
Scoping and Interest Identification

Josephine County has become a popular place to live. In the near future there will probably be no end to new rural neighbors' dependence upon ground water from domestic wells.

There is little long-term ground water availability information in the Hugo region, and it is difficult to determine how long the ground water resource will sustain present and future demands.



The Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) has five monitoring wells in the region:

1. a well level recorder on one well at North Valley High School,
2. a well at the school with quarterly measurements,
3. a heavily monitored "earthquake" well at North Valley Industrial Park,
4. a well at the National Guard armory with quarterly measurements, and
5. a well level recorder on one well at the residence of Malcolm and Tommi Drake.

Hugo neighbors can help address the ground water availability issue by participating in OWRD's informal volunteer well monitoring program. The process for Hugo will be in two phases: 1. a scoping or interest identification phase, and 2. a monitoring phase.¹

Scoping is the first phase where the *Hugo Neighborhood* is contacting folks in the community. The scoping objective is to explain the issue and the opportunity, and gain permission from interested neighbors to measure water levels in their wells, or teach them how to do so themselves.

Hugo Neighbors Part of Volunteer Program

The following neighbors are already signed up in this volunteer program with the OWRD.² They invite you to join them.

Malcolm & Tommi Drake, Mike & Cindy Walker, Reuben & Pam Mosqueda, George & Nikkie Phillips, Blake and Jacque Hardwick, Bill & Karen Rose, Rich & Mona Erickson, John & Tillie Baker, Chuck & Shelia Spain, Elva Hinshaw, Jud & Judy Morgan, Anthony & Celeste Guillory Bob & Jan Maxwell, Wayne & Janet McKy, Randi Omley-Tatum, Zane & Beverly Searles, Darryl & Terri Dickerson, Lorena Chapman & Michael Brassill, Virgil & Charlyn Witcher, Holger & Mary Sommer, Dick & Carol Smith, Ed & Ann Lyneis, Jan Christensen, Jack & Harlene Darkins, Art & Phyllis Chatham, and Bob & Flo Foulke.

The following neighbors are interested in learning more and are committed to meet with a representative of the OWRD.

Hal Anthony
Michael & Liz Butowitsch
Jerry & Carol Moss
Jerry Conklin
Dudley & Sandra Thornton
Tom & Lee Joy Walker
Skyler & Peg Smith
Barbara Walton
Jay & Salley Reid

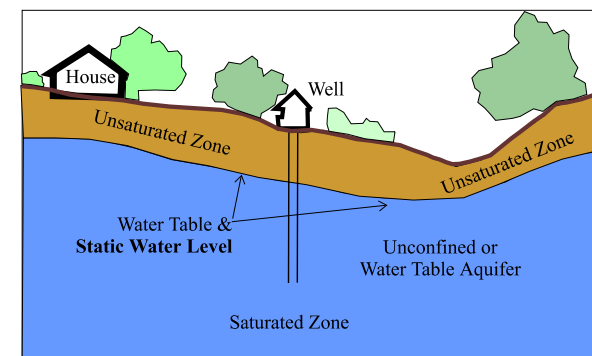
1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. 2005. *Volunteer Well Monitoring Program*. Hugo, OR.

2. Neighbors have met a representative of the OWRD at their well, taken a water level reading, and orally volunteered their well for future readings.

More Information

The Hugo region is defined roughly as the northern Jump Off Joe Creek watershed (north of Merlin). Participating in this simple monitoring program would provide landowners insight into their well's production capabilities. It's relatively easy to do, kind of fun, and provides for the comfort of knowing more about your own property.

This is a volunteer program and can be discontinued by the landowner at any time. This is a permission program and water levels will not be measured without landowner consent as to time and place volunteers are on private property. This is a public program and all water information gathered will be available to the public.



Want more information? Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in this volunteer well water monitoring program.

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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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