

EUGENE SPRINGFIELD FIRE

CITY OF EUGENE CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN UPDATE

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Our Mission: To serve our communities by preserving life, protecting property, and the environment through prevention, education, emergency medical services, rescue, and fire suppression services.

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INTRODUCTION

- Plan Purpose and Development
- Stakeholder and Community Engagement
- Wildfire Risk Assessment
- Action Plan
- Plan Implementation and Maintenance

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PLAN PURPOSE AND DEVELOPMENT



Establish a locally driven framework to reduce wildfire risk, protect lives and property, and strengthen community resilience



Identifies wildfire hazards, prioritizes areas of concern, and outlines coordinated strategies to reduce fire risk and improve preparedness



Non-regulatory, action-oriented planning tool



Plan development supported from a grant from the Oregon State Fire Marshal

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PLAN PURPOSE AND DEVELOPMENT

- Developed in alignment with federal and state wildfire planning frameworks
- Complements and supports existing emergency management, land use, natural hazards, and wildfire mitigation plans at the federal, state, regional, and local levels
- Lane County CWPP annex



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CWPP GOALS

- Goal 1: Protect Lives, Property, and Critical Infrastructure
- Goal 2: Enhance Wildfire Resilience Through Community Engagement and Education
- Goal 3: Reduce Hazardous Fuels and Maintain Resilient Landscapes
- Goal 4: Improve Emergency Response and Recovery Capabilities
- Goal 5: Strengthen Collaboration Across Jurisdictions
- Goal 6: Support Policy Alignment and Regulatory Integration

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STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



- Active participation from:
 - Cities of Springfield & Eugene
 - Willamalane Park and Recreation District
 - Oregon Department of Forestry
 - Lane County Emergency Management
 - Oregon State Fire Marshal
 - Eugene Water and Electric Board & Springfield Utility Board
 - Lane Regional Air Protection Agency
 - United States Forest Service & Bureau of Land Management

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STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Public Survey

- Survey results showed **more than 60% of respondents feel unprepared for a wildfire event**
- Respondents identified the **South Hills, Southwest Hills, and Laurel Hill Valley** areas as facing the greatest wildfire risk in Eugene
- Priority concerns:
 - Evacuation safety
 - Property damage
- Survey findings showed strong interest in vegetation management assistance and financial + technical support

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STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Lane County Farmer's Markets
- Firewise events
- Neighborhood Association events
- Wildfire Fuels Drop Sites
- Defensible Space Assessment Reports
- Eugene Springfield Fire Social Media



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WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

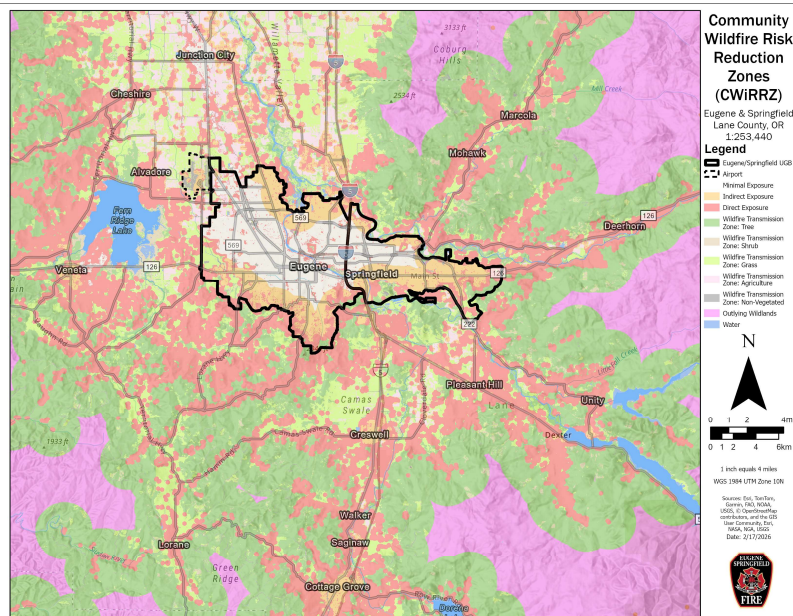
- Purpose: establish a data-informed foundation and tool for understanding and addressing wildfire hazards in the Eugene-Springfield Metro Area
- Layered approach of datasets and modeling created one comprehensive risk map to identify where mitigation will be most effective:
 - **Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Zones (CWIRRs)** incorporates burn probability, fire intensity, and proximity to homes and structures
 - **The Interagency Fuel Treatment Decision Support System (IFTDSS)** was used to model potential fire behavior and spread under a range of weather and fuel conditions (publicly available)
 - Vegetation and fuel characteristics were mapped using **LANDFIRE**

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WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

- Eugene-Springfield Metro Area and adjacent Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) zones
- Moderate to high wildfire risk
- Greatest vulnerabilities in the surrounding WUI

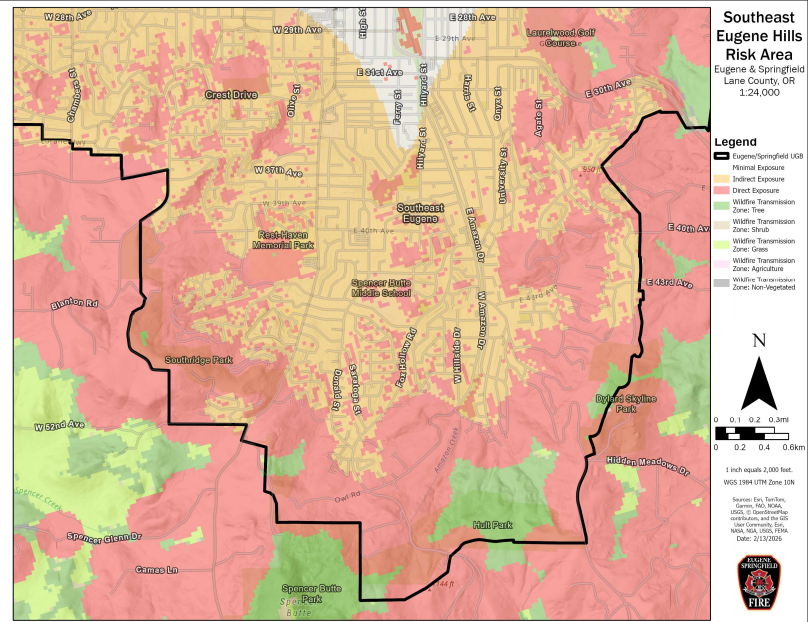


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SOUTHEAST EUGENE HILLS

- Mitigation priorities:
 - Shaded fuel breaks along public land boundaries, ridgelines, access routes, and residential areas
 - Multi-owner & cross-jurisdictional projects
 - Defensible space and hardening of structures
- Ingress and Egress
 - Evaluation of opportunities for capital improvements for street connection
 - Additional signage identifying routes to larger streets



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ACTION PLAN

- The action plan lists action items associated with each goal of the CWPP
- Agencies that will need to collaborate on certain actions are listed
- Priority rating of High, Medium, or Low is provided based on the anticipated impact on wildfire risk reduction, urgency, and feasibility of a given action item

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ACTION PLAN

- Goal 1: Protect Lives, Property, and Critical Infrastructure
 - 1.1: Integrate CWiRRZ data into local GIS platforms and provide education to create a shared understanding of risk reduction zones.
 - 1.2: Complete risk assessments for 100% of critical infrastructure corridors.
- Goal 2: Enhance Wildfire Resilience Through Community Engagement and Education
 - 2.1: Conduct biannual seasonal (spring/fall) public outreach campaigns on wildfire preparedness.
 - 2.2: By end of 2028, offer wildfire preparedness outreach materials in Spanish.

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ACTION PLAN

- Goal 3: Reduce Hazardous Fuels and Maintain Resilient Landscapes
 - 3.3: Implement fuel reduction projects on properties with over .5 acres of Grass/Shrub, Timber Understory, and Timber Litter within 50 feet of occupied structures or critical infrastructure.
 - 3.6: Reduce fuels along park roads and primary trail corridors for emergency access by end of 2028.
- Goal 4: Improve Emergency Response and Recovery Capabilities
 - 4.2: Create and publicize updated evacuation route maps and signage for WUI areas.
 - 4.3: Pre-designate and equip temporary evacuation centers with defensible space and backup power.

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ACTION PLAN

- Goal 5: Strengthen Collaboration Across Jurisdictions
 - 5.1: Establish regular inter-agency CWPP coordination meetings and workshops with document outcomes starting by end of 2026
 - Pursue CWDG, CWRR, FEMA, OSFM, and other grant programs for mitigation projects identified by in this CWPP
- Goal 6: Support Policy Alignment and Regulatory Integration
 - 6.2: By end of 2029, conduct a formal evaluation of OSFM model code, engage local stakeholders through a documented outreach process, and develop jurisdiction-specific recommendations and an implementation strategy for potential incorporation into local development codes
 - By end of 2027, implement a standardized process to distribute defensible space and home hardening guidance to all applicable residential permit applicants.

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PLAN IMPLEMENTATION & MAINTENANCE

- CWPP is intended to be a living document with 5-year updates
- ESF will serve as the lead agency for maintaining and coordinating efforts related to the CWPP
- Ongoing outreach & education on the plan to occur throughout summer 2026
- An Advisory Committee made up of key stakeholders will be responsible for:
 - Evaluating progress on current Action Items
 - Providing a venue for collaboration on multi-agency grant applications
 - Identifying community outreach or fuel-treatment projects
 - Identifying and assessing new or treated risks
 - Identifying needed map updates

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