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## Common CI Issues & Problems In Josephine County

A common theme to all the citizen involvement (CI) issues and problems in Josephine County is a CI program that can be improved.<sup>1</sup> According to the Oregon Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) the first 10 of the following CI issues and problems are common statewide.<sup>2</sup>

1. Common Land Use Issues & Problems
  2. Funding
  3. Staffing
  4. Time
  5. Legal Constraints
    6. Apathy
    7. Technocracy
  8. The Need for Predictability
- 9. State and Federal Mandates**
  10. The Overburdened Citizen
11. Oregon Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee

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1. Josephine County Ordinance 93-13.  
2. Oregon Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee (CIAC). July 1992. *Putting the People Into Planning*. Salem, OR. Web Page - <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~pppm/landuse/docs/toc.htm>  
3. Rohse, Mitch & Ross, Kim. 1992. *Putting the People Into Planning*. Funding. by DLCDC for CIAC. pps. 44 - 45. Salem, OR.

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## Oregon CIAC State and Federal Mandate Observations & Suggestions

### CIAC State and Federal Mandate Observations.<sup>3</sup>

“Other laws indirectly limit citizen involvement by setting standards or requirements that cannot be changed by local citizen actions. Suppose, for example, that a landowner proposes to rezone his land from Exclusive Farm Use to Heavy Industrial.”



“Even if 100 of his friends come to the hearing and all testify for the rezoning, local officials cannot approve it if it fails to satisfy the state laws that protect farmland.”

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## More Information

### CIAC Suggestions.<sup>3</sup>

“Inform citizens about state and federal laws that compel certain policies or actions. Provide information that describes not only the requirements of the law but also its purposes. In other words, explain not only what the law requires but also why the law requires it.”



**More Information.** Would you like to learn more? Contact a member of the Hugo Land Use Committee.

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**Disclaimer.** This brochure is as much about providing information and provoking questions as it is about opinions concerning the adequacy of findings of fact and land use decisions. It does not provide recommendations to citizens and it is not legal advice. It does not take the place of a lawyer. If citizens use information contained in this paper, it is their personal responsibility to make sure that the facts and general information contained in it are applicable to their situation.

## 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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## State & Federal Mandates



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