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DID YOU KNOW?

Buildings in the downtown redevelopment district must be designed using elements of Arts & Crafts, English Tudor, and Oregon Rustic styles, and help to support a small town, village character.

In June 2010 the final phase of Millennium Park was completed. In Fall of 2010 the LO Redevelopment Agency (LORA) will break ground on a new park on State St. north of the Lake Twin Cinema.

“Growth is inevitable and desirable, but destruction of community character is not. The question is not whether your part of the world is going to change. The question is how.”

- Edward T. McMahon, The Conservation Fund

Beautiful places don't usually happen by accident, but quite often, not-so-beautiful places do. Lake Oswego has made careful land use and community design decisions over the years, that make it the unique place it is today. The redevelopment of the downtown and several of the new parks are the result of thoughtful planning and architectural attention to detail. If Lake Oswego wants to keep its unique character, land use planning and design for all different types of development must adhere to the highest standards.





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Design + Aesthetics

The guidelines set forth in Lake Oswego’s land use plans shape numerous aspects of our community and help to define the city’s unique character. Building design regulations are intended to create a city that is visually interesting and pleasing and enhances quality of life by providing a sense of comfort as well as a sense of place.

Lake Oswego is a mostly developed community and development occurs mostly as infill and redevelopment. Lake Oswego has a reputation as a community in which design and aesthetics are highly valued. Over the last 15 years, concern over the compatibility of infill housing led to the adoption of two sets of new standards which regulate design and aesthetics in residential areas.



Land Use Planning

With approximately 36,755 residents, Lake Oswego is a mature, inner suburb within the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area, whose population is approximately 2.2 million. The State of Oregon, Portland metropolitan region and City of Lake Oswego have long-standing, comprehensive land use planning programs to promote efficient use of developable land. Land use planning in Lake Oswego must balance the desires of local residents to preserve Lake Oswego’s existing character with regional and statewide land use regulations.

DID YOU KNOW?

Over the past few years, the Portland region has undertaken the Urban and Rural Reserves process to identify what land outside of the current regional urban growth boundary would remain rural, and what land would become urbanized if the urban growth boundary is expanded over the next 40-50 years. Lake Oswego is located at the southern edge of the current regional growth boundary. The approximately 4,000-acre Stafford basin area immediately south of Lake Oswego was recently designated by Metro as an urban reserve. The State will decide whether to adopt this designation in the months ahead.

