



Projects undertaken by the City of Hood River to meet the community's long-term needs.

2019 accomplishments noted in green

GOAL: *Create opportunities for an inclusive and diverse housing inventory.*

STRATEGY: IMPROVE THE MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING SUPPLY THROUGH DEVELOPMENT CODE AND ZONE CHANGES.

- Update key housing indicators related to housing affordability, supply and population growth and identify gaps. Inform the community about the results.
Updated key metrics used to evaluate housing needs so that 2020 efforts are based on updated information.
- Using the Westside Concept Plan as a foundation, identify zoning code changes that allow for livable neighborhoods and increased opportunities for a diversity of housing types and more moderately priced housing. Bring City Council policy options and implementation plan.
Completed multi-year planning effort related to the Westside Concept Plan.
- Identify preferred neighborhood characteristics and residential building forms in the growth area and bring City Council policy options and implementation plan.
- Consider changes to the ADU code to reduce barriers to development.
Clarified System Development Charges for Accessory Dwelling Units (water and sewer not charged if sharing the same line) and eliminated parking and residency requirements for ADUs. In 2019, we permitted 8 ADUs, our highest number ever.
Established a cross departmental team for permitting improvements. Brought the building department in-house after 10 years of 3rd party service and relocated the department to City Hall for better collaboration.

STRATEGY: RESEARCH POTENTIAL INCENTIVES TO ALLOW MORE CONSTRUCTION OF SMALLER HOMES AND OTHER AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTS.

- Identify regulatory changes to incentivize the construction of smaller homes. Reduce barriers to development of housing through improvements in the development review process.
- Partner with Mid-Columbia Housing and other partners to develop affordable housing in the City of Hood River.



GOAL: *Inform and engage all segments of our community through transparency and proactive, inclusive and comprehensive outreach.*

STRATEGY: IMPROVE INTER-AGENCY COMMUNICATIONS.

- Proactively engage with Hood River County, the Port of Hood River, Hood River Parks & Recreation District and Hood River School District around issues of mutual concern and opportunity.

STRATEGY: INCREASE OUTREACH TO UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.

- Implement new City website that will be a source of accurate, easy-to-find information and services for user groups.
Launched an updated website cityofhoodriver.gov
- Continue quarterly e-newsletter, translate to Spanish.
Incorporated translation into our newsletter, many important public meetings and to social media.
- Where appropriate, evaluate opportunities for public engagement in the policy development and goal setting process including surveys, open houses, and targeted outreach to underserved communities.
- Evaluate and implement opportunities for underrepresented and/or low income community members to participate in City events and the policy process.
Created a mechanism to provide childcare assistance for volunteer service on City commissions.

GOAL: *Promote an efficient, safe multi-modal transportation system that alleviates traffic and parking congestion and encourages bike/ped transportation.*

STRATEGY: EMPHASIZE UPDATES TO THE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN, GREENWAYS AND TRAILS POLICIES AND PROJECTS DURING THE TSP UPDATE.

- Identify policy questions related to the transportation framework in the Westside Concept Plan. Bring to Council for consideration and incorporate into a transportation system plan update.
- Identify policy questions related to the pedestrian/bike framework in the westside concept plan. Bring to Council for consideration and incorporate into a transportation system plan update.



STRATEGY: UPDATE THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN.

- Following the anticipated major update in 2019, prepare for future five-year transportation system plan update. Create and implement public engagement plan.

STRATEGY: COMPLETE THE COMPREHENSIVE DOWNTOWN PARKING STUDY.

Completed a comprehensive parking study with extensive community input.

GOAL: *Create a more environmentally sustainable community.*

STRATEGY: IMPLEMENT THE ENERGY PLAN.

- Work with new Hood River County energy coordinator to establish priorities for the City of Hood River. Bring forward options for City Council consideration.

Continued efforts to meet energy standards, including a feasibility study of hydropower in water line, the purchase of two hybrid police vehicles, and a new solar installation at the wastewater treatment plant.

- Identify consistency with Hood River County Energy Plan when evaluating policy.

STRATEGY: IMPROVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING SYSTEMS.

- Identify options to modify recycling systems due to changes in global recycling market. Bring options to Council for consideration.

Brought recycling service back to Hood River

GOAL: *Maintain existing infrastructure and prepare for growth.*

STRATEGY: PLAN AND PRIORITIZE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS.

- Develop multi-year capital improvement plans for water, wastewater and storm water.

- Evaluate police department facility needs and bring facility and funding options for Council consideration.

Evaluated police facility needs, which we will be bringing back to you early this year.



STRATEGY: DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE UTILITY RATES TO FUND CAPITAL INVESTMENTS AND MAINTENANCE OF CITY UTILITIES.

■ Evaluate new management practices for controlling stormwater runoff to protect and improve water quality. Bring policy options and recommendations to City Council.

Completed multi-year scoping effort to evaluate low impact development standards.

■ Evaluate wastewater treatment plant operations for potential issuance of request for proposal for contract operator in 2020.

■ Review the City’s water, wastewater and stormwater utilities for potential updates to methodology and rates.

■ Following the utility rate study, initiate an SDC study that outlines policy choices to encourage affordability. Policy choices may include size-based SDCs, utilizing CET funds to buy down SDCs for ADUs, or deferring payment of SDCs.

GOAL: *Address community needs for parks and open space.*

STRATEGY: DEVELOP A FUNDING STRATEGY FOR REPLACING CAPITAL NEEDS IN EXISTING PARKS.

■ As a first step, partner with Hood River County and Hood River Parks & Recreation District on the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

Made significant progress with our community partners on a master plan for parks

STRATEGY: CONSIDER CREATING A PLAN FOR ACQUIRING OPEN SPACE.

■ Using the Westside Concept Plan Open Space Framework as a foundation, identify implementation policy issues. Bring City Council policy options and implementation plan.

■ Continue to partner with Hood River Parks & Recreation District on the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.



PROJECTS *essential to the City's day-to-day and ongoing functions, services and operations.*

- Urban growth management agreement with County, including new IGA for building services
- Disposal of bio-solids
- Oregon Residential specialty code for wildfire hazard mitigation
- Investment policy
- Fire department pre-plan process
- Engineering standards
- Technology investments
- Code clarification: light industrial zone
- Labor negotiations (IAFF and Police)
- Annual Budget
- Annual Financial Reporting

Urban Renewal Projects

Projects previously approved by the Urban Renewal Agency

■ **Heights streetscape and engineering plan**

Integrate engineering, streetscape and infrastructure plans to guide investment and redevelopment efforts in the Heights District.

■ **Waterfront development**

The Port of Hood River has submitted draft infrastructure plans to develop Lot 1 in the waterfront district.

With the help of our community and state congressional delegation, secured \$1.7 million in state funding for replacement of the failed stormwater line at the waterfront.

■ **Columbia Cascade**

The district is near expiration and future plans will be determined following the comprehensive parking study.



Significant Capital Projects

■ Wastewater

- Ultraviolet light disinfection system
- Digester mixing system
- Influent pipe
- Mt. Hood Railroad pump station

■ Transportation

- Rand/Cascade intersection design
- 2nd and oak design
- May Street elevated sidewalk
- May Street School frontage improvements

■ Water system

- Leaded joint replacement
- Large meter replacements

■ Storm water system

- Waterfront