

Section 4.2 Urbanization

Background

This section describes the coordination between the County and the cities of Bend, La Pine, Redmond and Sisters on Urban Growth Boundaries (UGBs) and Urban Reserve Areas (URAs). Statewide Planning Goal 2 recognizes the importance of coordinating land use plans.

“City, county, state and federal agency and special district plans and actions related to land use shall be consistent with the comprehensive plans of cities and counties and regional plans adopted under ORS Chapter 268.”

Oregon Revised Statute 197.015(5) goes further to define comprehensive plan coordination.

“A plan is “coordinated” when the needs of all levels of governments, semipublic and private agencies and the citizens of Oregon have been considered and accommodated as much as possible.”

Population

An important basis for coordinating with cities is adopted population projections. Having an estimate of anticipated population is the first step to planning for future growth and conservation. ORS 195.025(1) requires counties to coordinate local plans and population forecasts. The County oversees the preparation of a population forecast in close collaboration with cities. This is important because the population of the County has increased significantly in recent decades and a coordinated approach allows cities to ensure managed growth over time.

Table 4.2.1 – Population Growth in Deschutes County 1980 to 2010

Sources	1980	1990	2000	2010
Population Research Center July 1 estimates	62,500	75,600	116,600	172,050
US Census Bureau April 1 counts	62,142	74,958	115,367	157,733

Source: As noted above

In 1996 Bend, Redmond, Sisters and the County reviewed recent population forecasts from the Portland State University Center Population and Research Center (PRC) and U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Transportation, Woods and Poole, Bonneville Power Administration and Department of Administrative Services Office of Economic Analysis. After reviewing these projections, all local governments adopted a coordinated population forecast. It was adopted by Deschutes County in 1998 by Ordinance 98-084.

The results of the 2000 decennial census and subsequent population estimates prepared by the PRC revealed that the respective populations of the County and its incorporated cities were growing faster than anticipated under the 1998 coordinated forecast. The cities and the County re-engaged in a coordination process between 2002 and 2004 that culminated with the County adopting a revised population forecast that projected population to the year 2025. It was adopted by Ordinance 2004-012 and upheld by the Land Use Board of Appeals on March 28, 2005.

The following table displays the 2004 coordinated population forecast for Deschutes County and the UGBs of the cities of Bend, Redmond, and Sisters.

Table 4.2.2 – Coordinated Population Forecast 2000 to 2025

<i>Year</i>	<i>Bend UGB</i>	<i>Redmond UGB</i>	<i>Sisters UGB</i>	<i>Unincorporated County</i>	<i>Total County</i>
2000	52,800	15,505	975	47,320	116,600
2005	69,004	19,249	1,768	53,032	143,053
2010	81,242	23,897	2,306	59,127	166,572
2015	91,158	29,667	2,694	65,924	189,443
2020	100,646	36,831	3,166	73,502	214,145
2025	109,389	45,724	3,747	81,951	240,811

Source: 2004 Coordinated Population Forecast for Deschutes County

The process through which the County and the cities coordinated to develop the 2000-2025 coordinated forecast is outlined in the report titled "Deschutes County Coordinated Population Forecast 2000-2025: Findings in Support of Forecast."

The fourth city in Deschutes County is the City of La Pine. Incorporated on November 7, 2006, the City of La Pine's 2006 population estimate of 1,590 was certified by PRC on December 15, 2007. As a result of La Pine's incorporation, Deschutes County updated its Coordinated Population Forecast with Ordinance 2009-006.

The purpose of this modification was to adopt a conservative 20 year population forecast for the City of La Pine that could be used by city officials and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development to estimate its future land need and a UGB.

The following table displays the coordinated population forecast for Deschutes County, the UGBs of the cities of Bend, Redmond, and Sisters, and La Pine from 2000 to 2025. By extending the growth rate to the year 2025, La Pine's population will be 2,352. The non-urban unincorporated population decreases by 2,352 from its original projection of 81,951, to 79,599.

Table 4.2.3 – Coordinated Population Forecast 2000 to 2025, Including La Pine

<i>Year</i>	<i>Bend UGB</i>	<i>Redmond UGB</i>	<i>Sisters UGB</i>	<i>La Pine UGB</i>	<i>Unincorporated County</i>	<i>Total County</i>
2000	52,800	15,505	975	-	47,320	116,600
2005	69,004	19,249	1,768	-	53,032	143,053
2010	81,242	23,897	2,306	1,697	57,430	166,572
2015	91,158	29,667	2,694	1,892	64,032	189,443
2020	100,646	36,831	3,166	2,110	71,392	214,145
2025	109,389	45,724	3,747	2,352	79,599	240,811

Source: 2004 Coordinated Population Forecast for Deschutes County – updated 2009

2030 Population Estimate

This Comprehensive Plan is intended to manage growth and conservation in the unincorporated areas of the County until 2030. Because the official population forecast extends only to 2025, County staff used conservative average annual growth rates from the adopted population forecast to estimate population out to 2030. The following table estimates Deschutes County population by extending the adopted numbers out an additional five years.

Table 4.2.4 – Deschutes County 2030 Population Forecast

Year	Bend UGB	Redmond UGB	Sisters UGB	La Pine UGB	Unincorporated County	Total County
2030	119,009	51,733	4,426	2,632	88,748	266,538

Source: County estimates based on the 2004 Coordinated Population Forecast as shown below

Bend's average annual growth rate from 2025 to 2030 is 1.70%

Redmond's average annual growth rate from 2025 to 2030 is 2.50%

Sisters' based their population on forecasted rates of building growth, residential housing units, and persons per dwelling unit

La Pine's average annual growth rate from 2025 to 2030 is 2.20%

Deschutes County's unincorporated area average annual growth rate from 2025 to 2030 is 2.20%

As the pie chart below indicates, if population occurs as forecasted, 67% of the County's population will reside in urban areas by 2030.

In 2030

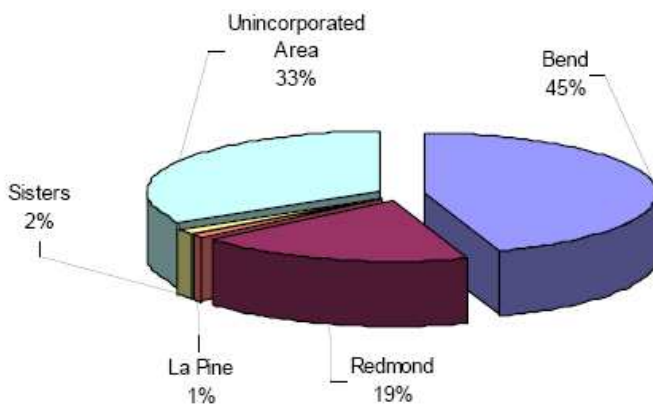


Figure 4.1 Deschutes County 2030 Estimated Population

Such growth will undoubtedly require strategically managing the provision of public services and maintaining adequate amounts of residential, commercial and industrial lands. Growth pressures will also require programmatic approaches to maintain open spaces, natural resources, and functional ecosystems that help define the qualities of Deschutes County.

Urban Growth Boundary Amendments

Bend

The City of Bend legislatively amended its UGB as part of a periodic review acknowledgment in December 2004. The Bend City Council and the Board of County Commissioners adopted concurrent ordinances that expanded the Bend UGB by 500 acres and satisfied a 20 year demand for industrial land.

In July 2007, the Bend-La Pine School District received approvals to expand the City of Bend UGB to include two properties for the location of two elementary schools, one at the Pine Nursery, the other on Skyliner Road.

Sisters

The City of Sisters legislatively amended its UGB in September 2005 when its City Council and the Board of County Commissioners adopted respective ordinances. The Sisters UGB expansion covered 53 acres and satisfied a 20 year demand for residential, commercial, light industrial, and public facility land. In March 2009, Sisters amended their UGB to facilitate the establishment of a 4-acre fire training facility for the Sisters/Camp Sherman Fire District.

Redmond

The City of Redmond legislatively amended its UGB in August 2006 when its City Council and the Board of County Commissioners adopted respective ordinances. The Redmond UGB expansion covered 2,299 acres and satisfied a 20 year demand for residential and neighborhood commercial land.

La Pine

In 2012 La Pine adopted its first Comprehensive Plan. La Pine established a UGB that matches the city limits, because the City contains sufficient undeveloped land for future housing, commercial and industrial needs over a 20-year period. The Plan map includes land use designations intended to provide an arrangement of uses to ensure adequate and efficient provision of public infrastructure for all portions of the City and UGB.

Urban Reserve Area

Redmond

In December 2005, Redmond City Council and the Board of County Commissioners adopted a 5,661 acre URA for the City. It is the first URA in Central Oregon because most cities find planning farther into the future than the 20-year UGB timeframe, challenging.

Coordination

As noted above, Statewide Goal 2 and ORS promote land use planning coordination. The purposes of the urbanization goals and policies in this section are to provide the link between urban and rural areas, and to provide some basic parameters within which the urban areas of Deschutes County can develop, although the specific comprehensive plan for each community remains the prevailing document for guiding growth in its respective area. These policies permit the County to review each city's comprehensive plan to ensure effective coordination.

The Redmond and Deschutes County Community Development Departments received the Oregon Chapter of American Planning Association's (OAPA) Professional Achievement in Planning Award in 2006 for the "Redmond Urban Reserve Area / Urban Growth Boundary Expansion Project."

The following quote taken from the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association's 2006 Awards Program shows why the Redmond Community Development Department was chosen for this award.

"An outstanding effort to address Redmond's rapid population growth, including the successful designation of an Urban Reserve and the imminent designation of an Urban Growth Boundary, a "Framework Plan" with a requirement for master planning, and the establishment of "Great Neighborhood Principles."



Central Oregon Large Lot Industrial Land Need Analysis

During the 1990s, the Central Oregon region experienced a dramatic transformation from an economy concentrated largely in wood products into a service based economy serving a growing and diverse tourism and household base. Accelerated in-migration and tourism growth gave way to rapid economic expansion, escalation in home prices, and a systematic shift in the

local economy from goods producing activities to service oriented industries. While initially representing a diversification of the local economy, this shift led to an over-reliance upon these types of industries.

During the recent recession, the regional economy's vulnerabilities became apparent. Suitable land for today's industrial development forms emerged as one of Oregon's most severe development challenges. In 2010, 2011, and 2012, Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties and their respective cities, undertook an unprecedented regional evaluation of the economic opportunities and constraints associated with users of large industrial parcels in the Central Oregon region. The purpose of this evaluation was to aid in providing a more diversified economic base for the region that would accommodate industrial uses with a need for larger lots than possibly may be currently available in any of the Central Oregon cities. As part of that evaluation, Deschutes County hired a consultant to draft an analysis of Central Oregon's opportunities, competitiveness, ability, and willingness to attract more basic industries. The analysis focused specifically on industries that require large lots. The result was a document called the Central Oregon Regional Economic Opportunity Analysis, and was the basis for Ordinance 2011-017, dated May 31, 2011.

Ordinance 2011-017 was appealed to the Land Use Board of Appeals by 1,000 Friends of Oregon ("1,000 Friends"). The appeal was stayed in early 2012 to allow Deschutes County, the Governor's Office, and 1,000 Friends to explore a settlement, which was ultimately reached in April, 2012. The settlement consisted of policy concepts focusing entirely on Central Oregon's short-term need for large-lot industrial sites as well as a commitment from the Department of Land Conservation and Development ("DLCD") to initiate rule-making that summer. The three counties, their respective cities, 1,000 Friends, and DLCD staff then engaged in drafting a proposed rule. In August, the final draft of that rule was then sent to the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission ("LCDC"). As a result, in November, the LCDC adopted Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 660-024-0040 and 660-024-0045. That rule provides that the large lot industrial land need analysis agreed upon by all of the parties, once adopted by each of the participating governmental entities, would be sufficient to demonstrate a need for up to nine large industrial sites in Central Oregon. Six of the sites will be made available initially. Three more sites may be added under the rule as the original sites are occupied. After the adoption of the new OARs, Deschutes County voluntarily repealed Ordinance 2011-017 and adopted a new ordinance, Ordinance 2013-002, in accordance with the OARs.

Utilizing the new OARs, Ordinance 2013-002 emphasized Central Oregon's short term need for a critical mass of competitive and diverse vacant, developable industrial sites. An additional necessary component is an intergovernmental agreement ("IGA") between the region's jurisdictions and the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council ("COIC"). Through the IGA, COIC will provide oversight of the short-term land supply of large-lot industrial sites to enable the region to become competitive in industrial recruitment. Once each of the three counties and their respective cities adopt similar ordinances and enter into an IGA with COIC, the large lot sites will enable industrial recruitment opportunities to attract potential industrial users to consider the region that may not have otherwise without the availability of these large lots.

Participating local governments will review the program after all nine sites have been occupied or after ten years, whichever comes first.

Section 4.2 Urbanization Policies

Goals and Policies

Goal 1 **Coordinate with cities, special districts and stakeholders to support urban growth boundaries and urban reserve areas that provide an orderly and efficient transition between urban and rural lands.**

Policy 4.2.1 Participate in the processes initiated by cities in Deschutes County to create and/or amend their urban growth boundaries.

Policy 4.2.2 Promote and coordinate the use of urban reserve areas.

Policy 4.2.3 Review the idea of using rural reserves.

Goal 2 **Coordinate with cities, special districts and stakeholders on urban growth area zoning for lands inside urban growth boundaries but outside city boundaries.**

Policy 4.2.4 Use urban growth area zoning to coordinate land use decisions inside urban growth boundaries but outside the incorporated cities.

Policy 4.2.5 Negotiate intergovernmental agreements to coordinate with cities on land use inside urban growth boundaries and outside the incorporated cities.

Policy 4.2.6 Develop urban growth area zoning with consideration of the type, timing and location of public facilities and services provision consistent with city plans.

Policy 4.2.7 Adopt by reference the comprehensive plans of Bend, La Pine, Redmond and Sisters, as the policy basis for implementing land use plans and ordinances in each city's urban growth boundary.

Goal 3 **Coordinate with cities, special districts and stakeholders on policies and zoning for lands outside urban growth boundaries but inside urban reserve areas.**

Policy 4.2.8 Designate the Redmond Urban Reserve Area on the County Comprehensive Plan Map and regulate it through a Redmond Urban Reserve Area (RURA) Combining Zone in Deschutes County Code, Title 18.

Policy 4.2.9 In cooperation with the City of Redmond adopt a RURA Agreement consistent with their respective comprehensive plans and the requirements of Oregon Administrative Rule 660-021-0050 or its successor.

Policy 4.2.10 The following land use policies guide zoning in the RURA.

- a. Plan and zone RURA lands for rural uses, in a manner that ensures the orderly, economic and efficient provision of urban services as these lands are brought into the urban growth boundary.
- b. New parcels shall be a minimum of ten acres.
- c. Until lands in the RURA are brought into the urban growth boundary, zone changes or plan amendments shall not allow more intensive uses or uses that

generate more traffic, than were allowed prior to the establishment of the RURA.

- d. For Exclusive Farm Use zones, partitions shall be allowed based on state law and the County Zoning Ordinance.
- e. New arterial and collector rights-of-way in the RURA shall meet the right-of-way standards of Deschutes County or the City of Redmond, whichever is greater, but be physically constructed to Deschutes County standards.
- f. Protect from development existing and future arterial and collector rights-of-way, as designated on the County's Transportation System Plan.
- g. A single family dwelling on a legal parcel is permitted if that use was permitted before the RURA designation.

Policy 4.2.11 Collaborate with the City of Redmond to assure that the County-owned 1,800 acres in the RURA is master planned before it is incorporated into Redmond's urban growth boundary.

Goal 4 To build a strong and thriving regional economy by coordinating public investments, policies and regulations to support regional and state economic development objectives in Central Oregon.

Policy 4.2.12 Deschutes County supports a multi-jurisdictional cooperative effort to pursue a regional approach to establish a short-term supply of sites particularly designed to address out-of-region industries that may locate in Central Oregon.

Policy 4.2.13 Deschutes County recognizes the importance of maintaining a large-lot industrial land supply that is readily developable in Central Oregon.

Policy 4.2.14 The Central Oregon Regional Large Lot Industrial Land Need Analysis ("Analysis"), adopted by Ordinance 2013-002 is incorporated by reference herein.

Policy 4.2.15 Within 6 months of the adoption of Ordinance 2013-002, in coordination with the participating local governments in Central Oregon, Deschutes County shall, execute an intergovernmental agreement ("IGA") with the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council ("COIC") that specifies the process of allocation of large lot industrial sites among the participating local governments.

Policy 4.2.16 In accordance with OAR 660-024-004 and 0045, Deschutes County, fulfilling coordination duties specified in ORS 195.025, shall approve and update its comprehensive plan when participating cities within their jurisdiction legislatively or through a quasi-judicial process designate regionally significant sites.

Policy 4.2.17 Deschutes County supports Economic Development of Central Oregon ("EDCO"), a non-profit organization facilitating new job creation and capital investment to monitor and advocate for the region's efforts of maintaining an inventory of appropriate sized and located industrial lots available to the market

Policy 4.2.18 Deschutes County will collaborate with regional public and private representatives to engage the Oregon Legislature and state agencies and their commissions to address public facility, transportation and urbanization issues that hinder economic development opportunities in Central Oregon.

Policy 4.2.19 Deschutes County will strengthen long-term confidence in the economy by building innovative public to private sector partnerships.