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## **Cutting Edge Industrial Land-**Use Planning

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### **Uses and Sources Statement**

### USES:

Hard Costs + Soft Costs + Working Capital = Total Funds Needed

### SOURCES:

Debt + Equity + Gap Financing = Total Funds Available

For any project to be viable ---

USES > SOURCES



### WAYS PLANNERS EFFECT THE BOTTOM LINE

### Ways planners can help solve the big parcel problem

- o Industrial Zones Outside of UGAs (RCW 36.70A.365)
- o Industrial Land Banks (RCW 36.70A.367)

- o Development Agreements (RCW 36.70B.170)
- o Planned Action Ordinances (RCW 43.21C.031)

### Other Tools & Incentives

- Overlay Zones
  - Mixed-Use Developments
  - Nodal (Corridor) Developments
- o Innovation Partnership Zones



### **Gap Financing**

- TIF − Lite Programs

   CRF: Community Revitalization Financing
- o LIFT: Local Infrastructure Financing Tool
- o LRF: Local Revitalization Financing o TBD: Transportation Benefit Districts

## Tax-Exempt Industrial Revenue Bonds o Lower Interest Loans

- o Indirect subsidies through tax credits

### **Federally Funded Programs**

- o CDBG / Section 108
- o Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund
- o Rural Washington Revolving Loan Fund o EDA Revolving Loan Funds
- o Forestry (USDA) Revolving Loan Fund



### Debt Coverage Ratio (DCR)

### DCR = Net Operating Income (NOI) / (Principle + Interest)

- NOI / DCR = Payment of Debt
- o NOI = Payment of Debt x DCR
- o If DCR = 125%, then a \$3.6 million bond would need as a minimum more than \$4.5 million in NOI to be credit worthy

### How do planners fit into this equation?

- o Transitional Growth
  - Transitional Growth = increasing a community's demography.
- o Transitional Growth is critical to the repayment of debt
  - · Without it just debt alone will lead to future decline and decay.



### How do planners fit into this equation? Washington Success Stories Welcome A Few Smart Growth **Award Winners** Governor's 2011 Vancouver Waterfront Smart Communities Development Master Plan Awards City of Bothell CIP Hosted by the Adams County Strategic Association of Washington Economic Development Plan City of Everett Southwest Department of Commerce

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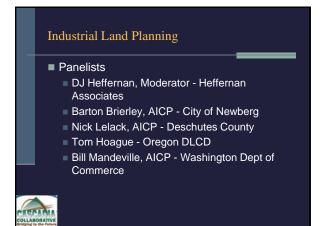
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### **Industrial Land Planning**

- Industrial Land Planning and Finance
  - Fiscal Policy and Industrial Development
  - Local Initiative: South Newberg Industrial Park
  - Regional Initiative: Central Oregon Regional Opportunities Analysis
  - State Initiatives:
    - OR SB 766 and the Economic Recovery Council
    - WA Finance Tools for Industrial Development



# Fiscal Policy and Industrial Land Development

- Industrial Land Value
  - Industrial Land has Lowest Market Value
    - Use allowances is highly variable
    - Rent varies across that range of allowed uses
    - Highly specialized improvements



# Fiscal Policy and Industrial Land Development

- Industrial Land Value
  - Irregular Development Cycles/Opportunities
  - These factors drive land values down
  - Patient Capital Required



# Fiscal Policy and Industrial Land Development

- The Industrial Land Quick Play
  - Industrial Land has Lowest Market Value
  - Obtain value by securing change in allowed use: Industrial to Commercial
  - Pocket a profit with limited investment
  - Erodes inventory, "downstream" infrastructure effects



### Fiscal Policy and Industrial Land Development

- Public Facilities Planning Framework
  - Industrial Development Impact Variance
  - Costly infrastructure solutions
  - Legal requirement to adopt a "fiscally constrained" plan
  - "Growth Pays for Itself"
  - Solution: Impact Fee/SDC



# Fiscal Policy and Industrial Land Development

- Development Dilemma
  - Low land value = Limit for carrying off-site improvements
  - Impact Fees load costs on the front end
  - "Home-runs" but no singles
  - Need flexible financing strategies



# Fiscal Policy and Industrial Land Development

- Financing Options to Impact Fees
  - Parse the impact fee (base fee w/ add ons)
    - The Dalles industrial area TIF
    - Bend's "peak hour" offset
  - Shift cost from capital obligation to operating expense
    - Finance new water storage with a rate surcharge
    - Enact a transportation utility district to pay for select TSP projects w/ incentives for trip reduction



# Fiscal Policy and Industrial Land Development

- Financing Options to Impact Fees
  - Tax Increment District
    - City of Canby Downtown/Industrial District
    - captures maximum incremental gain
  - Tax Deferral/Transfer
    - % of ad valorem revenue dedicated to infrastructure financing
    - Bend Juniper Ridge Income Tax dedication



### Fiscal Policy and Industrial Land Development

- Financing Options to Impact Fees
  - All the above reduce the cap-rate for the offsite infrastructure improvements
  - Require some risk participation by the public sector
  - Without flexibility many low and medium size developments won't pencil
  - Strategy needs to be in place in advance

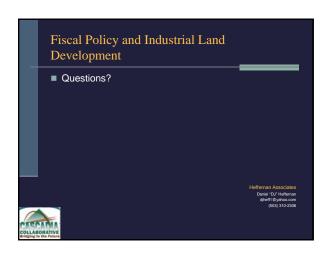


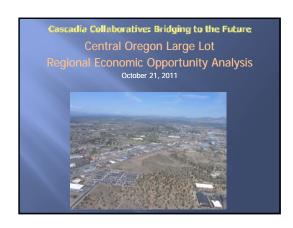
# Fiscal Policy and Industrial Land Development

- Financing Options to Impact Fees
  - Reimbursement districts?
  - Market-based approaches?





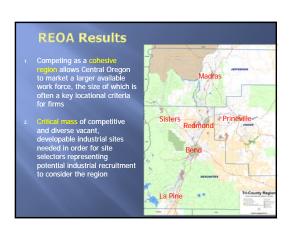












# REOA Results 3. Economic development focuses on short-term, 5-year-time frames – not 20-year land need or supply as required by the Oregon Planning Program. 4. Short term need is 6 sites in 3 jurisdictions at a minimum of 50 acres, based on need for diversity of sites in different locations, including: a. 2 sites: 100 - 200 acres b. 1 site: 200+ acres c. 1 site: centrally located large property near the region's geographic and workforce center, where key infrastructure is in place and has excess capacity – north end of Bend or southern end of Redmond.



- 5. Regional entity needed to organize, coordinate & promote a regional industrial lands strategy
- 6. REOA provides a roadmap for:
  - A Entitlement
- B. Collaboration/partnerships with willing property owners
- C. Regulations to protect lands for large lot industrial purposes
- D. Replenishment strategy
- 7. Site need characteristics

50 acres or above, flat slopes, rectangular sites, infrastructure, affordable, workforce





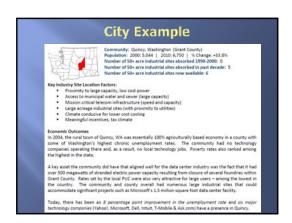


### Lessons we are learning...

- Difficult to develop a statistically rigorous methodology to support large lot industrial need, particularly in a region the size of Central Oregon
- Elected officials & economic development professionals <u>must</u> be involved
- Need to identify & agree on a regional entity to organize, coordinate & promote a regional industrial lands strategy
- New approaches take more time, cost more money, are greater risks, and may identify needed updates to State planning rules for regional planning
- Address differences between economic development and State Planning Program (5 yrs vs. 20 yrs, site vs. acres)







# Facebook Data Center, Prineville 125-acre site, phase 1 built, phase 2 in process, will build additional phases as needed 52 FTE; 12-15 more jobs in 2012; additional phases planned Over 1,200 workers constructed facility National / international interest in Central Oregon due to Facebook Invested hundreds of millions of dollars in community Enterprise Zone, climate, power, utilities, telecom