



Project Highlights

Oregon Solutions | Portland State University



Oregon Solutions provides **high-level conveners, experienced facilitators, and a neutral forum** to help communities bring public, private, and nonprofit partners together to solve community problems. Since 2002, we have implemented **more than 125 community projects** addressing education, the economy, natural resources, health care, and more. Highlights include:



- **Improving Multnomah County Flood Protection Levee Systems**
Bringing multiple jurisdictions and stakeholders together to ensure a certifiably-safe levee system to protect against flooding in north Portland and Multnomah County. Solutions include levee improvements, cost-sharing, and regulatory streamlining. **Levee-Ready Columbia Project.** *Conveners: Charlie Hales, Portland Mayor; Jules Bailey, Multnomah County Commissioner*



- **Helping Displaced Families**
Produced a proactive toolkit for manufactured home parks statewide when 1,400 households faced displacement from parks in Springfield due to poor living conditions and redevelopment pressures. **Springfield Manufactured Homes Park Collaborative.** *Conveners: Vicki Walker, Director of Rural Development; Christine Lundberg, Springfield Mayor*



- **Improving Water Management in the Umatilla Basin**
Identified ways to increase use of Columbia River water in the Umatilla basin without harming fish. Addressed infrastructure, water storage, conservation, mitigation, and future collaboration with Washington. **Columbia River-Umatilla Solutions Taskforce.** *Conveners: Richard Whitman, Governor's Natural Resource Advisor; Dennis Doherty, Umatilla County Commissioner and Umatilla Basin Commission Chair*



- **Increasing Collaborative Forest Restoration**
Implementing the Board of Forestry's recommendations to increase state-federal partnerships that advance restoration of Oregon's federal forests in order to create jobs, protect natural resources, and enhance Oregon's energy independence. **Federal Forest Working Group.** *Convener: Lauri Aunan, Governor's Natural Resource Policy Advisor*

Oregon Solutions is uniting communities for results....



Oregon Solutions elevates community projects to ensure beneficial and lasting outcomes.

- **Addressing Hunger in Columbia Gorge Communities**

Collaborating to decrease hunger and increase access to quality food in the Columbia Gorge, where a recent survey showed that one in three area residents worries about running out of food, and one in five misses meals. **Gorge Food Security Coalition.** *Ken Bailey, Vice-President, Orchard View Farms; Mark Thomas, Director of Mission Integration and Spiritual Care, Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital*

- **Improving Reading Readiness for a Brighter Future**

Engaging parents and the community to bring reading into everyday life to ensure that local children are ready to read when they enter school. **Prosperity Pilot Klamath Tribes/Chiloquin Early Learning.** *Conveners: Kathy Hill, Klamath Tribes Tribal Council; Barbara Fuentez, Director, Oregon Child Development Coalition Head Start*

- **Improving Traffic Safety in the Gorge Scenic Area**

Addressing congestion and safety in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and on the Historic Columbia River Highway. New shuttle services are reducing traffic, and additional pedestrian safety proposals are under review. **Historic Columbia River Highway Collaborative.** *Conveners: Representative Mark Johnson; Diane McKee, Multnomah County Commissioner*

- **Building Collaboration Among STEM Hubs**

Providing collaboration support and fostering learning networks among hubs that coordinate and advance STEM (science, technology engineering and math) education statewide. **STEM Hub Collaborative.**

- **Fostering Regional Collaboration for Educational Success**

Providing collaboration support to the state's 13 educational collaboratives. Support includes public engagement, organizational development, action planning, consensus building, and consultation to help achieve Oregon's 40-40-20 vision for education. **Regional Achievement Collaboratives.**



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For 25 years, Oregon Consensus has been fulfilling a legislative mandate to provide alternative dispute resolution and agreement-seeking services to Oregon state agencies and communities. We design and facilitate collaboration projects that bring together communities, government, nonprofits, and businesses to find new approaches to contentious public issues. Highlights include:



- **Preserving Sage Grouse and Local Economies**

Developed Oregon's Sage Grouse Action Plan, eliminating the need to list sage grouse as endangered, and securing federal, state, and local cooperation to protect habitat while preserving local economies across eastern Oregon. We are continuing to work with stakeholders as they implement the plan. *Sage Grouse Conservation Partnership.*



- **Securing the Future of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge**

Strengthened relationships and produced an environmental impact statement and Comprehensive Conservation Plan that will guide management of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge until 2027. We are continuing to facilitate collaborative implementation of the plan. *Malheur National Wildlife Refuge Working Group.*



- **Addressing Transportation Needs in the Metro Region**

Recommended a new Area Commission on Transportation, which now serves the greater Portland area with enhanced representation of rural communities and a new mechanism for decision making about transportation investments. *Region 1 Transportation Coordination Task Force.*



- **Preventing Wildfires**

In response to devastating wildfires in southeast Oregon, finding collaborative approaches to fire prevention, response, and recovery. *Harney County Wildfire Collaborative.*

Breaking impasse, getting results, and saving state resources...



Oregon Consensus is making a difference in Communities Statewide.

- **Creating Efficiencies for State and County Parks**

Reviewed park revenue sources and identified ways to improve resource sharing, service delivery, and marketing. Also identified ways to save costs by consolidating management of some parks. *State and County Parks Collaborative.*

- **Supporting the Roseburg Community**

Building a community team that will secure recovery funds, improve communication between social services and mental health providers, and address other needs in the wake of a recent shooting at Umpqua Community College. *Roseburg Community Support Team.*

- **Improving Population Forecasting Statewide**

Simplified population forecasting for Oregon counties, nearly half of which were previously unable to meet state requirements for forecasting. Developed recommendations (adopted nearly unanimously by the legislature) that consolidated forecasting work, reduced costs, and ensured better data for land use planning. *Population Forecasting Work Group.*

- **Examining Charter School Funding**

Exploring whether and how the funding formula for charter schools should be changed. Results may inform discussions in the 2017 legislative session. *Charter School Task Force.*



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Statewide Dispute Resolution



Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution *University of Oregon*



Community mediation

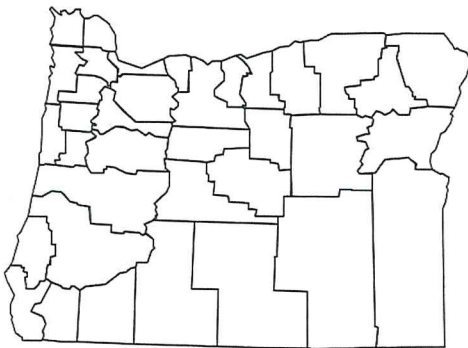
- 16 community dispute resolution centers and trained volunteer mediators
- Restorative justice
- Neighbor-to-neighbor and family mediation
- Oregon foreclosure avoidance facilitation
- Landlord-tenant mediation
- And more...

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Public policy mediation

- Helping Oregon communities, government, and businesses solve problems
- Conflict assessment, mediation, facilitation, project management
- Natural resources, health care, wildfire, forest health, education, transportation, flooding, economic development
- And more...



Together, Oregon Consensus and the Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution help keep Oregon moving forward. Each plays a unique role in a comprehensive spectrum of services that resolve Oregon's disputes at the **individual, community, regional, and statewide** level on topics ranging from neighbor disagreements to multi-state conservation policy making. Both programs **foster solutions that preserve relationships, build community, and provide durable outcomes** that alternative approaches, such as litigation, don't provide.

