

## Middle Housing Code Update

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting #2 November 18, 2020

# Agenda

- Code audit & concepts discussion
  - Middle housing feasibility overview
  - Parking considerations for all types
  - Cottage clusters analysis & key issues
  - Master planned communities implementation
  - Interest areas/discussion
- Open house preview
- Public comments

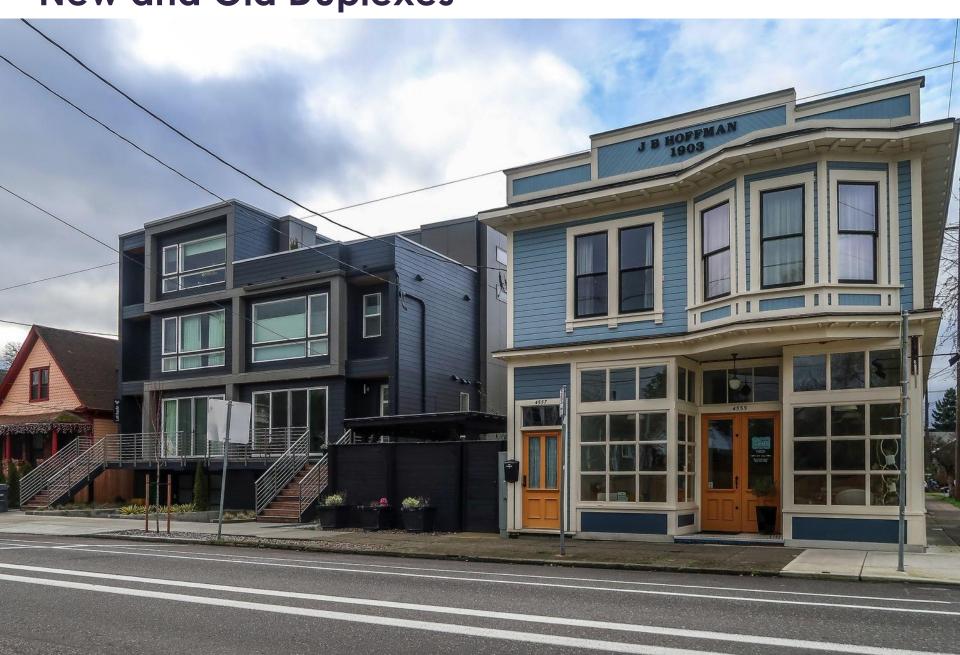
# What Are We Planning For?

- Duplexes, Triplexes, Quadplexes, Townhouses and Cottage Clusters
- New construction or additions/conversion of existing buildings
- In existing and new neighborhoods

# Middle Housing "Tour"

- What will these new housing types look like, and how will they differ from historical examples?
- What could be challenging design issues:
  - For feasibility of building these types?
  - For integration with surrounding neighborhood?

#### **New and Old Duplexes**



# **Corner Duplex**

**Corner Duplex/Townhouses** 



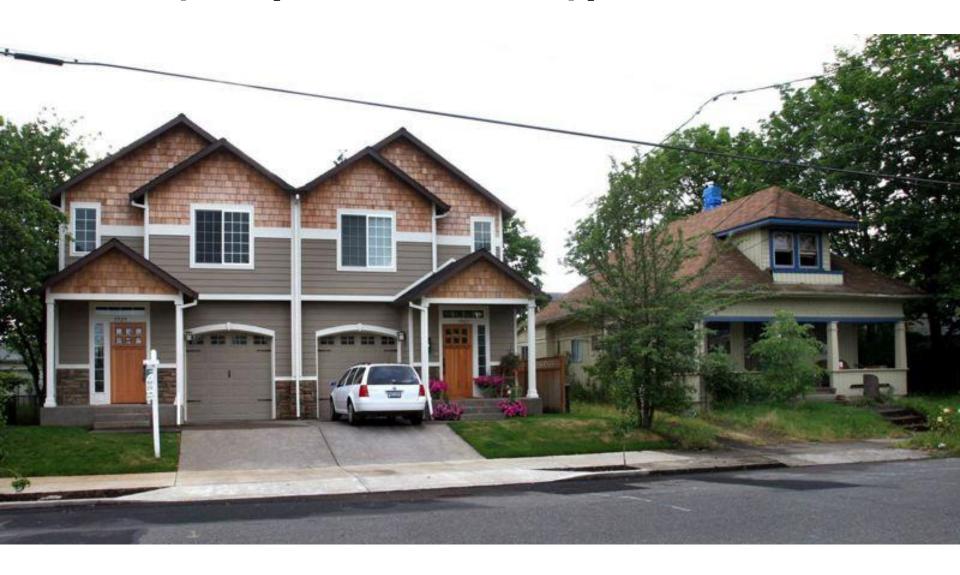
#### **Detached Duplex**



#### New Duplex (No Driveway)



#### New Duplex (Shared Driveway)



#### **New Duplex**

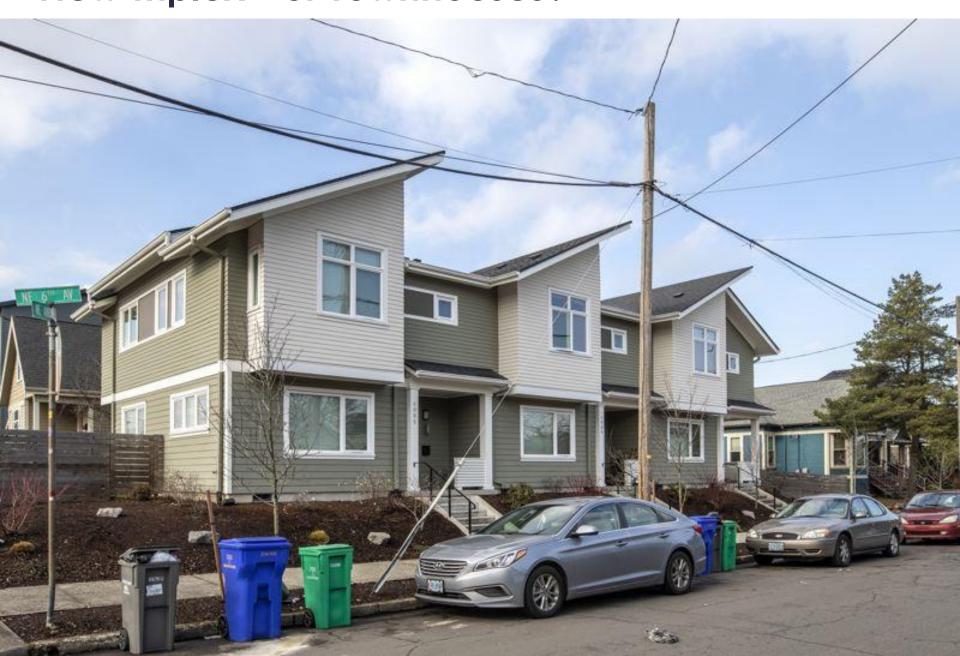


#### **Row of New Duplexes**





#### New Triplex—or Townhouses?

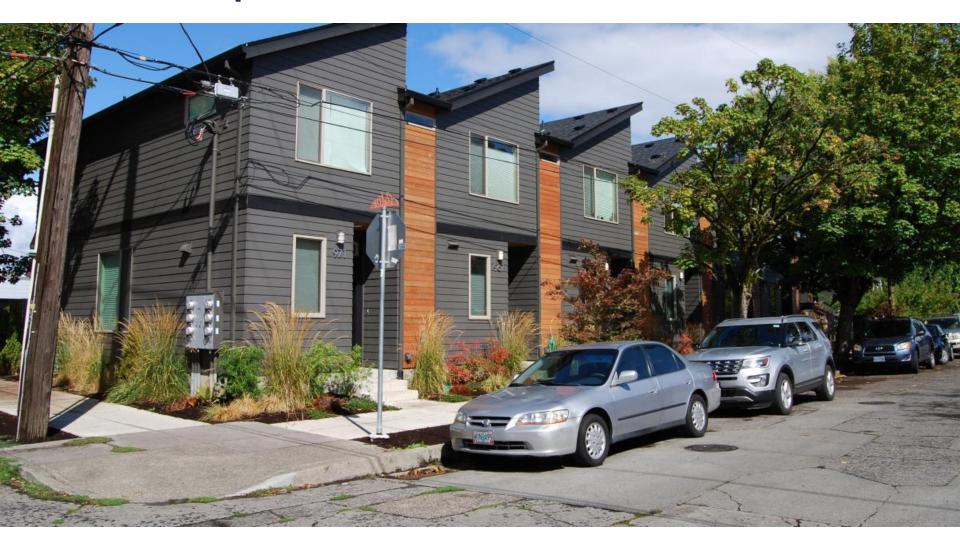




#### **Quadplex: Multiple Entrances**



#### **New Quadplex: Infill**



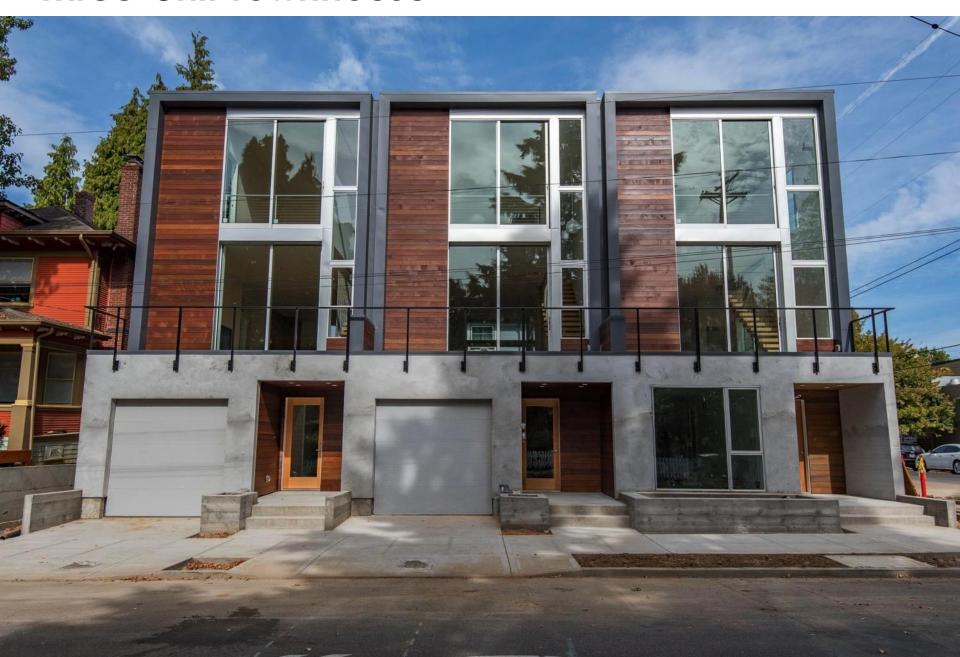
#### New Quadplex: New Neighborhood



#### **Two-Unit Townhouse**



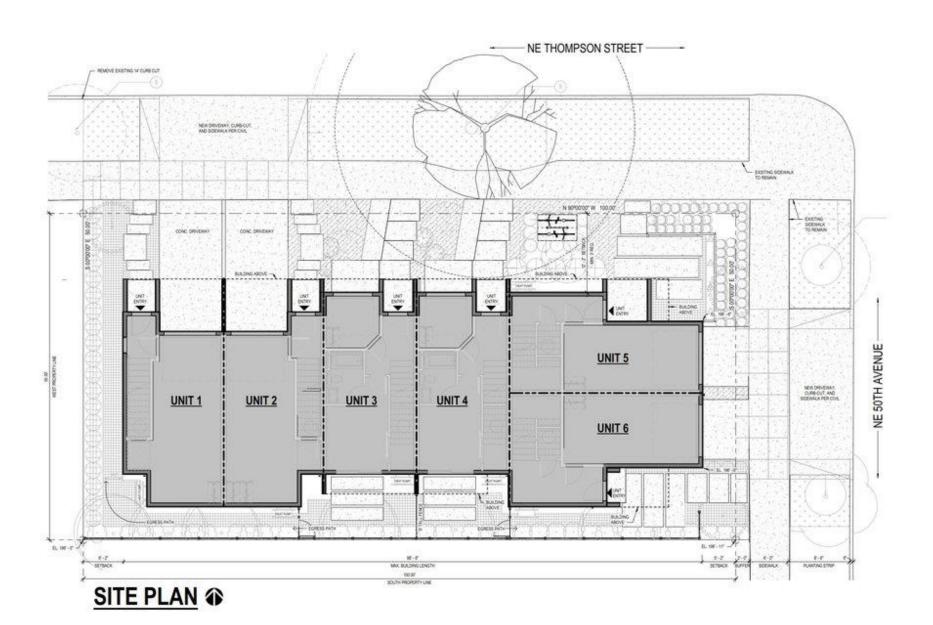
#### **Three-Unit Townhouse**



#### **Six-Unit Townhouse**



#### Six-Unit Townhouse: Plan



#### Five-Unit Townhouse (Rear Garages)



#### **Townhouses (Front Garages & Driveways)**

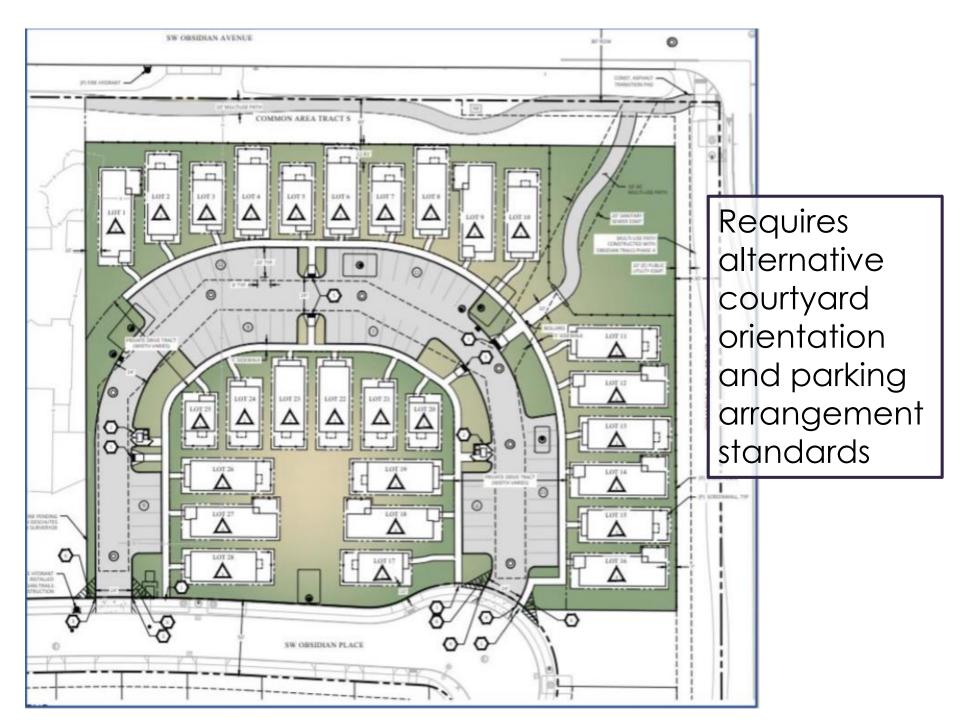


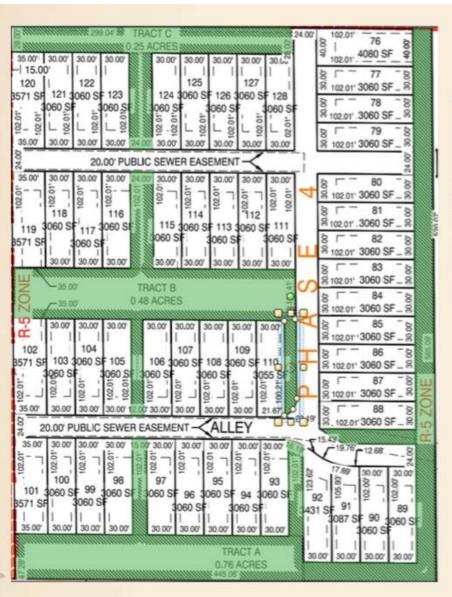




#### Cottage Cluster Layout







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# **Tour Takeaways**

- Range of architectural styles
- Scale of units and buildings
- Parking impacts on site design, street presence
- Not always easy to tell what kind of unit it is from the outside!

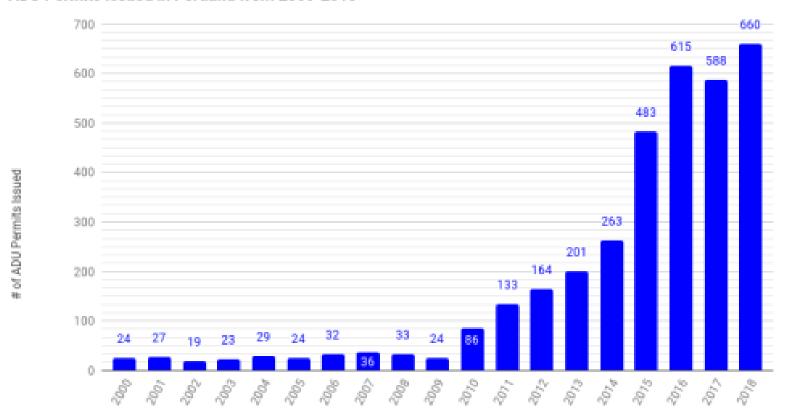
# Middle Housing Forecasts

 When, where and how many of these new housing types are we likely to see?

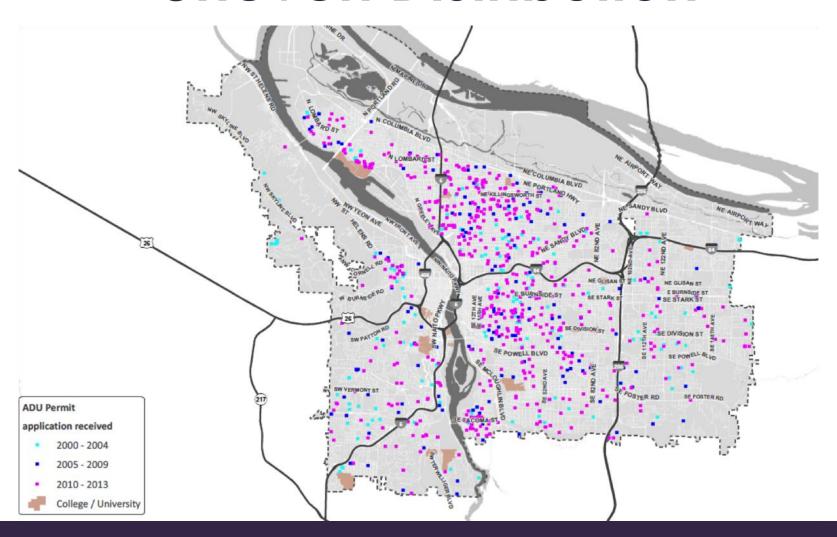


# Case Study: Portland ADUs

#### ADU Permits Issued in Portland from 2000-2018



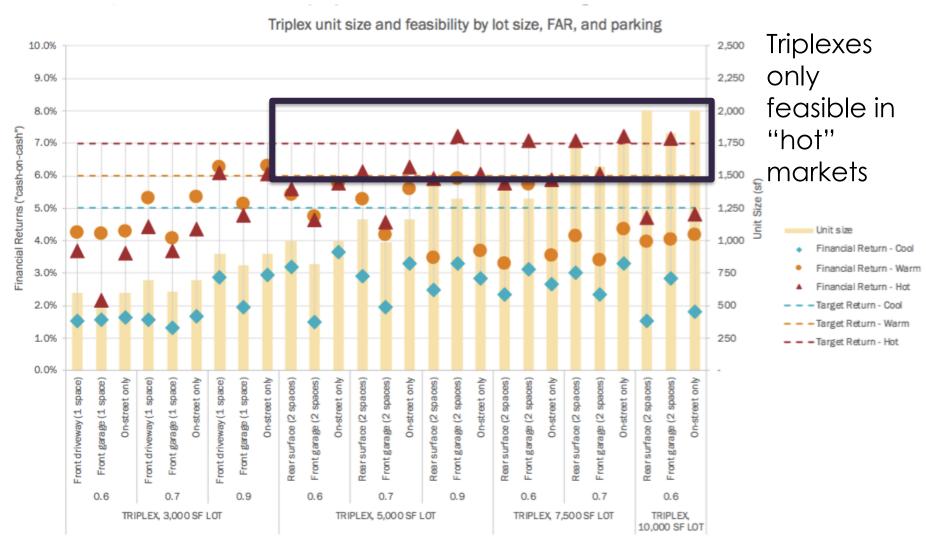
### **Uneven Distribution**



# Case Study Lessons

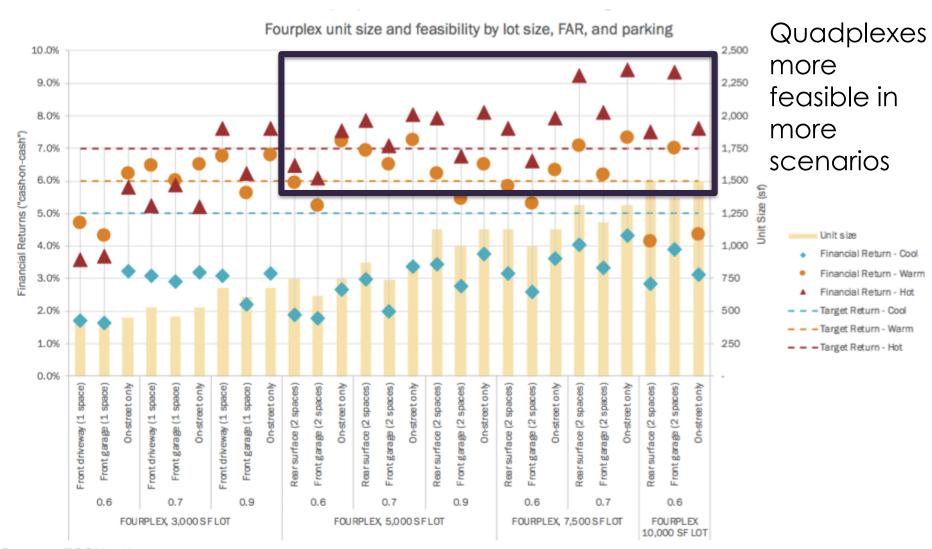
- Zoning reforms incremental, accelerated by financial policies
- Slow growth in permits over 20 years
- New construction concentrated in areas with greater demand, amenities
- Even when ADU permits outpaced SFDD permits annually, ADUs only ~1% of total housing stock

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#### Other Estimates

- Oregon: no more than 3% increase in residential density capacity can be assumed to result from middle housing development in existing UGBs
- Minneapolis: 3 new triplexes in first year of new zoning code implementation

### Forecasting Takeaways

- Single-family detached dwellings will remain the predominate type of existing and new construction
- Middle housing types may be feasible in limited scenarios
- Slow growth expected, would be lucky to total 1-3% of total housing units

### Role for Code Updates

 Team approach: Overlaps with building codes, SDCs, public improvements, access to financing, consumer preferences, land availability



### Goals for Code Updates

- Zoning code is just the start by writing the rules to allow these types
- Code doesn't have to predict the winning designs and describe every detail perfectly: we just have to set minimums for regulatory purpose
- Zoning code has to meet state minimums, choose between "buffet" options

### What to do about Parking?

- State requirements cap minimum offstreet parking requirements at 1 space per unit for all these housing types
- Option for city to set lower minimum parking requirements
- Best practices and feasibility suggest that no minimum better supports housing availability and affordability

### Parking Considerations

- City minimums are a regulatory minimum, not maximum: developers still decide how much parking to provide that balances site constraints and marketability
- Lower parking minimums support more housing development, reduced energy demands, greater affordability

### Parking Over Time

 Parking needs may change in the future: what's built today may be here in 50 years, parking needs may change

 In the near-term, potential on-street parking issues since behaviors don't

change overnight

On-street parking management tools

#### DISCUSSION

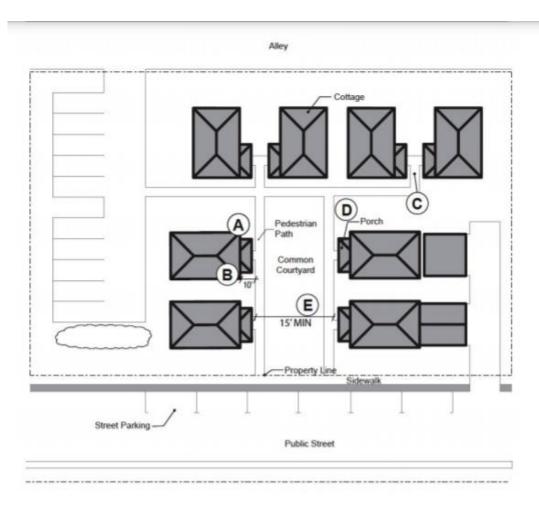
- Where to set parking minimums?
- Allow on-street parking credits?
- Impacts of parking configurations: driveway number, width and spacing, garage doors, alleys or shared driveways, clustered parking or individual garages

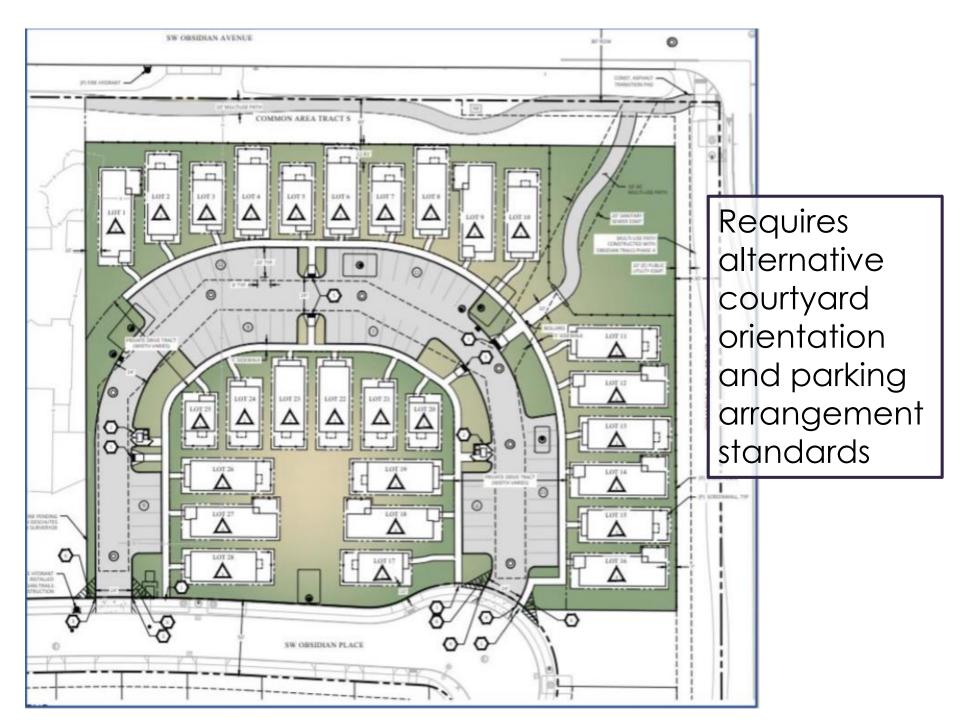
### Cottage Cluster Concepts

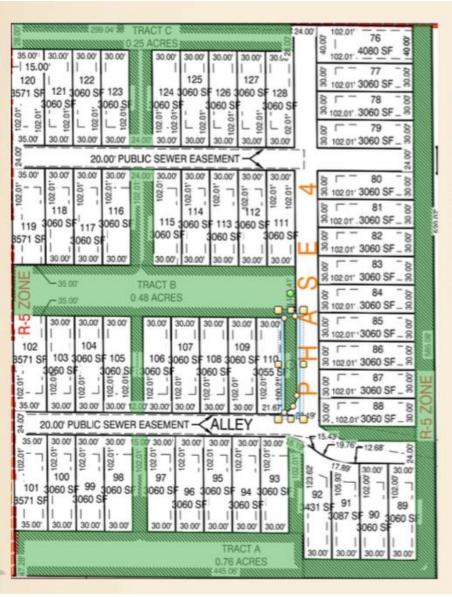
- Define and permit in R-1, R-2, R-3 and RP
- 900 SF footprint and 900-1,800 SF area
- Clusters of 5-8 units, or greater
- Minimum lot size of 7,000 SF
- Common open space
- Minimum 1 parking space/unit

### Cottage Cluster Concepts

- A. A minimum of 50% of cottages must be oriented to the common courtyard.
- B. Cottages oriented o the common courtyard must be w/in 10' of the courtyard.
- C. Cottages must be connected to the common courtyard by a pedestrian path.
- D. Cottages must abut the courtyard on at least 2 sides of the courtyard.
- E. the Common courtyard must be at least 15' wide at its narrowest width







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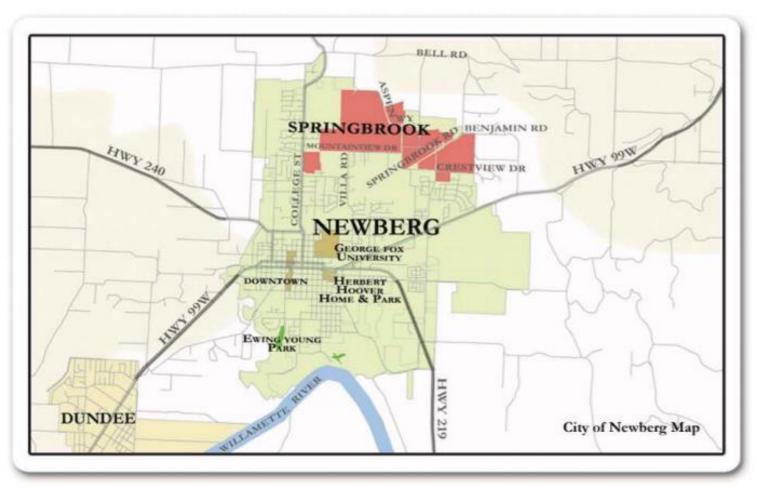
- Size of units and units per cluster?
- Subdivision option?
- Orientation requirements?
- Parking: number and arrangement—garages?

#### **Master Planned Communities**

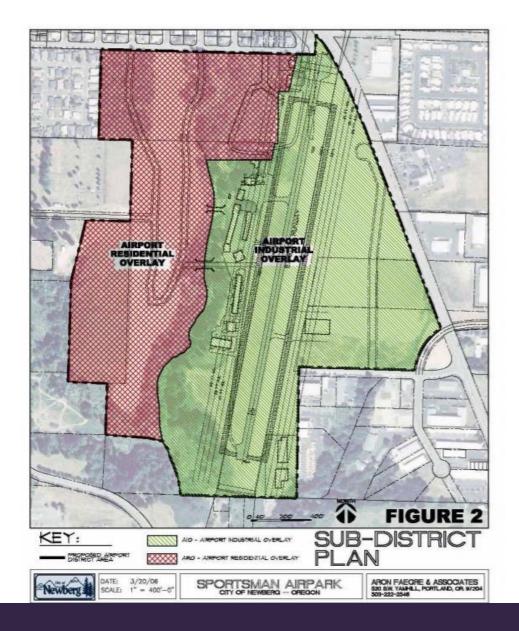
- Springbrook (SD) Subdistrict
- Airport Residential District
- Northwest Newberg Specific Plan
- Springbrook Oaks Specific Plan
- Riverfront (RD) Subdistrict

Together total 58% of buildable land and nearly all vacant buildable land

## Springbrook Subdistrict



### Airport Residential District

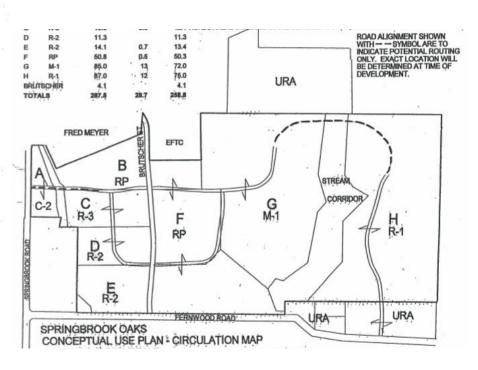


#### NORTHWEST NEWBERG SPECIFIC PLAN

Final Report

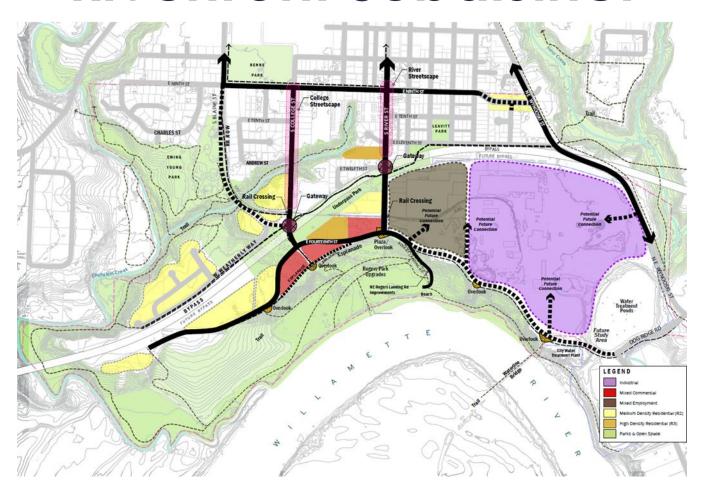


#### Springbrook Oaks Specific Plan



## Northwest Newberg Specific Plan

#### **Riverfront Subdistrict**



#### **How MPCs are Different**

- Must permit duplexes on every lot
- May limit other middle housing types at the time of initial construction provided:
  - Residential net density of 8 units/acre allowed
  - Subsequent redevelopment of middle housing permitted

#### DISCUSSION

 Should other middle housing types be limited in master plan areas, or permitted similar to residential zones?

#### Other Issues

- Site Design Review
  - Allow Type 1 review of all middle housing types
- Density
  - Consider revising average densities or exempting middle housing from maximums
- Stream Corridor Overlay Subdistrict
  - Permit duplexes same as SFDDs
- Public Improvement Standards
  - Revise alley access and shared driveway provisions

#### DISCUSSION

- Other zoning and development code issues that create barriers to middle housing development?
- Other questions/ideas?

### **Next Steps**

- Public Open House on December 15<sup>th</sup>
- Final Code Assessment & Concepts
  - Stakeholder input from CAC, interviews
  - Clarifications from DLCD, final state regs
- 2021: Develop draft code language

#### Wrap-up

- Public comments
- Final questions/comments