LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THURSTON COUNTY POSITION ON URBAN GROWTH MANAGEMENT

URBAN GROWTH MANAGEMENT

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The aim of the Urban Growth Management Plan should be to concentrate urban development within the planned urban area and to provide high quality basic services at the least cost. The jurisdictions should encourage orderly development which is consistent with adequate and efficient provisions of public facilities and does not burden the community as a whole.

- All jurisdictions should cooperate in decisions concerning urban growth management. Citizen participation should be encouraged. The four jurisdictions should work toward a binding agreement.
- Programs should encourage protection of agricultural, aqua-cultural, and environmentally sensitive areas and should address citizen needs for open space and recreation.
- A boundary should be established as part of the plan to adequately reflect the urban growth needs of an area and also reflect the stated goal of in-filling. Flexibility should be achieved by periodic review not more than once a year.
- The jurisdictions should work toward uniformity in urban development requirements and in the administration of those requirements. They should also work toward development of compatible standards for roads, sewers, water, etc., within the UGM area. For unincorporated areas within the boundary, urban quality roads should be provided by the county, and water and sewer provided by the city closest to the area. Ideally and preferably, annexation would occur before urban services were provided.