



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 27, 2025
Community Auditorium, 1915 Main Street

Malynda Wenzl, Mayor

Mariana Valenzuela, Council President
Angel Falconer, Councilor
Donna Gustafson, Councilor

Michael Marshall, Councilor
Karen Martinez, Councilor
Brian Schimmel, Councilor

[TVCTV Livestream](#)

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URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. No formal decisions or actions will be taken. Representatives of the news media may attend but may not disclose any information discussed. News media representatives can request a link to attend via Zoom by emailing the City Recorder's Office at: mwoods@forestgrove-or.gov

5:30 The URA Board will convene to hold an executive session: ORS 192.660(2)(e)
To conduct deliberations with persons designated to negotiate real property transactions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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6:00 The Council will convene to hold an executive session: ORS 192.660(2)(d)
To conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations.

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

No public comment will be taken. The Council will take no formal action.

6:30 Communications Plan and Branding Guide

Staff: Stephanie Fleischer, Communications and Programs Manager

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A. 7:00 Call to Order

1. Roll Call
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Public Comment: Time provided for anyone wishing to speak to City Council on an item not on the agenda or on the agenda but not scheduled for a public hearing. Comments are limited to 2 minutes unless additional time is granted by the Presiding Officer. The public comment period shall not exceed 30 minutes unless a majority of Councilors present vote to extend the time. Zoom attendees may use the “Raise Hand” option to be called on.

1. Written Public Comment

C. Consent Agenda: Items under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will all be adopted with a single motion, without separate discussion. Councilors who wish to remove an item from the Consent Agenda may do so prior to the motion. Any item(s) removed will be discussed and acted upon following the approval of the remaining item(s).

D. Additions/Deletions

1. City Manager
2. Proposed by Councilors

E. Presentations: The Council will hold questions until the end of each presentation. A two-minute reminder will be given to the presenter to conclude remarks.

1. **7:15 Civics Academy Recognition**
Stephanie Fleischer, Communications and Programs Manager; Joyce Phillips, Communications & Programs Assistant
2. **7:30 Forest Grove Watershed Annual Report**
Barry Sims, Trout Mountain Forestry Partner/Forester
3. **7:45 Clean Water Services Annual Update**
Rick Shanley, Clean Water Services Interm CEO/GM

F. Public Hearings, Ordinances, and Resolutions

G. 8:00 Council Communications:

1. Councilor Reports
 - a. Mariana Valenzuela (LC, CDBGPAB)
 - b. Angel Falconer (HLB, JWC, CCESC, Chamber of Commerce)
 - c. Donna Gustafson (PAC, RWPCB, WCCCA)
 - d. Michael Marshall (CFC, P&R)
 - e. Karen Martinez (FGRFPD, SCC, FGSCC)
 - f. Brian Schimmel (CCE, EDC, TVHSC)
2. City Manager's Report
3. Mayor's Report (WCCC, R1ACT, MMC, WCC&MG, WCMG, MYAC)

H. 8:30 Adjournment

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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8:30 Liquor License Process

Staff: Mariah Woods, City Recorder

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Communications Plan and Branding Guide

Stephanie Fleischer | Communications and Program Manager

October 27, 2025

AGENDA

2040 Plan

Purpose

Background

Definitions

Process

Cost Estimate

VISION 2040



DIRECTLY RELATES TO:

- 4.10 Utilize digital and printed tools to enhance communication.
- 4.11 Update the City’s communication plan.

CREATES A FOUNDATION FOR:

- 1.13 Increase wayfinding signage for downtown parking.
- 1.17 Pursue grants to support tourism, placemaking, identity, and planning.
- 2.37 Enhance and add wayfinding signage in downtown and along arterials.

PURPOSE

Seek feedback from Council on scope, process, and funding for a communications plan and branding guide.

BACKGROUND

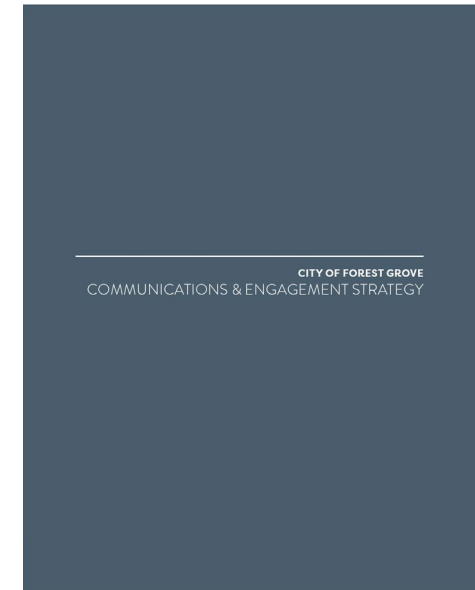


A place where families and businesses thrive.

Current Forest Grove logo

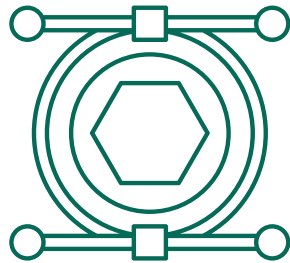


Forest Grove tourism logo and brand guide



Forest Grove Communications and Engagement Strategy

DEFINITIONS



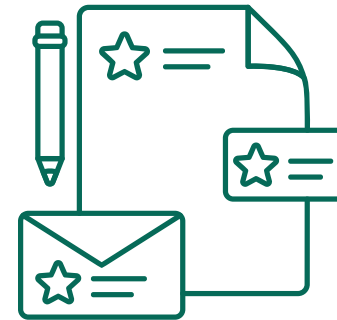
LOGO

A graphic mark, emblem, symbol, or stylized name used to represent and distinguish an entity, or product.



COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

A strategic document that outlines how a municipality will communicate with its residents, stakeholders, and the public to achieve specific goals.



BRAND GUIDE

A strategic process of shaping and promoting a unique identity and image to attract residents, tourists, businesses, and investments.



COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

A formal guideline that an organization uses to govern its internal and external communication.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

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A communication plan is a strategic roadmap that defines how, when, why, and what an organization communicates.

Information can include:

- Vision, mission, and goals
- Audience breakdown
- Alignment with strategic plan or in our case 2040 Vision
- Communications objectives and SMART goals
- Key messaging
- Channel selection, strategy, and schedule
- Crisis plan, measurement and evaluation, and staff roles

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

WHY CREATE A COMMUNICATIONS PLAN:

- Consistent and clear messaging
- Defines our goals and audience
- Improves efficiency (what to say, when to say it, and how to say it)
- Good communication builds connection
- Outlines how to measure success
- Can help in a crisis

WHY BRAND

BRANDS CAN:

- Create a shared sense of identity for residents.
- Set the city apart from neighboring cities.
- Provides a consistent “voice” for all city communications.
- Helps a community tell its story, strengthen its identity.

WHY BRAND

The community's thoughts, feelings, and ideas gathered during the 2040 outreach are not currently reflected in Forest Grove's "brand."

At present, we have a logo more than a true brand identity.

A new communications plan and branding guide will work together to establish a cohesive Forest Grove brand and ensure the city's programs, goals, and achievements—especially those outlined in the 2040 Plan—are communicated effectively.

CITY LOGO EXAMPLES

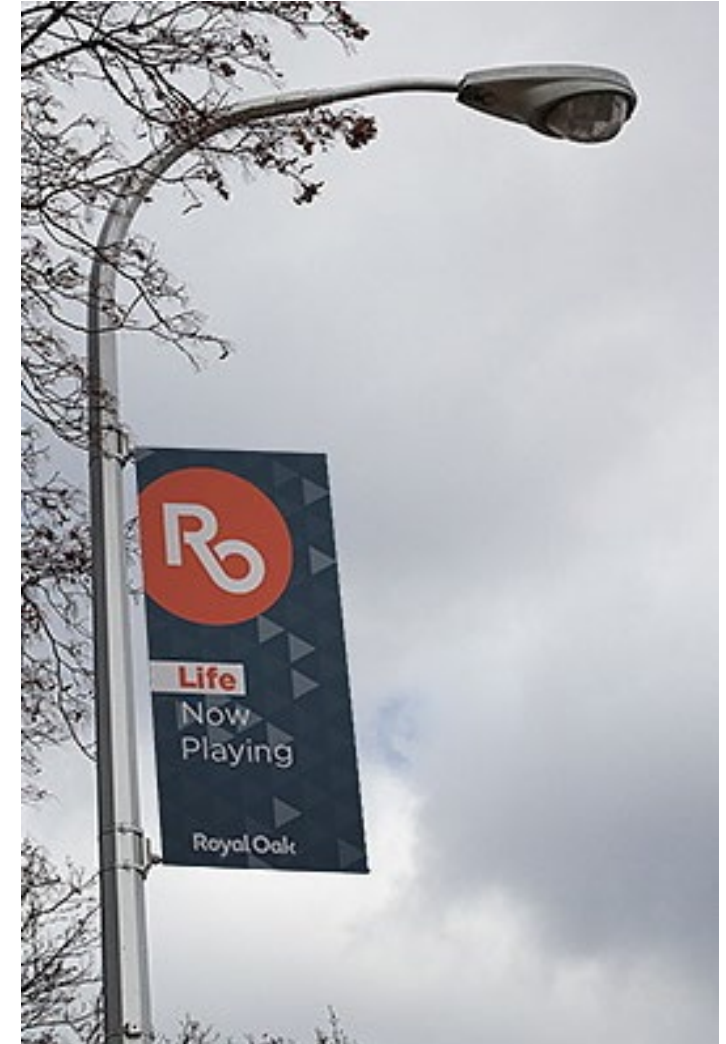
Good example of lockups/variations



CITY BRAND AT WORK

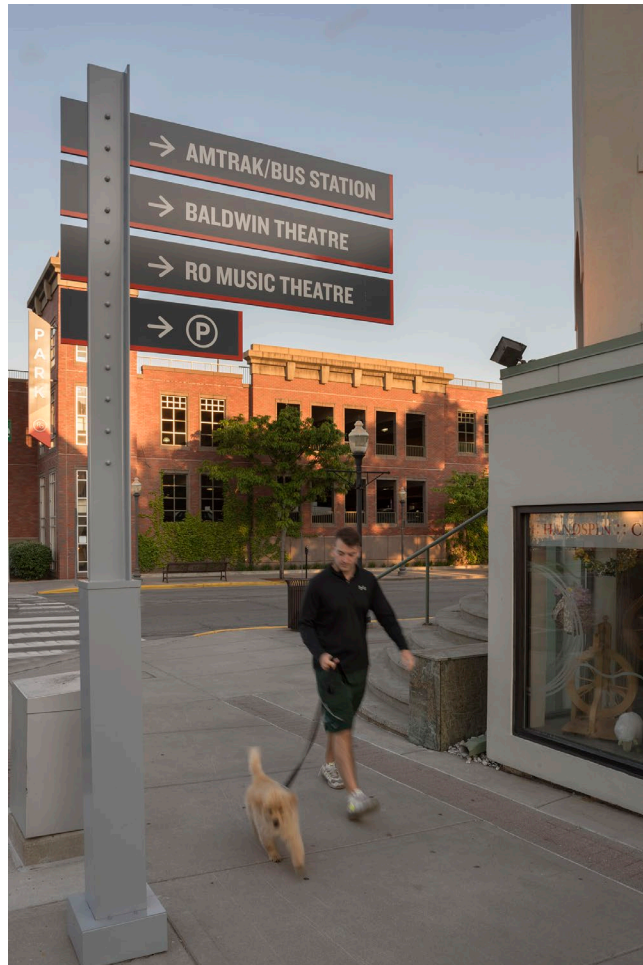
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Royal Oak, Michigan



CITY BRAND AT WORK

Royal Oak, Michigan



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Royal Oak, Michigan



CITY DEPARTMENTS

Communications Plan:

- All departments will be included under the Communications Plan and policy.

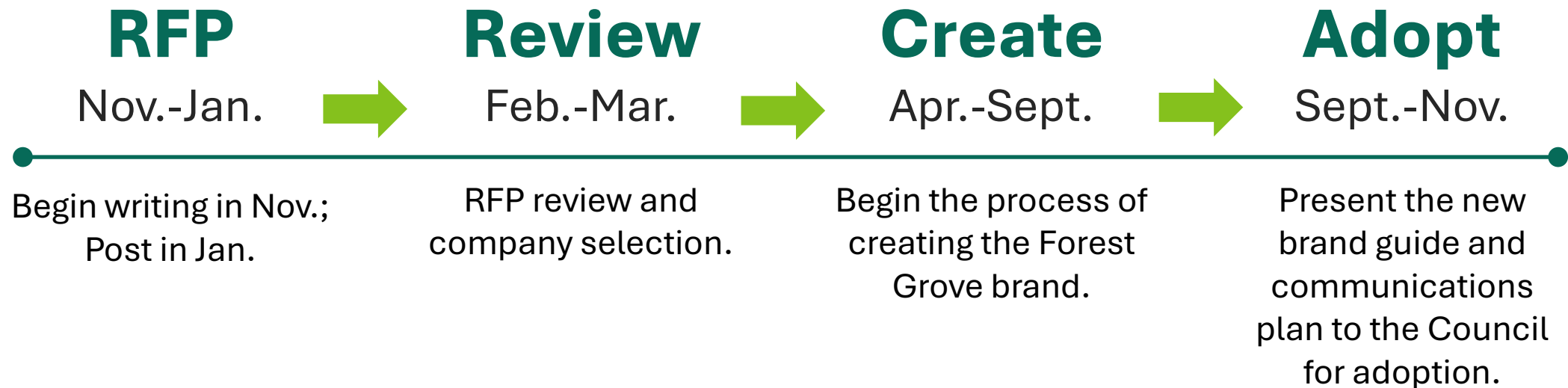
Branding Guide:

- Variations for Parks and Recreation and the Library.
- Best practice is for utilities and public safety to brand separately. Various reasons why these are not branded together include:
 - Listed entities often have strong professional identities and traditions that can be diluted by broader civic branding.
 - These entities use specialized recruitment, which differs greatly from civic messaging.

PROCESS

- Staff estimates a one-year process beginning Nov. 2025 and ending in Nov. 2026. RFP could include items like:
 - Communications Plan
 - Logo design- including logo variations/lockups
 - Branding Guide creation- Typefaces, colors, etc. Includes proper usage guidelines
 - Business Suite- business cards, letterhead
 - Official City Seal
- 2040 outreach data is available to assist in the creative process
- Outreach could include an ad-hoc committee to advise staff composed of Board/Commission members
- Staff will hold work session with Council before adoption
- After adoption, provide a roll-out calendar

TIMELINE



PRICING ESTIMATES

18

Cost estimates include:

- Communications Plan
- Branding Guide

Prices range from \$40k-\$70k combined

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

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- Communications Plan
- Branding Guide

Questions and Discussion



October 16, 2025

Honorable Mayor Wenzel and Members of the City Council,

The Forest Grove/Cornelius Chamber of Commerce would like to provide clarity and context regarding the history of the Main Street program discussion and our position moving forward.

It is important to note that the Chamber's involvement in the Main Street conversation began even earlier. The Chamber Director participated in the City-coordinated working group led by then Economic Development Manager Brenna Fulks and served as part of the Steering Committee formed to explore the potential of a Main Street program for Forest Grove.

On September 8, 2023, the Chamber officially registered with the Oregon Main Street Board Institute. We were provided materials by Sherry Stuart, including the Board Handbook, Board Service Graphic, and Guide for Nonprofit Board Service. At that time, we had not yet seen any other organizations apply, so we continued to take the necessary steps to prepare and move the process forward responsibly.

When the initial application period opened in late 2023, no organizations had yet applied. Recognizing the importance of this opportunity for our downtown and broader business community, the Chamber formally began the application process and informed the City's Economic Development Commission. The Commission expressed full support for the Chamber's initiative. The effort was then brought before the Economic Development Commission in November, where the formal discussion began.

From the beginning, our intentions have been to do what is right for our business community, not just for downtown but for all the businesses we serve throughout Forest Grove and Cornelius. When we decided to apply, it was because no one else had submitted an application, and we wanted to ensure our community did not lose the opportunity to access Main Street resources and potential grant funding. The Chamber has a strong record of successfully securing grants and viewed this as a way to strengthen our local economy.

At that time, our goal was also to help support the organizational capacity of partners who might not have had the structure or staffing to take this on alone. We entered the process in good faith, ready to collaborate and create a framework that would benefit the entire community.

It was during a City Council meeting, when the Economic Development Coordinator gave his update and referred to the Chamber as having the support of the EDC to apply for the Main Street program, that Councilor Donna Gustafson stated that City Club was also interested in applying. This created a perceived conflict of interest and led to the process being paused. The matter was then referred to a City Council work session for further discussion.

Although the Chamber had concerns about City Club's organizational readiness to oversee a Main Street program, we remained open to collaboration. The Chamber worked with the City to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that outlined a transparent partnership between the City, the Chamber, and City Club. The Chamber brought the MOU ready to sign, but City Club declined to sign the version developed collaboratively. Instead, they proposed an alternate version that required the Chamber to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA).




The Chamber of Commerce was represented on the committee by Claudia Yakos and Hope Kramer and *remained active members of the Main Street committee up until the request for NDAs was made. Because the Main Street framework emphasizes transparency and community collaboration, the Chamber chose not to sign. We believe NDAs have no place in a Main Street process that depends on open communication and shared trust, as reiterated in the Main Street assessment.*

Moving forward, if the City Council intends for City Club to continue overseeing or coordinating the Main Street program, the Chamber believes it is essential to ensure proper alignment and accountability. We respectfully recommend that a new, independent nonprofit organization be established to manage the program, led by someone without conflicts of interest, supported by clear governance, and guided by the Oregon Main Street model's principles of openness and collaboration.


The Chamber will continue to champion efforts that support business vitality, economic development, and community trust. We are committed to working with the City and any future partners to ensure that the Main Street program, if implemented, truly reflects the collaborative spirit and shared vision of Forest Grove.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify our position and reaffirm our ongoing commitment to strengthening our local business community.

Respectfully submitted,



Evelyn Orr
Board Chair
Forest Grove/Cornelius Chamber of Commerce



Claudia Yakos
Executive Director
Forest Grove/Cornelius Chamber of Commerce

Mariah Woods

From: Dale Feik [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 5:02 AM
To: 'Kathryn Harrington'; 'Nafisa Fai'; 'Pam Treece'; 'Jerry Willey'; 'Jason Snider'; Malynda Wenzl; 'Beach Pace'; 'Lacey Mayor Beaty'
Cc: 'Tanya Ange'; 'Washington County Administrative Office'; City Councilors; 'Amber Ames'; chair@washcodems.org; 'Lauren Bishop'; 'Laura Gunderson'; 'WC CAN Board'; cityrecorder@beavertonoregon.gov; 'Direct Action Committee'; mrogoway@oregonian.com; 'Representative Susan McLain'
Subject: After No Kings 2.0, actions to take next
Attachments: What Comes Next after No Kings 2 by Robert Reich Oct 21 2025.docx; Heather Cox Richardson Oct 21 2025.docx

To: Kathryn Harrington, Chair of Washington County Commission and Commissioners, Jerry Willey, Pam Treece, Nafisa Fai, Jason Snider

To: Malynda Wenzl, Mayor of Forest Grove, and City Councilors

To: Beach Pace, Mayor of Hillsboro, and City Councilors

To: Lacey Beaty, Mayor of Beaverton, and City Councilors

Re: Please open the two attachments titled: 'What Comes next after No Kings 2 by Robert Reich Oct 21, 2025.docx'; and 'Heather Cox Richardson Oct 21, 2025.docx'

In Summary Reich says: After No Kings how do we use that power – dozen simple ones:

1. Organize for the 2026 midterms;
2. Protect the decent and hardworking members of our communities who are undocumented;
3. Help people who are losing their jobs and benefits;
4. Call your members of Congress;
5. Protect LGBTQ+ and Black and brown members of our communities;
6. Participate in or organize boycotts of companies that are enabling the Trump regime starting with Tesla, X, Amazon, Hm Depot, Walmart, and Palantir;
7. Support groups litigating against Trump;
8. Spread the truth;
9. Join coworkers in getting employers to resist Trump;
10. Push for progressive measures in our communities and states;
11. Meanwhile, keep the faith. Do not give up on America;
12. Finally, please be sure to find room in your life for joy, fun, and laughter. We must not let Trump and his darkness take us over

In Summary, 'Heather Cox Richardson Oct 21, 2025.docx'

"Over the weekend, as millions of Americans attended "No Kings" protests, President Donald J. Trump's social media accounts responded by posting images not just of Trump as a king—defecating on Americans, even—but also of Vice

President J.D. Vance in a royal crown, suggesting that American democracy has been supplanted by tyranny that will last past Trump into the future.

"In the United States, no man is a monarch: the law is supposed to be king. In January 1776, newly arrived immigrant Thomas Paine published Common Sense, explaining to his new countrymen why they should declare independence from the King of England. He called for a new government based not in heritage or tradition, but in the law. "[I]n America the law is king," Paine wrote. "For as in absolute governments the King is law, so in free countries the law ought to be king; and there ought to be no other."

"But under Trump, the law is under attack."

"Last night, on CBS's 60 Minutes, Scott Pelley, Aaron Weisz, Aliza Chasan, and Ian Flickinger presented the story of Erez Reuveni, a former lawyer for the Department of Justice (DOJ) who alleges that the Trump administration is destroying the rule of law in America....."

"But White House officials do not appear to want to advertise their destruction of part of the historic building. Natalie Andrews and Alex Leary of the Wall Street Journal reported that officials at the Treasury Department, which has a front-row seat to the demolition, have told employees not to share photos of the grounds. According to Trump, funding for his ballroom has been provided by dozens of companies, including Apple, Amazon, Lockheed Martin, and Coinbase. As of September, the White House had not yet submitted building plans to the National Capital Planning Commission."

"The first president to live in the White House after its construction was a contemporary of Thomas Paine, John Adams. When he moved into the house in 1800, Adams wrote to his wife, Abigail: "I Pray Heaven To Bestow The Best Of Blessings On This House And All that shall hereafter Inhabit it. May none but Honest and Wise Men ever rule under This Roof."

Respectfully,

Dale Feik


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From: Brian Schimmel
Sent: Saturday, October 25, 2025 4:40 PM
Subject: Council Acknowledgment and Reaffirmation of Authority
Attachments: Schimmel PRR Response.pdf; Bryan Pohl email to Council RE Main Street Program Work Session.pdf; 2024 CCFG-MS Confidentiality.pdf

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor and Council,

To ensure shared understanding and consistent application of Council policy, I recommend the full Council acknowledge, for the public record, the email correspondences below and consider the following at Monday night's meeting:

1. **Affirm Council and City Manager authority** under the City Charter (Chapter V, Section 19; Chapter VIII, Section 33) and Council Rules (18.1 B and C),
2. **Affirm Council consensus** from our August 24 work session regarding Council Goal 1.5: Clarify strategic direction for downtown redevelopment and partnerships, and
3. **Confirm the City Club's confidentiality agreement is not in force** — the city is not bound by the agreement, nor will anyone from the City sign one in the future.

Rationale (from the original correspondence):

As duly sworn Councilors, we recognize that only the City Manager is authorized to execute inter-agency agreements, consistent with the direction and consensus of Council. A litigious response by any Councilor understandably causes a disruption of work and personal anxiety when representing the City, presenting to Council, or engaging with Councilors on matters involving external interests.

Overreaching control—whether through the City Manager or staff—can create the appearance of undue influence and may be perceived as undermining Council authority, particularly when it appears to advance the interests of an external agency on a matter the Council has already addressed. Such actions risk creating confusion among staff and weakening established policy.

To maintain clarity, restore public trust and support staff confidence, let's commit to resolving inquiries on council decisions at a regular Council meeting.

Thank you.

Brian Schimmel
Forest Grove City Councilor

8/25 Main Street Program Work Session

From: Bryan Pohl

Date: Mon 10/6/2025 3:58 PM

To: Angelene Falconer ; Brian Schimmel ; Donna Gustafson ; Jaime Zaik ; Jesse VanderZanden ; Karen Martinez ; Malynda Wenzl ; Mariah Woods ; Mariana Valenzuela ; Michael Marshall

Dear Forest Grove City Councilors,

Following the August 25 City Council meeting, City staff received correspondence concerning a statement made by Economic Development Coordinator Miles Glowacki during the Main Street Program work session. During that meeting, Miles stated that he had not signed a nondisclosure agreement with City Club. However, the correspondence staff received after the meeting included a copy of a confidentiality agreement signed by Miles on October 10, 2024.

Miles does not recall signing this agreement, nor was he authorized to do so on behalf of the City. As such, the agreement is not valid nor binding on the City of Forest Grove. The City was not aware that Miles signed this agreement and no other City employees have signed any confidentiality agreements related to the Main Street Program.

Given these circumstances, I will be notifying the City Club that any City employee assigned to serve as liaison to the Main Street Program Committee are not (and never have been) authorized to sign nor be bound to a confidentiality agreement, nor will he or anyone from the City sign one in the future.

Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the confidentiality agreement, please feel free to contact me directly. However, please refrain from using "Reply All" in your response.

Sincerely,

Bryan W. Pohl, CFM
Community Development Director
1924 Council Street
PO Box 326
Forest Grove, OR 97116-0326
(503)992-3227

"So toss away stuff you don't need in the end; but keep what's important and know who's your friend."

From: Donna Gustafson
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 9:34 PM
To: Jesse VanderZanden
Subject: Miles signing of the NDA
Attachments: 2024 CCFG-MS ConfidentialityMilesG.docx.pdf

Jesse,

During today's Council meeting, Miles stated that he had not signed a non-disclosure/confidentiality agreement (aka NDA) with City Club. This statement is inaccurate and requires correction.

As documented in the attached record, Mr. Glowacki signed the City Club of Forest Grove – Main Street Confidentiality & Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form via DocuSign on October 10, 2024, This form is functionally a confidentiality agreement, as it explicitly requires board and committee members to maintain confidentiality regarding City Club matters.

This is the same document that all program partners signed as part of our governance structure. The only exception was the Chamber, which has since made it clear that they do not wish to participate as a program partner.

Because this incorrect statement was made publicly at a Council meeting, I respectfully request:

1. A written correction be sent to the full City Council acknowledging that Miles Glowacki did, in fact, sign the agreement.
2. A verbal correction be entered into the record verbally and recorded at the next Council meeting to ensure accuracy and transparency for the public and for future reference.

Beyond this specific issue, I would also encourage staff to underscore in future discussions the role of Council itself as outlined in Oregon Main Street best practices. Those best practices clearly call for visible political support and advocacy from city leaders. To date, Council has not provided that level of support to the program and the absence of it undermines the credibility and stability of the program.

It is important for the integrity of both Council discussions and City Club’s reputation that public records are accurate and that our city aligns itself with the same best practices we ask our partners to follow.

Thank you for addressing this promptly.

Respectfully,

Councilor Donna Gustafson

City of Forest Grove, Oregon

Disclaimer: I am speaking on my behalf and not on behalf of the entire council. Unless otherwise noted, this message reflects my role as a City Councilor for the City of Forest Grove. If I am corresponding in another capacity that distinction will be clearly stated. This approach is intended to avoid any perceived confusion and to maintain transparency in all roles I serve.

Mariah Woods

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Re: Summary of three NO KING rallies and Timothy Snyder's lecture Tuesday Oct 28 in Portland

https://snyder.substack.com/p/when-we-say-no-kings-we-mean-freedom?utm_source=podcast-email&publication_id=310897&post_id=177053685&utm_campaign=email-p lay-on-substack&utm_content=watch_now_button&r=rt3lz&triedRedirect=true&utm_medium=email

After attending the Forest Grove, Hillsboro, and Beaverton 'No Kings' Rallies, I found that Timothy Synder's short 7 minutes 30 seconds speech he gave to kick off the 'No Kings' rally in Cincinnati Ohio a good summary of them all. Please click on the above link to view the video of his speech. I also made a word document of the translation of it as well; I also made a word document of The Oregonian, Sunday's story titled 'Timothy Snyder: What the lessons of his new book mean to Portland. Please open attachments.

The bestselling historian will appear Tuesday Oct 28, 7:30 pm in Portland at the Schnitzer Concert Hall: 'Timothy Snyder in Conversation'. My wife and I are going to participate in the conversation.

Respectfully,

Dale Feik
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From: David Haworth [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 1:46 PM
To: City Councilors; Nicholas LaMora; Mike Rogoway; Darci Hanning; jake haworth
Subject: Data center

City councilors

please see the map, indicating all the data centers that have crowded into one small area in Virginia where my son was looking to buy a house

the area destroyed

The people hate it

The picture you see is our crane data center project. The plan is to build it out to 2.5 x this size.

I ask you to take a look at Virginia and what happens to a small town when you allow these data centers to run rampant

I worked very hard here to stop this, and it came down to the opinion of one woman who made the decision to destroy our quality of life here

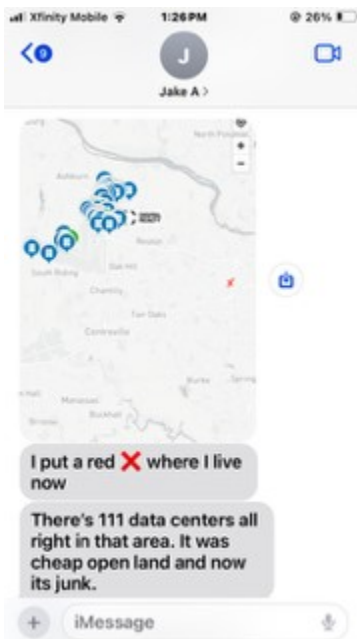
She knows who she is

This is the tipping point, past which this train cannot be stopped

I hope you are all very proud

You have invited the vampire in the front door.

Dave Haworth





Sent from my iPhone



Forest Grove Watershed Annual Report

Barry Sims | Trout Mountain Forestry
October 27, 2025

City of Forest Grove

AGENDA

Purpose

Stewardship Plan

Review 2025 Activities

2026/27 Plans

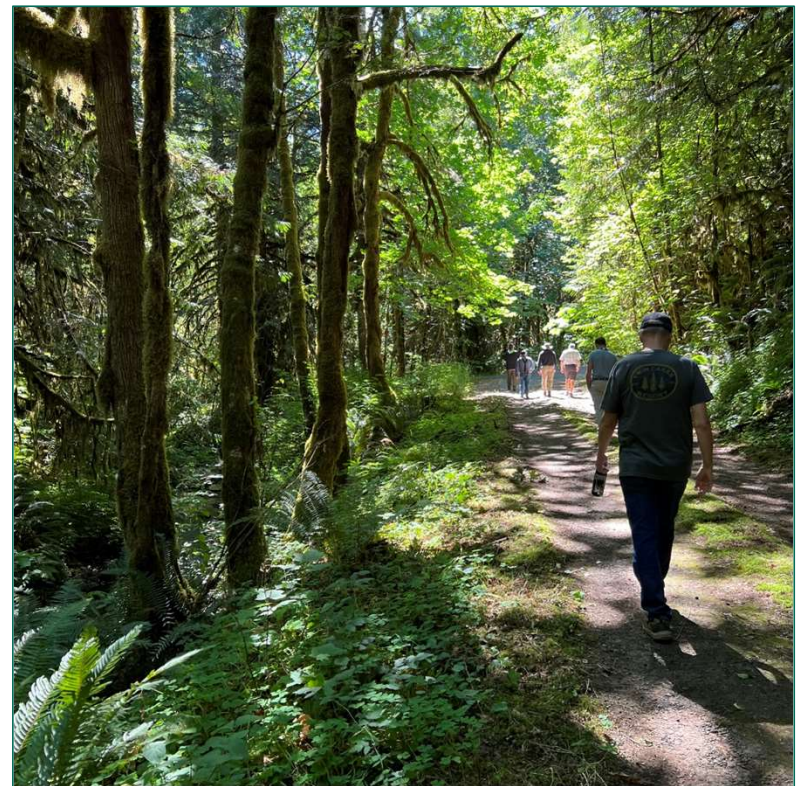
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Questions/Comments

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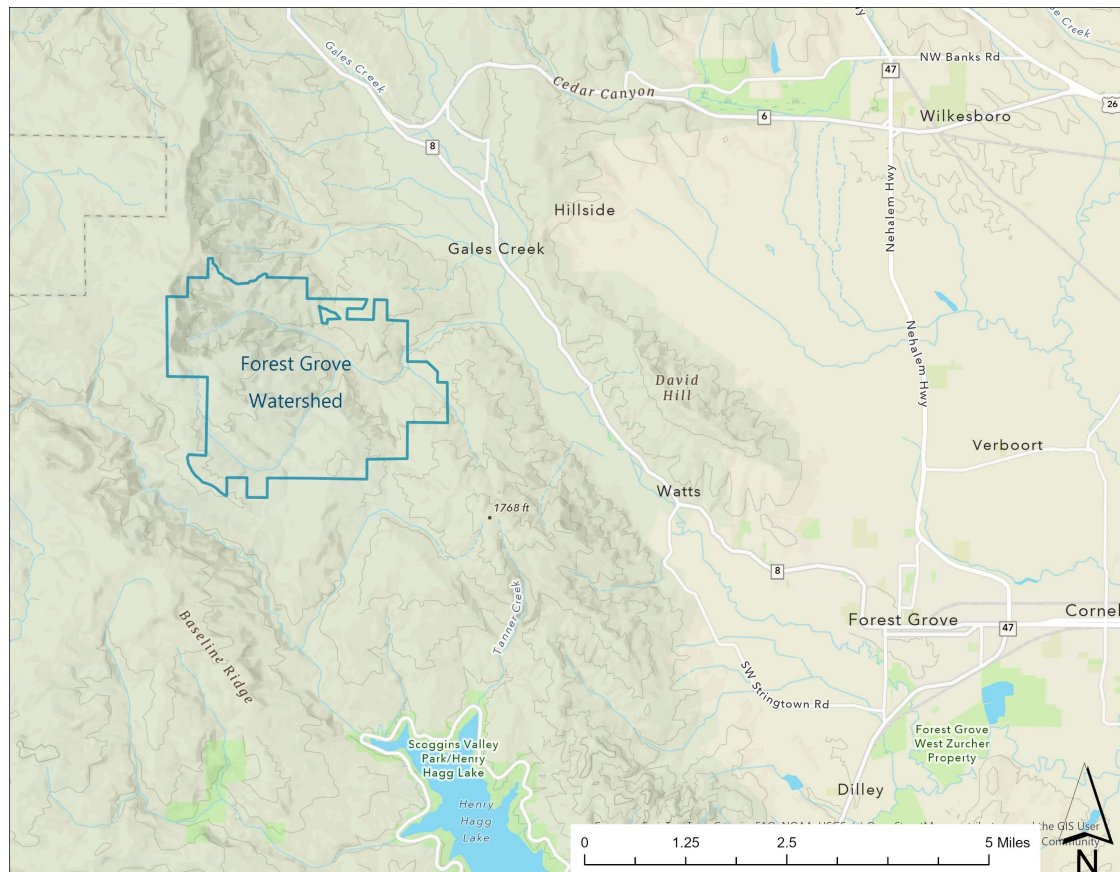
**To inform City Council of forestry activities
in the City's Watershed**

- Overview of 2025 work
- Preview of plans for 2026



City's Forested Watershed – 4,225 acres

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Stewardship Plan

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- Water quality focus of plan
- 1/3 of Watershed reserved from active timber management
- Remainder subject to some form of forest management provided no impacts to water quality
- Plan establishes limits on harvest levels – must be sustainable over time
- Limits on size of openings, retention, use of herbicides, etc.
- Road and culvert monitoring and maintenance

Fuel Loads in Unthinned Stands

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2024 – After Thinning



2025 Activities

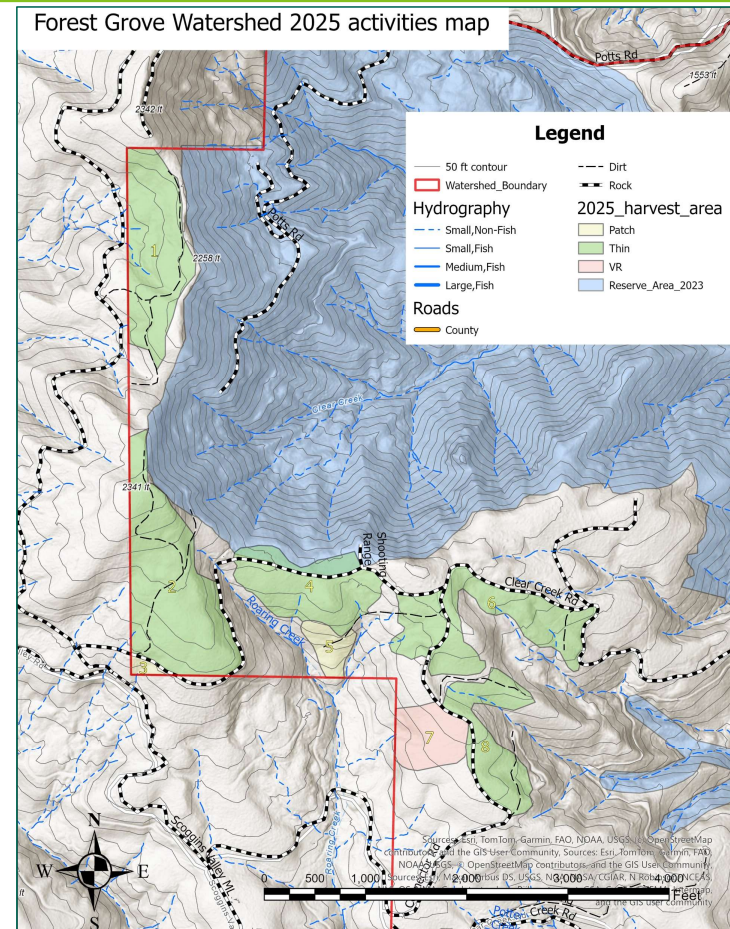
Roads/access

- Improved access to western edge

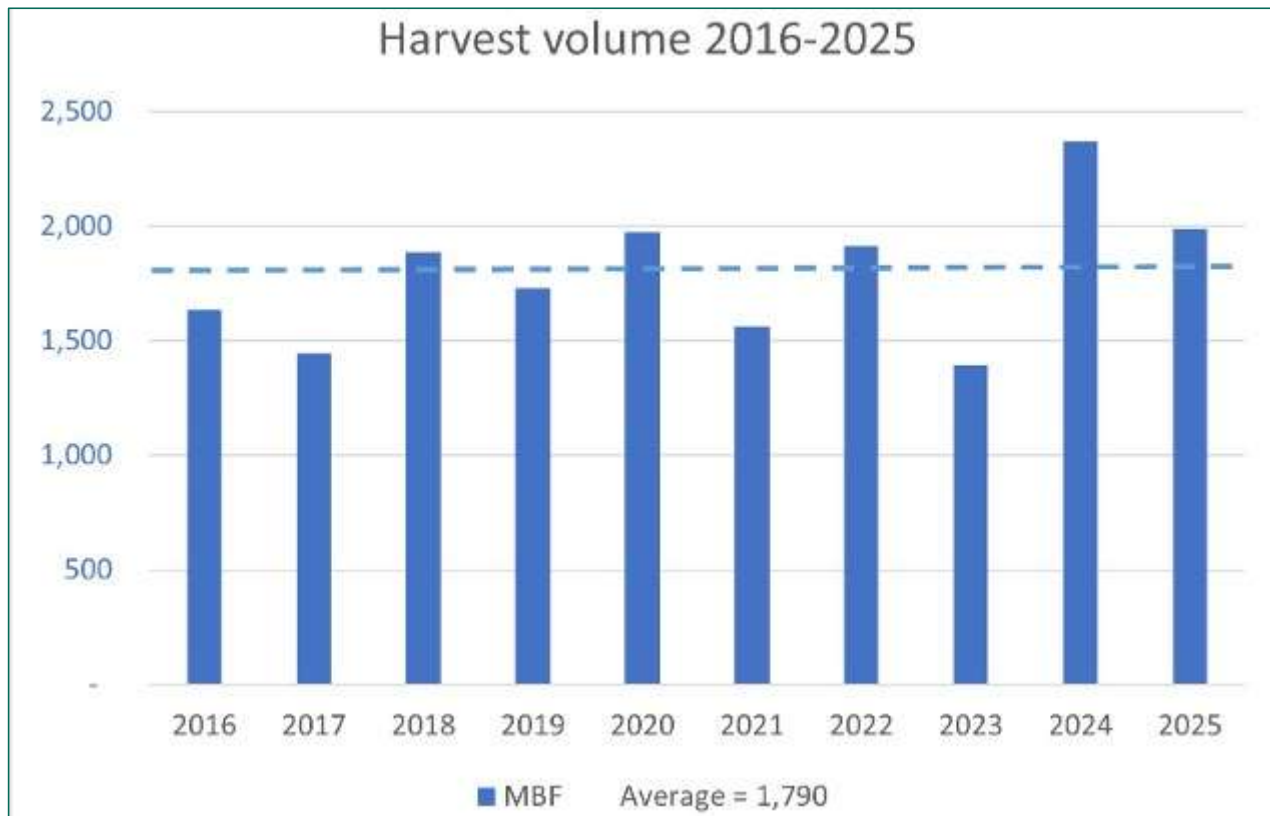
Harvest results

- 110 acres thinned
- 8 acres patch cut
- 9 acres harvested with Variable Retention (VR)

- 1.98 million board feet
- Net to City: \$0.9 million



10-Year Timber Harvest History



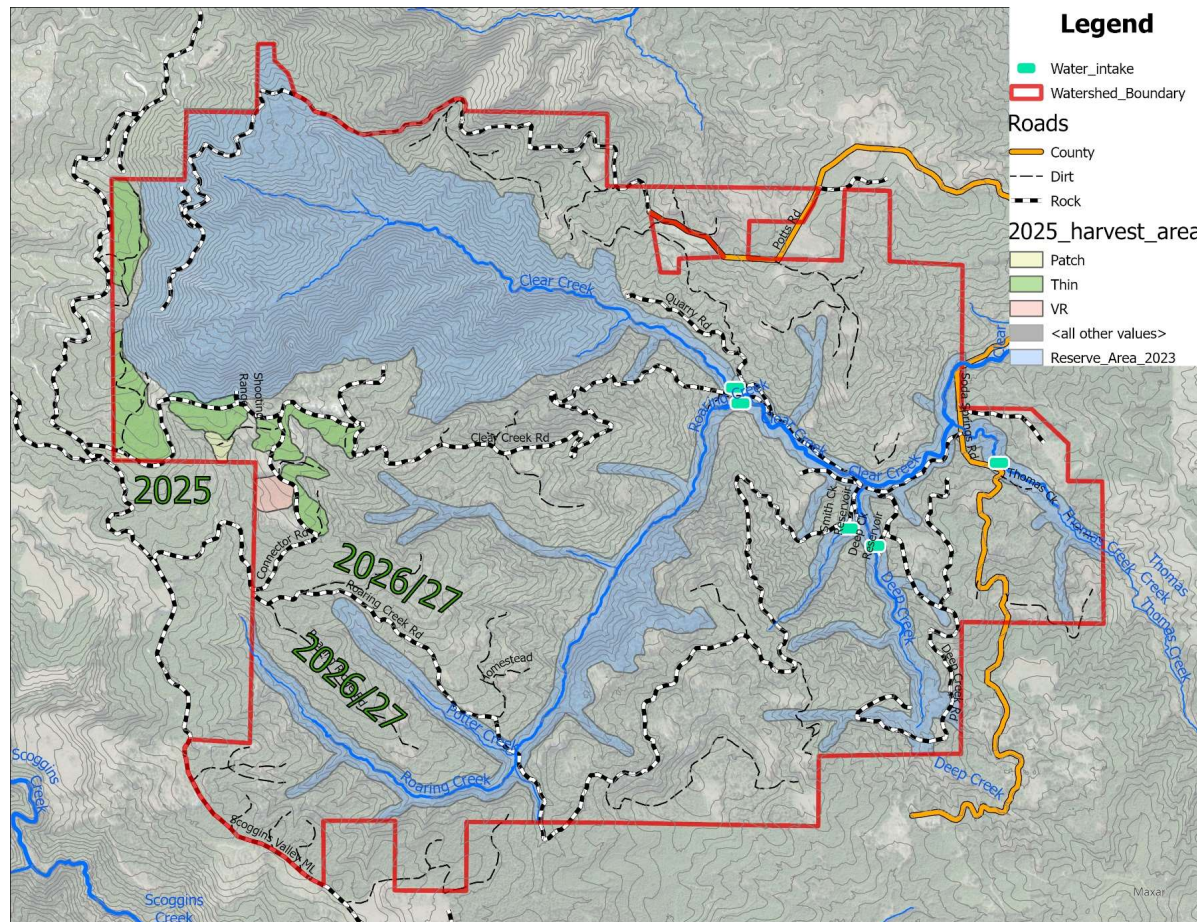
2026 Harvest Plan

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Focus on areas that have never been thinned

- Combination of thinning and patch cuts
- Total estimated volume 1.8 million board feet
- Both ground-based and cable logging systems

Harvest Planning Underway for 2026/2027¹¹



Timber Inventory Update

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- Begin new rolling inventory system winter 2025/2026
 - Collect timber data every year / every other year
 - Continuous system is never out of date
 - Provides for more continuous monitoring of forest conditions

Independently audited/certified

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Questions/Comments



State of Our Partnership

City of Forest Grove & Clean Water Services

October 27, 2025

Fiscal Year 2024-25



Get to Know Rick Shanley, Interim CEO/GM

- Formerly Chief Engineer & Water Technology Officer
- Shanley joined CWS as Treatment Plant Services Manager in 2013
- Previously worked for Carollo Engineers (private consulting)
- Held leadership roles in regulatory compliance strategies, conveyance engineering, and facilities and asset management engineering
- Over 30 years of experience as an environmental engineer, including experience with research, planning, design, and construction of infrastructure for wastewater conveyance and treatment
- Active in various professional societies and previously served as the president of the Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association



CWS 101 / Who Is Clean Water Services?

- Wastewater and stormwater government utility serving more than 600,000 residents of urban Washington County
- 12 partner cities and Washington County
- Budget: \$752.2 million
- Holds nation's first integrated watershed-based permit
- Close working relationship with Washington County, but a separately managed and financed public utility under ORS 451
- Clean Water Services Advisory Commission
- 468 FTE employees



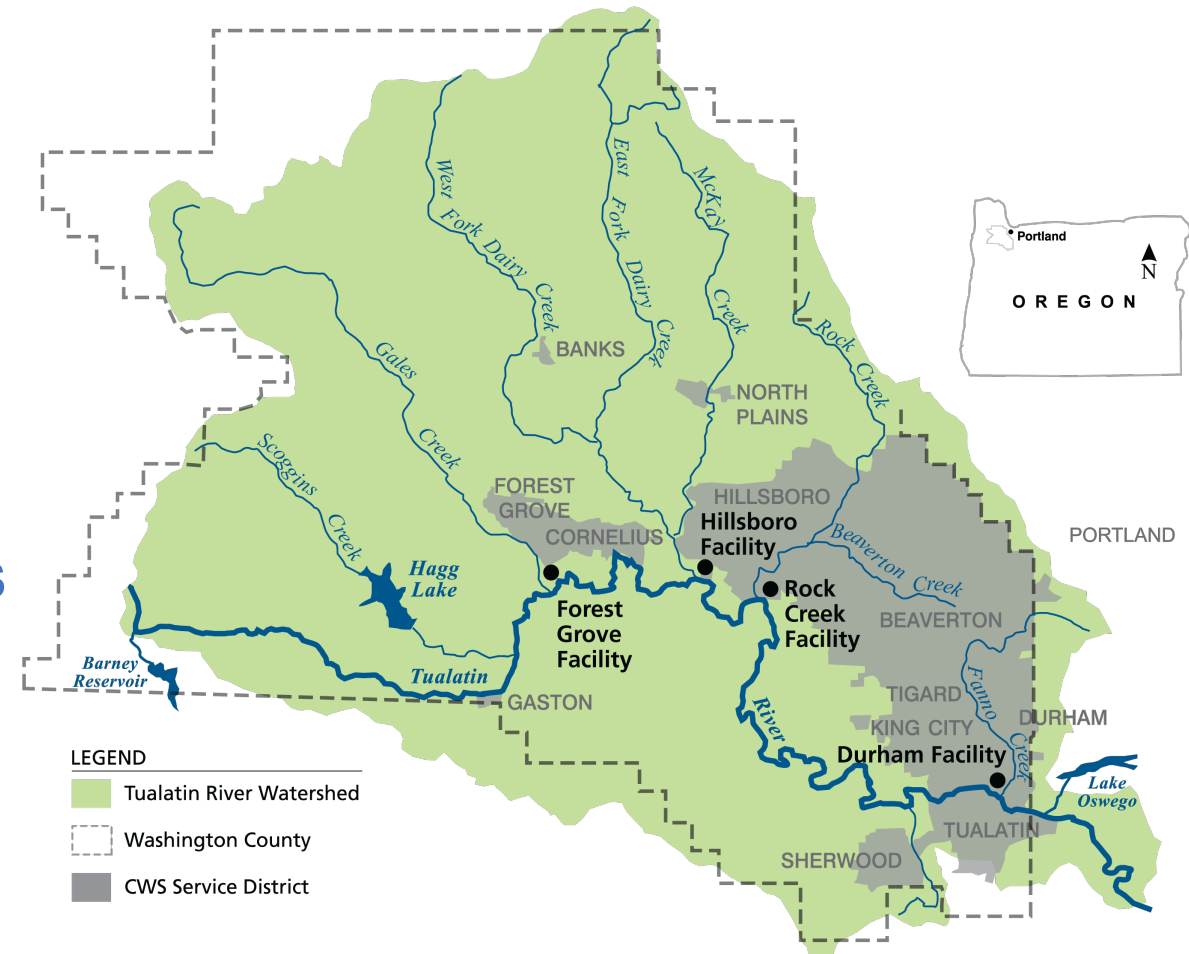
CWS 101 / Who Is Clean Water Services?

- Water resource recovery facilities (Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Rock Creek, Durham)
- Business climate priorities
 - Increasing accountability and transparency
 - Investing in talented people
 - Planning and sequencing capital and operating investments
 - Increasing our capability to respond to residential, commercial, and industrial economic development
 - Closely manage expenditures impacted by inflationary costs
 - ❖ Chemical usage and cost increases
 - ❖ Electric and water utility rate increases
 - ❖ Material and construction cost increases
 - ❖ Personnel costs



Who Receives Services from CWS

- Regional only services
 - Beaverton, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin
- Regional services and local services
 - Urban unincorporated areas of Washington County and cities of Banks, Durham, Gaston, King City, North Plains
- Industrial services
 - All industrial customers in service area. Agreed-upon charges, right-of-way fees go to some cities



Regional and Local Services

Regional Services (Sewer and Surface Water Management (SWM) Rates)

Provided to all customers in the service area:

- Constructing, operating, and maintaining treatment plants, sewage pump stations, and pressure lines
- Designing, building, and maintaining sewer lines 24 inches and larger
- Compliance reporting, oversight for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, including municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4)
- Maintaining minimum stream flows
- Service area restoration and enhancing stream corridors

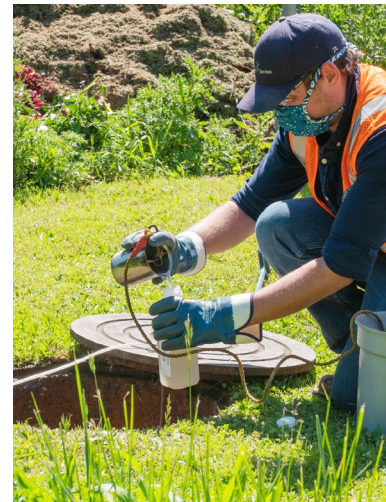
Local Services (Sewer and Surface Water Management (SWM) Rates)

Services to support operating and maintaining local collection system and 24-hour response:

- Designing, building, maintaining, and repairing sewer lines 21 inches and smaller
- Cleaning and inspecting sewer pipes
- Designing, building, maintaining, repairing local stormwater facilities
- Sweeping streets
- Maintaining water quality facilities
- Cleaning catch basins, water quality manholes

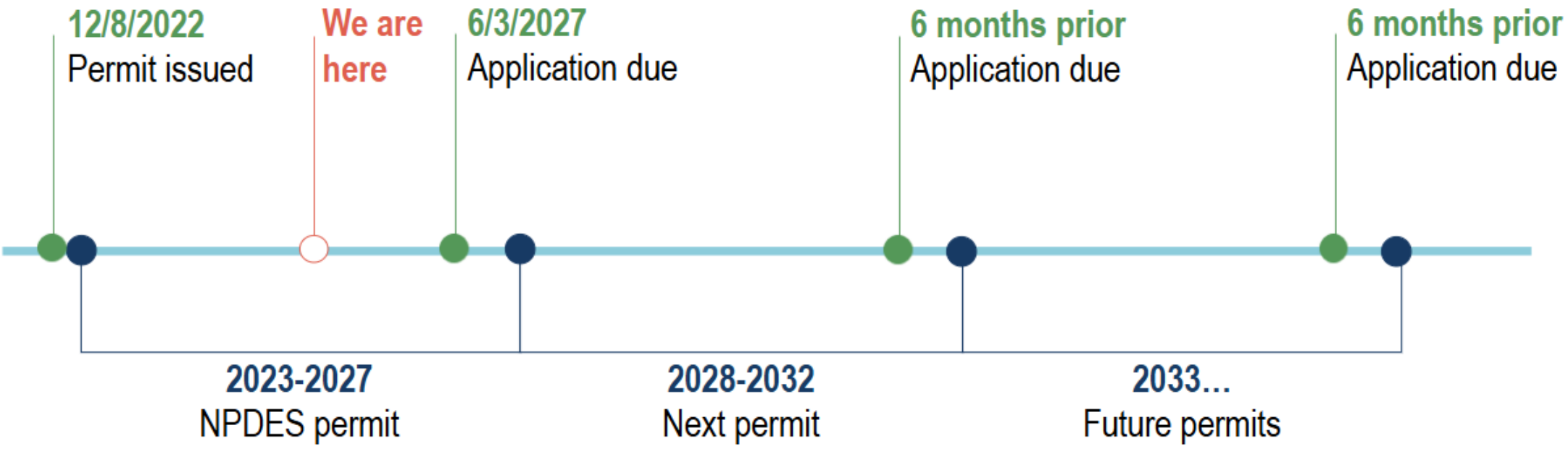
Five-Year Watershed-Based NPDES Permit

- Authorizes discharge to Tualatin River
- Establishes limits
- Requires self-monitoring
- Requires reporting
- Requires compliance schedules
- Regulates industries
- Regulates biosolids and recycled water
- Specifies penalties for noncompliance



DEQ Permit Issuance Process & Schedule

Strategic Roadmap: Proactively address potential new issues



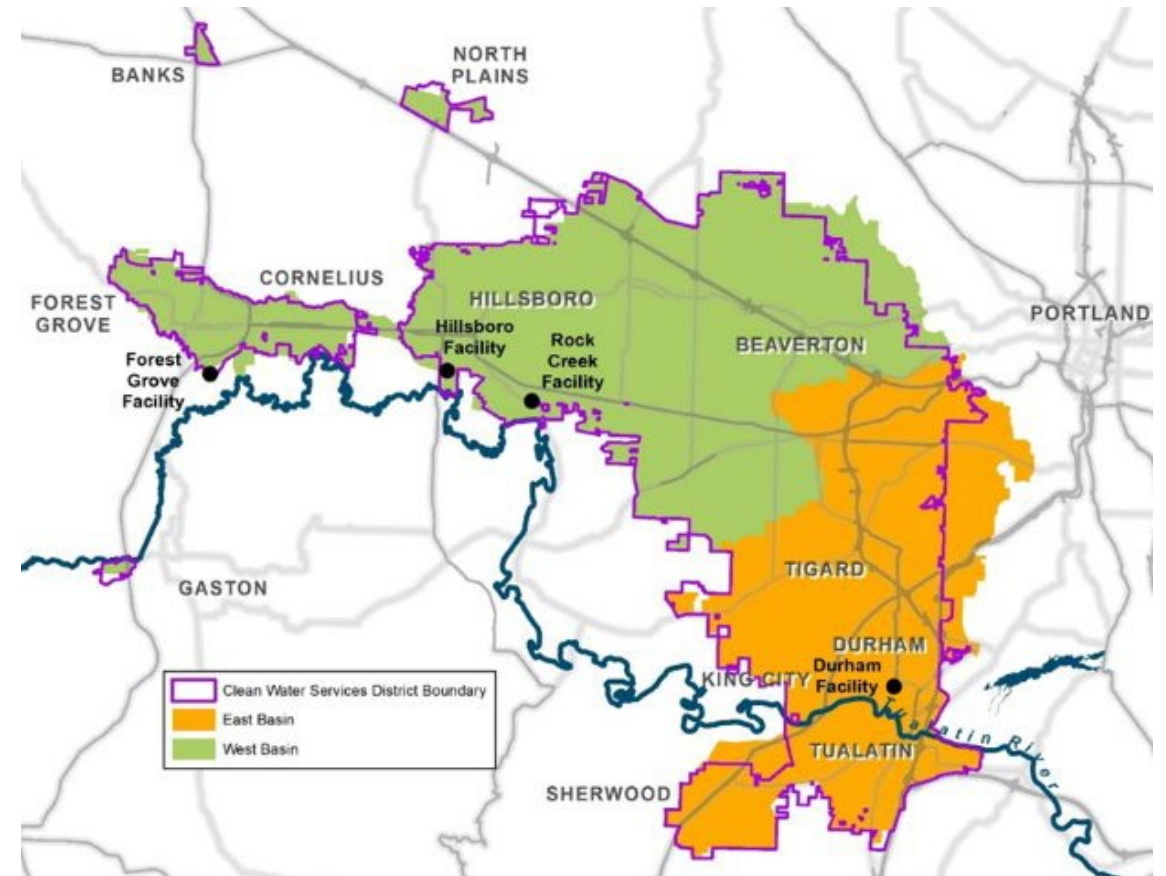
Forest Grove Projects (FY25)

- Research Innovation Partners Lab (RIPL) Project
 - FY25: \$15,770,706
- Forest Grove WRRF Upgrades
 - FY25: \$19,643,607
- Ongoing Inflow & Infiltration Abatement
 - FY25: \$28,739
- Cedar Street Pump Station
 - FY25: \$233,806
- Fernhill Wetlands
 - FY25: \$406,214



Regional Planning: West Basin Master Plan

- Companion to the East Basin Master Plan
- Improvements to facilities and collection system to provide adequate capacity for current and future needs
- Integrated, long-term master plan for sanitary conveyance and water resource recovery facilities in the west basin
- Developed with cities, projecting growth while anticipating increasingly stringent regulatory requirements



Forest Grove Projects for FY26-FY30

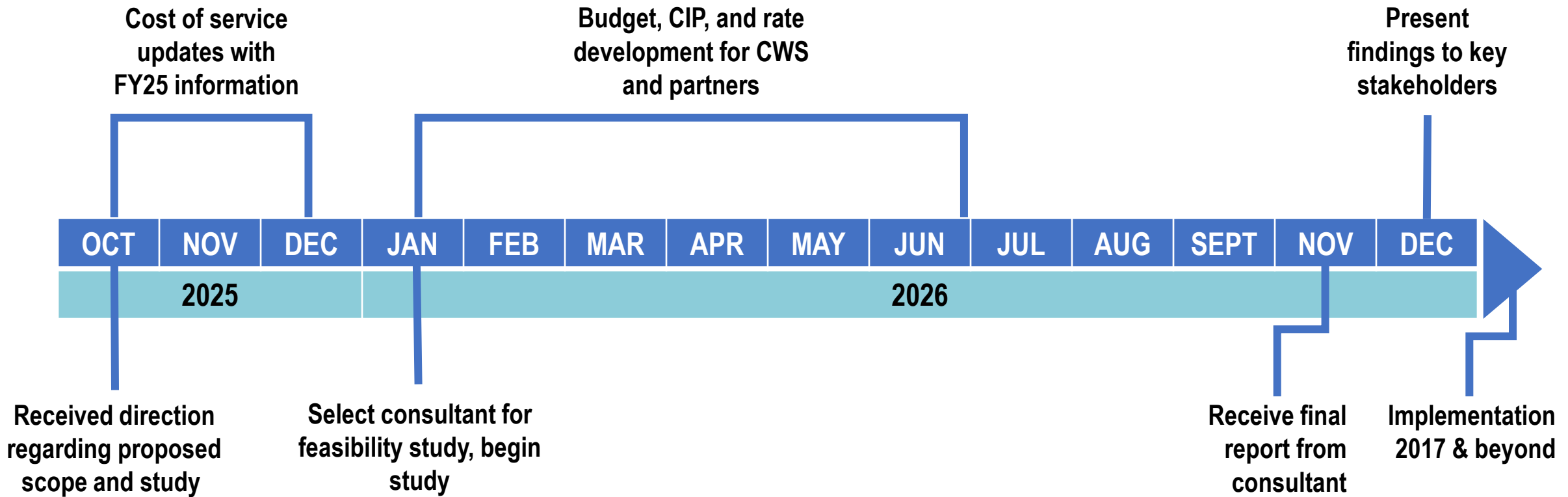
- Research Innovation Partners Lab (RIPL) - \$44,840,000
- Forest Grove WRRF Upgrades - \$39,560,000
- Ongoing Inflow & Infiltration Abatement - \$2,050,000
includes \$1.5 million federal grant
- Cedar St Pump Station - \$500,000
- Fernhill Wetlands - \$800,000
- Recycled Water Program - \$2,100,000
- Council Creek Pump Station - \$15,250,000

5-Year Total: \$105,100,000

Billing Feasibility Study

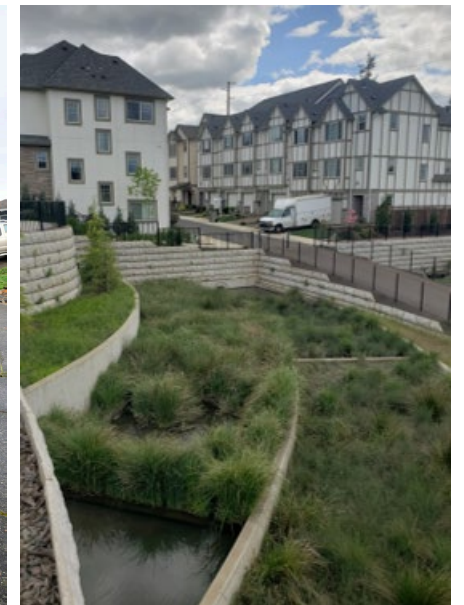
- Identify and evaluate feasibility of alternatives to current system
- Identify and engage stakeholders
- Identify options for implementing income assistance and emergency assistance programs
- Outcome will be a report presenting alternatives to consider, including:
 - Alternatives such as risk, cost, resource requirements, and advantages/disadvantages
 - Transition timeline for any alternatives
 - Comparison matrix of the current billing system to alternatives identified, including initial cost and 10-year ongoing cost estimates

Draft Feasibility Study and Finance Team Timeline



Upcoming Permit Requirements – Deadline November 1, 2026

- Update specific stormwater sections of Design and Construction Standards
- Update Operating IGAs with all cities and Washington County

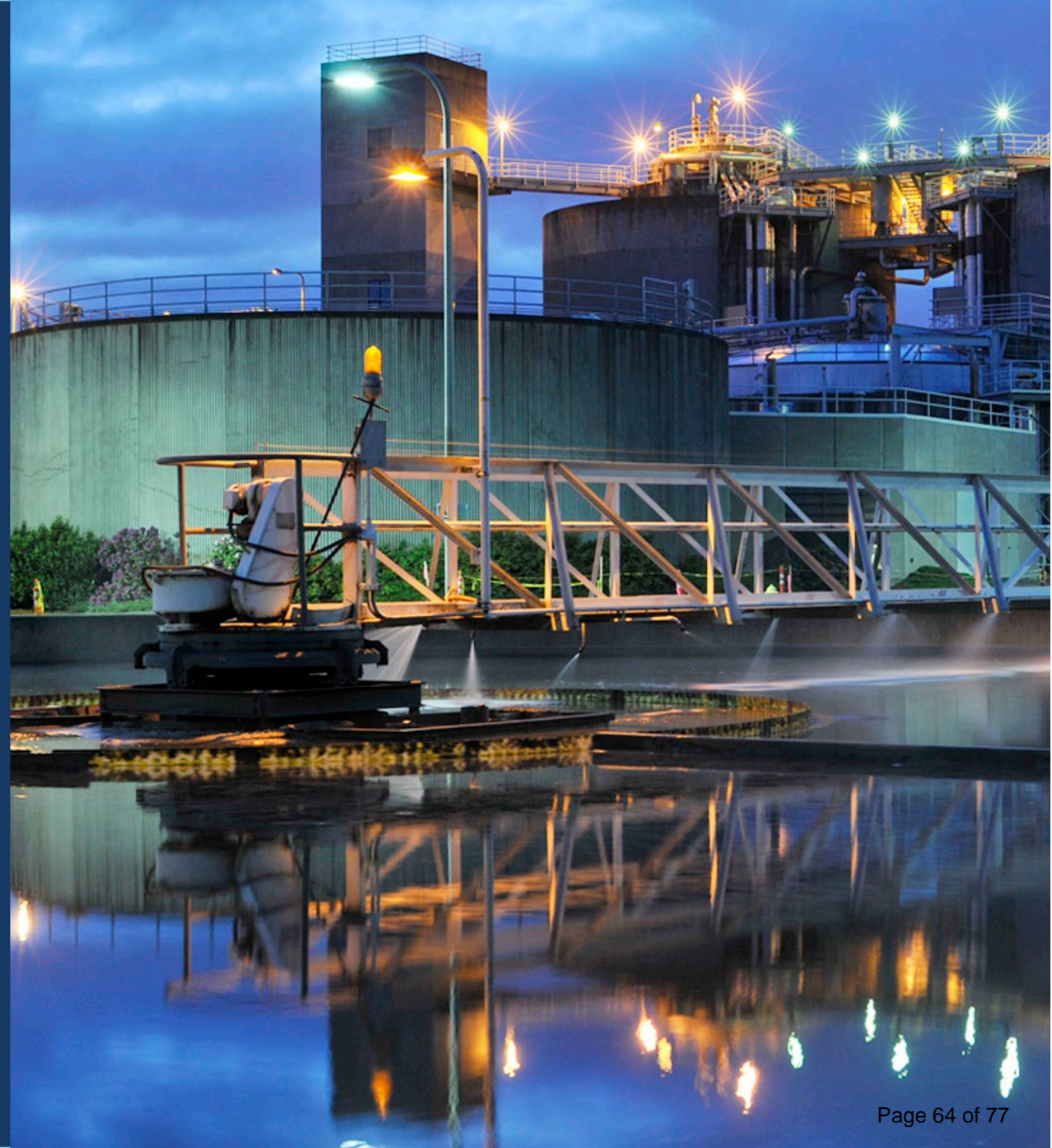


Fernhill Facility

- 700 acres in Forest Grove, connected to the Forest Grove Water Resource Recovery Facility
- Transformed old sewage lagoons to natural treatment system (NTS)
- In the summer, 5 million gallons of water per day travel through Forest Grove Facility and Fernhill NTS to be cleaned and cooled, before returning to the Tualatin River
- 3 miles of trails, including a 1.1-mile ADA-accessible lake loop trail
- 700 average daily visitors / 250,000 visitors per year
- Designated as an Important Bird Area by Bird Alliance of Oregon
- Publicly accessible areas are managed in cooperation with City of Forest Grove Parks staff



Thank you





LIQUOR LICENSE PROCESS

Mariah Woods | City Recorder
Work Session, 27 October 2025

City of Forest Grove

AGENDA

Vision 2040 Plan

Purpose

Background

Current Processes

Comparisons

Discussion

VISION 2040 PLAN



- **2040 GOAL STATEMENT:** We envision a thriving, inclusive Forest Grove community with a vibrant downtown, a diverse economy offering high-paying jobs, and a strong sense of identity and place.
- **2040 OUTCOME:** Create a balanced and diversified economy offering a variety of commercial businesses and industrial businesses, offering high-paying job opportunities. Revitalize downtown.
- **2040 ACTION:** 1.6 Strengthen the City’s partnership with local small businesses to support local distribution and entrepreneurship.

PURPOSE

Consider revisions to the City's liquor licensing process.

Staff has received feedback from local businesses that the timeline of the current process is an obstacle to conducting business in Forest Grove. It has additionally been identified as a strain on staff resources.

BACKGROUND

- Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) is responsible for the issuance of liquor licenses in the state of Oregon
- Statutes allow local governments to make recommendations that the OLCC may take into consideration before granting or refusing a license (ORS 471.166)
 - Local government has 45 days from when notice is given to respond
 - Must have valid basis for adverse recommendation
- City's current process for making recommendations is laid forth in §110.070-110.999 of the City Code of Ordinances

BACKGROUND

Unfavorable recommendations are only considered valid if they adhere to the refusal bases enumerated in relevant statutes and administrative rules, and are supported by reliable factual information.

1. Applicant has a habit of using alcohol or drugs to excess; has been convicted of violating local, state or federal laws that are substantially related to the fitness of holding a liquor license; has demonstrated poor moral character; has a poor record of compliance when previously licensed by OLCC; is not the legitimate owner of the business.
2. The business has a history of serious and persistent problems in its vicinity including obtrusive or excessive noise, public drunkenness, fights or altercations, harassment, unlawful drug sales, and alcohol or related litter.
3. Licensed premises will be located within 500 feet of child care facility, school, church, hospital, nursing care facility, rehab center.

Unfavorable recommendations are not considered valid if they are based on parking limitations, traffic, zoning issues, entertainment type.

CURRENT PROCESS: NEW OR CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP APPLICATION

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1. Application and payment submitted to City Recorder
 2. Staff checks for valid City business license
 3. Sent to Police Department for background check/recommendation
 4. Brought to Council for final action:
 - a. Favorable: added to consent agenda
 - b. Unfavorable: scheduled as a public hearing
 5. Returned to applicant to submit to OLCC
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- 3-4 week estimated timeframe
 - \$100 fee for new license, \$75 for change; capped by state statute

CURRENT PROCESS: ANNUAL RENEWALS

1. OLCC send renewal notice to City Recorder
 2. Staff checks for valid City business license
 3. City Recorder mails notices to businesses
 4. Applications and payment submitted to City Recorder
 5. Sent to Police Department for background check/recommendation
 6. Brought to City Council for final action
 7. Returned to Applicant to submit to OLCC
- 55 renewals in 2025; 55 in 2024; 54 in 2023
 - \$35 renewal fee; capped by state statute

CURRENT PROCESS: SPECIAL EVENT

1. Applications and payment submitted to City Recorder
 2. Staff checks for valid City business license; if no City business license, applicant required to obtain temporary business license.
 3. City Recorder signs and returns to applicant to submit to OLCC
- Approximately 110 processed in 2024
 - \$20 special event fee; \$35 temporary business license fee

COMPARISONS

- City Manager (or designee) authorized to make recommendation to OLCC:
 - Hillsboro, Gresham, Eugene, Salem, Keizer, Troutdale
- City Council issues recommendation:
 - Seaside

COMPARISONS

- No background checks for renewals, not included on Council agenda:
 - Hillsboro, Seaside, Keizer, Glendale, Troutdale, North Plains, Banks
- None of the cities surveyed conduct background checks for renewals. Bend includes new liquor licenses on Council agendas solely as public notice.
- Special events licenses processed administratively with no business license:
 - Hillsboro, Seaside, Keizer, Glendale, Troutdale
- None of the cities surveyed require business licenses for special event licenses.

DISCUSSION

Staff is asking the City Council to consider the following updates to Forest Grove's liquor license process:

- Authorize City Manager or designee to make favorable recommendations to OLCC for new/change of ownership applications
 - Applicant may appeal unfavorable recommendation to City Council as public hearing
- Authorize City Manager or designee to make favorable recommendations to OLCC for renewals
- Remove background check requirement for annual renewals
 - Authorize Police Chief to review renewal list and notify City Manager of any unfavorable recommendations.
- Remove business license requirement for special event liquor licenses

NEXT STEPS

If the Council decides to make changes to the process, it will likely require an update to the City's Code of Ordinances

1. Staff and City Attorney will draft updated language
2. The proposed new process will be submitted to the OLCC for review
3. Staff will return with an Ordinance for Council consideration at a duly noticed public hearing