

Article 3: Agriculture [Not Intended to be the same as Statewide Planning Goal 3]

While Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 3 Agricultural Lands does not apply within the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and Toledo does not have agricultural zoned lands within its city limits, the city supports and encourages City and countywide efforts to preserve and maintain agricultural lands.

Agriculture Goals and Policies

Development Pattern – Goal 1

Preserve and maintain agricultural lands for farm use by encouraging growth and development to locate within the Urban Growth Boundary.

Policy 1 Orderly Development. Encourage orderly, compact development projects which meet urban density patterns and conserve open spaces and small farms until those areas are needed for urban development.

~~Policy 2. Encourage development designs which assure extensions of urban densities and infrastructure improvements as the community grows and as areas are redeveloped. [Better suited for Goal 14 Urbanization]~~

Policy 2 Limited Open Space Farm Use. Retain open spaces needed to protect natural resources and habitats for sensitive wildlife species while allowing the use of non-protected open spaces for limited grazing and other farm use.

Policy 3 Conflicting Uses. Control conflicts between agriculture and more urbanized developments through the use of nuisance and animal control ordinances and site designs which locate animal shelters away from adjoining properties, control drainage, and provide buffers from surrounding uses.

Small Scale Farming, Food Security, and Education – Goal 2

Within the Urban Growth Boundary, encourage the retention of small scale agricultural uses as family farms and open space to protect natural resources until suitable properties are developed at urban densities.

Policy 1 Community Gardens and Food Production. Increase local and countywide private community gardens and food production opportunities.

Policy 2 Local Food Production. Decrease food insecurity in the city and county through the increase of local food production.

Policy 3 Support Community Food Banks. Increase the amount of locally produced food donations and consumption as well as increase support of efforts to utilize natural food sources and decrease food waste.

Policy 4 Support Farm to School Food Programs. Support distribution systems to supply fresh locally produced foods to students and staff in Toledo schools. In addition, promote sustainable farming through support of educational programs to teach gardening, farming, and other skills to local youth.

Agritourism – Goal 3

The city shall support and encourage agritourism within the city and county.

Policy 1 Diverse Partnerships to Support Agritourism. Work with diverse partners to support agritourism such as the City’s partnership with the Farmer’s Market.