Voluntary Annexations & River Road/Santa Clara On-Street Parking Issues

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   - Street Annexations
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1. Voluntary Annexations

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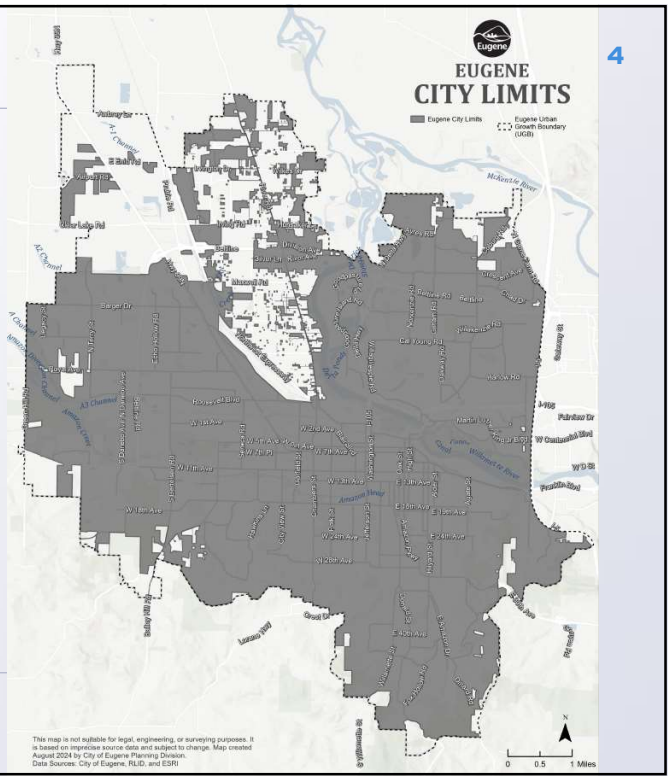
What is Annexation?

- The legal process by which land within the urban growth boundary comes into the city limits and under city jurisdiction



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Background

Annexation Policy Context

- All land within Eugene's UGB will be annexed and provided with a minimum level of key urban services.
- Reliance property owner-initiated annexations (voluntary)

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Annexation Triggers

Things that trigger annexation

- New house on vacant lot
- Subdivision to enable housing
- New middle housing
- New commercial or industrial development

Things that do not trigger annexation

- Adding a shop, bedroom, deck, fence or replacing windows
- Property line adjustment
- Accessory dwelling unit
- Sale of property

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Annexation Process

- City Council decision
- Provides for public notice
- Typically approved on Council's consent calendar
- Must meet approval criteria from land use code

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Annexation Criteria

To be eligible for annexation, a property must

- Be located within Eugene's UGB
- Be contiguous to Eugene's City limits (or separated only by right-of-way, or a stream, bay, lake or other body of water)
- Be consistent with applicable plan policies
- Result in a boundary in which key urban facilities and services can be provided

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Benefits of Annexation

- Service delivery
- Consistent governance
- Property tax revenue
- Opportunities for housing development

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River Road/Santa Clara

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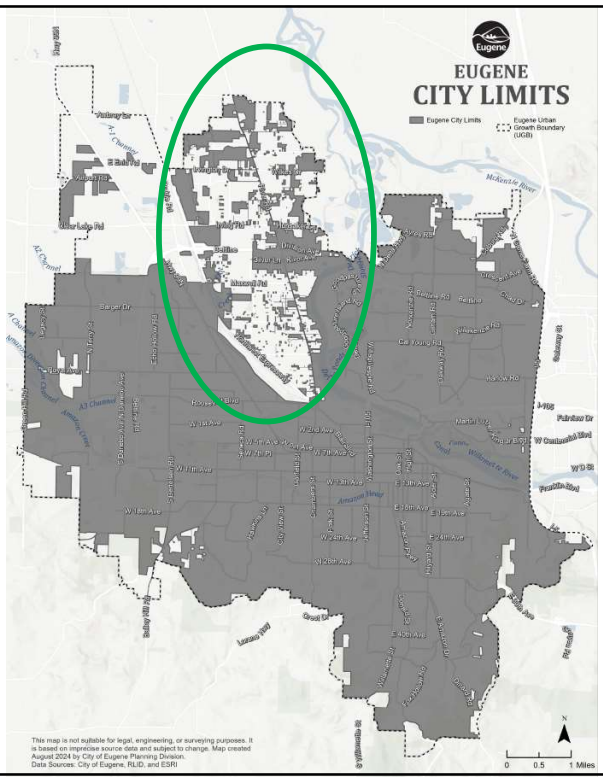
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Eugene Urban Growth Boundary (UGB)
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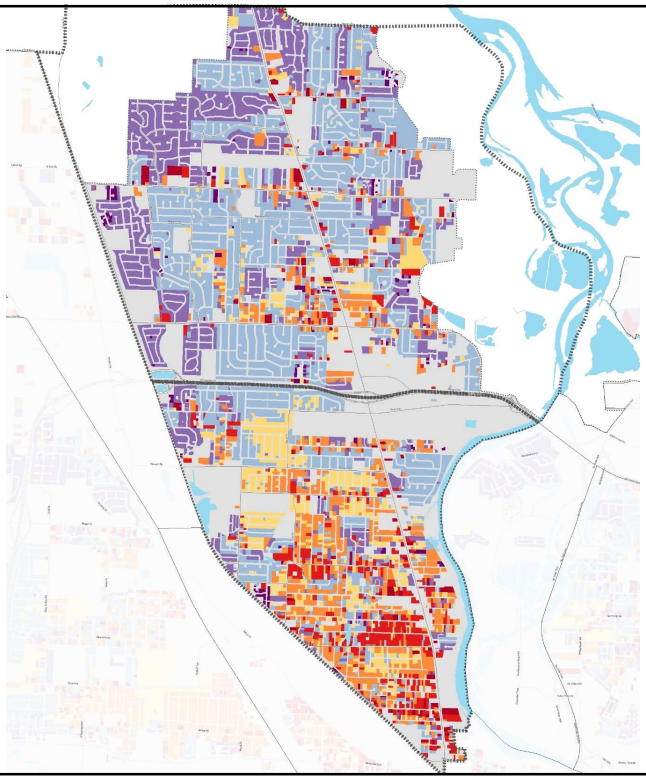

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Neighborhood Plan Policies

- City and County will continue to cooperatively work towards addressing jurisdictional issues in the right of way, including parking, maintenance, street improvements, and annexation issues.
- Annexation of the River Road and Santa Clara areas will occur only through strict application of state laws and local policies (e.g., ability to extend key urban facilities and services in a timely manner). In each case, Eugene will make every reasonable attempt to provide for annexation only on a voluntary basis and according to prior individual property annexation agreements.

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Challenges to Annexation

- Generally dependent on development activity
- Requires property to be continuous to city limits
- Does not support efficient or equitable service delivery

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Street Annexations

- Targeted street annexations
- Working cooperatively with Lane County
- Two step process to transfer

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2. River Road/Santa Clara On-Street Parking Issues

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City Parking Code Enforcement

- Eugene Code applies within city limits
- Neighborhood and Parking Officers issue citations of Eugene Code Chapter 5 for parking violations
- Violations are cited into Eugene Municipal Court

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River Road/Santa Clara Parking Challenges

- Mix of City and County Streets
- Variety of Levels of Improvements

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Parking Challenge Example

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Hatton Avenue
2018 Parking Discussion

- City annexed County streets, which allows for City Parking Enforcement
- Streets were not jurisdictionally transferred, meaning the County is responsible for maintenance

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River Road/Santa Clara Parking Options

- Hatton Avenue Solution
- Neighborhood Officers
- Partners

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3. Urban Growth Strategies

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Housing Planning

- Housing Needs and Priorities
- Residential Land Use Efficiency Measures
- Housing Production Strategy

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Possible Actions to Encourage Voluntary Annexation

- Targeted street annexations
- Offering opportunities to annex in conjunction with street annexations
- Proactive communication
- Financial incentives, such as
  - Reduced or waived application fees
  - Tax differentials
  - Application assistance
  - Reduced fees

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Questions

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