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**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL – CITY OF ONTARIO OREGON
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026, 6:00 PM, MT
[Zoom Link](#)**

Pursuant to the Public Meetings Laws and Rules within the Oregon Revised Statutes, the City Council has the authority, ability, and standing to take action on any items on the Agenda, or add items to the Agenda, during the Study Session or Regular Meeting, as long as all public meeting notice requirements have been met.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Susann Mills _____ Michael Braden _____ Ken Hart _____ Adrianna Contreras _____ John Kirby _____
Council President Penny Bakefelt _____ Mayor Deborah Folden _____

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

This Agenda was posted on April 24, 2026. Copies of the Agenda are available from the City Hall Customer Service Counter and on the city's website at www.ontariooregon.org.

3) MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

4) CONSENT AGENDA

A) Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes: April 14, 2026

5) PUBLIC COMMENTS Citizens may address the Council; however, Council may not be able to provide an immediate answer or response. Out of respect to the Council and others in attendance, please limit your comment to three (3) minutes. Please state your name and city of residence for the record.

6) PRESENTATIONS

A) Greenspace Master Plan: Greenworks PC

7) PUBLIC HEARING

- A) Accept Right of Way for ADA Ramp Upgrade Project
- B) Apply for a 2026 Community Development Block Grant

8) DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

A) Finance: Monthly Report

9) DISCUSSION ITEMS

10) HAND-OUTS

- A) Minutes: County Court 04-01-2026
- B) Check Register: March 2026

11) CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

12) ADJOURN

The City Council may recess/adjourn to Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2) as follows: (a) Employment of Public Officers, Employees, or Agents; (b) Discipline of Public Officers, Employees, or Agents; (d) Labor Negotiations; (e) Real Property Transactions; (f) Exempt Public Records; (g) Trade Negotiations; (h) Litigation [Current or Potential]/Consult with Legal Counsel; (i) Performance Evaluation of Public Officers and Employees; (j) Trade Negotiations; and/or (l) Labor Negotiations.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES April 14, 2026

The scheduled meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Mayor Deborah Folden at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were Deborah Folden, Susann Mills, Michael Braden, John Kirby, Adriana Contreras, and Penny Bakefelt. Ken Hart was excused.

Staff present were Dan Cummings, Corinna Hysell, Laura Reyes, Kari Ott, Jason Cooper, Clint Benson, Tatiana Burgess, Al Haun, and Marshall Pierce.

AGENDA

This Agenda was posted Friday, April 10, 2026. Copies of the Agenda are available from the City Hall Customer Service Counter and on the city's website www.ontariooregon.org.

KIRBY moved, CONTRERAS seconded, **TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

CONSENT AGENDA

MILLS moved, CONTRERAS seconded, **TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH CONSISTED OF ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2026, AND MARCH 24, 2026**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

NEW BUSINESS

Liquor License: New License for Matsy's Catering

Tatiana Burgess, Planning Director, presented.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has updated the licensing procedure. Applications now came to the local government for endorsement before completing the application process through the State of Oregon Liquor Control Commission office in Salem.

Larry Matsumura applied for a New Full Limited On-Premises, Other Public Location liquor license for the Four Rivers Cultural Center located at 676 SW 5th Avenue, Ontario, Oregon. He was applying for the liquor license in the name of Matsy's Catering, and it would operate under the same name. He completed the "New Full On-Premises, Other Public Location" liquor license sales application. All necessary paperwork had been submitted to the City of Ontario, and the required fees would be received after council action. All permit and license requirements had been met through the City of Ontario Planning, Building, and Fire Departments. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission office was awaiting a recommendation from the Ontario City Council.

Four Rivers Cultural Center was an event center that currently did not have its own liquor license. Having a liquor license at this location would allow them to host events without needing other vendors to cater them with a special events license. To obtain the privilege of selling alcohol at this location, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission required Matsy's Catering to complete the "New Outlet – Full On-Premises Sales – Other Public Locations" application. Once this step was completed, the location would have the necessary license, which required annual renewal.

BAKEFELT moved, CONTRERAS seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL RECOMMEND THE NEW FULL ON-PREMISES SALES/OTHER PUBLIC LOCATIONS LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR MATSY'S CATERING**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion passed 6/0/1.

City Hall Remodel Contract Award

Dan Cummings, City Manager, presented.

The City Council and Budget Committee approved a budget to fund the remodel of a portion of City Hall for an area for the police Sergeant's workstation area and to remodel the fire personnel's sleeping quarters.

The project was put out to bid on February 11, 2026, in the Argus Observer, as well as on the city website. The city received three responsive bids: Alpine Construction Management, LLC for a base bid price of \$248,449.00; Gyllengerg Construction, Inc., for a base bid price of \$328,722.00; and Wright Brothers, The Building Company, Eagle LLC, for a base bid of \$344,714.00.

It was determined by the selection committee that consisted of Dan Cummings, Al Haun, and Marshall Pierce, that the lowest responsive bid was Alpine Construction Management with a base bid of \$248,449.00, and was within the amount budgeted for the project.

This project required approval as soon as possible to allow for the contract to proceed and for construction to be completed in a timely manner.

KIRBY moved, CONTRERAS seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL TO ACCEPT THE BASE BID AND APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH ALPINE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$248,449.00 FOR THE POLICE AND FIRE REMODEL PROJECT AT CITY HALL AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROJECT.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion passed 6/0/1.

Contract Award: Station 2 Addition Design

Clint Benson, Fire Chief, presented.

The City of Ontario's Fire Station #2 was located near the airport at 3288 SW 4th Avenue and was constructed in 2010. The original design of the facility included a future living quarters addition to the west. Without living quarters at Fire Station #2, the facility could not support staffing. Currently, Fire Station 2 was a fire apparatus storage building that did not support staffing. Strategically, Ontario Fire had been moving towards a minimum staffing level of four firefighters 24 hours a day, with two staffed at Station 1 and two staffed at Station 2. This deployment model would provide faster response times for many of Ontario's citizens while ensuring the department met OSHA's 2-in-2-out rule in the event of structure fires. Progress was being made, and the next step was professional design, which would provide shovel-ready construction plans and an important and accurate construction cost analysis.

Providing staffing at Station 2 would greatly enhance the fire department's response and service to the community. The recent Community Risk Assessment & Standard of Cover Study, completed in early 2025, provided several priority recommendations. One of these key recommendations was to *"Construct full-service quarters for 24-hour staff at Fire Station 2 and provide 24-hour staffing to support the improvement of service deployment to the community (2025 CRA/SOC, pg. 82).* This strategic goal *"...will improve response times and operational efficiency...improving effective response force and enhancing firefighter safety"* (2025 CRA/SOC, pg. 82). *"Staffing both stations would double the 4-minute and 8-minute percentage of coverage for the community and improve the first-due and effective response force standards"* (2025 CRA/SOC, pg. 62).

In late 2025, Ontario Fire applied for and received an \$80K grant from the Eastern Oregon Border Board for the design of Station 2. After requesting, accepting, and reviewing/grading five professional design proposals for the Station 2 Addition Design Project, Schlager Zimmerman Architects was graded as the most qualified firm. Negotiations with Schlager Zimmerman resulted in a cost proposal of \$86,495 for preliminary and final design architecture and engineering. Schlager Zimmerman also gave fee proposals for environmental review services and construction observation and administration; however, funding for those items would be sought through future grant funding options. With \$80K in funding from a grant from the Eastern Oregon Border Board and remaining funds from the city's budget, the design of the Fire Station 2 Addition Project would be completed in time for the fall grant application season.

The design of the Fire Station 2 Living Quarters Addition fit well with several key goals in Ontario's Strategic Plan. For example, desirability improved when emergency services were located in strategic locations to provide quick service during emergencies. Also, with the potential growth spoken of in the Strategic Plan, adding a staffed fire station in a good location was smart planning. Finally, the quality of life in any community depended



upon safety. This fire department was committed to protecting life, property and the environment. Investment in this public safety facilities and infrastructure by adding living quarters to Station 2 would provide improved service to the Ontario citizens and enhance the desirability of this community.

Currently, the city had \$80,000 in grant funding from the Eastern Oregon Border Board for the design of the Fire Station 2 Living Quarters Addition Design Project. Additionally, Finance Director Kari Ott indicated that there were budgeted funds that could be used to award the design contract to Schlager Zimmerman Architects. Timing was of the essence in order for the architect to have time to complete the design and cost analysis prior to several construction funding grant opportunities opening up early this fall. The alternative was to continue to negotiate with other design firms and hope for a cost proposal below \$80K; however, the timing for fall grant applications would suffer, which might move Ontario back a year regarding grant funding opportunities.

CONTRERAS moved, BAKEFELT seconded, THE CITY COUNCIL AWARD THE CONTRACT WITH SCHLAGER ZIMMERMAN ARCHITECTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,495.00 FOR PRELIMINARY AND FINAL DESIGN ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING OF THE STATION 2 ADDITION PROJECT AND APPROVE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

5th Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project: Irvco Change Order Approval

Marshall Pierce, City Engineer (Jacobs), presented.

The City received ODOT grant funds to improve SE 5th Avenue. Irvco completed additional work outside of their base contract. With additional ODOT grant funds remaining, the City had additional 5th Avenue improvements performed on the north side, as well as completing additional site survey.

This work has been performed and was ready for Change Order approval and final payment to close out this project. ODOT grant funds were being used to fund the project, with remaining funds being used for this change order.

CONTRERAS moved, KIRBY seconded, THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE IRVCO CHANGE ORDER (CO) #7 AND #8 TO INSTALL A NEW SIDEWALK AND RAMPS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SE 5TH AVENUE, AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPE BLOCKS AND SITE SURVEY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,602 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE RELATED DOCUMENTS. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance #2845-2026: Amending OMC 4-1-1.13

It being the date advertised for public hearing on the matter of Ordinance #2845-2026, the Hearing was declared open. There were no objections to the city's jurisdiction to hear the action, no abstentions, no ex parte contact, and no declarations of conflict of interest.

Dan Cummings, City Manager/Community Development Director, presented.

The City of Ontario, under Ordinance #2804-2022, amended Ontario Municipal Code Title 4, Chapter 1 to adopt provisions of Oregon Building Codes and Establish Local Building Regulation and Procedures. The Ontario Building Local Appeal Board and Procedures were created under OMC 4-1-1.13 and were no longer needed.

Under the Ordinance, it prescribed and established the procedures for appealing a Building Officials ruling as follows:

4-1-1.13 - Appeal, local appeal board and alternative appeal procedure.

(A) Manner of Taking: Any person aggrieved by a code interpretation or decision of the Building Official may file an appeal with the Ontario City Council who will, within a reasonable time, convene the Local Appeal Board for hearing of the appeal. A decision of the Local Appeal Board can be appealed to the appropriate state advisory board pursuant to ORS 455.690.



(B)Alternative Appeal Process: In lieu of subsection A of this section, the aggrieved person may appeal directly to the state specialty code chief under OAR 918-0010130 and ORS 455.475. If the appeal relates to an inspection pursuant to the electrical specialty code, the appeal process set forth in OAR 918-251-0040 shall be followed.

(C)Form of Appeal to Local Appeal Board: No particular form or format for an appeal to the local board is required. However, the appeal shall specify the nature of decision appealed, the date of the decision, and shall specifically set out each and every allegation of error. The appeal shall be signed by the grievant. A copy of the appeal shall be sent U.S. mail or delivered personally to the Building Official. An appeal fee is established by resolution.

(D)Form of Appeal to State: An appeal application to the State of Oregon may be obtained from Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services/State of Oregon Building Codes Division. An appeal fee is established by state.

(E)Local Appeal Board: A local appeal board is hereby created consisting of five (5) members. The members shall be selected by and serve at the pleasure of the City Council. The board will consist of the following: (1) engineer or architect; (2) plumbing contractor; (3) electrical contractor; (4) building contractor; and (5) representative from any fire protection agency. In the absence of selected members for the above local appeal board the City Council shall act as the Appeal Board.

It had been determined that there was no need for a Local Appeal Board, and it was best that any appeals be taken directly to the State Building Code Division. Therefore, staff was recommending amending City Municipal Code Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 1.13 by removing all reference to the Local Appeal Board and directing any appeals to the Oregon Building Code Division. This action should be done as soon as possible to ensure that any grieving party knows the process in place within the State Building Code Department.

The Hearing was opened for public testimony.

Opponents: None. Proponents: None. There being no Proponent and no Opponent testimony, the Hearing was closed.

MILLS moved, CONTRERAS seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #2845-2026, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ONTARIO MUNICIPAL CODE (OMC) TITLE 4, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1.13 APPEAL PROCEDURE TO THE OREGON BUILDING CODES LOCAL BUILDING REGULATIONS ON FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

MILLS moved, CONTRERAS seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #2845-2026, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ONTARIO MUNICIPAL CODE (OMC) TITLE 4, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1.13 APPEAL PROCEDURE TO THE OREGON BUILDING CODES LOCAL BUILDING REGULATIONS ON SECOND READING BY TITLE ONLY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Police: Quarterly

Jason Cooper, Police Chief, presented. He further added that the two radar signs purchased were received, and he was working with Jacobs to get those deployed.

Mr. Cummings added that right after those two kids were hit at that intersection, he met with Chief Cooper and approved through the repairs budget to order two more flashing lights. The safety flashing lights would be at that intersection, and remove one of the crosswalks. It would look identical to 11th, how that was done for the school kids. They were also leaving the flags for double safety. For some history, the city received a grant to install most of those, and one had been planned for there, but the owner at the time (Chevron) voiced opposition. He felt it would affect his business too much. But they were going to put it there now, as 12th really was a main access to the school. It was two to three weeks out on order, but it would be installed upon receipt by Public Works.



Councilor Kirby stated when they had done the evidence destruction purge, which was ongoing, but the business was not around, but there was now a place to take items to be destroyed?

Chief Cooper stated yes. Covanta was the company out of Brooks, Oregon, that managed the waste disposal. Many agencies, including OPD, identified a similar company outside of Spokane, Washington, so mileage and time wise, it was closer. They provided that service for other law enforcement agencies.

Councilor Bakefelt thanked Lt. Swank and Sgt. Bolyard for their 20 years of dedicated service. It was very much appreciated and did not go unnoticed.

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

Revitalize Ontario South Oregon Bulb Out Update

Tom Thompson, Revitalize Ontario member, presented.

Revitalize Ontario!

Community Project Update
Oregon Street Bulb-Outs
April 14, 2026

Oregon Street Bulb-Out Project

- ▶ The 32 bulb-outs along Oregon Street were adopted by Revitalize Ontario as a part of our goal to enhance the appearance of the downtown district.
- ▶ We feel that improving the bulb-outs will:
 - ▶ Reduce waste accumulation along Oregon Street
 - ▶ Demonstrate that the downtown district is cared-for and be more inviting
 - ▶ Encouraging longer stays in downtown for our local businesses



Oregon Street Bulb-Out Project Cost

- ▶ Total City of Ontario Investment in the bulb-out animals/landscape \$0.00
- ▶ The City has given Revitalize Ontario the opportunity to manage the bulb-out sites but is not funding their further development and maintenance.
- ▶ This project is a collaborative effort with volunteer help and donations from the Depot District, downtown merchants, Ontario Rock, the Rock Yard, Andrews Seed, community members, and Revitalize Ontario.
- ▶ Revitalize Ontario funded the project through proceeds of our events including the Tater Tots Festival, grants, donations, and volunteers.
 - ▶ The initial 17 animal sculptures were acquired at a cost of \$55,000
 - ▶ Salon Salon and Barinaga Orthodontics also purchased sculptures expanding on the project and sites these sculptures can be enjoyed
 - ▶ Businesses/residents can purchase from the available catalog.
 - ▶ The landscape rock, boulders, columns, and plantings are estimated to cost an additional \$40,000 depending on total materials used.



Oregon Street Bulb-Out Project Timeline

- ▶ Step 1 - Bulb outs have been filled with decorative black and tan landscape rock and will have boulders/basalt columns installed by the end of April.
- ▶ Step 2 - With the help of Andrew's Seed drought-tolerant perennials including lavender, cone flowers, salvia, and ornamental grasses which require minimal maintenance and watering will be planted by early May.
- ▶ Step 3 - Ongoing watering and maintenance will be managed by Revitalize Ontario with the help of community volunteers and businesses.



Where did the sculptures come from?



ArtRoamers

- ▶ Inspired by the success of Baker City's sculpture program, we partnered with Art Roamers to bring a similar vibrancy to Ontario.
- ▶ Art Roamers works directly with artists in Eastern Africa (including Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania), who create these hand-crafted animals reflecting the wildlife of their home regions.
- ▶ Every purchase directly funds education for women and girls in Kenya and provides essential school and art supplies for students creating a global-local connection with that has a lasting effect on their lives.
- ▶ These sculptures are a starting point. We are always looking for artists in the region to suggest other installations.

Revitalize Ontario!

About Revitalize Ontario

Revitalize Ontario is a 509(a)(2) public charity focused on the development and promotion of a healthy and prosperous community in Ontario, Oregon within the context of cultural and historic preservation. Although many of our events and projects can be found all over Ontario, our focus is on the Downtown District.

- ▶ How We Accomplish Our Mission and Goals
 - ▶ With only 6 volunteer board members.
 - ▶ Through strong collaboration with the City of Ontario, the Ontario Parks Committee, the Ontario Downtown Depot District, Chamber of Commerce, and our dedicated community partners, we are shaping a downtown that reflects the spirit of our people.

What's Next

- ▶ Revitalize Ontario's 2nd Quarter Public Meeting is next Tuesday 4/21 6:00pm @ the Chamber Offices across from Lions Park
- ▶ Moore Park master planning is in the works! We hope to have initial plans completed by the end of April and ready to present to the Parks Committee and City Council for review
- ▶ Depot District Friday Night Markets start May 1st 5:00pm to 8:30pm in Moore Park
- ▶ All things Tater Tots!



Councilor Mills asked who was on the board.

Mr. Thompson stated he was the Vice-President; Laura Hiramatsu was the Treasure; Terry Dols was the President; Randy and Brad Bartolome were a couple of the directors; and Jacob Widmer from the Competition Applicant was also on the board. The ex-officio was the City Council if they wanted to attend. Sometimes Dan [Cummings] attended, or Tatiana. They also had John Briedenbach attend occasionally.

Mayor Folden encouraged everyone to attend the Tater Tots Festival.

Councilor Kirby asked if that was a drawing or an engineering study.

Mr. Thompson stated they were having him draw the structural design so it could go out for quote.

Councilor Kirby asked if the city was participating in the theme of that.

Mr. Thompson stated it would go through parks for first approval, and then through Dan [Cummings] for bid.

HAND-OUTS

Minutes

County Court 02/04/2026, 02/25/2026, 03/04/2026, 03/11/2026, 03/18/2026, 03/24/2026, 03/25/2026; Airport 03/02/2026

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

Councilor Kirby stated since he had done that survey, which he'd provided in rough form, and then after the AI summarized it, the president of the Rotary Club [Ken Hart] asked if he would make a presentation. He had done his presentation that day. However, there was not been a single citizen from Ontario in the group. They seemed to be appreciative of the information provided, and they all had questions, but they all lived in other towns.

ADJOURN

BAKEFELT moved, MILLS seconded, the meeting be adjourned. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1. Meeting concluded at 6:54 pm.

ACCEPTED:

ATTEST:

Deborah K. Folden, Mayor

Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder



Ontario Greenspace Master Plan

City Council Update - April 28th, 2026



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This work is funded by a grant from the Oregon Department of Forestry's Urban and Community Forestry program. Funding opportunity is provided by the USDA Forest Service - Federal Assistance Listing 10.727 Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program.

Agenda

- Project Overview
 - Project goals and scope
 - Project timeline
- Potential Sites
- Existing tree canopy analysis
- Review messaging for adapting to changing environmental conditions
- Stakeholder and public survey results
- Draft criteria for prioritized planting sites
- Gather additional community context, challenges, or concerns
- Next steps

Project Scope and Process Summary

Project Goal

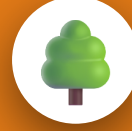
Locate 80-100 trees city-wide that will make the most positive impacts for the community. Provide guidance to maintain their health over time.

Process Summary



Tree Canopy Analysis

Understand the existing city-wide condition, and inform prioritization of planting areas. Inform future tree ordinances and private development code.



Vulnerability Assessment

Inform the selection of species planting in the implementation phase. Inform the update of preferred tree species list.



Tree Inventory

Identify maintenance issues, tree replacements, infill locations, and inform the prioritization process.



Community Engagement

Understand current conditions, challenges, obstacles for stakeholders. Understand public impressions and priorities. Opportunity for public feedback on proposed solutions.

Implementation Recommendations

Supplemental Guidance



Soil Analysis and Amendments

Work with local soil lab to test soil samples and provide recommended amendments to ensure healthy tree growth for selected species.



Installation Guidance

Provide guidelines for creating good conditions at time of tree installation to help with establishment.

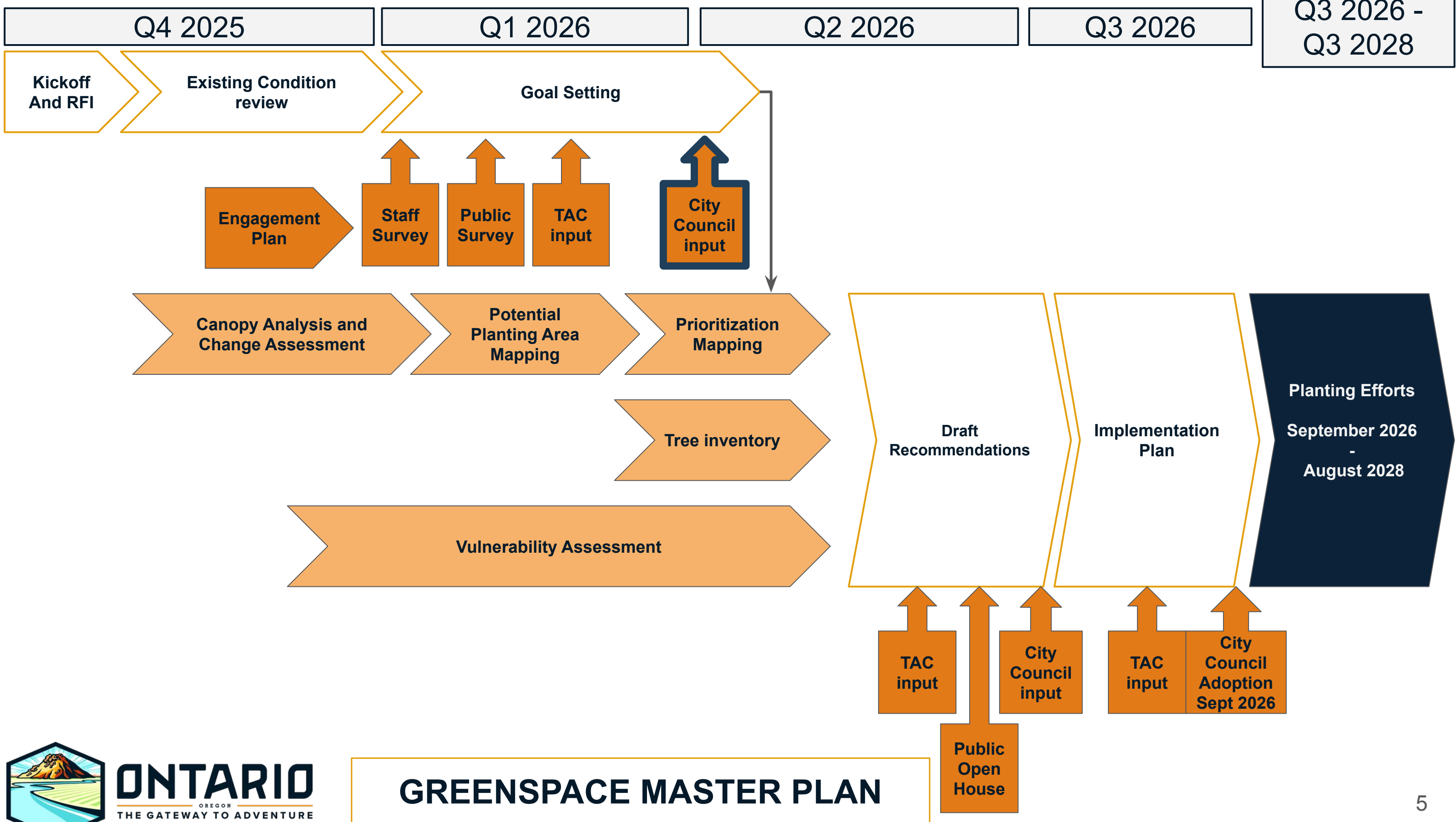


Tree Maintenance

Provide best practices for pruning, watering, mulching, and other basic tree care.

Project Timeline








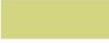


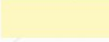
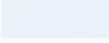
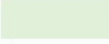


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EXISTING CONDITIONS

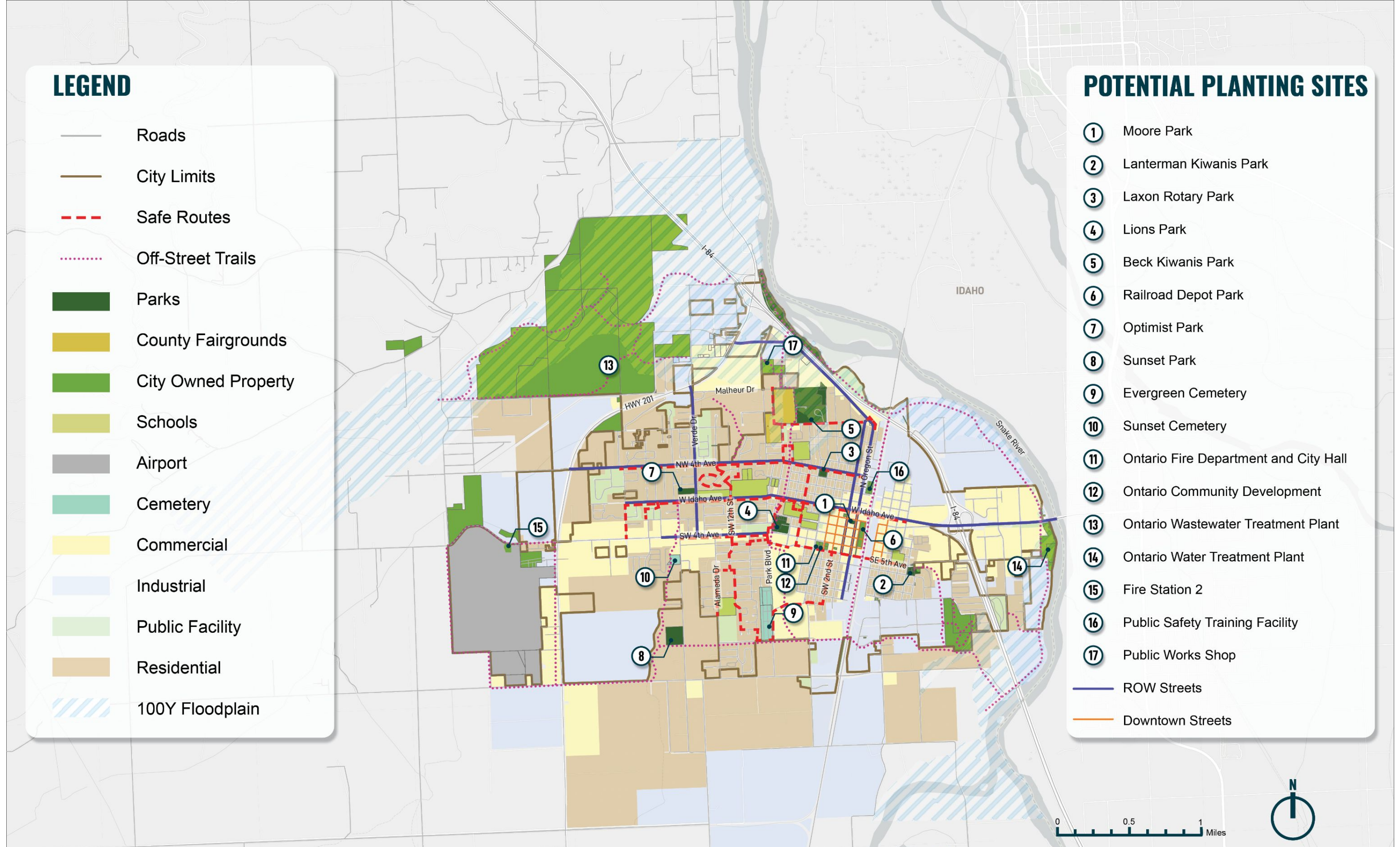


LEGEND

-  Roads
-  City Limits
-  Safe Routes
-  Off-Street Trails
-  Parks
-  County Fairgrounds
-  City Owned Property
-  Schools
-  Airport
-  Cemetery
-  Commercial
-  Industrial
-  Public Facility
-  Residential
-  100Y Floodplain











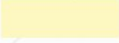

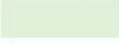


POTENTIAL PLANTING SITES

- ① Moore Park
- ② Lanterman Kiwanis Park
- ③ Laxon Rotary Park
- ④ Lions Park
- ⑤ Beck Kiwanis Park
- ⑥ Railroad Depot Park
- ⑦ Optimist Park
- ⑧ Sunset Park
- ⑨ Evergreen Cemetery
- ⑩ Sunset Cemetery
- ⑪ Ontario Fire Department and City Hall
- ⑫ Ontario Community Development
- ⑬ Ontario Wastewater Treatment Plant
- ⑭ Ontario Water Treatment Plant
- ⑮ Fire Station 2
- ⑯ Public Safety Training Facility
- ⑰ Public Works Shop
-  ROW Streets
-  Downtown Streets



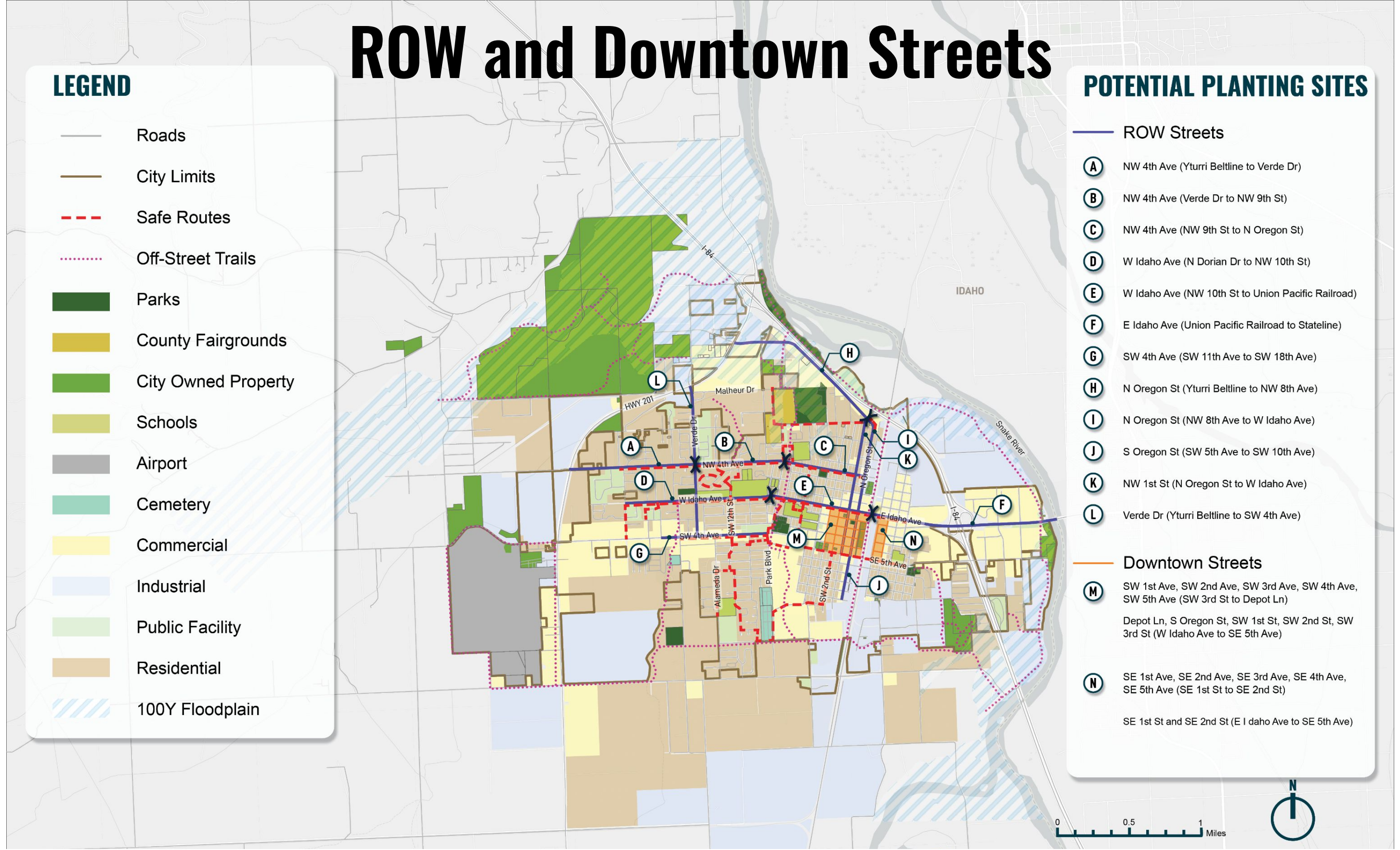
ROW and Downtown Streets

LEGEND

-  Roads
-  City Limits
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-  Parks
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-  Airport
-  Cemetery
-  Commercial
-  Industrial
-  Public Facility
-  Residential
-  100Y Floodplain

POTENTIAL PLANTING SITES

-  ROW Streets
- (A)** NW 4th Ave (Yturri Beltline to Verde Dr)
- (B)** NW 4th Ave (Verde Dr to NW 9th St)
- (C)** NW 4th Ave (NW 9th St to N Oregon St)
- (D)** W Idaho Ave (N Dorian Dr to NW 10th St)
- (E)** W Idaho Ave (NW 10th St to Union Pacific Railroad)
- (F)** E Idaho Ave (Union Pacific Railroad to Stateline)
- (G)** SW 4th Ave (SW 11th Ave to SW 18th Ave)
- (H)** N Oregon St (Yturri Beltline to NW 8th Ave)
- (I)** N Oregon St (NW 8th Ave to W Idaho Ave)
- (J)** S Oregon St (SW 5th Ave to SW 10th Ave)
- (K)** NW 1st St (N Oregon St to W Idaho Ave)
- (L)** Verde Dr (Yturri Beltline to SW 4th Ave)
-  Downtown Streets
- (M)** SW 1st Ave, SW 2nd Ave, SW 3rd Ave, SW 4th Ave, SW 5th Ave (SW 3rd St to Depot Ln)
Depot Ln, S Oregon St, SW 1st St, SW 2nd St, SW 3rd St (W Idaho Ave to SE 5th Ave)
- (N)** SE 1st Ave, SE 2nd Ave, SE 3rd Ave, SE 4th Ave, SE 5th Ave (SE 1st St to SE 2nd St)
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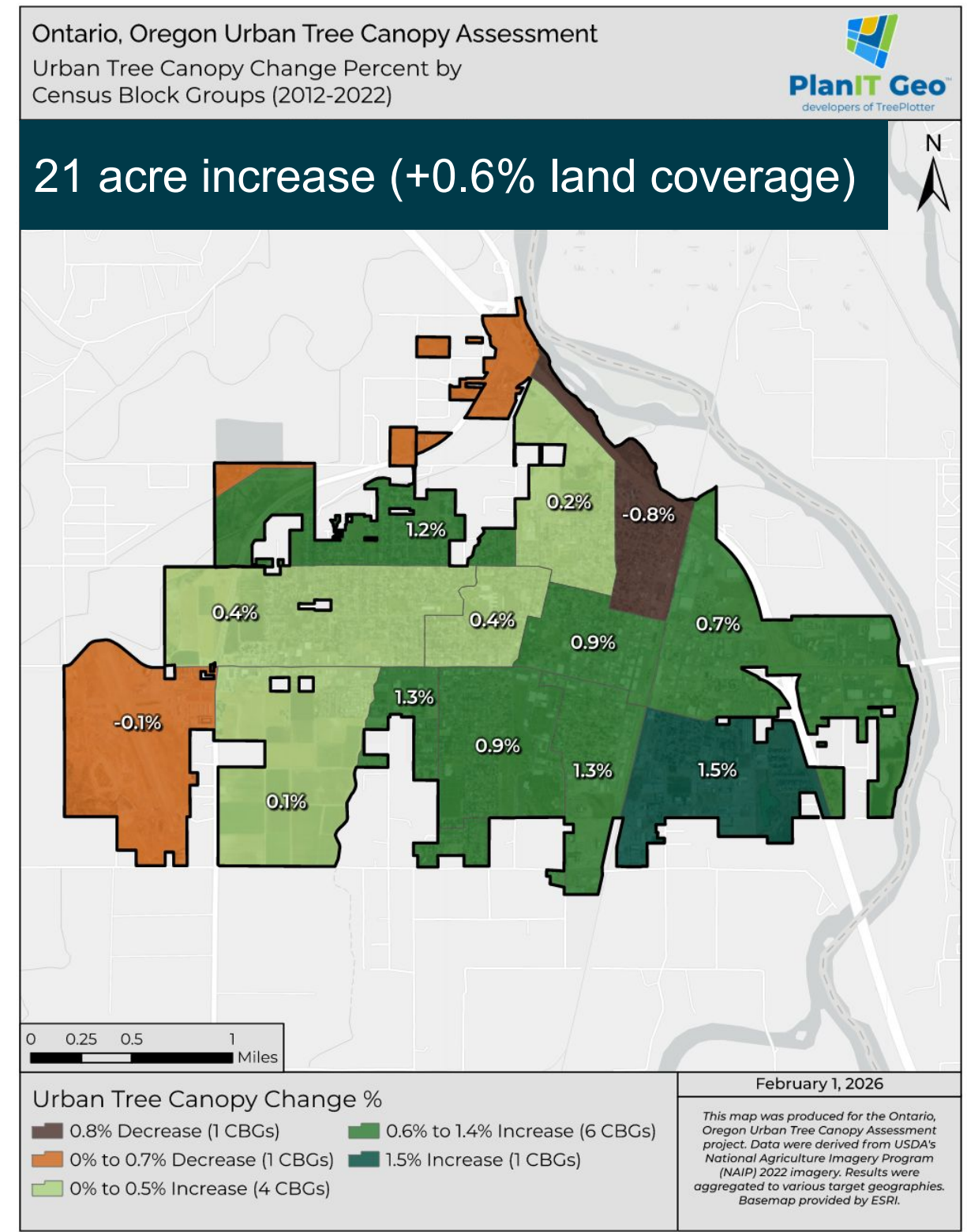
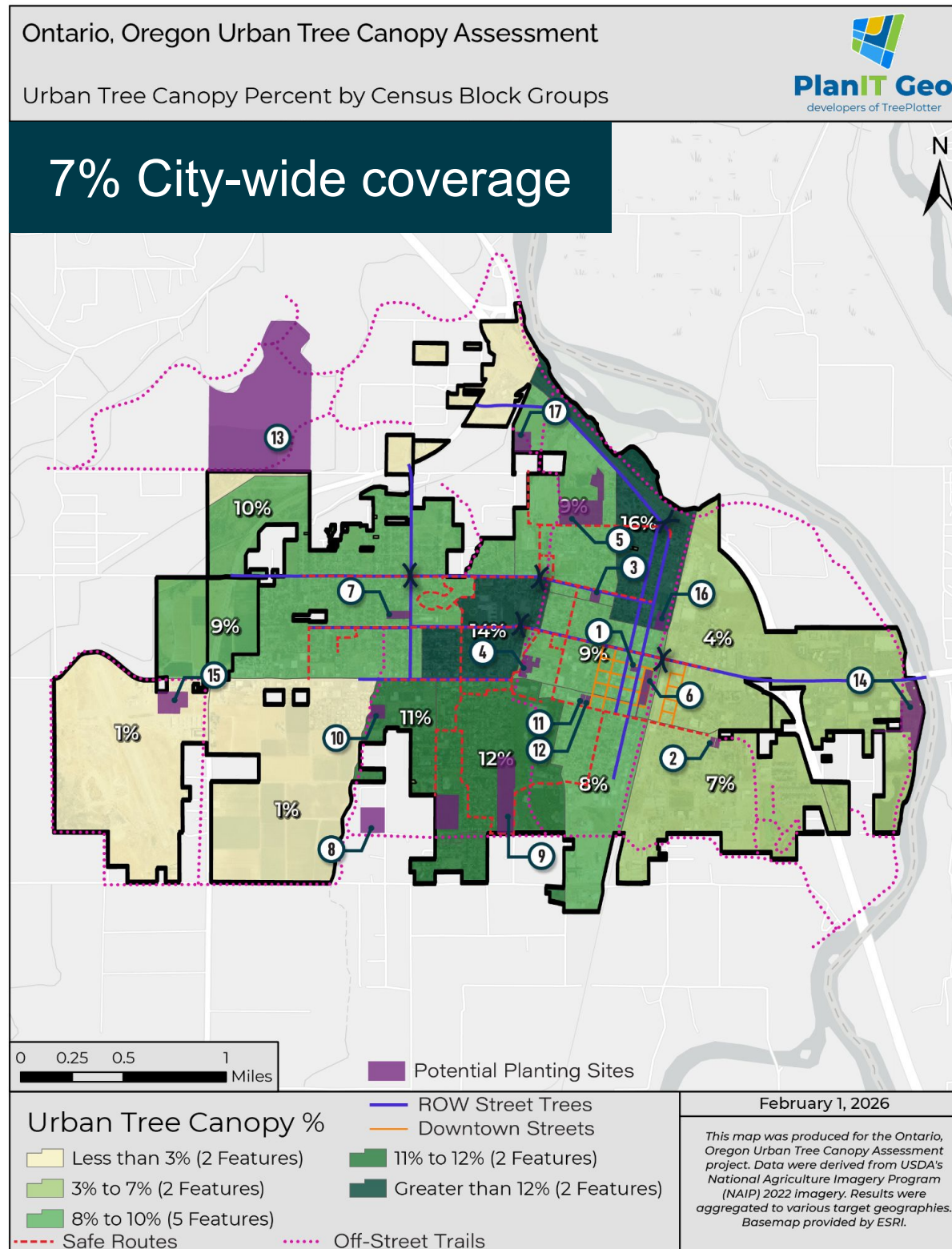


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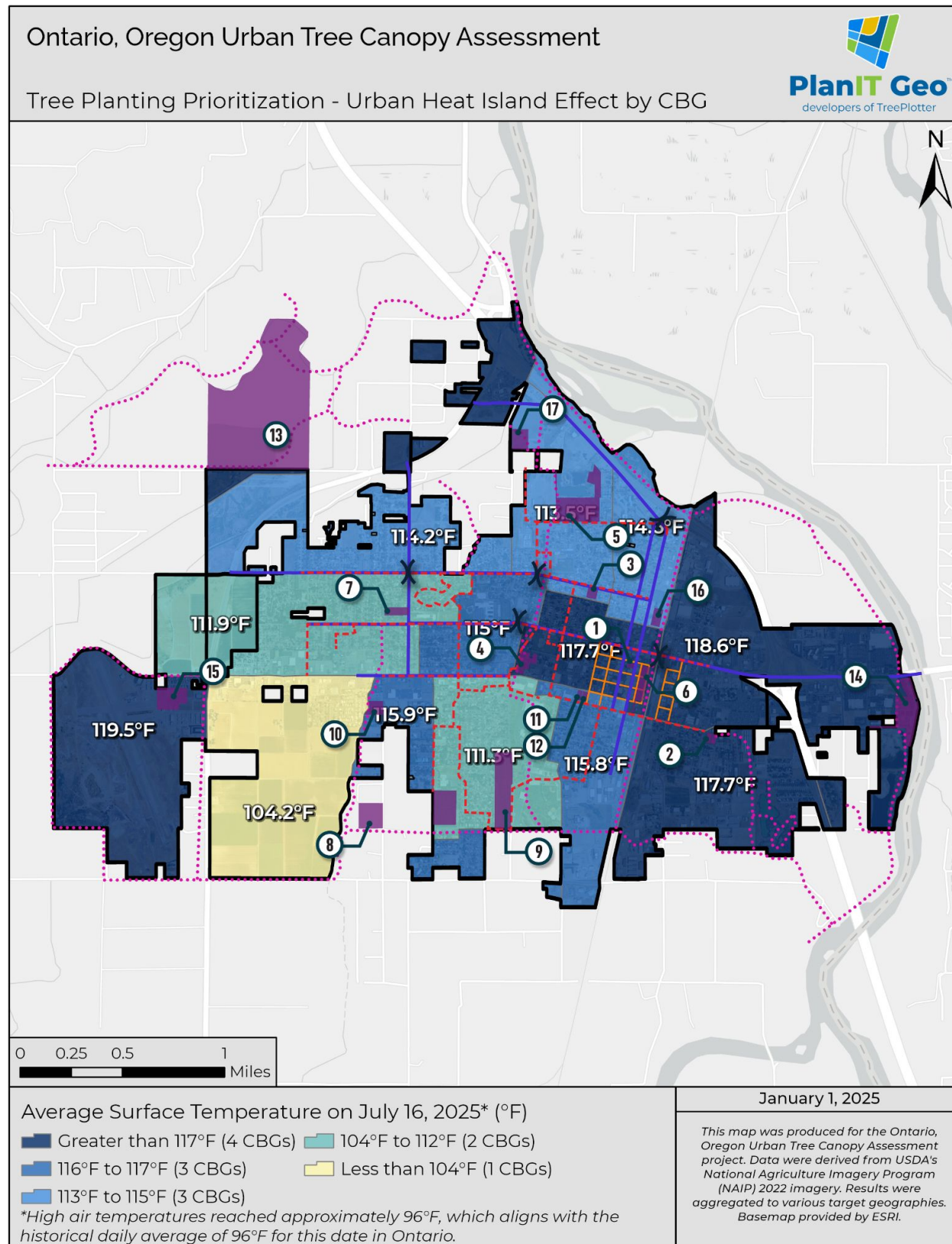
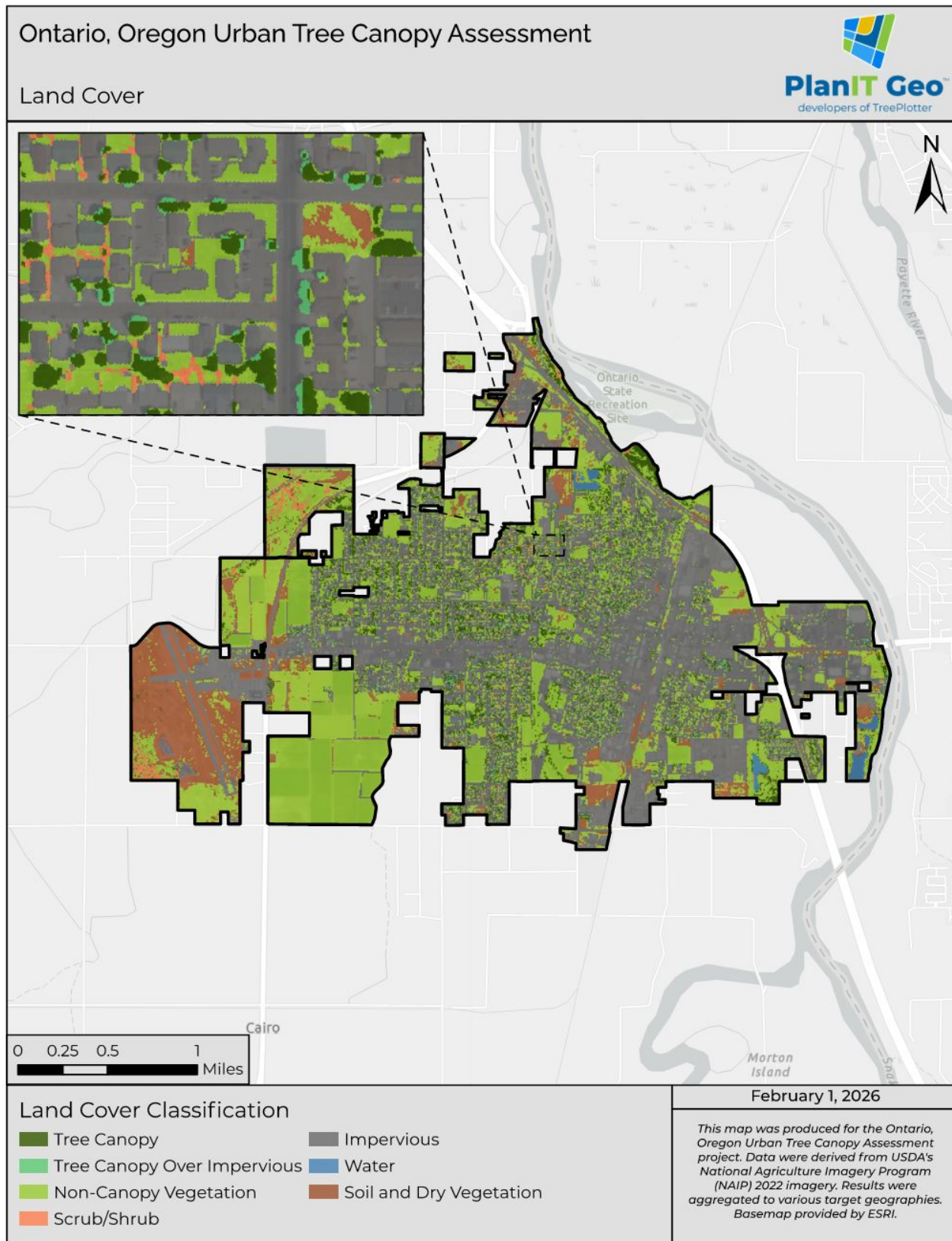
POTENTIAL PLANTING SITES

- ① Moore Park
- ② Lanterman Kiwanis Park
- ③ Laxon Rotary Park
- ④ Lions Park
- ⑤ Beck Kiwanis Park
- ⑥ Railroad Depot Park
- ⑦ Optimist Park
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- ROW Streets
- Downtown Streets

Generally, low existing UTC and not a lot of change across the city.



Urban Heat



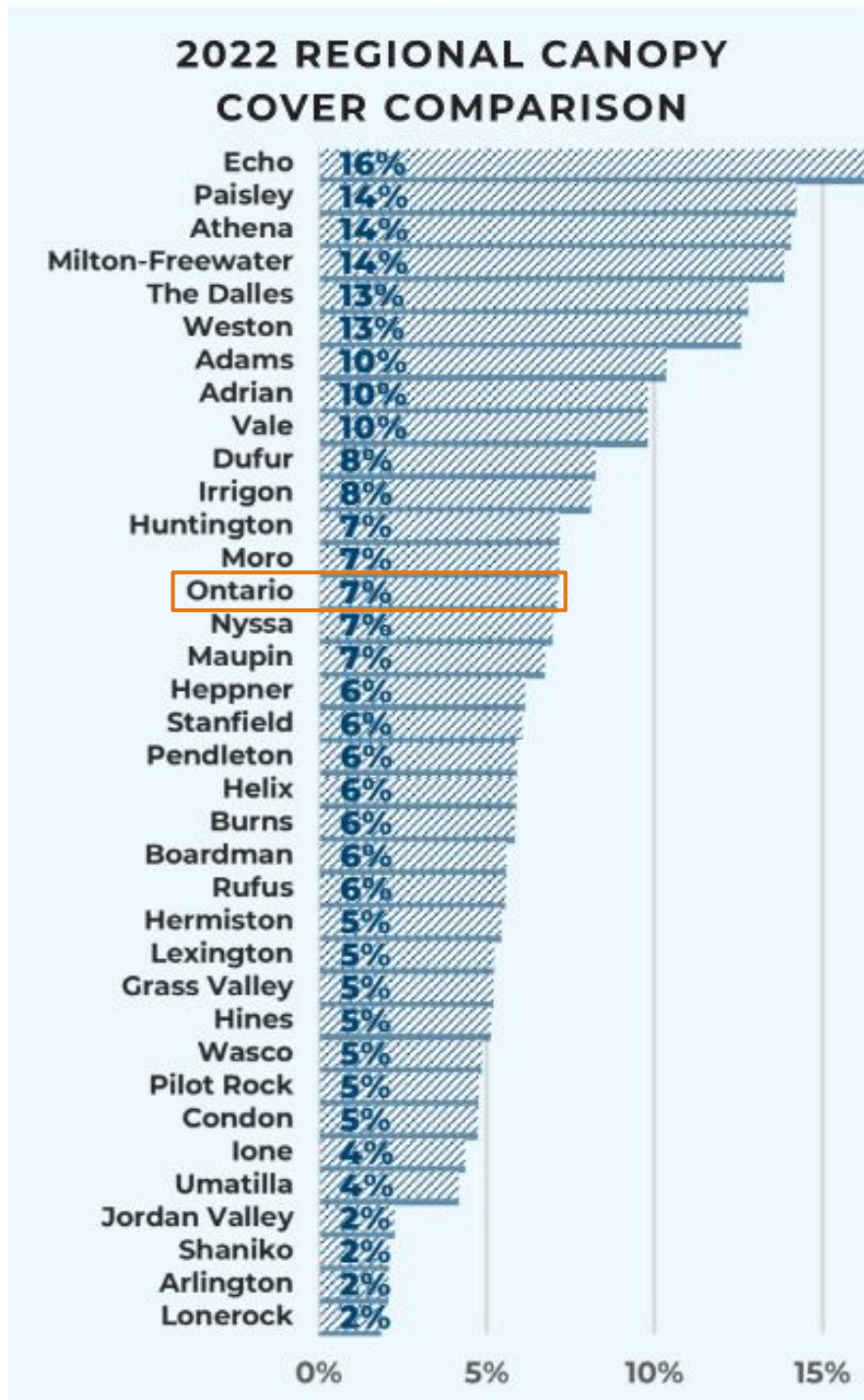
Highest surface temperatures are in the downtown area and on the East side of the train tracks. This is also the area with highest density of impervious surfaces (asphalt, concrete).

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Regional Context

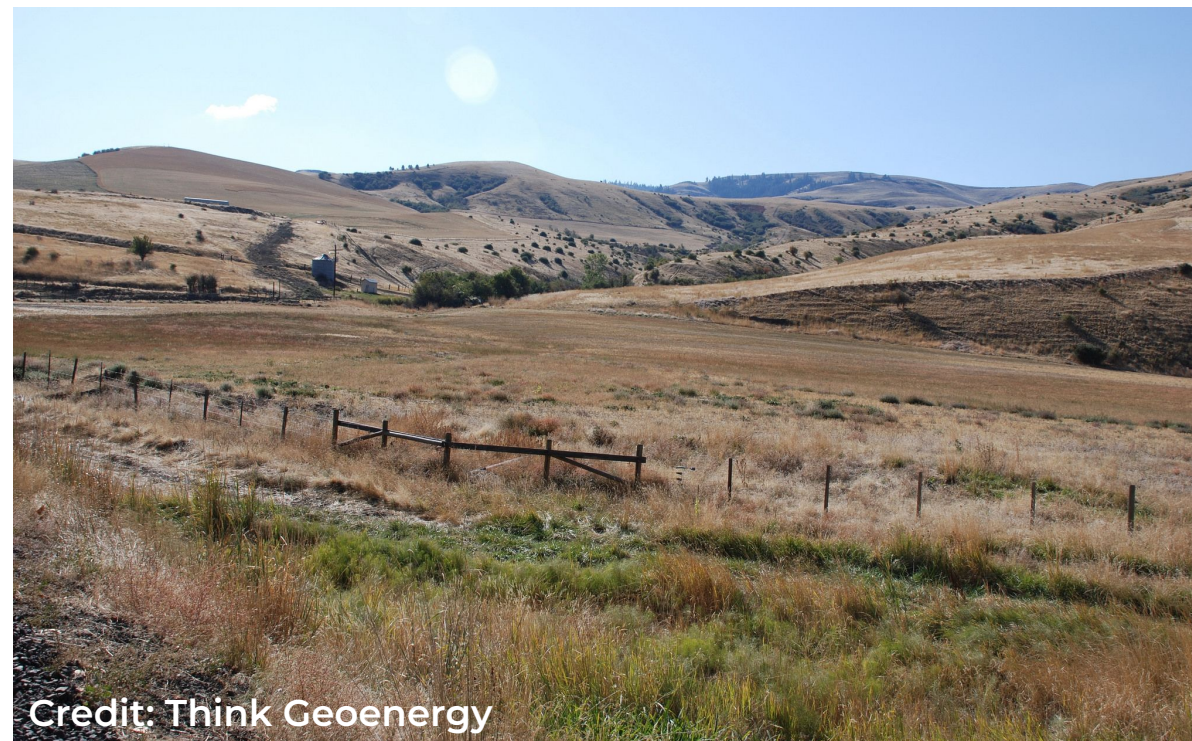
Dry Grasslands



Ontario is within the Columbia Plateau Ecoregion, which is defined by the following characteristics:

- Arid to semi-arid
- Cold, dry winters and hot, dry summer
- **Treeless** plateaus and rangeland. Select trees found along rivers and drainageways
- Native vegetation is typically grasses, with occasional sagebrush

Every tree planted in Ontario away from the Snake River was an intentional choice.



Credit: Think Geoenergy



Credit: Columbia Insight

Urban Forest as Infrastructure



Natural systems are key infrastructure that serve to protect, preserve, and enhance life in our built environments.



Adapting to Changing Environmental Conditions

Malheur County's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan



Table 2-6 2018 Total Risk Scores and Rankings with 2013 Total scores and Rankings for Comparison

HAZARD	2018 SCORES	2018 RANKING	2013 SCORES	2013 RANKING
Droughts	240	1	190	3
Winter Storms	235	2	191	2
Wind Storms	195	3	155	5
Floods	188	4	240	1
Wildfire	175	5	165	4
Severe Weather	165	6	165	4
Extreme Temperature	126	7	72	7
Volcanic Events	124	8	134	6
Dust Storms	116	9	52	8
Earthquakes	64	10	72	7
Landslides	60	11	165	4

Source: Tricia Sears, DLCD, June 25, 2018

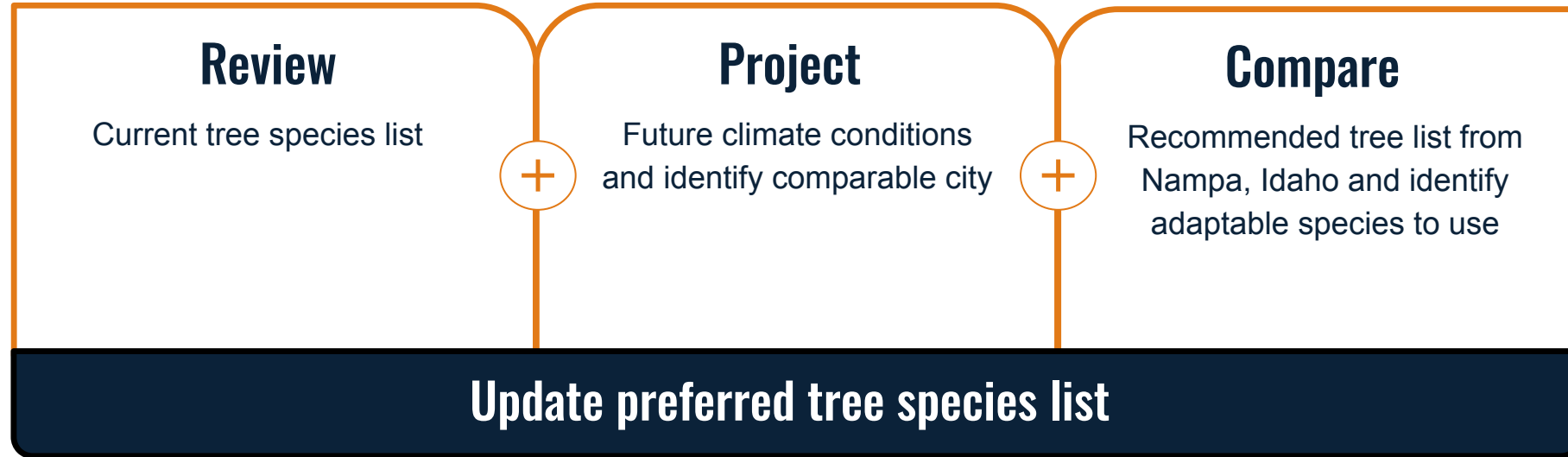
Adapting to Changing Environmental Conditions



Based on these models, most of your zip code may fall into these zones:

Scenario	1980 - 2009	2010 - 2039	2040 - 2069	2070 - 2099
Best	6a	6b	7a	7a
Worst	6a	7a	7b	7b

Adapting to Changing Environmental Conditions



Climate Change Vulnerability Ratings for Northwest Urban Trees

Table Key:

Urban Adaptability:	Zone Suitability:	Vulnerability:
+ High: Species may perform better than modeled	✓ Suitable	▼ Low: Suitable zone, high adaptability
● Medium	✗ Not Suitable	● Low-moderate: Suitable zone, medium adaptability
- Low: Species may perform worse than modeled		⊕ Moderate: Suitable zone, low adaptability or zone suitable, high adaptability
		○ Moderate-high: Zone not suitable, medium adaptability
		△ High: Zone not suitable, low adaptability

Table 8. Climate vulnerability and suitability of urban trees in the Pacific Northwest (Source: Climate Change Response Framework, NIACS)

Common Name** (Alphabetized)	Urban Adaptability	HEAT ONLY		HEAT & HARDINESS	
		Zone Suitability	Vulnerability	Zone Suitability	Vulnerability
Aleppo pine	●	✓	●	✓	●
Alleghany serviceberry	+	✓	▼	✓	▼
American basswood	●	✓	●	✗	○
American beech	●	✓	●	✓	●
American elm	●	✓	●	✓	●
American hornbeam	+	✓	▼	✓	▼
American smoke tree	●	✓	●	✗	○



FEEDBACK



Mixed Survey Results

Stakeholder responses: 14

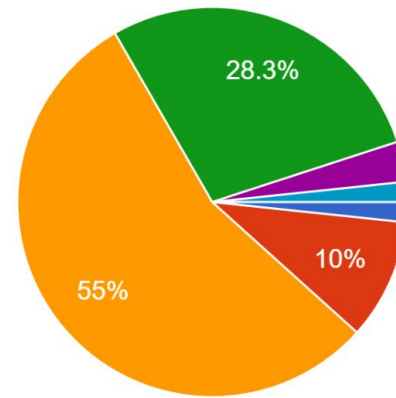
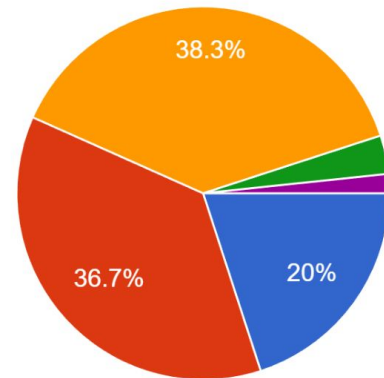
Public responses: 60

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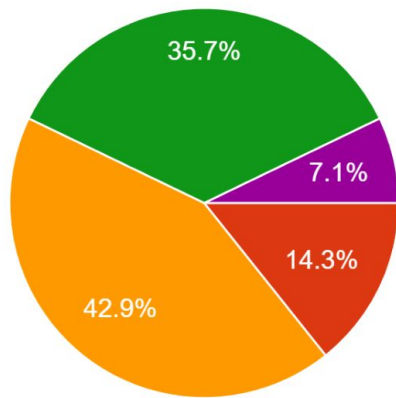
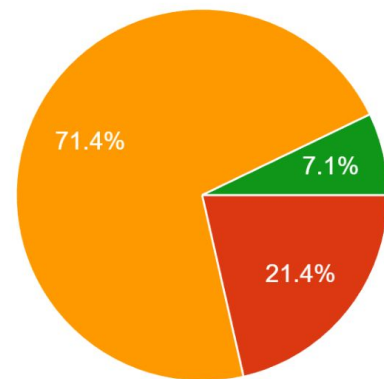
STAKEHOLDERS

STREET TREES

PARK TREES



- 1 (very poor)
- 2 (poor)
- 3 (okay)
- 4 (good)
- 5 (excellent)
- Not Sure



Majority of surveyed Public report that the street tree health in Ontario is **POOR** (36.7%).

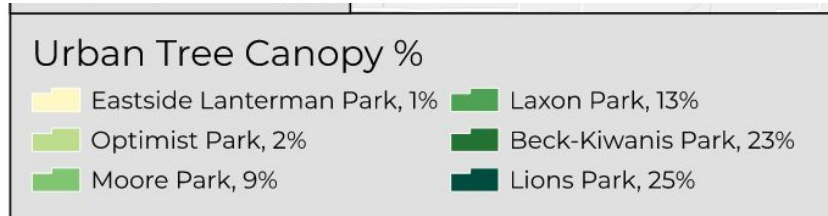
Majority of surveyed Public and Stakeholders report that the park tree health in Ontario is **GOOD / OKAY**.

Hardly anyone believes the UTC in Ontario is currently improving.

Overall, the health of the trees in the City of Ontario are:	Stakeholder %	Public %
Improving	7.1	5.0
Staying the Same	57.1	36.7
Declining	35.7	41.7
Not Sure	NA	16.7

Public Survey Results

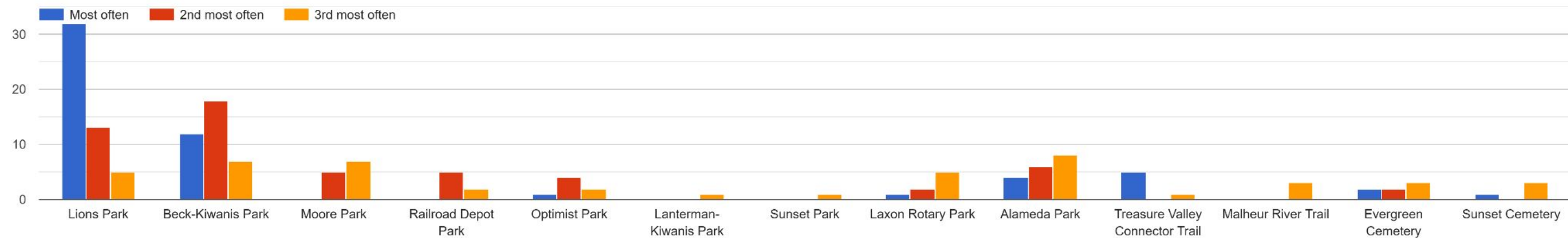
- Strong correlation between parks with higher UTC being visited more frequently.



- However, the public still felt that these parks did not have adequate tree cover

Top 3 most frequented parks, trails, or open spaces	Average tree adequacy rating (1 = not adequate to 5 = very adequate)
Lions Park	1.7
Beck-Kiwanis Park	1.3
Alameda Park	0.7

Which parks, trails, or open spaces do you visit the most (select your top 3)



Survey Results

Rate the following tree qualities or benefits for Ontario to consider for planting new trees (1 being not important and 5 being very important) [Provides shade and cooling]	Stakeholder Average Score	Public Average Score
Provides shade and cooling	4.1	4.3
Native or Climate-adaptive (low water needs, pest-resistant)	4.5	4.1
Supports local wildlife	2.9	3.9
Flood and erosion control	3.1	3.6
Low debris (minimal fruit, seed pods, or messy leaves)	3.8	3.4
Beautification (fall foliage, spring flowers, fragrance)	3.5	3.4
Evergreen trees	3.1	3.2

Rate the importance of each of these ideas found in previous Ontario planning documents (1 being not important and 5 being very important)	Stakeholder Average Score	Public Average Score
Designated Safe Routes to Schools (on public sidewalks)	4.1	4.4
An off-street trail system	3.2	4.1
Downtown beautification and wayfinding	3.2	4.0

Overall, Stakeholders and Public are fairly aligned in priority of new tree qualities and which places could benefit from more tree canopy.

However, the surveyed public places more of an importance on new trees supporting local wildlife and believes commercial streets/sidewalks and residential streets need more UTC than surveyed stakeholders.

How much could each of these amenities or places benefit from additional tree canopy? (1 being not beneficial and 5 being very beneficial)	Stakeholder Average Score	Public Average Score
Parks: Picnic areas	4.6	4.2
Parks: Spaces near sports court / fields for spectators or rest	4.1	4.0
Public: Pathways / trails	3.6	4.0
Commercial streets and sidewalks	2.9	3.9
Public plazas	3.7	3.8
Parks: Play areas	3.4	3.8
Residential streets with low existing tree cover	3.1	3.8
Parks: Open lawn	3.9	3.6
Parking lots	2.9	3.5
Public buildings (City Hall, Fire Stations, etc.)	3.1	3.4
Cemeteries	2.9	3.3

Mixed Survey Comments

“I am not aware that the city council has been asked for funds to help. Our issue is more of a lack of vision vs. funding.”



Stakeholder

“Remove all siberian/chinese elm from publicly owned land, remove all Tree of Heaven from city limits. Replace with long lived shade trees.”



Stakeholder

“There are a lot of small trees planted along East Idaho Ave that haven't seemed to grow in years”



Public

“The parts of the park with tree cover don't have the play area which means in high heat they are too hot to play on. The tennis courts are too hard to use when it's hot.”



Public

Common Themes

Maintenance

Shade / Cooling

Funding

Species Selection

More trees

RECOMMENDATION APPROACH



Draft Criteria

Where to plant more trees?

Which species of trees to plant?

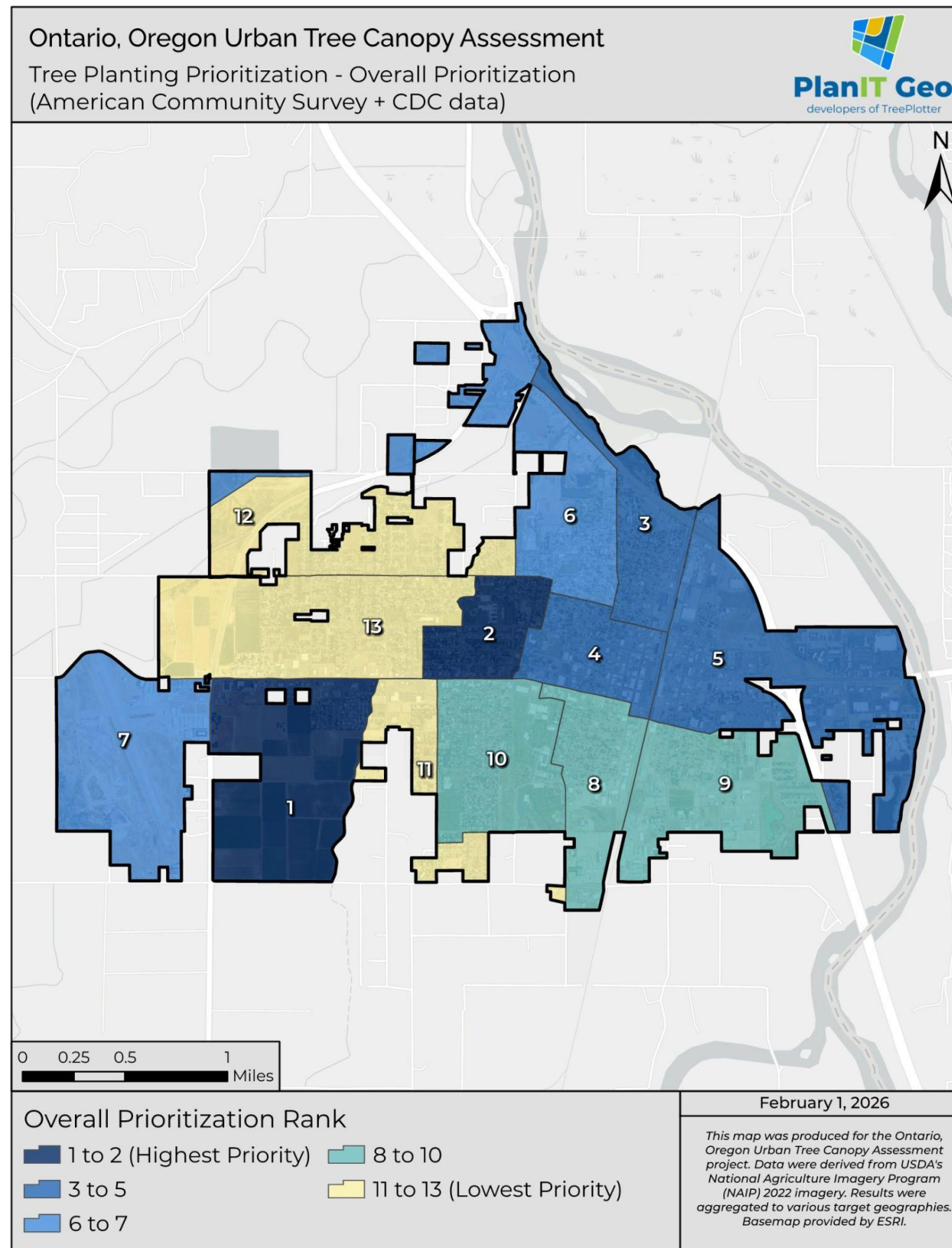
- Provide shade near play areas in parks?
- Provide multiple benefits along safe routes?
- Help with onsite tree succession
- Provide shade near sports courts or fields in parks?
- Provide multiple benefits along off-street trails?
- In an area with low existing tree canopy? (less than 7% UTC by CBG)
- Provide shade near picnic areas?
- Provide multiple benefits within or adjacent to residential areas?
- In an area with significant urban heat island temperatures ($\geq 116^{\circ}\text{F}$)?
- Accessible to the public?
- Provide multiple benefits along ROW streets?
- Within the 100 year floodplain?

- Provides shade and cooling
- Native or Climate-adaptive (low water needs, pest-resistant)
- Supports local wildlife
- Flood and erosion control
- Low debris (minimal fruit, seed pods, or messy leaves)
- Beautification (fall foliage, spring flowers, fragrance)
- Evergreen trees

GIS Prioritization: Demographic Vulnerability

The map to the right represents an *equally-weighted* combination of the following factors to indicate how census blocks within the City reflect demographic factors. The higher rankings reflect more vulnerable community members.

1. **Human Health Index:** Composite index of asthma, mental health, physical health, and coronary heart disease prevalence, sourced from the CDC Places dataset
2. **Poverty Rate** (sourced from the American Community Survey)
3. **Unemployment Rate** (sourced from the ACS)
4. **Dependency Ratio** (sourced from the ACS)
5. **Median Household Income** (sourced from the ACS)
6. **Lack of HS Diploma/GED** (sourced from the ACS)



Laxon Rotary Park

High: Strong alignment or significant benefit (2) Moderate: Mixed outcomes, conditional viability (1) Low: Weak alignment or potential conflict (0)	GOALS														Total Priority Score
	Will additional trees at the site...									Is the site...					
	Provide shade near sports courts or fields in parks?	Provide shade near play areas in parks?	Provide shade near picnic areas?	Provide benefits in downtown Ontario?	Provide benefits along off-street trails?	Provide benefits along safe routes?	Provide benefits along ROW streets?	Provide shade within or adjacent to residential areas?	Help with onsite tree succession	Within the 100 year floodplain?	In an area with significant urban heat island temperatures?	In an area with low existing tree canopy?	In a demographic vulnerability area?	Accessible to the public?	
Laxon Rotary Park	2	2	2	1	0	2	2	2	tbd	0	1	1	1	2	18



Applies to ODF Grant	Y / N
Could be funded through a separate project	Y / N

LEGEND

- Picnic Shelter
- Playground
- Sports Field / Court
- Site Boundary
- ROW Street
- Safe Routes
- Potential Added Shade Tree
- Existing Young Tree

Summary Scoring Table

High: Strong alignment or significant benefit (2)	GOALS														Total Priority Score
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Low: Weak alignment or potential conflict (0)															
Moore Park	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	tbd	0	2	1	2	2	13
Lanternman Kiwanis Park	2	2	1	0	2	1	0	2	tbd	0	2	2	1	2	17
Laxon Rotary Park	2	2	2	1	0	2	2	2	tbd	0	1	1	1	2	18
Lions Park	0	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	tbd	0	2	1	2	2	16
Beck Kiwanis Park	2	2	1	0	1	2	0	2	tbd	2	1	1	1	2	17
Railroad Depot Park	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	tbd	0	2	1	2	2	11
Optimist Park	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	tbd	0	1	1	0	2	11
Sunset Park	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	tbd	0				0	3
Evergreen Cemetery	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	tbd	0	1	1	1	1	10
Sunset Cemetery	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	tbd	0	1	1	0	1	7

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Ontario Fire Dept. and City Hall	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	tbd	0	1	1	1	2	10
Ontario Community Development	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	tbd	0	1	1	1	2	11
Ontario Wastewater Treatment Plant	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	tbd	2			tbd	0	5
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Fire Station 2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	tbd	0	2	2	1	1	9
Public Safety Training Facility	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	tbd	0	1	0	2	0	8
Public Works Shop	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	tbd	2	1	1	1	0	8

ROW and Downtown Streets Summary Table

High: Strong alignment or significant benefit (2)	GOALS														Total Priority Score
	Will additional trees at the site...									Is the site...					
Moderate: Mixed outcomes, conditional viability (1)	Provide shade near sports courts or fields in parks?	Provide shade near play areas in parks?	Provide shade near picnic areas?	Provide benefits in downtown Ontario?	Provide benefits along off-street trails?	Provide benefits along safe routes?	Provide benefits along ROW streets?	Provide shade within or adjacent to residential areas?	Help with onsite tree succession	Within the 100 year floodplain?	In an area with significant urban heat island temperatures?	In an area with low existing tree canopy?	In a demographic vulnerability area?	Accessible to the public?	
Low: Weak alignment or potential conflict (0)															
A	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	tbd	0	1	1	0	2	10
B	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	tbd	0	1	1	1	2	12
C	0	1	1	0	1	2	2	2	tbd	0	1	1	1	2	14
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M	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	tbd	0	2	1	2	2	13
N	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	tbd	0	2	2	2	2	11

Council Feedback

What are some community challenges or concerns that you would like us to understand and consider?



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Council Feedback

What are some thoughts around the project messaging?



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Council Feedback

What are some thoughts around the recommendation approach?



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Next Steps...

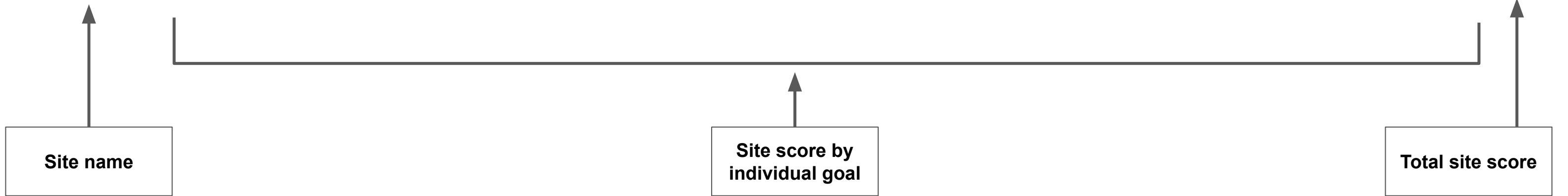
- Public tree inventory (In progress)
- Vulnerability Assessment
- Draft Recommendations
- TAC meeting #2
- Public Open House

Appendix



Scoring Guidelines

	GOALS														Total Priority Score
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High: Strong alignment or significant benefit (2)

Moderate: Mixed outcomes, conditional viability (1)

Low: Weak alignment or potential conflict (0)

High: Strong alignment or significant benefit (≥13)

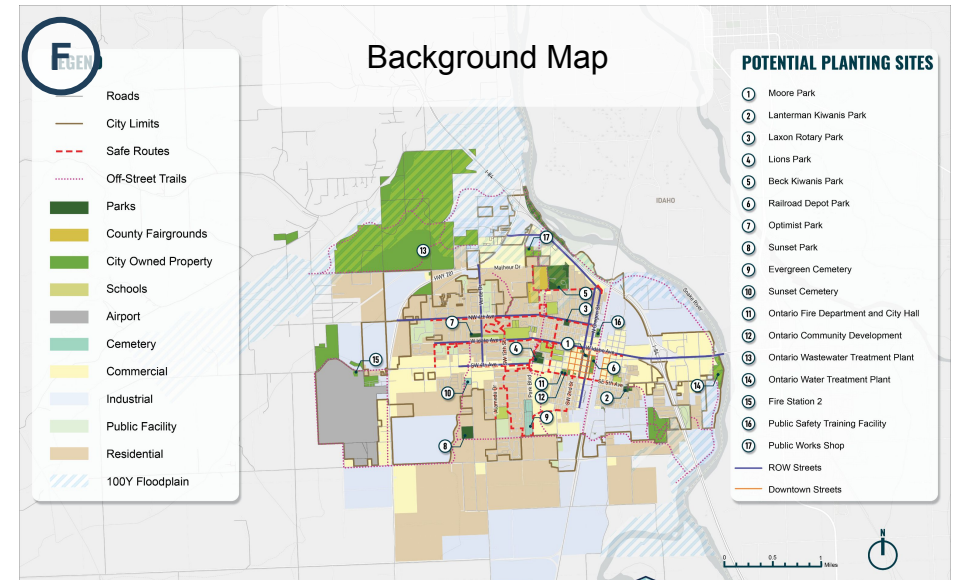
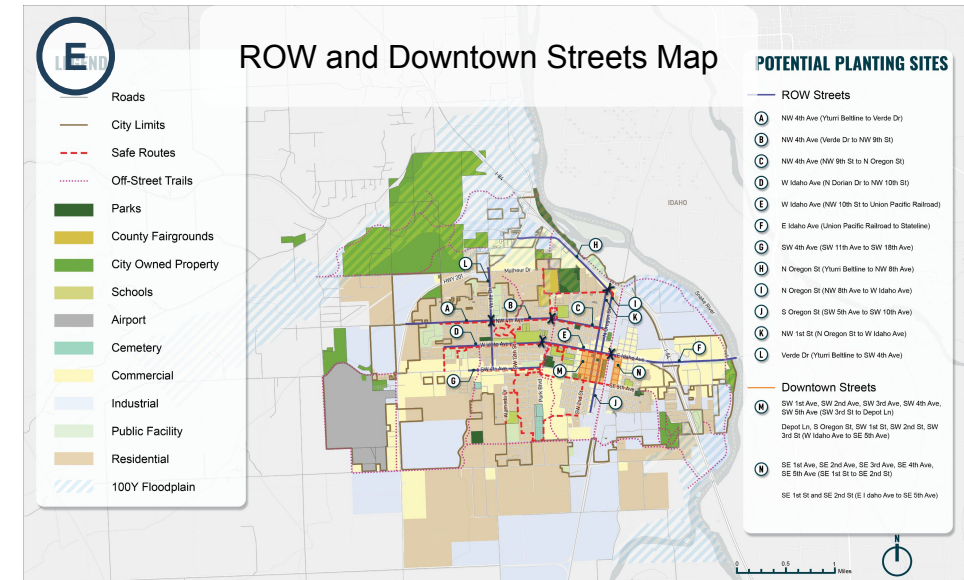
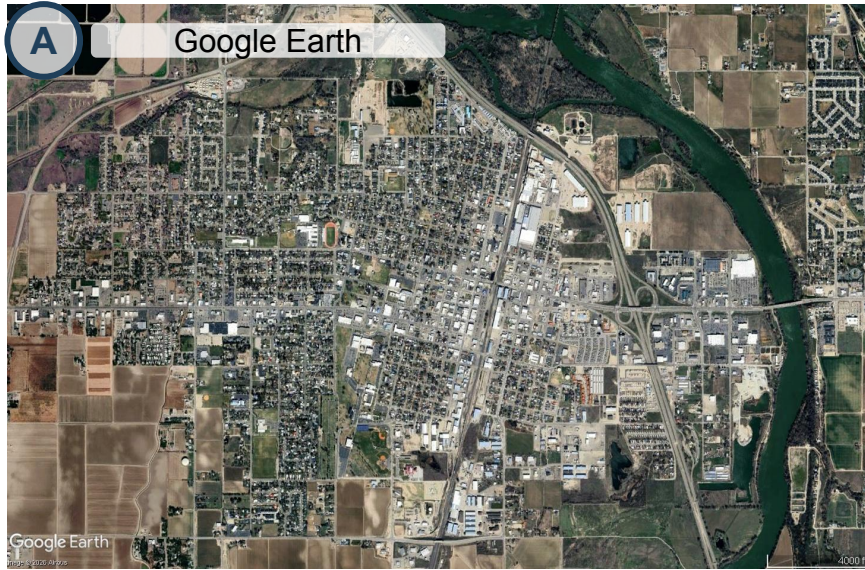
Moderate: Mixed outcomes, conditional viability (8-12)

Low: Weak alignment or potential conflict (0-7)

Scoring Guidelines

GOALS																								
Will additional trees at the site...								Is the site...																
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0 Amenities not present or no room to plant more trees in the area.			Trail, route, or street is not in proximity to site				Site is not within or adjacent to residential areas	Trees are healthy and do not need replacement	Site is not within or adjacent to 100y floodplain	< 104°F	< 12%	11-13	No current access for human use											
1 Mixed Outcomes (ex: amenity is currently partially shaded)			Trail, route, or street is near site and has some opportunity to receive benefits				Site is adjacent to residential areas	Trees are in fair health and some are recommended for replacement	Site is adjacent to 100y floodplain	104-116°F	8-12%	6-10	Restricted access or limited use											
2 Space available to shade these amenities			Trail, route, or street is adjacent to or within the site and has opportunity to receive benefits such as shade, beautification, or wayfinding.				Site is completely within residential areas	Trees are unhealthy, invasive, or non-adaptable	Site is completely within 100y floodplain	> 116°F	> 12%	1-5	Accessible											
Source			A		B		C		D		E		F		G		H		I		J		B	
Why			These amenities were among top results from public and stakeholder surveys to benefit from additional tree cover.				These trails, routes, ROW streets, and downtown districts were extracted from previous Ontario planning documents and were highly rated among survey results. The benefits include shade, beautification, or wayfinding.				Provides benefits adjacent to people's homes		Aligns with goal to shift tree canopy to be more climate resilient		Sites with high UHI, low existing tree canopy, and within the floodplain are more vulnerable to climate change impacts. Replacing and adding more trees to these areas can provide more comfort and reduce erosion in these areas. .				Provides benefits to disadvantaged community members		Makes benefits available to everyone			

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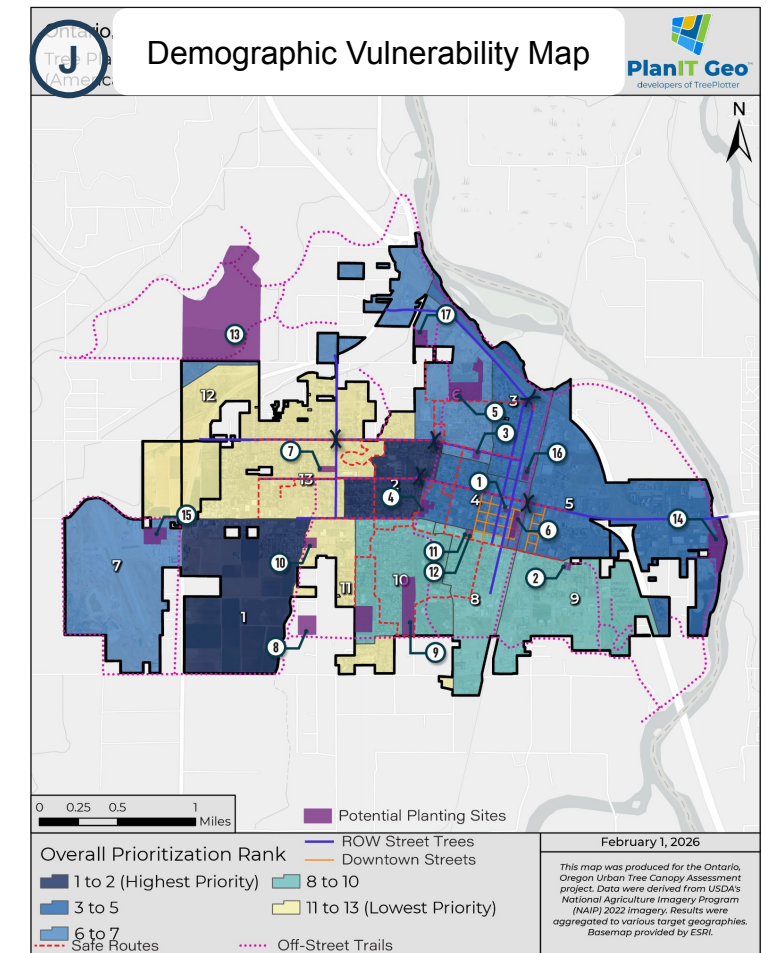
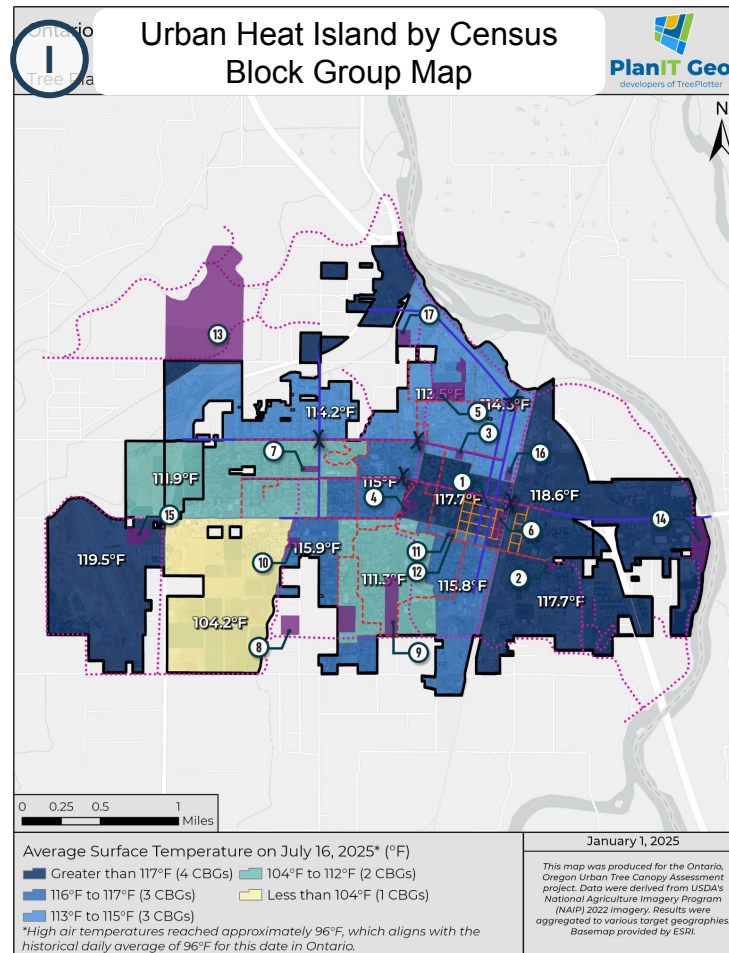
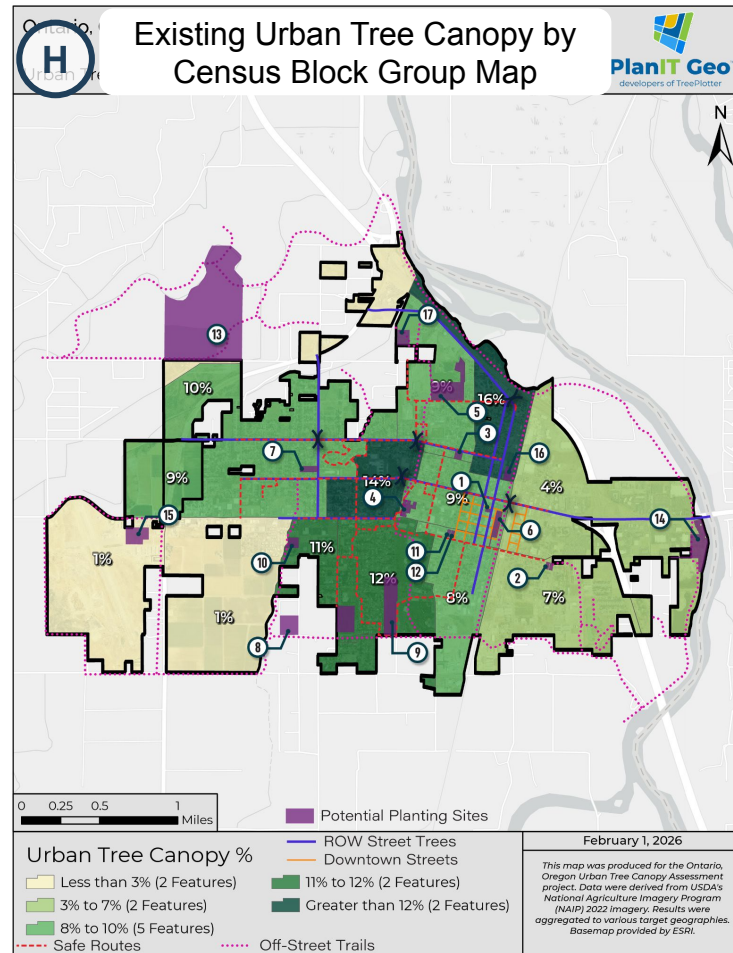


Scoring Source Material

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Tree Inventory Report

TBD





**AGENDA REPORT
PUBLIC HEARING
April 28, 2026**

To: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Dan Cummings, City Manager/Community Development Director
THROUGH: Danny K. Cummings, City Manager
SUBJECT: **ACCEPT RIGHT OF WAY FOR ADA RAMP UPGRADE PROJECT**
DATE: April 21, 2026

PROPOSED MOTION:

I MOVE THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE RELINQUISHMENT DEED OF THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR PORTIONS OF NEW RIGHT OF WAY SECTIONS AS SHOWN IN THE EXHIBITS IN THE RELINQUISHMENT DEED AS ATTACHMENT TO THIS REPORT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RELINQUISHMENT DEED.

SUMMARY:

The City Council, which is the governing body for the City of Ontario, needs to accept the right of way of a portion of new areas of ADA ramps improved in a joint project with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) as shown in the Exhibits with the Relinquishment Deed as attached to this report.

BACKGROUND:

A Cooperative Improvement Agreement No. 73000-00032942 was entered into by the City of Ontario and ODOT to upgrade the existing and install new ADA Ramps at all intersections within the City of Ontario that connect to the State Highway system.

The project was called Jordan Valley/Ontario/Huntington/Adrian Curb Ramp Project.

CURRENT SITUATION:

The project has been completed and ODOT is ready to turn over the right of way section within the current city right of way section for the city, so the city can maintain their portion of the project.

ANALYSIS:

- A. **STRATEGIC PLAN** None.
- B. **FINANCIAL** The only financial cost is the City Manager's time to create and present the right of way document and the recording fee of \$132.00.

- C. **TIMING** This action needs to be completed in a timely manner while all parties are ready to make it happen.
- D. **POLICY/LLEGAL** The City Council is the only governing body that has the authority to accept right of way on behalf of the city.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative could be to not accept the right of way.

The Council could, by motion, not accept the right of way offered for relinquishment. This action would violate the Cooperative Improvement Agreement signed by the city and would subject the city to paying for a portion of the ramps in the city sections, as well as paying for the right of way needed for the city sections.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Council approve the request for the relinquishment of the street right of way portions and authorize the City Manager to sign the acceptance of the Right of Way Relinquishment Deed.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. ODOT Letter 4-17-2026
2. ODOT ROW agreement 7300-00032942



Oregon

Tina Kotek, Governor



Department of Transportation

Technical Leadership Center

Right of Way Section-MS 2

555 13th St NE

Salem, OR 97301

Phone: (503) 986-3600

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www.oregon.gov/odot/hwy/row

April 17, 2026

City of Ontario
Attn: Dan Cummings, City Manager
444 SW 4th Street
Ontario, OR 97914

Re: Relinquishment No. 9829000D
Cooperative Improvement (Misc. C & A) Agreement No. 73000-00032942
Jordan Valley/Ontario/Huntington/Adrian curb ramps Section
Various Hwy
Malheur County

Enclosed is a Relinquishment Deed in which the State relinquishes some right of way to the City of Ontario. This Relinquishment Deed pertains to specific pieces of right of way acquired in the Jordan Valley/Ontario/Huntington/Adrian curb ramps, in Malheur County. This relinquishment is in accordance with Cooperative Improvement Agreement No. 73000-00032931, executed by the Oregon Department of Transportation on August 25, 2023.

Before this Relinquishment Deed is recorded, it must be accepted on behalf of City of Ontario. Please have the document signed by the appropriate party with authority to accept the document on behalf of City of Ontario.

Please do not make any additions, deletions, corrections or changes without the State's prior written approval.

When the Relinquishment Deed has been accepted, please return the original to this office. We will then proceed with recording the document. Or, if you prefer, you may proceed with recording the document and then return the original to this office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sean Erion
Programming Coordinator
ODOT Right of Way Section HQ

Sean.C.Erion@odot.state.or.us

Relinquishment No. 9829000D
PM910-250
Misc. C & A Agreement No. 73000-00032942
Jordan Valley/Ontario/Huntington/Adrian Curb Ramps Section
Various Highways
Malheur County, Oregon

AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO:
Tori Barnett City Recorder
444 SW 4th Street
Ontario, OR 97914

Relinquishment Deed

In order to complete terms of Misc. C & A Agreement No. 73000-00032942, dated August 25, 2023, between the **STATE OF OREGON, by and through its Department of Transportation**, hereinafter called "State", and **CITY OF ONTARIO, municipal corporation of the State of Oregon, by and through its Elected Officials**, hereinafter called "City", State does hereby relinquish unto City its right, title and interest in the connecting roads or portions thereof as provided for in said agreement. Any right-of-way being conveyed in which State has any title shall be vested in City. **ONLY SO LONG AS USED FOR PUBLIC ROAD PURPOSES. IF SAID RIGHT OF WAY IS NO LONGER USED FOR PUBLIC ROAD PURPOSES, IT SHALL AUTOMATICALLY REVERT TO STATE.** The area being relinquished is described in the legal description and accompanying map, marked Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B", attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT MAP, HEREIN AND MADE A PART OF THIS DOCUMENT AS SET FORTH ABOVE, THAT IN THE EVENT OF A CONFLICT OR DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE EXHIBIT MAP AS SHOWN AND THE WRITTEN LEGAL DESCRIPTION EXHIBIT "A", THE WRITTEN LEGAL DESCRIPTION EXHIBIT "A" SHALL PREVAIL.

The property above described is transferred subject to the rights of any utilities located within said property and further subject to the rights of the owners of said existing facilities if any there be, to operate, reconstruct, and maintain their utility facilities presently located within said property.

AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO:
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RIGHT OF WAY SECTION
555 13th St NE
SALEM OR 97301

Relinquishment No. 9829000D
PM910-250
Misc. C & A Agreement No. 73000-00032942
Jordan Valley/Ontario/Huntington/Adrian Curb Ramps Section
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Malheur County, Oregon

The City, Grantee, for themselves, their heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land that in the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the property described in this deed for any activity, facility or program, the City, Grantee will maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all federal and state requirements such that no person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities.

The Oregon Transportation Commission, by a duly adopted Delegation Order OTC – 01, dated July 1, 2019; Delegation Order No. DD 03, Item No. 19, dated July 1, 2019; Delegation Order No. HWY 04, Paragraph No. B-4, dated April 1, 2018; and Delegation Order No. EB-05, Paragraph No. B-2, dated April 1, 2018, authorize the State Right of Way Manager to sign this Relinquishment Deed for and on behalf of the Commission.

Dated this 16 day of April, 2026.

**STATE OF OREGON, by and through its
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

By Georgine Gleason
Georgine Gleason, State Right of Way Manager

STATE OF OREGON, County of Marion

Dated April 16th, 2026. Personally appeared Georgine Gleason stated that she is the State Right of Way Manager for the State of Oregon, Department of Transportation, and that this document was voluntarily signed on behalf of the State of Oregon by authority delegated to her. Before me:



Nikita Stinson
Notary Public for Oregon
My Commission expires Aug. 11, 2029

Relinquishment No. 9829000D
PM910-250
Misc. C & A Agreement No. 73000-00032942
Jordan Valley/Ontario/Huntington/Adrian Curb Ramps Section
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Title as hereinabove relinquished and as shown on accompanying legal description and map, Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B", is hereby accepted by City of Ontario.

Accepted on behalf of the City of Ontario

By _____ By Council Action on: _____
Title: City Manager

Date _____

Attest:

Tori Barnett, MMC City Recorder

To Be Relinquished to the City of Ontario

A parcel of land lying in Lot 20, Block 83, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, City of Ontario, Malheur County, Oregon and being that property designated as Parcel 2 and described in the Permanent Easement Deed to the State of Oregon, by and through its Department of Transportation, recorded May 11, 2023 in Instrument Number 20231399, Malheur County Record of Deeds.

ALSO a parcel of land lying in Lot 11, Block 84, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, City of Ontario, Malheur County, Oregon and being that property designated as Parcel 1 and described in the Permanent Easement Deed to the State of Oregon, by and through its Department of Transportation, recorded May 05, 2023 in Instrument Number 20231340, Malheur County Record of Deeds.

AND ALSO parcel of land lying in Lot 10, Block 201, WILSON'S SUPPLEMENTAL PLAT, City of Ontario, Malheur County, Oregon and being that property designated as Parcel 1 and described in the Permanent Easement Deed to the State of Oregon, by and through its Department of Transportation, recorded July 11, 2023 in Instrument Number 20232043, Malheur County Record of Deeds.

AND ALSO parcel of land lying in vacated Tapadera Avenue, City of Ontario, Malheur County, Oregon and being that property designated as Parcel 1 and described in the Permanent Easement Deed to the State of Oregon, by and through its Department of Transportation, recorded October 25, 2023 in Instrument Number 20233045, Malheur County Record of Deeds.

AND ALSO parcel of land lying in vacated Tapadera Avenue, City of Ontario, Malheur County, Oregon and being that property designated as Parcel 1 and described in the Stipulated General Judgement to the State of Oregon, by and through its Department of Transportation, recorded October 16, 2024 in Instrument Number 20242864, Malheur County Record of Deeds.

AND ALSO parcel of land lying in Parcel No. 2 of Partition Plat No. 12-06, Malheur County, Oregon and being that property designated as Parcel 1 and described in the Permanent Easement Deed to the State of Oregon, by and through its Department of Transportation, recorded September 25, 2023 in Instrument Number 20232745, Malheur County Record of Deeds.

AND ALSO parcel of land lying in Lot 1, SUNSHINE ESTATES NO. 3, Malheur County, Oregon and being that property designated as Parcel 1 and described in the Permanent Easement Deed to the State of Oregon, by and through its Department of Transportation, recorded July 11, 2023 in Instrument Number 20232042, Malheur County Record of Deeds.

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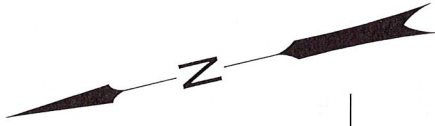
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SEPT. 08, 2020
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EXPIRES: 06/30/2026

SEC. 03, T. 18 S, R. 47 E, W.M.

N.E. 4TH ST.



② Perm. Ease. -
Water, Gas, Electric and Communication
Service Lines, Fixtures and Facilities

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Instr. No. 2023-1399

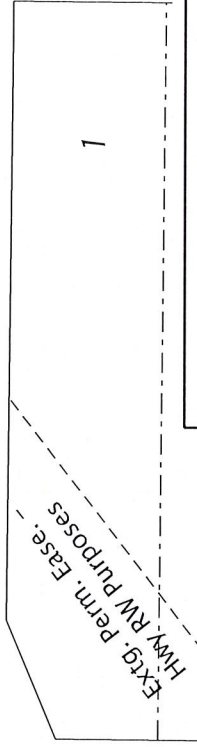
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Instr. No. 2023-2043

① Perm. Ease.
- Sidewalk

Ontario Spur (E Idaho Ave)(US30)

022
Instr. No. 2023-1340

① Perm. Ease.
- Sidewalk



LEGEND

98290XX ODOT FILE NUMBER  TO BE RELINQUISHED (PERM. EASE.)

(X) ODOT PARCEL NUMBER

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION		SECTION		JORDAN VALLEY/ONTARIO/HUNTINGTON/ ADRIAN CURB RAMPS (ONTARIO)	
RIGHT OF WAY		HIGHWAY	SCALE	1" = 30'	
RELINQUISHMENT		COUNTY	DATE	DECEMBER, 2025	
EXHIBIT B SHEET 1 OF 4		FILE	DRAWING	RW9829M	



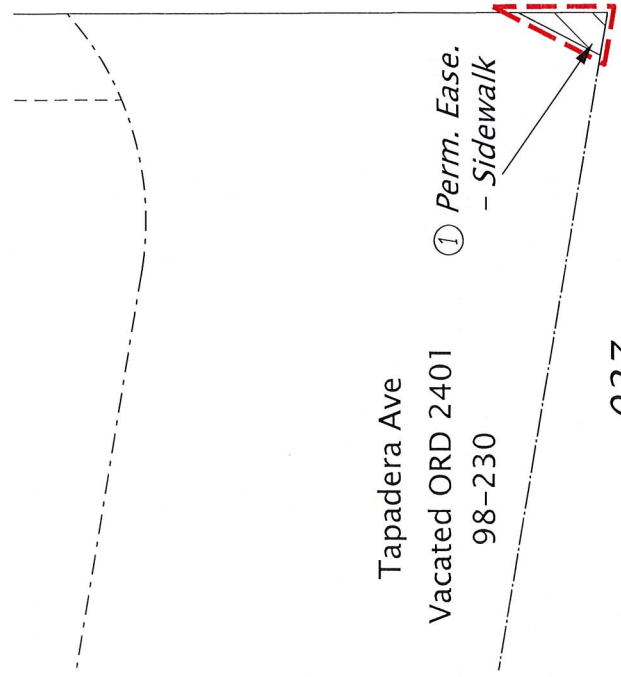
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RENEWALS: 06-30-2026

SEC. 02, T. 18 S, R. 47 E, W.M.



Tapadera Ave
 Vacated ORD 2401
 98-230

① Perm. Ease.
 - Sidewalk

027
 Instr. No. 2023-3045

"1"=50+00

Goodfellow St.

Tapadera Ave
 Vacated ORD 2401

① Fee

028

Instr. No. 2024-2864

Ontario Spur (E Idaho Ave)(US30)

LEGEND

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TO BE RELINQUISHED (PERM. EASE.)
 TO BE RELINQUISHED (FEE)

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RIGHT OF WAY
RELINQUISHMENT
 EXHIBIT B SHEET 2 OF 4



SECTION	JORDAN VALLEY/ONTARIO/HUNTINGTON/ ADRIAN CURB RAMPS (ONTARIO)		
HIGHWAY	ONTARIO SPUR	SCALE	1" = 30'
COUNTY	MALHEUR	DATE	DECEMBER, 2025
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RENEWS: 06-30-2026

SEC. 02, T. 18 S, R. 47 E, W.M.

East Ln



① *Perm. Ease.
- Sidewalk*



030
Instr. No. 2023-2745

1"=60'+00

Ontario Spur (E Idaho Ave)(US30)

LEGEND

98290XX ODOT FILE NUMBER

(X) ODOT PARCEL NUMBER

 TO BE RELINQUISHED (PERM. EASE.)

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RIGHT OF WAY
RELINQUISHMENT
EXHIBIT B SHEET 3 OF 4



SECTION	JORDAN VALLEY/ONTARIO/HUNTINGTON/ ADRIAN CURB RAMPS (ONTARIO)		
HIGHWAY	ONTARIO SPUR	SCALE	1" = 30'
COUNTY	MALHEUR	DATE	DECEMBER, 2025
FILE	PM910-250/9829000D	DRAWING	RW9829M

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RENEWS: 06-30-2026

SEC. 10, T. 18 S, R. 47 E, W.M.



CLAUDE FRONTAGE RD

032
Instr. No. 2023-2042

① Perm. Ease.
- Sidewalk

SE 10TH AVE.


LEGEND

98290XX ODOT FILE NUMBER

(X) ODOT PARCEL NUMBER

 TO BE RELINQUISHED (PERM. EASE.)

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RIGHT OF WAY
RELINQUISHMENT
 EXHIBIT B SHEET 4 OF 4



SECTION	JORDAN VALLEY/ONTARIO/HUNTINGTON/ ADRIAN CURB RAMPS (ONTARIO)		
HIGHWAY	CLAUDE FRONTAGE RD	SCALE	1" = 30'
COUNTY	MALHEUR	DATE	DECEMBER, 2025
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RENEWS: 06-30-2026



**AGENDA REPORT
PUBLIC HEARING
April 28, 2026**

To: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Tory Stinnett
Clint Benson, Fire Chief

THROUGH: Danny K. Cummings, City Manager

SUBJECT: APPLY FOR A 2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

DATE: April 28, 2026

PROPOSED MOTION:

I MOVE THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH APPLYING FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRE STATION 2 ADDITION TO CONSTRUCT LIVING QUARTERS.

SUMMARY:

Staff is seeking authorization to submit an application for a CDBG for living quarters at Station 2.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Ontario is eligible to apply for a 2026 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon. Community Development Block Grant funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants can be used for public facilities and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes.

Approximately \$11 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2026. The maximum grant that a city or county can receive is \$1,500,000.

The purpose of this hearing is for the City Council to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about: community development and housing needs, especially the needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project; and the proposed project.

Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or businesses is not anticipated as a result from the proposed project. If displacement becomes necessary, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement and provide required/reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low- and moderate-income housing that is demolished or converted to another use will be replaced.

CURRENT SITUATION:

This hearing is for the City Council to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about: community development and housing needs, especially the needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project; and the proposed project.

ANALYSIS:

- A. **STRATEGIC PLAN** This is part of the Desirability of the Council's Strategic Plan.
- B. **FINANCIAL** Unknown at this point until the grant is determined.
- C. **TIMING** The Public Notice was advertised on April 16, 2026.
- D. **POLICY/LLEGAL** Prior to applying for a Community Development Block Grant, a Public Hearing is needed to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about community development and housing needs.

ALTERNATIVES:

None given.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that after hearing public testimony that the City Council approve staff to move forward with applying for the grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

**CITY OF ONTARIO
GENERAL FUND - DEPARTMENT REVENUE
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

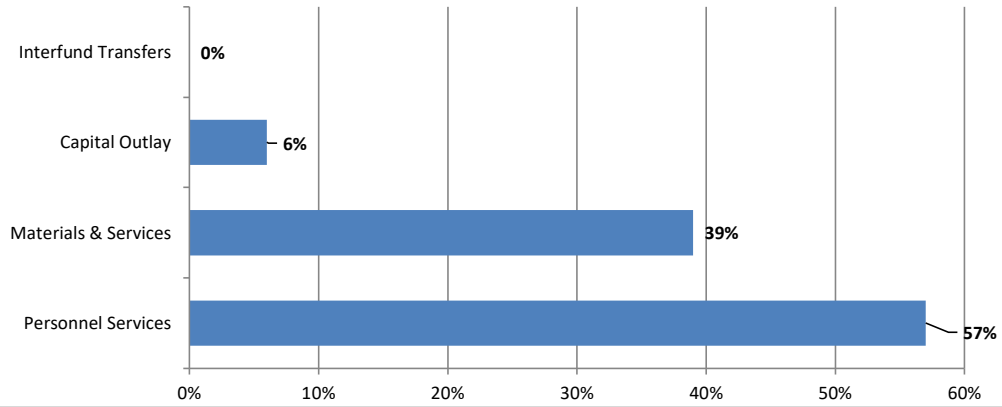
DEPARTMENT	BUDGET	ACTUAL	% REALIZED	COMMENTS
<i>GENERAL FUND BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</i>	6,187,310	7,617,616	123.1%	
Parks	111,020	92,915	83.7%	
Parks & Recreation	111,020	92,915	83.7%	
Fire	234,492	127,692	54.5%	
Code Enforcement	13,100	4,610	35.2%	
Police	746,885	518,679	69.4%	
Dispensary Business License	130,200	132,800	102.0%	
Public Safety Total	1,124,677	783,781	69.7%	
Interest	85,000	162,273	190.9%	
State Revenue Sharing	145,898	68,224	46.8%	
Administrative Services	497,148	331,432	66.7%	
Other General Revenues	8,000	35,609	445.1%	
Property Taxes	4,733,677	4,629,330	97.8%	
Alcohol Bvg License & Fee	212,129	101,001	47.6%	
Cigarette tax	7,005	3,942	56.3%	
Marijuana tax	2,500,000	1,044,083	41.8%	<i>This is the 1st payment</i>
Franchise Fees	1,877,480	893,292	47.6%	
Cemetery	30,900	31,130	100.7%	
General Government Total	10,097,237	7,300,316	72.3%	
Planning & Zoning	73,500	2,423	3.3%	
Community development	73,500	2,423	3.3%	
Operating Transfers In	48,090	-	0.0%	
Transfer Total	48,090	-	0.0%	
GENERAL FUND REVENUE TOTALS	\$ 11,454,524	\$ 8,179,434	71.4%	
YTD CURRENT YEAR PROFIT(LOSS)		\$ 1,906,243		
YTD BUDGET BENCHMARK			58.3%	13.1%

**CITY OF ONTARIO
GENERAL FUND - DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

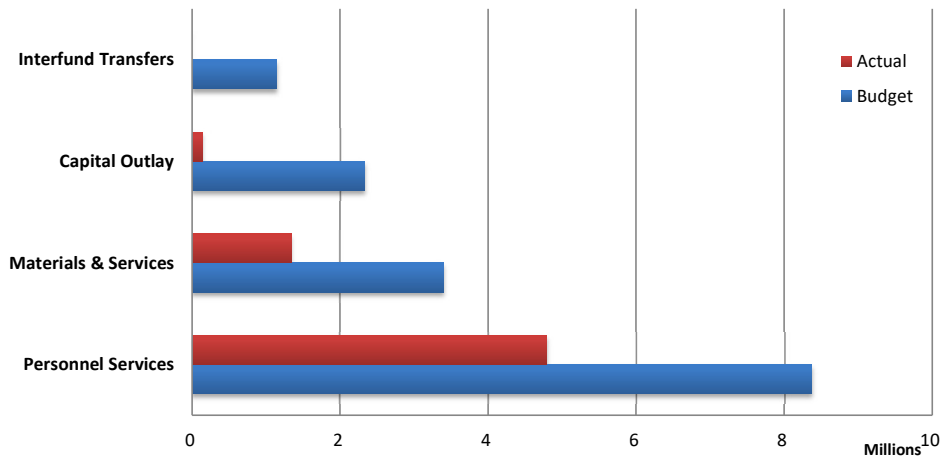
DEPARTMENT	BUDGET	ACTUAL	% EXPENDED	COMMENTS
Parks	1,151,419	101,324	8.8%	
Parks & Recreation	1,151,419	101,324	8.8%	
Fire	2,878,489	1,582,495	55.0%	
Code Enforcement	248,976	78,402	31.5%	
Police	6,019,259	3,077,284	51.1%	
Public Safety Total	9,146,724	4,738,180	51.8%	
Administration	638,385	362,340	56.8%	
City Council	31,857	10,294	32.3%	
Business Registration	1,100	328	29.8%	
Cemetery	223,823	94,884	42.4%	Jacobs contract prepaid
Finance	286,138	170,373	59.5%	
Technology	303,774	152,282	50.1%	
General Government Total	1,485,077	790,501	53.2%	
Community development	243,921	111,080	45.5%	
Community Development	243,921	111,080	45.5%	
Administrative Overhead	1,592,839	475,589	29.9%	
Non-Departmental Contributions	519,658	56,517	10.9%	
Other Total	2,112,497	532,106	25.2%	
Operating Transfers Out	1,090,544	-	0.0%	
GENERAL FUND TOTALS	\$ 15,230,182	\$ 6,273,191	41.2%	
YTD BUDGET BENCHMARK			58.3%	17.1%

**CITY OF ONTARIO
GENERAL FUND - DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

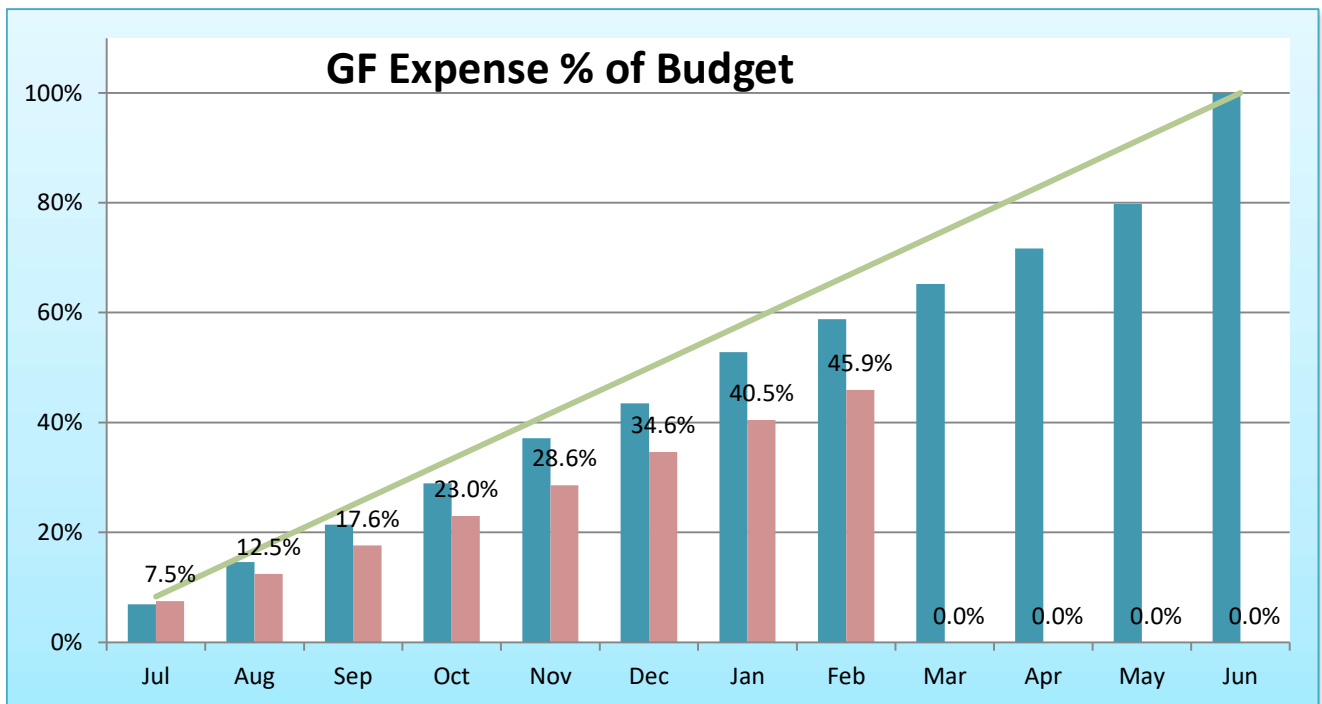
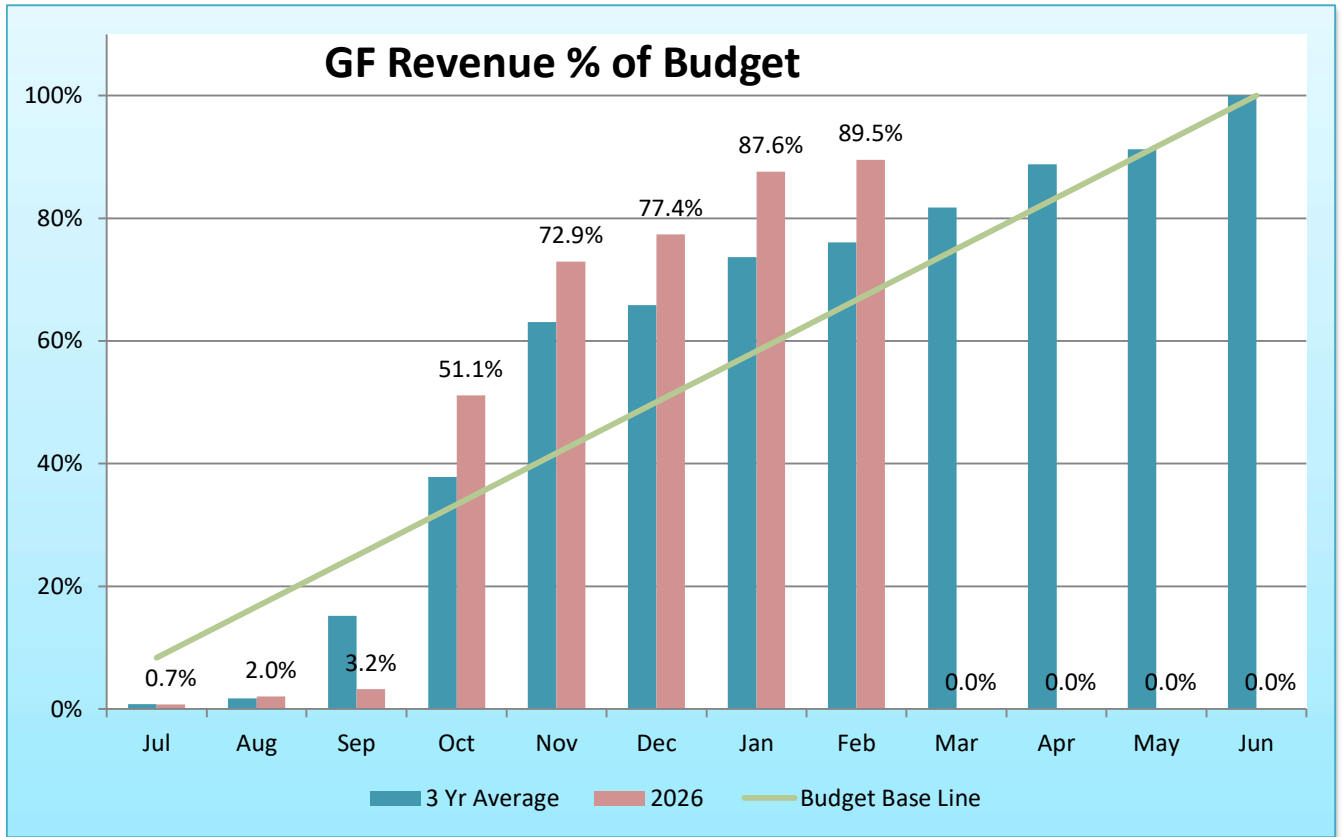
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Budget to Actual by Category



**CITY OF ONTARIO
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
FEBRUARY 28, 2026**



**CITY OF ONTARIO
OTHER FUNDS - EXPENDITURES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
JANUARY 31, 2026**

DEPARTMENT/FUND	REVENUES				EXPENDITURES		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	% REALIZED		BUDGET	ACTUAL	% EXPENDED
002 Marijuana Enforcement Fund	31,549	30,952	98.1%		31,549	8,674	27.5%
010 Grant Fund	1,774,077	1,575,292	88.8%		1,774,077	601,643	33.9%
027 Building Fund	957,103	1,055,404	110.3%		271,537	176,501	65.0%
030 Capital Projects Fund	6,144,414	6,452,914	105.0%		6,144,414	306,896	5.0%
031 SDC Fund	1,020,771	1,016,986	99.6%		1,020,771	-	0.0%
045 Street Fund	5,489,072	4,059,756	74.0%		5,489,072	2,283,705	41.6%
050 Trust Funds	1,452,158	1,228,239	84.6%		1,452,158	305,367	21.0%
055 Reserve Funds	4,667,685	4,175,099	89.4%		4,082,101	322,243	7.9%
060 Revolving Loan Fund	313,857	300,148	95.6%		313,857	60,000	19.1%
105 Water Fund	7,020,914	6,141,168	87.5%		5,763,547	2,865,250	49.7%
110 Sewer Fund	6,024,441	5,623,561	93.3%		4,991,013	2,152,750	43.1%
115 Storm Sewer Fund	492,466	467,822	95.0%		173,999	125,752	72.3%
120 Airport Fund	273,791	258,522	94.4%		273,791	313,610	114.5%
125 Aquatic Fund	1,029	1,029	100.0%		1,029	-	0.0%

Comments:

YTD BUDGET BENCHMARK

58.3%

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

April 1, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Court was called to order by Judge Dan Joyce at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner Ron Jacobs and Commissioner Jim Mendiola present. Judge Joyce led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the media, public and staff had the opportunity to join the meeting electronically or in person. Present in the meeting room were Sheriff Travis Johnson and Economic and Community Development Coordinator Taylor Rembowski; Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m. Notice of the meeting was posted on the County website, Courthouse bulletin board, and emailed to the Argus Observer and those persons who have requested notice. The agenda is recorded as instrument # [2026-1186](#)

AMENDED AGENDA

Commissioner Jacobs requested the agenda be amended to add hire a planning director.

CULL ONIONS

Meeting with the Court to discuss cull onions were: Casey Prentiss, Nichole Orosco-Chase, and Deputy Director Lindsay Eng from Oregon Department of Agriculture; Stuart Reitz from OSU Malheur Experiment Station; and Tyler Wagstaff from WBH Farms and the Onion Growers Association. The local onion industry is experiencing a high number of cull onions and is requesting assistance with how to dispose of the onions or change the Onion Maggot Control Order to help with disposal efforts. Ms. Eng explained that Malheur County is a groundwater management area for high nitrate levels. One limiting factor of the Onion Maggot Control Order is the 80 tons per acre that can be spread on the fields listed in the rule as a DEQ limit. Spreading onions across a field is considered a beneficial use for agricultural purposes and not a waste disposal use. ODA regulates agricultural beneficial use and it may be possible to implement a temporary emergency rule as an agricultural beneficial use amendment. Mr. Reitz has worked with ODA water quality staff regarding nitrate levels going into the soil from onions and ODA is comfortable with removing the 80 ton per acre limit given the knowledge gleaned, particularly when the onions are chopped. Growers would need to consult with OSU or their crop consultants to ensure there are no water quality concerns. Burial/piling is considered solid waste disposal and fully in DEQ's purview. ODA is also comfortable removing the Northwest Pest Management Guidelines in the amendment; in the short-term timeframe cull onion piles could be sprayed with any label pesticide that is labeled for use.

Mr. Reitz discussed the reasons for the large amounts of onions and the concerns regarding onion waste. The Onion Maggot Control Order has been in effect for approximately 70 years; in the 1950s onion maggots were the primary pest problem growers dealt with. Potentially one-third of last season's onion crop needs to be disposed of.

ODA also discussed changing the control area but there does not appear to be a benefit to shrinking the control area as disposal still must be done in a proper manner.

Mr. Wagstaff explained that the local onion growers feel that lifting the 80 ton per acre rule would be extremely helpful.

After discussions, consensus was that implementing an ODA temporary rule to lift the 80 ton per acre rule and the Northwest Pest Management Guidelines requirements would greatly help. ODA will start on the emergency temporary rule process and provide widespread notice when it is in place.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Court Minutes of March 24 and March 25, 2026 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vote: JM/RJ/DJ in favor. Approved.

AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES – VALE

The Court discussed the agreement with the City of Vale for law enforcement services with Sheriff Johnson. Personnel costs were updated in the agreement. The Vale deputies cover the Vale School District boundary. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029. Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with the City of Vale. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # [2026-1187](#)

Vote: RJ/JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

ASD ADVISORY BOARD

Commissioner Jacobs moved to appoint Heather Burrows to the Ambulance Service District (ASD) Advisory Board as the Health Department representative. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (Ms. Burrows fills the vacancy left by Tristin Wishard's resignation.)

Vote: RJ/JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Supplemental Budget Resolution R26-12: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.471. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The purpose of the supplemental budget is to allocate additional grant funds in the CAMI/DA budget that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted – these funds will be used for staff travel and training and office supplies; to allocate refund money in the Jail budget that that was not anticipated when the budget was adopted – these funds are due to a lost check that was processed and will be receipted to offset a double payment; and to allocate Eastern Oregon Border Board Community Improvement Planning Grant funds in the Economic Development fund that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted – these funds are to be used for a drone feasibility study. See instrument # [2026-1188](#)

Vote: RJ/JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

PLANNING DIRECTOR VACANCY

Commissioner Jacobs moved to hire Kelsie Haueter as the County's Planning Director as an underfill and that the Court review the written offer before presented to Ms. Haueter. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vote: RJ/JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Joyce asked for comments from the public. No public comments were received.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mendiola moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Accounts Payable

Checks by Date - Summary by Check Date

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Check No	Vendor No	Vendor Name	Check Date	Check Amount
134374	637830	Century Link	03/02/2026	390.62
Total for 3/2/2026:				390.62
134378	180798	CIS Trust	03/04/2026	1,192.50
134379	879653	FileOnQ, Inc	03/04/2026	650.00
134380	360015	Home Depot Credit Services	03/04/2026	1,337.90
134381	434008	Lexipol, LLC	03/04/2026	15,838.84
134382	879912	Sean McDougal	03/04/2026	144.50
134383	598220	Owyhee Irrigation District	03/04/2026	4,123.60
134384	879166	Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services, LI	03/04/2026	882.93
134385	880012	Ridgecrest Products, Inc.	03/04/2026	95.45
134386	716553	Saint Luke's	03/04/2026	162.00
134387	841600	Warm Springs Irrigation District	03/04/2026	3,313.68
134388	880100	John White	03/04/2026	350.00
134389	868215	Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc.	03/04/2026	234.38
134390	880101	Luke D. Cook	03/04/2026	6,000.00
134391	879562	Kevin Gene and Maria Draper	03/04/2026	1,500.00
134392	880102	Richard & Amber Harriman	03/04/2026	1,448.67
134393	880042	Calvin Hata	03/04/2026	6,000.00
134394	880048	IGT Construction, LLC	03/04/2026	990.00
134395	732000	Ontario Building Center, Inc.	03/04/2026	3,334.00
134396	880093	Recla Land, LLC	03/04/2026	11,379.00
134397	T770949	David Gene Thompson	03/04/2026	6,000.00
134398	880049	Brent Bradshaw Treasure Valley Car Comp:	03/04/2026	3,565.33
134399	880092	Kelsy Weber	03/04/2026	6,000.00
134401	033300	Independent Enterprise Argus Observer	03/04/2026	92.82
134402	033300	Independent Enterprise Argus Observer	03/04/2026	232.21
134403	22427	Conсор North America, Inc.	03/04/2026	198,318.27
134404	468350	Motion Industries, Inc.	03/04/2026	73,224.61
Total for 3/4/2026:				346,410.69
ACH	PRFED	PAYROLL TAXES	03/05/2026	83.36
ACH	PRORTAX2	OREGON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	03/05/2026	5.99
ACH	PRORTAXE	OREGON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	03/05/2026	36.43
134405	0143466	Amazon Capital Services	03/05/2026	3,467.18
134406	461607	MicroTechnology Systems, Inc.	03/05/2026	3,876.00
Total for 3/5/2026:				7,468.96
ACH	PRFED	PAYROLL TAXES	03/09/2026	1,569.01
ACH	PRORTAX2	OREGON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	03/09/2026	62.07
ACH	PRORTAXE	OREGON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	03/09/2026	386.79
ACH	PRPERS	OREGON PERS	03/09/2026	1,074.10
ACH	880050	Linsay Norman, DVM	03/09/2026	500.00
ACH	880033	GreenWorks P.C.	03/09/2026	12,621.57

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ACH	878915	Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.	03/09/2026	554,794.73
ACH	878915	Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.	03/09/2026	31,695.88
134407	005000	A-1 Key and Lock Service	03/09/2026	9.00
134408	879113	Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. -Acqui	03/09/2026	68.00
134409	0143466	Amazon Capital Services	03/09/2026	930.91
134410	879870	Anvil Northwest	03/09/2026	443.75
134411	130624	B & W Car Wash	03/09/2026	15.00
134412	21409	Big Sky Sportswear	03/09/2026	120.80
134413	879641	Garrett's Dry Cleaning, LLC	03/09/2026	6.87
134414	879191	Kristy Lynn Janti	03/09/2026	40.00
134415	451600	Malheur County Administration Office	03/09/2026	200.00
134416	461607	MicroTechnology Systems, Inc.	03/09/2026	12,213.18
134417	879301	Net Assets Corporation	03/09/2026	255.00
134418	539200	Ontario Area Chamber of Commerce	03/09/2026	400.00
134419	879012	State of Oregon Dept of Public Safety Stan	03/09/2026	45.00
134420	282601	Oregon State Police	03/09/2026	860.43
134421	879226	PortaPros	03/09/2026	627.00
134422	642093	Red's Automotive Repair, Inc.	03/09/2026	310.49
134423	879469	SBRK Finance Holdings, Inc.	03/09/2026	1,683.00
134424	T7125	Snake River Valley EAA Chapter 837	03/09/2026	618.00
134425	879256	Steve's Hometown	03/09/2026	140.25
134426	880003	T-Mobile	03/09/2026	31.70
134427	879553	Training & Employment Consortium	03/09/2026	663.75
134428	788402	TransUnion Risk & Alternative Data Soluti	03/09/2026	100.00
134429	879733	Waste Connections of Oregon, Inc.	03/09/2026	294.04
134430	037600	AT&T	03/09/2026	27.46
134431	376000	Idaho Power	03/09/2026	2,244.02
134432	879417	LightSpeed Networks, Inc.	03/09/2026	1,377.88
134433	879733	Waste Connections of Oregon, Inc.	03/09/2026	488.42
134434	UB*12307	RACHEL MARTINEZ	03/09/2026	66.87
134435	879404	Ontario Recreation District	03/09/2026	250,000.00
134436	879862	Oregon Community Foundation	03/09/2026	220,000.00
134437	UB*12306	ELIANA RAMIREZ	03/09/2026	151.63
134438	UB*12305	JOSE RIVAS	03/09/2026	123.45
134439	879404	Ontario Recreation District	03/09/2026	25,000.00
134440	879113	Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. -Acqui	03/09/2026	14,441.37
134441	0143466	Amazon Capital Services	03/09/2026	359.57
134442	033300	Independent Enterprise Argus Observer	03/09/2026	25.45
134443	22427	Conсор North America, Inc.	03/09/2026	5,645.05
134444	879404	Ontario Recreation District	03/09/2026	25,000.00
Total for 3/9/2026:				1,167,731.49
ACH	880033	GreenWorks P.C.	03/13/2026	13,896.08
134445	879946	Tatiana Burgess	03/13/2026	1,045.29
134446	626400	Campo & Poole Distributing, LLC	03/13/2026	7,804.35
134447	879451	CDR Labor Law, LLC	03/13/2026	675.00
134448	637830	Century Link	03/13/2026	530.73
134449	216000	D & B Supply Company	03/13/2026	739.20
134450	262000	Eastside Florist	03/13/2026	58.00
134451	360015	Home Depot Credit Services	03/13/2026	189.30
134452	879151	Larvik Disposal Company	03/13/2026	50.42
134453	879627	State of Oregon Department of Environmen	03/13/2026	13,610.48
134454	242083	State of Oregon Department of Transportati	03/13/2026	2.45
134455	528405	Oster Professional Group, CPA's PC	03/13/2026	28,301.53
134456	879551	Painter Holdings & Business Ventures, Inc.	03/13/2026	12.50
134457	880104	Martin Rodriguez	03/13/2026	265.00

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134458	21014	Snake River Economic Development Allian	03/13/2026	40.00
134459	130950	Sparklight Business	03/13/2026	140.62
134460	738002	Symbol Arts, LLC	03/13/2026	1,470.75
134461	879212	Uniforms 2 Gear	03/13/2026	2,054.28
134462	033300	Independent Enterprise Argus Observer	03/13/2026	254.98
134463	22427	Conсор North America, Inc.	03/13/2026	28,858.38
134464	880103	Elkhorn Media Group	03/13/2026	125.00
134465	879896	RH2 Engineering, Inc.	03/13/2026	3,800.70
134466	033300	Independent Enterprise Argus Observer	03/13/2026	587.20
134467	879845	Student Loan Fund of Idaho Marketing Ass	03/13/2026	3,968.75
Total for 3/13/2026:				108,480.99
ACH	879899	Estech Systems, Inc	03/16/2026	2,037.47
Total for 3/16/2026:				2,037.47
ACH	832852	Wells Fargo Signify Business Elite Masterc	03/20/2026	9,952.70
134468	879745	AT&T Mobility, LLC	03/20/2026	2,066.57
134469	144000	Cascade Natural Gas Corporation	03/20/2026	1,029.11
134470	637828	Century Link Communications, LLC	03/20/2026	90.50
134471	376000	Idaho Power	03/20/2026	147.72
Total for 3/20/2026:				13,286.60
134477	143500	Cascade Fire Equipment Company	03/23/2026	1,185.00
134478	879062	Compass Minerals America, Inc.	03/23/2026	8,156.10
134481	100069	Jared Gammage	03/23/2026	65.00
134484	880078	Thomas Leija, Treasurer Idaho Airport Man	03/23/2026	145.00
134491	461607	MicroTechnology Systems, Inc.	03/23/2026	1,813.00
134493	582200	Oregon Association Chiefs of Police	03/23/2026	720.00
134494	582530	Oregon Corrections Enterprises	03/23/2026	572.10
134495	879551	Painter Holdings & Business Ventures, Inc.	03/23/2026	13.25
134498	880104	Martin Rodriguez	03/23/2026	3,760.50
134499	879803	SAR, Inc.	03/23/2026	1,030.73
134500	879145	Silver Signet, LLC	03/23/2026	2,545.00
134502	879720	Total Package Enterprises, LLC	03/23/2026	57.98
134503	879212	Uniforms 2 Gear	03/23/2026	198.59
134504	863995	White Cloud Communications-Boise, Inc.	03/23/2026	4,270.20
Total for 3/23/2026:				24,532.45
ACH	878915	Jacobs Engineeering Group, Inc.	03/24/2026	5,070.00
ACH	878915	Jacobs Engineeering Group, Inc.	03/24/2026	511,967.69
134505	879736	Desert Sage Event Center	03/24/2026	3,704.22
134506	&260	Four Rivers Cultural Center	03/24/2026	30,055.20
134507	539200	Ontario Area Chamber of Commerce	03/24/2026	22,226.55
134508	441140	Looks Nu, Inc.	03/24/2026	119.00
134509	880016	Nelson Tire, LLC	03/24/2026	2,329.17
134510	879680	U.S. Bank Equipment Finance	03/24/2026	1,646.70
134511	880107	Aleksandr Galushkin	03/24/2026	25,000.00
134512	880106	Richard J Hammar	03/24/2026	14,277.00
134513	422173	Kiwanis Club of Ontario	03/24/2026	25,000.00
134514	879729	Rock Store Company, LLC	03/24/2026	25,000.00
134515	230000	Daily Journal of Commerce	03/24/2026	341.13
134516	879940	Desert View Construction, Inc.	03/24/2026	517,243.00

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134517	810660	Unit Process Company	03/24/2026	14,762.88
Total for 3/24/2026:				1,198,742.54
134518	UB*12308	CITY OF ONTARIO-UTILITY BILLING	03/25/2026	170.00
134519	UB*12309	CITY OF ONTARIO-UTILITY BILLING	03/25/2026	170.00
134520	UB*12310	CITY OF ONTARIO-UTILITY BILLING	03/25/2026	170.00
134521	UB*12311	CITY OF ONTARIO-UTILITY BILLING	03/25/2026	170.00
134522	UB*12312	CITY OF ONTARIO-UTILITY BILLING	03/25/2026	170.00
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134524	UB*12314	CITY OF ONTARIO-UTILITY BILLING	03/25/2026	170.00
134525	UB*12315	CITY OF ONTARIO-UTILITY BILLING	03/25/2026	170.00
134526	UB*12316	CITY OF ONTARIO-UTILITY BILLING	03/25/2026	120.34
134527	UB*12317	CITY OF ONTARIO-UTILITY BILLING	03/25/2026	170.00
134528	UB*12318	CITY OF ONTARIO-UTILITY BILLING	03/25/2026	136.00
134529	UB*12319	CITY OF ONTARIO-UTILITY BILLING	03/25/2026	170.00
134530	UB*12320	CITY OF ONTARIO-UTILITY BILLING	03/25/2026	170.00
134531	UB*12321	CITY OF ONTARIO-UTILITY BILLING	03/25/2026	170.00
134532	UB*12322	CITY OF ONTARIO-UTILITY BILLING	03/25/2026	170.00
134533	UB*12323	CITY OF ONTARIO-UTILITY BILLING	03/25/2026	170.00
134534	UB*12324	CITY OF ONTARIO-UTILITY BILLING	03/25/2026	170.00
134535	UB*12325	CITY OF ONTARIO-UTILITY BILLING	03/25/2026	170.00
134536	UB*12326	CITY OF ONTARIO-UTILITY BILLING	03/25/2026	170.00
Total for 3/25/2026:				3,146.34
ACH	PRFED	PAYROLL TAXES	03/26/2026	1,241.20
ACH	PRORTAX2	OREGON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	03/26/2026	56.59
ACH	PRORTAXE	OREGON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	03/26/2026	317.47
ACH	PRPERS	OREGON PERS	03/26/2026	1,976.63
Total for 3/26/2026:				3,591.89
ACH	880050	Linsay Norman, DVM	03/27/2026	500.00
ACH	878915	Jacobs Engineeering Group, Inc.	03/27/2026	7,060.00
134537	0143466	Amazon Capital Services	03/27/2026	605.09
134538	879583	Benson's Trophies & Plaques, Inc.	03/27/2026	135.00
134539	637830	Century Link	03/27/2026	704.09
134540	UB*12327	VERONICA DE LA CERDA	03/27/2026	6.80
134541	879653	FileOnQ, Inc	03/27/2026	650.00
134542	UB*12328	BERENISE GOMEZA*	03/27/2026	4.82
134543	376000	Idaho Power	03/27/2026	2,689.99
134544	UB*12330	NANCI ISIDRO	03/27/2026	141.96
134545	879191	Kristy Lynn Janti	03/27/2026	168.00
134546	879363	Danielle Llamas	03/27/2026	146.50
134547	282601	Oregon State Police	03/27/2026	211.60
134548	879226	PortaPros	03/27/2026	627.00
134549	UB*12329	ASHLEE SCHAFFER	03/27/2026	78.48
134550	T7125	Snake River Valley EAA Chapter 837	03/27/2026	618.00
134551	702008	Staples Business Credit	03/27/2026	129.89
134552	738002	Symbol Arts, LLC	03/27/2026	869.50
134553	879212	Uniforms 2 Gear	03/27/2026	1,078.86
134554	288897	Verizon	03/27/2026	338.35
134555	879635	Western Building Maintenance, Inc.	03/27/2026	7,693.66
Total for 3/27/2026:				24,457.59

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134556	376000	Idaho Power	03/30/2026	2,113.24
Total for 3/30/2026:				2,113.24
ACH	PRAFLAC	AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	03/31/2026	534.37
ACH	PRAMERF	AMERICAN FUNDS GROUP	03/31/2026	300.00
ACH	PRCCIS	E B S TRUST	03/31/2026	99,679.40
ACH	PRCOLONI	COLONIAL LIFE	03/31/2026	688.02
ACH	PRFED	PAYROLL TAXES	03/31/2026	93,188.83
ACH	PRIDCHIL	IDAHO CHILD SUPPORT RECEIPTING	03/31/2026	200.00
ACH	PRNATW	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIO	03/31/2026	500.00
ACH	PRORJU	OREGON DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	03/31/2026	458.99
ACH	PRORTAX2	OREGON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	03/31/2026	4,209.73
ACH	PRORTAXE	OREGON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	03/31/2026	26,759.76
ACH	PROSGP	OREGON SAVINGS & GROWTH PLAN	03/31/2026	3,971.16
ACH	PRPERS	OREGON PERS	03/31/2026	125,375.46
134557	818000	U.S. Postmaster United States Postal Servic	03/31/2026	1,120.00
134558	PRSFIRE	UMPQUA BANK	03/31/2026	900.00
134559	PRUTCH	UTAH, OFFICE OF RECOVERY SERVIC	03/31/2026	716.00
134560	461607	MicroTechnology Systems, Inc.	03/31/2026	1,041.99
Total for 3/31/2026:				359,643.71
Report Total (198 checks):				3,262,034.58