
JO CO Citizen Involvement Plan (CIP)

The **Josephine County CIP**¹ has two purposes.

1. *Citizens from all geographic areas have continued involvement in the land planning process.*
2. *Citizen input in the land planning process is adequately considered by planning officials.*

The Issue: Lack of Human & Financial Support

The Josephine County Board of Commissioners (BCCs) is responsible for the program.

“Adequate human and financial resources shall be allocated to accomplish the purposes of the program.”¹

Issue The issue is the lack of adequate human and financial resources for the county’s CIP and Citizen Involvement Committee (CIC).¹

Cooperation We believe that effective citizen involvement is essential to good government. Elected officials, staff and citizens all play important roles in governing Josephine County. Cooperation between the county and citizens results in the best policy decisions.

Leadership Citizens look forward to working with the BCC, its staff, and the CIC to increase citizen involvement in planning through strong planning for citizen involvement (CI).

² Josephine County Ordinance No. 93-13.

Zero Cost To Fund CIP & CIC

Last January 23, 2002 the *Hugo Neighborhood* requested the BCC consider a line-item budget for the county’s CIP and CIC.

The Oregon Land Conservation & Development Commission’s (LCDC’s) 2002 strategic planning process made it an opportune year to increase support for the county’s local CIP and CIC. The BCC needed to demonstrate its interest and support and apply for a CI grant from the Oregon Department of Land Conservation &



Development (DLCD). It needed to spend some “political capital.”

The *Hugo Neighborhood* was ready to do its part and representatives volunteered to act as county staff in applying for the CI grant.

- **The *Hugo Neighborhood* would develop a CI grant.**
- **The BCC would “ask” DLCD for the grant.**
- **The grant process would not cost the county a dime.**

It is unknown whether the LCDC’s next strategic planning process will place CI high on its priority list, but the *Hugo Neighborhood* again offers the county its services in applying for a CI grant for next year’s budget cycle.

More Information

Josephine County has had a CIP since 1976. However, there has been no budget allocated to implement the plan, especially to fund the functions of the CIC, since the 1980 - 1981 budget year (an exception was a very small allocation to the CIC last year).

Has the CIP been successfully implemented during the last 20 years. The *Hugo Neighborhood* believes the CIC is in the best position to consider the question (see brochure entitled, *Role of JO CO’s Citizen Involvement Committee: An Issue Paper*).



How do you feel? If you agree with us please make your concerns known to your neighbors, our county commissioners, members of the CIC, and/or become a co-sponsor of this issue paper.

Would you like to learn more about citizen involvement in land use planning? Contact an officer 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 a nonprofit association composed of a voluntary group of citizens interested in both the land use and history of the Hugo area, which is located in Josephine County, Oregon.

Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote the social welfare of the citizens of the area by working to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and by preserving, protecting, and enhancing the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, as requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

On January 1, 2003 the *Hugo Neighborhood* initiated the concept of volunteer membership dues. The dues are \$10.00 annually and will be used strictly for paper, ink, envelopes, and stamps to publish and sometimes mail documents.

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