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DLCD Releases Wildfire Adapted Communities Recommendations Report

Public Review Draft Available

Written Comments Accepted through September 16, 2022

SALEM - The Department of Land Conservation and Development's (DLCD) charge under Senate Bill 762 (2021) is to recommend potential changes to the statewide land use planning program. Legislators asked DLCD to develop recommendations regarding comprehensive plan and zoning codes that minimize wildfire risk and create more wildfire adapted communities.

DLCD's Wildfire Adapted Communities Recommendations Report: Public Review Draft is now available. DLCD encourages written comments on the recommendations. These may be submitted using the online comment form. **Written comments may be submitted to DLCD until September 16, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.**

[Read DLCD's Wildfire Adapted Communities Recommendations Report](#)

[Provide comment using the online form](#)

In addition to accepting written comments, DLCD is hosting two Community Listening Sessions. All are welcome. DLCD will make reasonable accommodations upon request. To request an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, please contact Elliott Eastman at 971-600-8861 or elliott.eastman@dlcd.oregon.gov at least 72 hours before the meeting, or by TTY: Oregon Relay Services 800-735-2900.

September 8, 2022 | 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. [register](#)

September 8, 2022 | 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. [register](#)

The Land Conservation and Development Commission will receive a staff presentation and offer guidance on a final version of the recommendations report at their [September 22-23, 2022 meeting](#). While public comment will be received at this meeting, the Legislature is asking for department recommendations. This is not a formal action by the commission.

DLCD encourages community members and other interested parties to review the [summary level document](#) outlining DLCD's recommendations, or to review the [document in full](#).

Previous meeting materials, meeting summaries and recordings, and other resources are available on DLCD's [Wildfire Adapted Communities webpage](#).

Related Agency Work

Several other agencies are responsible for implementing work related to SB 762. [View a summary of each organization's role related to the Wildland Urban Interface and risk map here](#). For more information, or to provide comment on other important aspects of Oregon's wildfire adaptation program, see these websites or contact DLCD staff for more information:

- Oregon Wildfire Risk Map - [Oregon Department of Forestry](#)
- Home Hardening and Building Codes - [Building Codes Division](#)
- Defensible Space Requirements - [Oregon State Fire Marshal](#)
- SB 762 Implementation - [Wildfire Programs Advisory Council](#)

If you have questions or feedback about DLCD's project or associated work, please contact to Susan Millhauser, Natural Hazards Planner for Wildfire Adapted Communities at susan.millhauser@dlcd.oregon.gov.

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On the final day of the 2021 legislative session, the legislature passed Oregon's first comprehensive wildfire preparedness and resiliency bill, [Senate Bill 762](#). The legislation invokes action from multiple agencies, with the aim of providing long-term security for our state by minimizing loss of life and property, protecting the lives of wildland firefighters, protecting and managing Oregon's forest assets, and creating a more predictable and protected future for communities and development at risk to the impacts of wildfire.

Under Section 11 of SB 762, DLCD is responsible for writing a report for the State Wildfire Programs Advisory Council and Oregon Legislature that identifies updates to the statewide land use planning program and local comprehensive plans and zoning codes that are needed to incorporate wildfire risk maps and minimize wildfire risk, including the appropriate levels of state and local resources necessary for effective implementation. DLCD's report must be completed by October 1, 2022.

To help implement SB 762, DLCD staff convened a Wildfire Adapted Communities Stakeholder Group to assist the department in identifying issues and provide input on recommendations. The Stakeholder Group includes members from across Oregon representing a broad spectrum of interests and organizations as well as individuals from fire affected communities and underrepresented groups. See the [Wildfire Adapted Communities Stakeholder Group Member List](#). Community listening sessions, an online open house and survey ([summary of survey results](#)), and

other methods of engaging Oregonians and federally recognized tribes in the process will inform the recommendations and final report. Visit WildfireAdaptedOregon.com to learn more about community engagement opportunities and take the survey (available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)).