

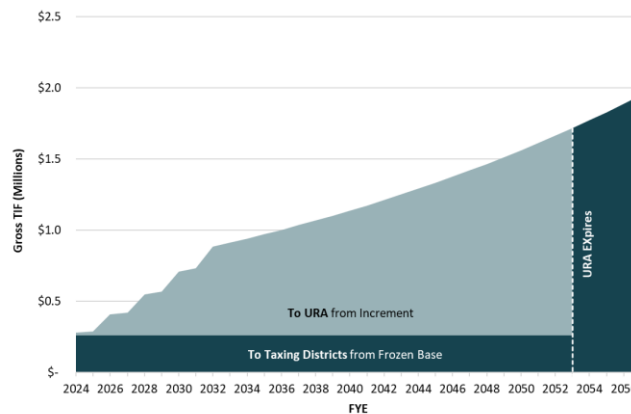
Urban Renewal Areas Basics

What is an Urban Renewal Area (URA)?

- A URA is an area of a city and/or county where the city council and/or county board of commissioners has voted to allocate specific funds for improvements.

Where do the funds come from?

- Urban renewal is funded by the growth in the area's property taxes. Once a URA is formed, the city, county and other taxing districts continue to receive the taxes in place at the time of district formation.
- Increases in property taxes within the URA are reinvested in the district and go to funding projects within the URA. These increases in property taxes occur whether or not there is an urban renewal area.
- A URA may have a time frame of 25- 30 years.



Do URAs increase property taxes?

- No, a URA does not increase or decrease a property owner's taxes. The formation of a URA simply changes the way the growth in taxes is distributed. The taxing districts receive less funding as a portion of the taxes they would have received are instead directed to the urban renewal area.

Does Urban Renewal negatively impact our schools?

No, Urban Renewal is said to have an "indirect" impact on school funding as the impact of urban renewal across the state impacts the State School Fund which is funded statewide by the Oregon legislature according to the number of students who attend the schools. When the legislature sets a per pupil funding allocation, they must allocate the resources to the State School Fund to meet that per pupil allocation. Those funds may come from other sources in addition to property taxes.

A video on urban renewal basics, potential projects and contact information is on the City of Hood River website at <https://cityofhoodriver.gov/urban-renewal/>

