

Article 4: Forested Areas [Not Intended to be the same as Statewide Planning Goal 4]

While Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 4 Forest Lands does not apply within the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and Toledo does not have forest lands zoned within its city limits, the city supports and encourages City and countywide efforts to create partnerships and ensure safe environmental practices. The city's goal is to support the local timber industry while also preserving and maintaining forest lands through partnerships at the local, county, state and federal level. In addition, Natural vegetation on steep slopes, for example, protect soils from erosion and thereby preserves clean water resources.

Development Pattern – Goal 1

Preserve and maintain forest lands for the production of forest products 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 forested areas until those areas are ready for urban development.

Forested Areas with the UGB – Goal 2

Within the Urban Growth Boundary, encourage the retention of forested areas as open space to protect natural resources and to maintain the character of Toledo as a forested city.

~~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 1 Hillside Development. Encourage the retention of forested open spaces on steep hillsides for the protection of natural resources and to reduce risks of landslides and flooding.

Policy 2 Forested City Owned Property. Maintain City owned non-park forested properties as natural areas until they are ready to be developed for urban uses.

Policy 3 Tree City USA. Maintain status as a Tree City USA community and support individual and citizen group efforts to maintain urban forests and landscape programs.

Policy 4 Forested Parks. Assess designs for new park areas to retain forested areas where they are appropriate.

Policy 5 Tree Selection. Encourage the proper selection, planting, and maintenance of trees through landscape planning and public information. The city shall develop a list of approved street trees.