

2024 Framework Data Development Program Projects

2025 Zoning Layer Update

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Project abstract

DLCD is the steward for the statewide zoning GIS layer and dataset, which is one of the most frequently requested datasets in the state. The zoning layer comprises a Framework dataset that is critical to understanding how Oregon's land use planning system shapes local implementation of zoning and land use and how local decisions scale-up to regional and statewide impacts. Oregon has seen significant changes in how residential zones are classified due to "middle housing" legislation, requiring a complete redefinition of residential zone classifications. DLCD is requesting Framework funds to help complete and improve the 2025 update to the zoning layer. Capacity provided by this grant allows DLCD to thoroughly collect and aggregate local data, review and revise generalized statewide codes and descriptions, revise the Zoning Extension of the Administrative Boundaries Standard, and create a stewardship plan, all to accurately reflect new laws and the changing conditions of local planning, especially as they relate to housing, a Governor's priority.

Urban Growth Boundaries: Corrections, Updates, and Improvements

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Project abstract

DLCD stewards the Framework Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) dataset. UGBs designate where cities expect to grow over a 20-year period, restricting urban development outside the boundary and encouraging development inside. The UGB stewardship charter requires DLCD "provide for the accountable, thorough, and documented stewardship of Urban Growth Boundaries." Accurate and complete spatial data is essential to understanding the effects of policy decisions on Oregon's land use planning system at regional and statewide scales, including housing, economic development, farm/ forest conservation, and natural hazard mitigation. The UGB dataset is critical to the work of Oregon's land use agencies, the Governor's Office, Legislative Offices, and local governments. Legislative staff recently requested a list of cities that would qualify for expansion based on their UGB history over the past 20 years under proposed Senate Bill 1537. Unfortunately, the UGB dataset is not accurate enough to reliably conduct the requested analysis. We are requesting Framework Grant funds to create accurate, annual layers from 2004 to 2024 by addressing gaps and inaccuracies from the earliest UGB data circa 1980 to 2024. This work includes creating an UGB extension data standard and updating the stewardship plan to ensure continuity in the UGB dataset into the future.

**Statewide Historic
Vegetation Update**

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Project abstract

The Statewide Composite Historic Vegetation layer is a composite of timber maps from the 1930s and General Land Office (GLO) records-based maps. The GLO-based maps largely include richer floristic data and provide a better reflection of pre-settlement conditions. Vegetation maps based on GLO records were completed 1994 and 2018. The Statewide Composite Historic Vegetation layer was created prior to the completion of all the GLO maps, and it only includes the earlier GLO maps, (notably the Willamette Valley). The effort will integrate the more recent piecemeal GLO mapping efforts into the statewide vegetation map. Specifically, the project will integrate maps of the Deschutes National Forest (mapped in 2016); Rogue, Lower Applegate, and Upper Illinois Valleys (2012); the Harney Basin (2013); the Oregon Coast (2018), and the Eastern Columbia Gorge (2010).

The project will also tie metadata fields to each polygon in the resulting statewide map, indicating where the historic vegetation data is derived from and what dates it represents. Finally, the project will write a Stewardship Plan for the Historic Vegetation dataset.