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City of West Linn Receives LOC's Good Governance Award

PENDLETON, Ore. – During its Local Government Spring Conference, the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) presented its 2026 Good Governance Award to the city of West Linn for its Waterfront Community Vision Plan. The award, which recognizes progressive and innovative city operations and services, was presented to co-recipients, with the cities of Sisters and Molalla also winning.

About the Waterfront Community Vision Plan

The plan was developed through a multi-year, inclusive engagement program designed to reconnect residents to local government decision making. Its primary objective is to revitalize 275 acres along the Willamette River. It's a combination of land use and zoning, multimodal transportation, and innovative financing. The result will be a riverfront that celebrates the area's Indigenous and industrial heritage. In addition, it will advance both environmental stewardship and economic vitality. The plan prioritized transparency, accessibility, and education across a wide range of formats, including open houses, neighborhood meetings, civic presentations, and online surveys. Overall, the city's approach emphasized resident engagement, innovation, and inclusiveness.

About the League of Oregon Cities

Founded in 1925, the LOC is a voluntary association representing all 241 of Oregon's incorporated cities. The League helps city governments serve their citizens by providing legislative services, policy setting, intergovernmental relations, conferences and training, technical assistance and publications.

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