

**SOME FOREST GROVE ASPIRATIONS**  
(In no particular order)

- **Vision Statement/Action Plan (sustainability and more)**
- **Balanced community**
  - More retail
  - Family wage jobs
  - Improve assessed value
- **Improve City's fiscal capacity**
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  - Growth expansion required due to tax limitations
  - Reduce percentage of non-taxable land (estimated at about 30% within city limits)
- **Industrial development**
  - Oak Street services (street, sewer, water, storm drainage)
  - Transportation related
    - 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Avenue extension
    - Extension of Heather Street from Poplar to Mt. View
    - Connection of Holiday questionable to maintain industrial preservation
  - Types
    - Food processing
    - Solar adjunct to Hillsboro efforts
    - High Tech
    - Tourism
- **Davidson property from Light Industrial to mixed use commercial (retail, office, residential)**
- **Revise City Charter's Redevelopment (Urban Renewal) authority**
- **Brownfield clean-up**
- **Downtown**
  - More intense use
  - Plaza/open space (UCC was original plaza in 1800's)
  - Maintain historic integrity
  - Historic district (?)
  - Better integration of University with downtown

- **Passenger rail to Forest Grove**
  - Station community (ies) – two sites identified at this time (see Station Area map):
    - East of Town Center (see below)
    - Oak Street industrial area west and south of Highway 47 (depending on property owner objectives: either the entire industrial area, east of Oak Street or west of Oak Street)
  - Park and ride at Hwy 47 (Quince Street)
  
- **Community Corridor Study**
  - Commercial nodes at:
    - The Intersection (State Hwys 47 and 8)
      - Architectural treatments
      - Increased setbacks to reinforce Grand Lodge
    - Ballad Town Shopping
      - Greater intensity between shopping center and Hawthorne)
  - Architectural connection from The Intersection to town center
  - Low intensity mixed use (3000 square foot building size) between Town Center (Cedar Street) and Hawthorne
  - Station community around southeast corner of Pacific University campus
  
- **Lower densities in existing residential neighborhoods**
  
- **Expansion of UGB northward (do not want expansion further up David Hill unless connected with flat land expansion)**
  
- **Historical Districts**
  - Maintain existing
  - Create new districts
    - Painter Woods (Council approval)
    - Northwest of downtown
    - Downtown (?)
  
- **Maintain Tree City status**
  - Preserve signature trees
  - To extent feasible, preserve trees in developing areas
  
- **Art in public spaces**
  
- **Transportation (besides those noted above)**
  - Completion of David Hill Road between Thatcher and Hwy 47
  - Improvements to David Hill west of Thatcher
  - Boulevard improvements along Pacific/Adair/19<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Cornelius city limits to Downtown
  - Better connection to Hwy 26

- Better connection to Hillsboro industrial area (Evergreen extension (?))
  - Improved and expanded transit service within the community
  - Better and interconnected (i.e. complete the gaps) bicycle and pedestrian connections
- **Open Space and recreation (beyond that mentioned above)**
  - Complete Emerald necklace trail system
  - Construct Fern Hill Wetland Interpretative Center
  - More recreational fields
- **Community Center**
- **Undergrounding Utilities**

## Forest Grove Vision Statement

*This statement is written and designed to reflect the best of what exists now, and what we aspire to become, as a community.*

Forest Grove is a friendly, twenty-first century, small, full service city. It was settled in 1841 by pioneers who valued respect for education, faith, enterprise, service to humanity, and the bountiful resources of the Tualatin Plain. Those values persist to inspire a common vision for a high quality of life in a thriving and progressive community that reaches from its historical commercial core around Pacific University to a horizon of forests, farms, vineyards, and the Coast Range. As an engaged and diverse people, we assure sustainability in our economy and our environment, thus supporting a community that nurtures our youth, educates all residents, and attracts and welcomes visitors. Forest Grove is itself a *destination* that thrives by *design* and is our *home*.

### **Forest Grove is a *Destination* that offers visitors and residents:**

- **A rich heritage** preserved by honoring the city's natural, cultural, and historic treasures while also embracing the future.
- **A centrally located gateway** to forests, waterways, beaches, and mountains; this wealth of resources is cherished and preserved to foster sport, recreation, reflection, and leisure.
- **Arts & culture** that abound throughout the year; we celebrate our cultures and participate in a wide variety of visual and performing arts and festivals.
- **A community** recognized for its commitment to conserve, preserve, protect and restore our natural assets.

### **Forest Grove is a community by *Design* through:**

- **Participation** of an engaged public and accessible, responsive government.
- **Planning** that considers and accommodates both the desires and needs of all community members to ensure their quality of life and prosperity.
- **Sustainable transportation** modes, systems, and networks that provide opportunities for all to conveniently and safely move about within and outside of the community.
- **Economic development** that encourages innovative, diverse and ecologically sound enterprises that provide ample opportunities for employment, and ensures the vitality of the community.
- **Fiscally sound funding** of quality public safety and municipal services including locally owned public utility and watershed.

### **Forest Grove is *Home* to:**

- **Individuals** who are respected and valued for their experience, abilities, and differences, and where all residents are included in the life of the community through excellent education, recreation, and social programs.
- **Young people** who are nurtured and encouraged to achieve their full potential.
- **Families** of every size and description who have community resources needed for lifelong learning and development.
- **Older residents** whose ongoing leadership, wisdom and investment in the community build the foundation for our future.
- **Distinctive neighborhoods** replete with a variety of accessible housing options, schools, parks, places of worship and social gathering, and farmlands and open spaces.
- **A community** in harmony, bound by commonly shared respect for its residents, natural resources, economic vitality, and its active role in a global society.