

The Oregon Solutions Network: Tools for Regional Solutions



Presentation Goal:

Familiarize you with the programs & tools of the
Oregon Solutions Network (OSN) to help
address regional priorities



Region Advisory Teams Identify Priorities in Six Regions



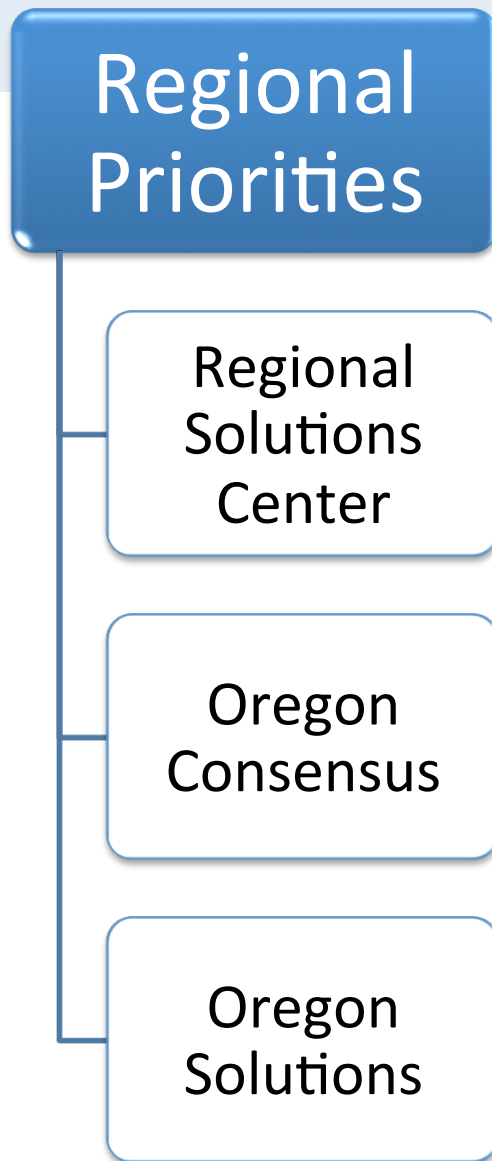
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Characteristics Common to Regional Priorities

- Complex Issues – No “Quick Fix”
- Overlapping institutions and jurisdictions
- Multiple resources needed to address the problem or issue
- Diverse entities ready to work together but have no support or easy way to come together
- Potential conflict or difference about solution creates a barrier

The Oregon Solutions Network (OSN):



**Links Programs to Create
an Infrastructure
that Brings People and
Resources Together
To Get Things Done in
Each Region**

All OSN Programs Are:

- **Tools for Collaborative Governance:** Bring multiple sectors together to empower for collective impact.
- **Transparent and Accountability :** Decisions take place in the public eye.
- **Equity and Inclusiveness:** All interests who are needed and willing contribute to solution.
- **Effectiveness and Efficiency:** Solutions are tested to make sure they make practical sense.
- **Responsiveness:** Public concerns are authentically addressed.

Distinct Expertise for Distinct Situations



Think **Regional Solutions** for Intergovernmental Expertise:

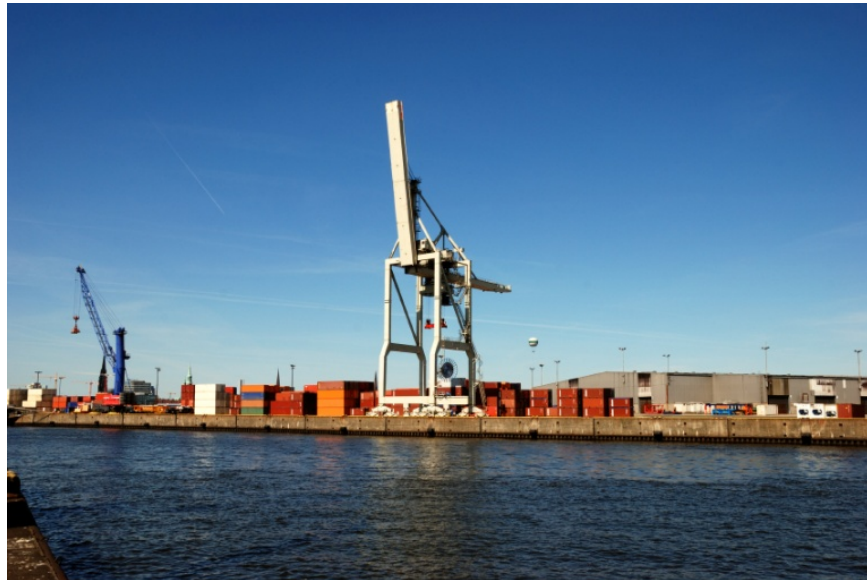
- Intergovernmental coordination needed
- Issues pertain to permitting and regulations, especially multiple agencies are involved
- Member agency collaboration can streamline regulatory discussions
- Governor's forum can help leverage resources among the public, private and civic sectors



Industrial Lands in Eastern Oregon



The Regional Solutions Center helped the community of Arlington acquire and re-zone a 300-acre site and convert it to industrial use. This required a change to the state wide land use policy and plan, which typically takes 18 months, but by using the integrated approach via the Regional Solutions Center, they were able to do this in seven weeks. Ultimately, this site is expected to create up to 350 new jobs.



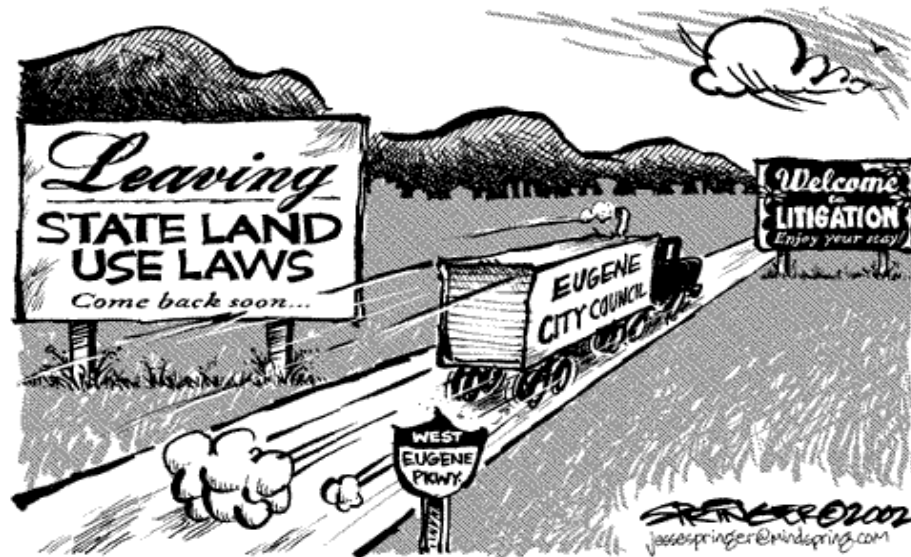


Think **Oregon Consensus** for Mediation/Facilitation Expertise:

- A conflict exists
- When there are different perspectives and agreement is needed about the best path forward
- A neutral forum is needed to engage parties on a contentious public policy issues



West Eugene Collaborative



Problem:

After decades of debate regarding traffic congestion in West Eugene, a proposed West Eugene Parkway voted down by Eugene City Council in 2005

West Eugene Collaborative (WEC)



Goal:

- Develop a integrated land use, transportation and natural resources solution for West Eugene.

With OC support:

- ✓ WEC formed (27 members); met for two years and donated hundreds of hours of volunteer time
- ✓ WEC unanimously agreed on recommendations for transportation, land use and natural resource solutions in west Eugene.
- ✓ March 2009 final report welcomed by community.
- ✓ Eugene City Council voted unanimously to implement WEC recommendations.





Think **Oregon Solutions** for Project Implementation Expertise:

- People agree on a solution but need help with implementation
- Solution requires collaboration and integration of resources from multiple sectors --- government, business, and non-profit
- The governor's designation of the project and conveners would leverage resources



Rebuilding Vernonia's School

Co-Conveners: Columbia County Commissioner Tony Hyde and business leader Tom Kelly

Goal:

- Rebuild the three schools devastated by the December 2007 flood



Results:

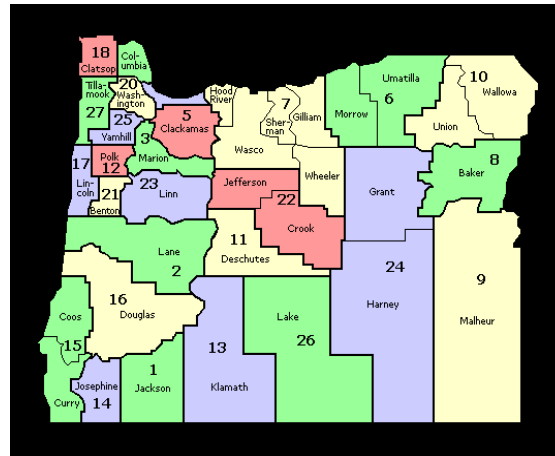
- ✓ Building open to students fall 2012.
- ✓ Raised approximately \$40 million.
- ✓ Over 22 organizations formally pledged commitment Declaration of Cooperation,
- ✓ Collaboration chose a new site, annexed it into the urban growth boundary in a streamlined process, and designed the nation's first projected public K-12 LEED platinum, net zero building.
- ✓ Over 125 individuals and organizations provided funding and volunteer services.

OSN Promotes New Approaches to Community Problem Solving

Oregon's Kitchen Table



County Solutions



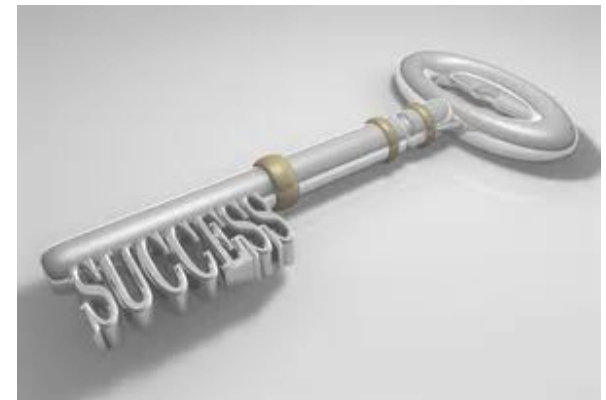
Teaching and Training



County Commissioners as Conveners

Keys to Convening:

- Is **Inclusive** – Different Perspectives Involved
- Holds in a **Neutral Place** or Forum
- Direct, **not Dominate** the Discussion
- Strives to be **Impartial**
- Keeps **Focus on Purpose**
- Cares about the Issue – Is **Committed**
- Keeps the **Group Moving**
- Ensures an **Outcome**



Contact

Your Regional Solutions Center to:

- Assess the needs of the situation
- Help you decide the best OSN program
- Connect you to the right person

