

# Appendix B

## Existing Plans, Policies, and Programs In Lane County

The Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan includes a range of recommended action items that, when implemented, will reduce loss from hazard events in Lane County. Many of the recommendations are consistent with the goals and objectives of the county's existing plans and policies. Linking existing plans and policies to the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan helps identify what resources already exist that can be used to implement the action items. Plans and policies already in existence have support from local residents, businesses, and policy makers. Many land-use, comprehensive, and strategic plans get updated regularly, and can adapt easily to changing conditions and needs.<sup>1</sup> Implementing the natural hazards mitigation plan's action items through existing plans and policies maximizes the county's resources.

The following is a summary of existing Lane County plans, policies, and programs that can be used to implement action items identified in a mitigation plan.

### Lane County Code

- Date of last revision: June, 2004
- Plan Owner: Lane County Board of Commissioners
- Plan Description: Several of the chapters of the Lane Code (including but not limited to 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, and 16) establish how land within the county will be zoned, and how people may develop land based on the zoning regulations. Some of the code's goals include (but are not limited to): promoting and protecting the public safety, welfare, and health; providing for and encouraging a safe transportation system; protecting life and property in areas that are prone to flooding, landslides, and other natural hazards; protecting and planning for the responsible use of natural resources. Certain chapters of the code align with the county's Comprehensive Plan.
- Plan Cycle: The county codes are reviewed annually.
- Relation to hazard mitigation: County codes influence the where and what types of development are allowed within Lane County. Development in certain areas can exacerbate the impact of natural hazards on a community and may also inhibit residents' abilities to prepare for and respond to natural hazards. The county codes also influence the way the county can and does implement the requirements for Oregon Statewide

Planning Goal 7, which regulates areas affected by natural hazards. County codes influence the development and expansion of the roads within the county, an important components of the county's transportation network. The safety and efficiency of the county's roads impact residents' abilities to evacuate and emergency response personnel's abilities to respond in the event of natural hazards.

### **Lane County Strategic Plan**

- Date of last revision: May, 2001
- Plan Owner: The Lane County Board of Commissioners
- Plan Description: The plan was created to help “guide current and future leaders about what public services the county should provide, at what level and how the services should be delivered.”<sup>2</sup> The guidance provided by the Strategic Plan will improve the county government's ability to provide services and resources to help ensure the safety and health of citizens of Lane County
- Plan cycle: Plan revisions and updates can be made as community conditions and government requirements change.
- Relation to hazard mitigation: Specific plan goals include assisting communities in developing transportation and telecommunications infrastructure, housing, growth management, and land development; helping maintain a healthy environment throughout the county; and helping to maintain and protect the public's assets. The goals are to be implemented through specified strategies listed in the plan. The service improvement strategy, specifically, can be linked to Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan action items aimed at ways the county can implement Statewide Planning Goal 7 requirements, improve citizens' access to information, and ways the county government can assist its citizens regarding natural hazard mitigation.

### **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

- Date of last revision: May 11, 2005
- Plan Owner: Lane County Board of Commissioners
- Plan Description: The purpose of the five-year CIP is to financially plan for capital improvements to Lane County's transportation systems that will improve efficiency, safety, utility and that will plan for future growth accommodation.
- Plan cycle: the Board of Commissioners updates the plan annually.
- Relations to hazard mitigation: Many of the capital improvement projects include improving the safety of roads, intersections, bridges, and utilities and bringing them up to

code. Having updated, safe roads and bridges will aid emergency response personnel in the event of a natural hazard. Recommendations for projects that consider or include natural hazard mitigation could be made to improve and update infrastructure to be more disaster resistant. Improving infrastructure to be more disaster resistant reduces the amount of potential infrastructure damage caused by natural hazards, reducing the cost of repairs.

### **Transportation System Plan (TSP)**

- Date of last revision: June 4, 2004
- Plan Owner: Lane County Board of Commissioners.
- Plan Description: The TSP is a 20-year plan that complies with state requirements of OAR 660-012. It was adopted by the Lane County Board of Commissioners on May 5, 2004, and became effective on June 4, 2004. It serves to improve the planning and management of the county's transportation system by providing guidance for coordinating the existing transportation system with transportation agencies, land use requirements, and future needs and projects.
- Plan cycle: Plan revisions and updates can be made as community conditions and government requirements change.
- Relations to hazard mitigation: Infrastructure and public safety are priorities of the plan. Additionally, the plan is updated to reflect new county projects and needs. As previously mentioned, having safe and effective roads that are up to code assist residents and emergency response personnel in efficient evacuation and response in the event of a natural hazard. Recommendations for projects that consider or include natural hazard mitigation could be made to improve and update infrastructure to be more disaster resistant. Improving infrastructure to be more disaster resistant reduces the amount of potential damage caused to infrastructure by natural hazards, reducing the cost of repairs.

### **1980 Parks and Open Space Plan**

- Date of last revision: January, 1981, but is in the process of being revised.
- Plan Owner: Lane County Parks Advisory Committee and the Lane County Planning Commission
- Plan Description: The plan helps the county meet Statewide Planning Goals 5 and 8, by planning for the current and future parks, open spaces, and recreational needs of the county.
- Plan cycle: There is no listed plan maintenance schedule, though the plan is currently in the process of being revised.

- Relation to hazard mitigation: Planning for current and future parks and open space needs affects land use and development, as well as where population growth occurs within the county. The location and types of human development within the county can affect the impact a natural hazard would have on the county. Additionally, the *Parks and Open Space Plan* is a part of the county's *Comprehensive Plan*, allowing the county to acquire property prone to floods. Using such property as parks and open spaces reduces the risk and potential for losses of life and property caused by future flood events.

### **Lane County Public Works Strategic Plan: 2005-2007**

- Date of last revision: March 16, 2005
- Plan Owner: Lane County Public Works
- Plan Description: The plan is designed to help insure safe and cost-effective improvements to the county's infrastructure to promote the long-term viability of the county's built and natural environments.
- Plan cycle: The plan is to be reviewed regularly to address changing needs, conditions, and improved accuracy of assessments.
- Relation to hazard mitigation: County infrastructure is a critical community value to be protected against loss and damage from natural hazards. Promoting and encouraging infrastructure improvements that minimize or eliminate damage to county infrastructure in the event of a natural hazard aids the county's natural hazard mitigation efforts.

### **Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program**

- Date of last revision: March 16, 2005
- Plan Owner: Lane County Community and Economic Development program in partnership with St. Vincent de Paul
- Plan Description: The program provides low-interest rate loans, of up to \$25,000, to low to moderate-income homeowners. Homeowners can use the loans to complete safety and structural improvements to their homes. Loan recipients do not need to make monthly payments for the first 20 years of the loan, or until the home is sold.
- Plan cycle: Information on program reviews was not available.
- Relation to hazard mitigation: Homeowners who receive RHRP loans can use the money to improve their home's resistance to natural hazards. Assisting homeowners in reducing their risk to damage from natural hazards aids the county's natural hazard mitigation efforts.

## Coastal Resources Development Plan

- Date of last revision: 1991
- Plan Owner: Lane County Land Management
- Plan Description: This plan addresses Statewide Planning Goals 16-19. It used inventories of Lane County's coastal areas to identify the different types of existing coastal ecosystems. The plan's intent is to provide a "diverse mixture of use and preservation" to help ensure the protection of natural resources, and maintain economic, environmental, and social values.
- Plan cycle: Plan revisions and updates can be made as community conditions and government requirements change.
- Relation to hazard mitigation: The conditions of the coastal areas can influence the amount of damage and loss caused by a natural hazard event. Plan action items can be added or revised to include strategies or steps that incorporate natural hazard mitigation planning and ways to implement Statewide Planning Goal 7 requirements.

## Lane County General Plan: County-Wide Policies

- Date of last revision: January 1975
- Plan Owner: Lane Council of Governments
- Plan Description: The General Plan intends to prepare for growth and development within the county while maintaining the quality of life for the county's residents and visitors. The plan attempts to do so by providing standards for land use development and activities.
- Plan cycle: Plan revisions and updates can be made as community conditions and government requirements change.
- Relation to hazard mitigation: The plan strives to protect the natural environment, and promote the responsible use of natural resources. Plan action items can be added or revised to influence the ways in which the county implements Statewide Planning Goal 7 requirements, and can include strategies or steps that incorporate natural hazard mitigation planning.

## Rural Comprehensive Plan

- Date of last revision: Revisions to parts of the plan have been occurring since 1984.
- Plan Owner: Lane Council of Governments
- Plan Description: The plan "lays out approaches for interpretation of county planning needs and means of complying with State of Oregon planning law,"<sup>3</sup> regarding the development of rural areas within the county. This plan specifically addresses Statewide Planning Goals 1-15.

- Plan cycle: Plan revisions and updates can be made as community conditions and government requirements change.
- Relation to hazard mitigation: The plan addresses Statewide Planning Goals 1-15. How and where human development occurs within the county can affect the impact and damage done by natural hazard events. Plan action items can be added or revised to include strategies or steps that include natural hazard mitigation planning.

### **Air, Rail, Water, and Pipelines Map**

- Date of last revision: April, 2003
- Plan Owner: Lane County Public Works.
- Plan Description: This map displays the locations of airport, rail lines, natural gas pipelines, and petroleum pipelines within Lane County.
- Plan cycle: No information on map maintenance was available.
- Relation to hazard mitigation: In planning for, or estimating areas within Lane County that could potentially be affected by certain natural hazards, these maps can be used to approximate potential impacts to airports, rail lines, and natural gas and petroleum pipelines within the county.

### **Lane Transit District Map**

- Date of last revision: Unknown
- Plan Owner: Lane County Public Works.
- Plan Description: This map displays the boundaries of the Lane Transit District and the Amtrak Rail Lines within Lane County.
- Plan cycle: No information on map maintenance was available.
- Relation to hazard mitigation: In planning for, or estimating areas within Lane County that could potentially be affected by certain natural hazards, these maps can be used to approximate potential impacts to LTD and Amtrak.

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<sup>1</sup> Burby, Raymond J., ed. 1998. *Cooperating with Nature: Confronting Natural Hazards with Land-Use Planning for Sustainable Communities*.

<sup>2</sup> Lane County. 2005. "Strategic Plan: 2001-2005."  
<<http://www.co.lane.or.us/CAO/documents/StrategicPlan.pdf>>.

<sup>3</sup> Lane Council of Governments. 1984. "Rural Comprehensive Plan."