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## Josephine County Citizen Involvement Program (CIP) - Ordinance 93-13

Oregon Statewide Goal 1 - Citizen Involvement (CI) calls for citizen involvement programs, but who is to design such programs and carry them out? The answer to that is a combination of local and state committees, commissions, and agencies. The most important is the local committee for citizen involvement, or “CCI.” In Josephine County (JO CO) this committee is called the JO CO CIC.<sup>1</sup>



Ultimately, the success or failure for any citizen involvement (CI) program lies with the local governing body. What is the local government support for Josephine County’s CIP?<sup>2&3</sup> Every commissioner of the BCC has always stated they support CI. Check out the county’s dedicated budget to CI for an understanding of the actual BCC’s support for CI.

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## Josephine County Board Of County Commissioners (BCC) Support for CIP

While the county’s CIP (i.e. JO CO Ordinance No. 93-13) for supporting CI in land use planning contains good points, it “falls short” in executing key areas.<sup>4</sup>

The first goal adopted by the LCDC in 1974 was a CI goal - Goal 1. The right of citizens to participate in all phases of the planning program was considered essential to the success of the State of Oregon’s land use program.

JO CO’s efforts in the early years produced reasonably good CI results. However, by the early 1980s CI had diminished in the county. The JO CO budget for supporting the CIP through direct cash support and personnel ended with the 1980 - 1981 budget. In 1993 county planning estimated that it would cost the county \$43,403.00 to again fund the CIP at the level it ended. In 1993 the BCC declined to support such an action and there has never been a line-item budget allocated to citizen involvement in Josephine County to support implementation of the 1993 CIP (except 2000, the year the *Hugo Neighborhood* filed it citizen-initiated enforcement order on CI).

The county had adopted its comprehensive plan and it appeared the big decisions had been made. There was a sense by the BCC that the job was done and financial support was not needed at the same level. Since the mid-1980s, citizen participation has been sporadic in the county, rising to epic proportions for some large developments, ebbing at most other times. There is nothing surprising about this pattern; it is typical across the state. But, it is not good for JO CO.

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## Common CI Issues In Josephine County: 2006

There is no lack of citizen interest in growth and land use planning in JO CO. But, the county does not provide adequate resources to make the “land use planning program” a real opportunity for citizens to participate. Without adequate funding we will never restore JO CO’s CIP to health. Any credible implementation plan of the CIP must have a detailed budget through which JO CO can demonstrate its commitment to CI.

In addition to the statewide list<sup>5&6</sup> the following CI issues and problems are specific to JO CO.

1. Common CI Issues & Problems In Josephine County: 2006
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**More Information.** Would you like to learn more? Contact a member of the Land Use Committee of the *Hugo Neighborhood*.



# Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The *Hugo Neighborhood* is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission of promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

## Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and to preserve, protect, and enhance the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, if requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

Its history mission is to educate, collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area.

Volunteer membership dues are \$10.00 annually per family and normally used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Make checks to the *Hugo Neighborhood* and send them to our Treasurer. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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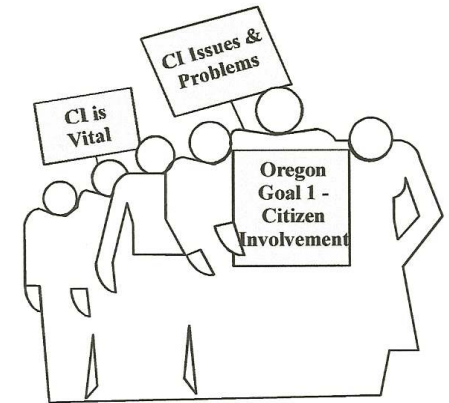
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