labor force (use the scroll bar on the right of the information box to see more variables). This means that the property meets 1 out of the 3 criteria available in this tool for the Areas of Opportunity criteria. This is also clear from the color of the selected census tract, which is gray and corresponds to 1 total points according to the legend at the right of the screen.

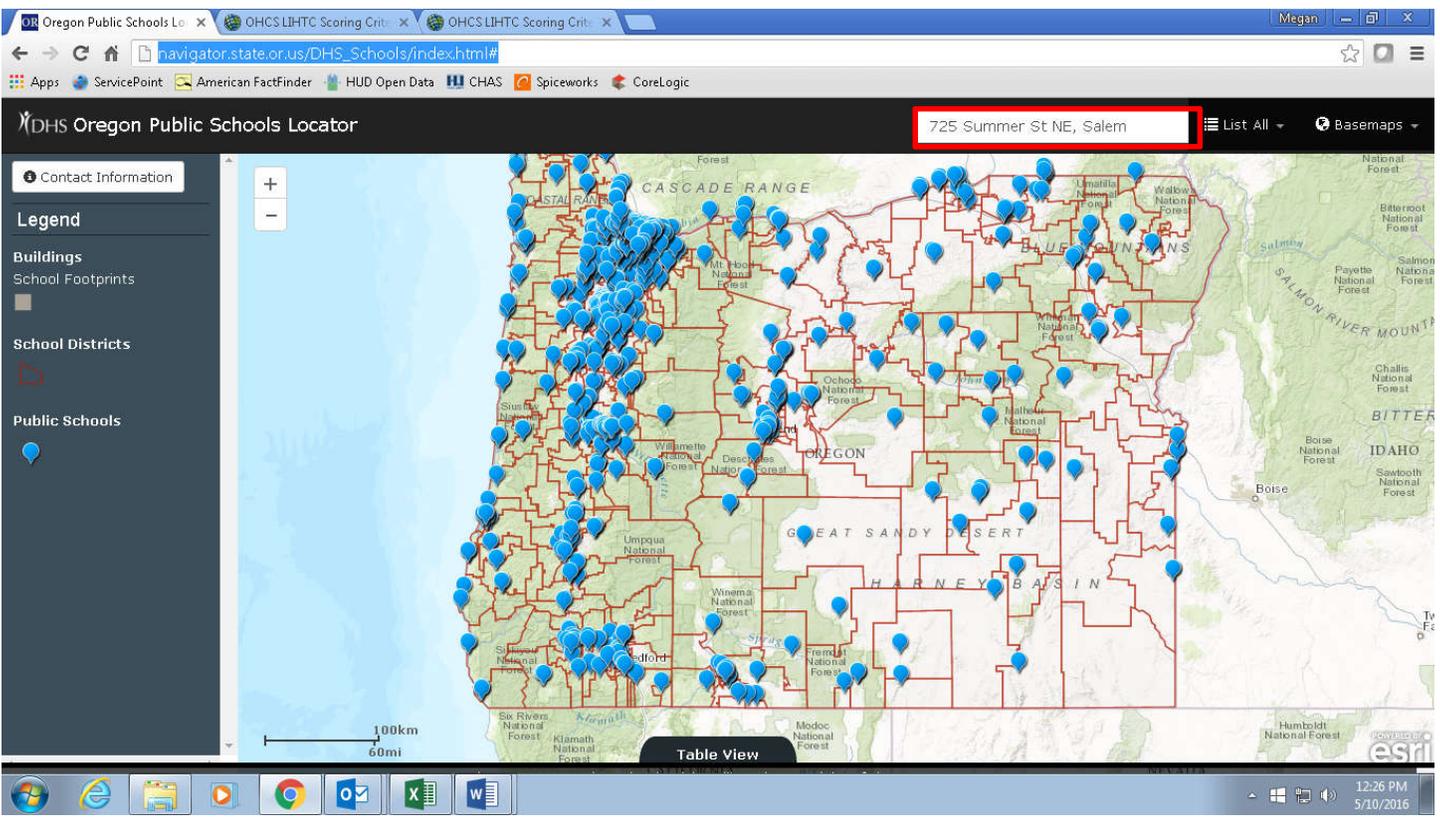


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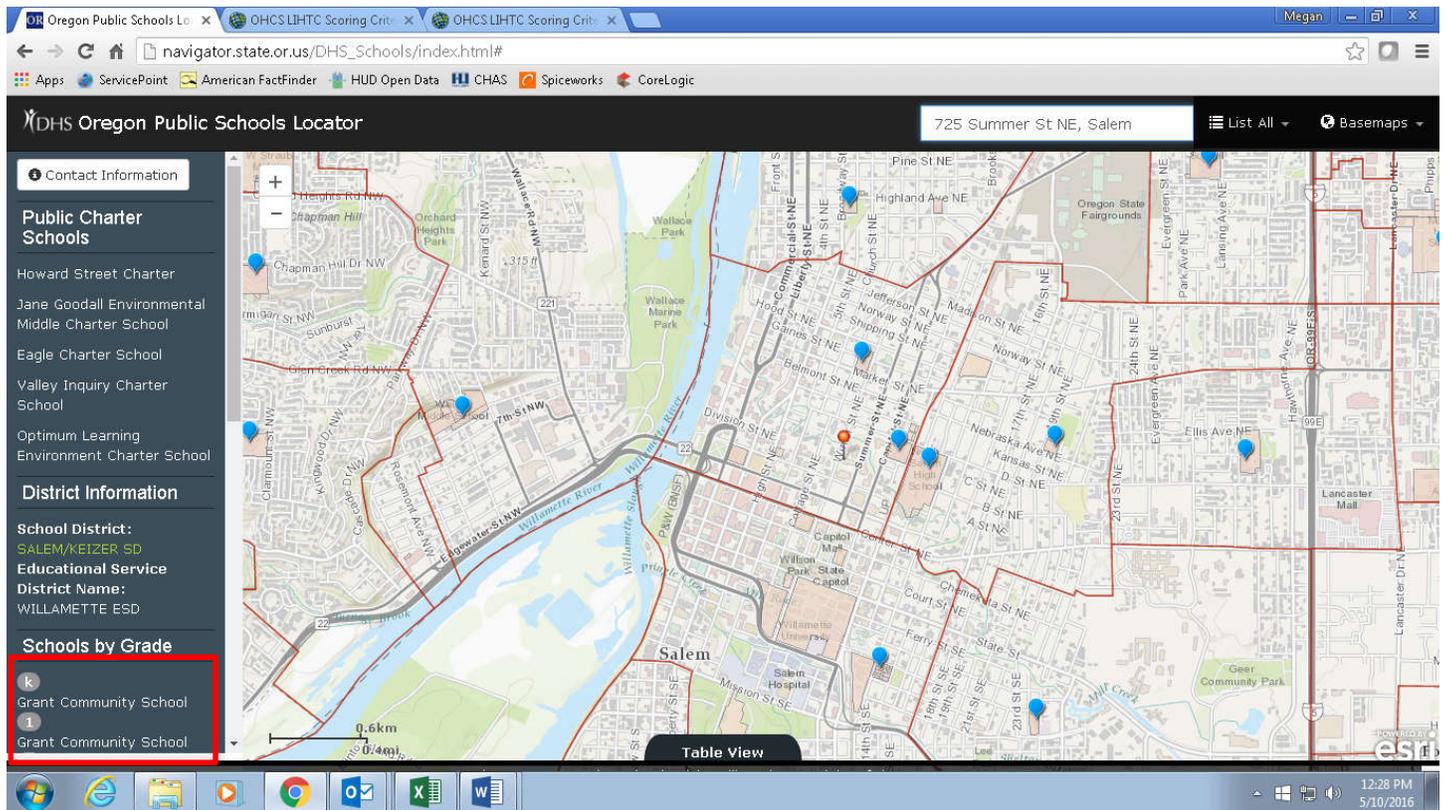
NOTE: You will need to use a separate mapping tool to find the nearest elementary school to the proposed property. See Steps 6-8 to see instructions on using this tool.

Opportunity Areas	
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To find the nearest elementary school to the proposed property go to: http://navigator.state.or.us/DHS_Schools/index.html#	
2 points: Low Poverty Census Tract; poverty rate in Tract lower than the region.	
2 points: High Ratio of Jobs to Population; ratio of jobs to population in Tract higher than that in the region.	
2 points: Below Average Unemployment; unemployment rate in Tract lower than the region.	
2 points: High Scoring Schools; assigned Elementary school has a score of 4 or 5.	
Census Tract (from above)	Census Tract 2, Marion County, Oregon
Low Poverty Census Tract	0
High Ratio of Jobs to Poulation	2
Below Average Unemployment Rate	0
Select Elementary School	Grant Community School
High Scoring Schools	0
Total Points Possible	2

Step 6: Find the elementary school closest to the proposed property by going to the following link:
http://navigator.state.or.us/DHS_Schools/index.html# and entering the address of the property in the address search bar (see box highlighted in red below).



Step 7: Look at the navigation bar on the left to find the elementary school. Each grade, K-12 is listed in navigation bar along with the school associated with that grade. In the example below, the elementary school associated with the property that was searched for is Grant Community School.



Step 8: Return to the LIHTC Scoring Criteria Workbook provided by OHCS to select the elementary school you found using the mapping tool from the dropdown menu in the workbook (see red box below). This table can be found in either the 4.1BImpact (new acq rehab) or 4.1BImpact (preservation&PH) tabs under 7. Location Preferences. The table will automatically calculate the total points possible for this criteria.

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