Why is this important?
The purpose is to create a model of how and where Portland can grow over the next 25 years and to establish an evaluation framework for measuring the performance of those growth patterns and their ability to help meet Portland’s goals and objectives.

By 2035, Portland is expected to grow by:

132,000 New Households
150,000 New Jobs

What will this influence?
How the city grows, including where new jobs and housing are located will influence health, equity, sustainability and resilience. Guiding development and public infrastructure investments so they respond to the positive and distinctive characteristics of Portland’s neighborhoods and districts helps build on each area’s strengths and assets.

The scenarios model and evaluation framework will help support discussion about:
- Refinements to the Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map
- Development and design standards
- Location of infrastructure and other public investments
- Integration of sustainability and health considerations into planning, design and development

What are the key results?

**Choices for Prioritizing Growth:** Portland’s existing zoning has more than enough development capacity to accommodate the future growth forecast of 132,000 new households.

**A Legacy Landscape:** The forecasted growth represents roughly one-third of the total households and employment that will make up Portland in 2035, which means two-thirds of the future built environment is in place.

**Investment Priorities:** How we invest in public infrastructure will make a big difference in how Portland performs.
Growth Scenarios

**Scenario A: Default**
The Default scenario reflects a distribution of growth based on development trends over the past 15 years.

**Scenario B: Centers**
The Centers scenario focuses growth in select centers distributed throughout Portland.

**Scenario C: Corridors**
The Corridors scenario focuses growth in select transit corridors.

**Scenario D: Central City Focused**
The Central City scenario focuses growth in the Central City and in the inner neighborhoods that are in close proximity.
Performance Measures

Access to Family-Wage Employment by 60 Minute Transit Trip

Risk of Displacement/Gentrification

Complete Neighborhoods
Performance Measures

Access to Frequent Transit: Households within 1/4 mile

Access to Family-Friendly Bike Network: Households within 1/4 mile

Access to Parks: Households within 1/2 mile
Performance Measures

Access to Natural Areas

Tree Canopy

Watershed Health
Initial Observations

Mind the Gaps
The City of Portland needs a dual public investment strategy to support growth in high performing areas and to fill the infrastructure gap in underserved areas.

More Transportation Choices
Access and mobility plays a significant role in creating complete neighborhoods and increasing access to jobs.

Complete Neighborhoods
Create more centers and complete neighborhoods, especially in East and Southwest Portland, in order to meet our performance goals.

A Central Role for the Central City
Growth in and around the Central City has the potential to be cost-effective because a lot of the infrastructure, like transit and bikeways, are already in place.

More Jobs for East Portland
A good job is one of the keys to household prosperity and East Portland lacks access to employment. The opportunity for a good job is dependent on three major issues: overall employment, education and workforce training, and access – the ability to get to the job.

More Affordable Housing
These persistent gaps mean that we will need a dual public investment strategy to support growth in high performing areas and to fill the infrastructure gap in underserved areas.

Capitalize on Trends
Short-term development trends show a market preference for the Central City and Inner Neighborhoods that may provide the opportunity to fill the infrastructure gap in East Portland before the housing market begins to take off again.

Connect to Nature
New growth is occurring mostly in areas that can help improve environmental conditions, such as developing in low tree canopy areas or less sensitive parts of watersheds. But these locations do not provide good access to nature for residents.

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