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2022 PLANNING COMMISSION WORK PROGRAM

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Below is the approved 2022 Work Program. The following priorities informed project ranking:

1. Projects with a health-life safety component
2. Required projects (New State laws, Metro, Gorge Commission, FEMA, etc.)
3. Required projects that implement the Comprehensive Plan
4. Amendments which result in efficiencies (procedural or otherwise)

The 2022 Work Program is shorter than in past years, but includes projects most likely to be brought to the Planning Commission in 2022 given current resources. Table A below represents top priority projects based the factors listed above.

Staff also maintains a list of ‘on-deck’ projects (Attachment 1) that are not included in Table A as a way to keep track of projects for inclusion in future work programs along with other sources such as legislative bills related to land use and the 2016 Comprehensive Plan.

Though ‘on-deck’ projects are not included in the 2022 work program, they may be brought to the Planning Commission if the issue becomes more pressing and/or the opportunity arises to elevate the project. ‘On deck’ projects (or specific aspects of projects) may be bundled with related projects for efficiency. We will plan for one meeting per month, making adjustments as needed; however, no Planning Commission meeting will be scheduled in August to help accommodate commissioner and staff vacations.

Finalizing a work program helps the Land Use Planning (LUP) Division prioritize work. It does not mandate project completion, nor does it preclude work on other projects not identified. Having this flexibility, together with support from the Commission on work program priorities helps LUP best serve the community.

Table A: 2022 Work Program Projects

Required Projects

This list is populated when projects are required by the State Legislature, the Columbia River Gorge Commission, FEMA, State Rulemaking, case law, and so on.

	Project Name & Case Number	Brief Summary	Status	Year Added	Source
A1	Sauvie Island Levee Accreditation and FIRM Updates FEMA Mandates (PC-2019-12292)	<p>The Sauvie Island levee system (maintained by the Sauvie Island Drainage Improvement Company) is in the process of being accredited by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as meeting specific federal design, operation and maintenance standards which reduce flood risk.</p> <p>In January 2019, Multnomah County received the final report from the US Army Corps of Engineers certifying the Sauvie Island levee system for 10 years and recommending to FEMA to maintain levee accreditation status.</p> <p>Multnomah County is required as part of the federal levee accreditation process to submit a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) application to FEMA to include consideration of new flood data for lands inside the Sauvie Island levee system. This project is anticipated to involve map revisions to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps, which in turn inform the location of the County's Flood Hazard Zones.</p> <p>Maintaining accurate flood zone maps supports the County's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System.</p>	Consulting engineers are producing draft maps. Public outreach is being planned.	2019	FEMA
A2	EFU / CFU Omnibus	A number of recent bills affect EFU and CFU zones. Staff may combine some or all of these resource land projects for efficiency under a resource lands omnibus ordinance. Attachment 2 provides brief descriptions of the State legislation relating to the project. The listed projects do not necessarily need to be added to County code in 2022 and can be applied directly from Statute.	<p>Not yet begun.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See Attachment 2. - May include some related on deck projects 	2015-2021	State

Health/Life-Safety Projects

A3	Floating Structure Regulation; 2011 (PC-2011-1974)	Implements Comprehensive Plan Policy 10.11: Building, Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical Standards for Floating Structures.	Staff has begun exploring implementation options related to Portland's role as the contracted building agent for Multnomah County.	2011	Comp Plan
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Efficiency Projects

A4	Various Code Amendments (PC-2020-13166)	This is a placeholder for smaller corrections and simple code improvements that can be rolled into a single project.	Staff is preparing the staff report	2019	Staff
A5	Minor improvement projects and full code compliance	<p>Consider certain minor improvements, such as solar installations for an exemption from the full compliance standard in the land use code.</p> <p>MCC 39.1515 requires that the County not make a land use decision approving development unless the property is in full compliance with all applicable provisions of the Multnomah County Zoning Code and/or any permit approvals previously issued by the County.</p> <p>Existing exceptions include projects that are, necessary to protect public safety. This type of exception could be expanded to include residential solar projects.</p>	Not yet begun	2021	Community Request

Attachments

Attachment 1: On Deck Work Program Projects

Attachment 2: EFU – CFU Omnibus Project List