



Vision Task Force Goals

The City of Tigard engages in two goal-setting/visioning processes, which help to set the direction for City government and help to determine departmental work plans.

Vision Task Force

In the fall of 1996 and throughout 1997, Tigard residents, government professionals, business people, and community group leaders volunteered to work together to determine what should be the community's future. Adopting the name "Tigard Beyond Tomorrow," they established a process that would define a vision for the Tigard community. Then they identified the resources for implementing that vision through a partnership of individuals and organizations.

The Tigard Beyond Tomorrow process has completed its fifth year of working toward the community's long term goals. The City, School District, and Fire District have taken the lead in carrying out some of the action plans. Other plans have required the involvement of local businesses, non-profit agencies, volunteer groups, churches, and the community at large. Every person and organization that takes part is making the community's vision a reality.

The goals for Tigard Beyond Tomorrow were updated during 2000. The citizen-based Vision Task Force accomplished the goal update with input received from a community-wide survey. The Task Force has now been re-formed to once again update the goals. The 2004 goal update is expected to be completed by the end of Fall 2004.

Tigard Beyond Tomorrow goals include:

Community Character & Quality of Life

Direction Statement - Tigard citizens are involved in their community. Involvement is citizen driven and citizens have the tools to communicate effectively with community-wide decision-makers. Volunteer spirit has been maximized through community-wide coordination of volunteers. Our community supports its volunteers with appropriate training and volunteer recognition. Tigard encourages local, regional, and community events. City funding priorities go to events which move toward financial self-sufficiency, and new community-wide events. Business owners, property owners, and residents of the Main Street area display strong leadership, ownership, and commitment to downtown development. The Main Street area is seen as a focal point for the community. A clear direction has been established for a pedestrian-friendly downtown and is being implemented. The Tigard community has a defined, proactive vision for community aesthetics. Open space is a priority and new development is required to dedicate open areas for community use.

Communication Goals

#1) Citizen involvement opportunities will be maximized by providing educational programs on process, assuring accessibility to information in a variety of formats, providing opportunities for input on community issues, and establishing and maintaining a program of effective two-way communication.

Volunteerism Goals

#1) City will maximize the effectiveness of the volunteer spirit to accomplish the greatest good for our community.



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Central Business District (CBD) Goals

#1) Provide opportunities to work proactively with Tigard Central Business District Association (TCBDA) businesses and property owners and citizens of Tigard to set the course for the future of the Central Business District.

Community Events Goals

#1) Develop overall approach for sponsoring community events that establishes balance among popular or traditional standing events, requests for support of new events, and limited City resources.
#2) On-going community events are financially self-sufficient long term.

Community Aesthetics Goals

#1) Develop strategies to balance needs of new and infill development with the need to provide preservation and protection of open space, natural areas, and other defined aesthetic qualities valued by those who already live and work in Tigard.

Growth & Growth Management

Direction Statement - Tigard continues to grow. Growth is accommodated while protecting the character and livability in new and established neighborhoods. The City encourages and supports private sector programs to maintain diverse and affordable housing. Urban services are provided to all citizens within Tigard's Urban Growth Boundary. Recipients of services pay their share. Local and small businesses are encouraged as an important part of our community and our economy. The City of Tigard is an active participant in regional issues. Its citizens are educated about issues in our region and take advantage of opportunities to participate in decision-making processes.

Goal #1) Growth while protecting the character and livability of new and established areas while providing for natural environment and open space throughout the community.

Goal #2) Urban services are provided to all citizens within Tigard's Urban Growth Boundary and recipients of services pay their share.

Goal #3) Partnerships for advocacy for development of additional units and preservation of affordable housing are encouraged and supported by the City and the community.

Goal #4) Local and small businesses are encouraged as an important part of our community and economy.

Goal #5) The community is able to effectively participate in decision-making processes because they understand the land use system.

Public Safety

Direction Statement - Tigard is a safe place to live, play, and do business, with efficient public safety services coordinated by police, fire, and emergency management providers. Citizens and businesses are well educated about public safety services; Tigard's citizens understand their role and responsibilities for the safety of themselves and their community; and businesses take a proactive role for their responsibility in protecting their investment in the community. Public safety service providers plan for their service delivery in such a way as to minimize the negative impacts of the regional populations that travel to and through our community each day. Stable funding provides uninterrupted public safety services at desired levels.

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Goal #1) The community residents, business owners, and service providers understand their roles through effective communication to successfully enhance public safety and emergency services.

Goal #2) Develop long term, stable funding sources to ensure efficient, uninterrupted public safety, and emergency services.

Goal #3) The community is trained and prepared for emergencies.

Schools & Education

Direction Statement - Tigard area residents have access to good quality public and private schools. Residents of our community, whether or not they have children in the school system, understand the importance of education, and how they can help promote education of our community. The public schools have stable funding through state and local funding options. Curriculum and extra-curricular programs are important and are well supported through volunteers, local funding, and increased partnerships with business and government. New development assists in paying for new education infrastructure required by growth in the community. Public schools and governmental entities in our community actively partner in day-to-day operations and other costs to facilitate the most efficient delivery of services.

Goal #1) Schools, City government, and other service providers successfully work together to provide a community-based recreation activity program for young people.

Goal #2) Educational opportunities for students in Tigard-Tualatin schools will be maximized.

Goal #3) Schools and City government effectively work together to maximize efficiencies and develop alternative support options.

Goal #4) Government policies will permit the Tigard -Tualatin School District to prepare for growth and maximize the quality of services it provides students.

Goal #5) School districts ensure effective two-way communication to the entire community by regularly providing information about school-related issues.

Traffic and Transportation

Direction Statement - Tigard takes a proactive role in regional transportation planning. Funding sources are diverse, include regional resources, and are adequate to build and maintain our transportation system. Each type of street safely handles the traffic it is designed to serve. Local traffic is served by a well-connected street network that minimizes traffic impacts on neighborhoods. Tigard's arterials and major collector streets accommodate through-traffic reducing the impact of regional traffic on local neighborhoods. Alternative transportation methods are affordable and available. Use of alternative transportation is encouraged.

Goal #1) Improve traffic safety.

Goal #2) Improve traffic flow.

Goal #3) Alternative modes of transportation are available and use is maximized.

Goal #4) Identify and develop funding resources.



Urban and Public Services

Direction Statement - Basic urban services (such as access to parks, recreational opportunities, and libraries) are provided to Tigard citizens through property taxes and fees for service. Citizens are charged for enhanced services on a cost-for-service basis. Expansion of the infrastructure necessary to serve growth is paid for by growth. In an effort to facilitate the most efficient delivery of basic urban services, partnerships with businesses, special interest groups, and other communities are encouraged. Citizens are educated about basic urban services, and how to access and preserve the services.

Library Goals

- #1) Library will have a stable funding base for the provision of basic services.
- #2) A wide array of opportunities for life-long learning are available in a variety of formats and used by the community.
- #3) Adequate facilities are available for efficient delivery of life-long learning programs and services for all ages.

Parks & Greenways Goals

- #1) The City educates and supports citizen efforts to understand the importance of flood plains and how the areas are managed and protected.
- #2) Open space and greenway areas are preserved and protected.

Recreation Goals

- #1) Create a special parks and recreation district with the City of Tigard spearheading the process and providing opportunities for the Tigard community.
- #2) A wide range of leisure and recreation opportunities are available for the Tigard community.

Water & Stormwater Goals

- #1) Actively participate in regional development of drinking water sources and adequate, innovative funding mechanisms to develop those sources for Tigard users, while exploring local options for water reuse and groundwater source.
- #2) Stormwater runoff is effectively managed.