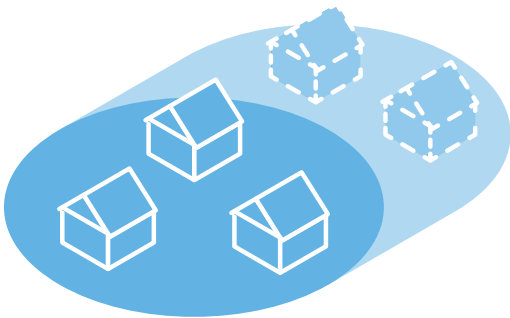


Planning for Goal 10: Housing

Urban Growth Boundaries

What is a UGB Amendment?

Every city in Oregon is surrounded by an urban growth boundary (UGB), which is a line drawn on planning maps to designate where cities will grow over a 20-year period. When a local government identifies a need for more land, it can expand its UGB through a joint effort involving the city and county, in coordination with special districts and service providers. This process of expanding an urban growth boundary is referred to as a UGB amendment. Governments in Metro follow a different regional process.



Why?

UGBs are part of what makes Oregon so unique — not only do they help ensure land is used efficiently to create walkable communities, but they also help prevent urban sprawl and protect forests and farmland so those resources can remain for generations to come. However, when a local government is unable to support its identified housing needs within its UGB, an amendment may be necessary to ensure there is enough land available for development.

Who completes a UGB amendment?	When?
Metro and cities outside of Metro unable to accommodate the housing it need over the next 20 years within its current boundaries, in coordination with its county and urban service providers.	When a need is identified in its Housing Capacity Analysis, and it is determined that the 20-year housing need cannot be reasonably accommodated within the current boundary. In Metro, when a need is determined through the Urban Growth Report.

Steps and Deliverables

How much land is needed?

Determine Land Need

Local governments use the HCA, which establishes the 20-year residential need, to determine its residential land requirements. It then estimates how much additional land is required to support housing, including for streets, roads, parks, school facilities, commercial development, and other infrastructure.

Collaborators

- Local government staff and officials
- Community members
- Regional partners and other public entities
- Tribal governments



How do local governments evaluate and select land for inclusion in the UGB?

Establish Study Area

Local governments outside of Metro evaluate land outside their UGB that could potentially meet their needs and identify land that should not be included in an expansion. They would exclude, for example, land that is extremely challenging to serve with public facilities due to topographical constraints or land where housing development is limited by natural hazard risks.

Alternatives Analysis

Local governments identify subareas within the study area and classify the land in a way that prioritizes Urban Reserves and minimizes impacts to land designated for farm or forest uses. The subareas are compared based on how well each meet Statewide Planning Goal 14: Urbanization location factors related to:

- Accommodating needs,
- Providing public facilities
- Environmental, energy, economic and social consequences, and
- Compatibility with nearby farm and forest land.

Note about Metro

Metro follows a different, regionally coordinated process for UGB expansion and land selection. Metro's procedures and criteria are set by regional policy and coordination with cities and counties; it follows specific requirements and timelines in addition to the state Goal 14 factors described above.

Finalization and Review

DLCD reviews UGB amendments as part of the Post Acknowledgement Plan Amendment (PAPA) process and in the manner of periodic review.

Deliverable	Completion Method	Does this require a land use decision?
<i>UGB Amendment</i>	Submitted to DLCD through the Post Acknowledgement Plan Amendment (PAPA) database. Local government adopts by ordinance.	Yes

