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**Oregon Department of
Land Conservation and
Development**

**Oregon Department of
Environmental Quality**

**Land Use, Community
Involvement, and Public Health**

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- Each city and county has an adopted community engagement program.
- Local implementation of Goal 1 varies widely.
- Many local community engagement plans have not been updated since adoption.
- Smaller jurisdictions can struggle to support robust community engagement.

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- Goal language has been criticized by advocates as outdated.
- Goal 1 does not specifically address environmental justice.
- There are no implementing administrative rules for Goal 1, cities and counties interpret goal language directly.
- DLCDC does not have resources to support local governments with implementation of Goal 1.

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- At the federal level, the elements of Goal 6 correspond broadly to the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act.
- There are no implementing administrative rules for Goal 6.

Framework for Land Use Decision Making





State Role

Land Use Planning

- Review and approve local plans for consistency with land use goals.
- Require local governments to plan for adequate land to accommodate needed housing, employment and industrial uses.
- Provide the structure for local governments to establish legal rights for developers.



Local Role

Land Use Planning

- Develop local land use plans consistent with statewide land use goals. (Including Natural Hazards, Environmental Resources, etc.)
- Zone adequate land to accommodate needed housing and employment uses. Ensure adequate infrastructure to support needed development.
- Issue development permits at a local level, as compliant with designated zones and other state or federal regulations.



Public Health

Land Use Planning

- Statewide standards and guidelines – air quality and water quality – **can be** referenced in local land use codes as permitting criteria.
- Land Use Compatibility Statements (LUCS) are generally required for air quality and water quality permits.
- With a few narrow exceptions, there are no health standards in state level land use regulations.



Potential opportunities

Land Use Planning

- Equity Mapping
 - Tools currently available and in development.
 - No standards or requirements for local use.
- Resources to update Goal 1: Citizen Involvement
 - Adopted in December 1974.
 - No implementing rules.
- Updating State Agency Coordination Programs
 - DEQ State Agency Coordination Agreement was approved in August 1990.
- Resources to update Goal 6: Air, Water and Land Resources Quality
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Land Use Consideration

Air Quality Regulation

- State Agency Coordination Program
- Traditional approach to air quality permitting
- Emerging approaches to assessing health risk to neighbors
- Opportunities
 - Incorporating Environmental Justice - HB 4077 (2022)
 - Evaluating cumulative impacts

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Thank you!