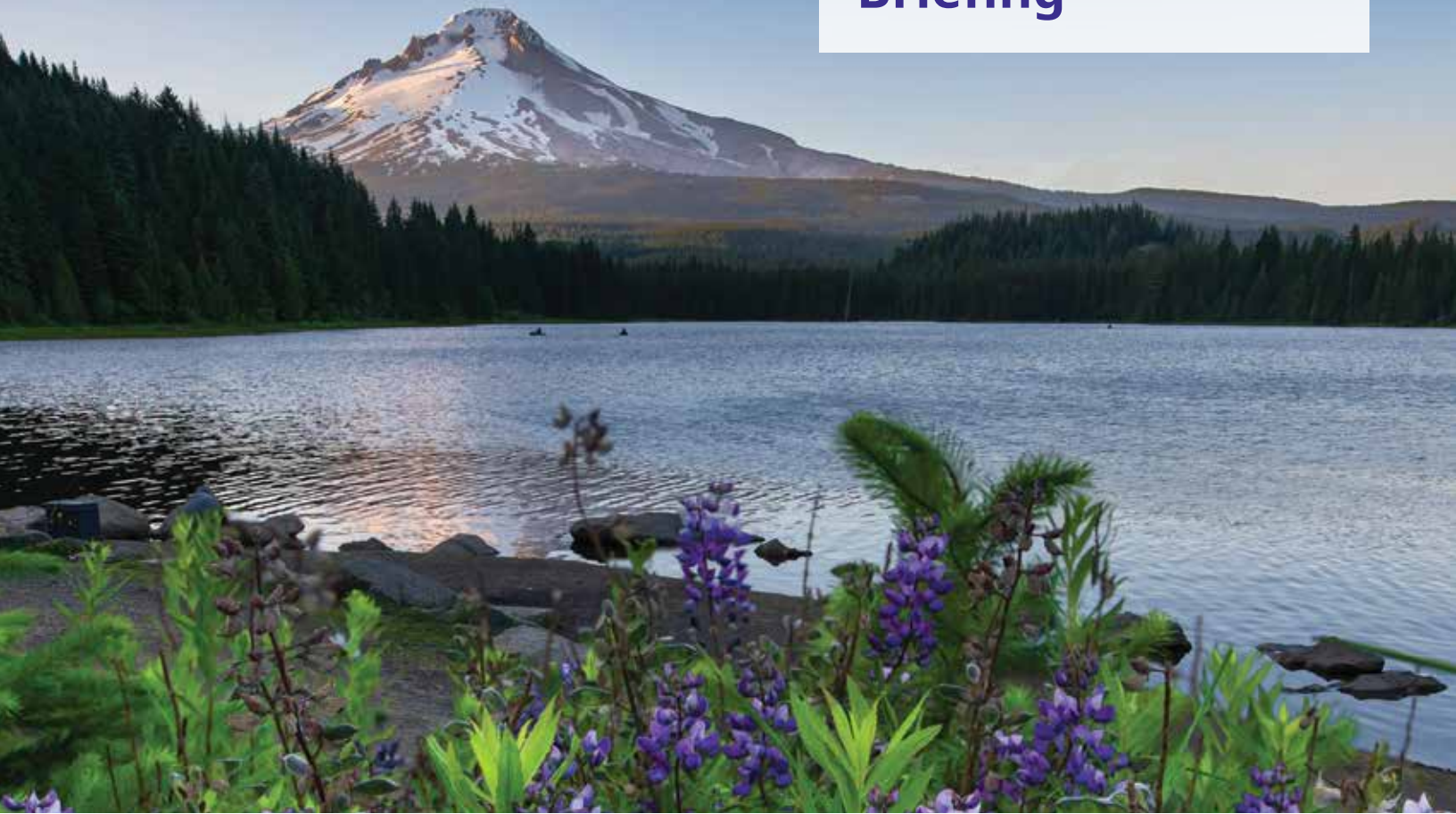




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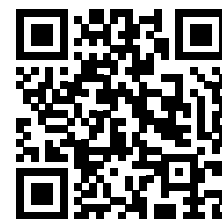
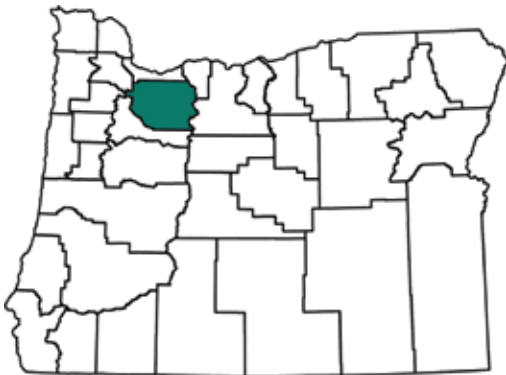


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# Clackamas County by the numbers

Land area:	1,879 sq. miles
City, county & state roads:	2,428 miles
Persons per sq. mile:	230
% of federal forest:	52%
2025 population:	432,473
Civilian labor force:	229,799 (Dec/25)
Employed labor force:	218,258 (Dec/25)
Unemployment rate:	5.0% (Dec/25)
2024/Q2 average wage:	\$69,941
Per capita income (2023):	\$55,004
Cities that added the most population include:	Happy Valley, Wilsonville and Oregon City
Cities with the highest population growth rates:	Estacada (102%) and Happy Valley (62%)



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**County Legislative Priorities**

# 2026 Clackamas County Federal Legislative Policy Agenda



*Clackamas County is urban, suburban, rural, and wild. We are dedicated to welcoming new residents and businesses and committed to delivering community services that are dependable and accessible to the public.*

## County Initiatives

### Support Surface Transportation Reauthorization

Advocate for federal infrastructure funding to meaningfully address maintenance and capital projects, enhance the safety and reliability of our transportation system, and meet the needs of residents and businesses. Successful legislation will:

- Support infrastructure investments like the Sunrise Corridor to promote housing and job growth.
- Maintain grants to address major projects, like the I-205 Corridor, as well as medium and small projects such as culverts, bridges, and access to federal forest lands.
- Maintain transit funding to improve ridership and access to jobs, education, and healthcare.
- Advance safety improvements in urban, suburban, and rural communities, including Mt. Hood.

### Support Predictable Forest Revenue

Support legislation for the responsible and sustainable management of federal forestlands, including Oregon and California Rail Trust (O&C) Lands, for wildfire risk reduction and predictable revenue to counties from shared timber receipts.

- Support legislation to permanently reauthorize or extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.
- Preserve revenue-sharing agreements between counties and timber management agencies.



# 2026 Clackamas County Federal Legislative Policy Agenda



Clackamas County rural health clinic

## County Priorities

- Advocate for funding to advance the Clackamas County Recovery Campus.
- Support funding for health, behavioral health, housing and human services programs and other county operations that are reliant on federal resources.
- Support reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.
- Support funding for water infrastructure programs, such as the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Program. Support legislation and funding to reduce PFAS\* in the environment and water systems and protect the county from undue liability from pass-through chemicals.  
*\*Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)*
- Support the Protecting Community Television Act to modernize cable franchise fees to include streaming services and increased funding for local governments and schools.
- Support funding for wildfire prevention, mitigation, and disaster management activities.
- Support programs and funding to support Mt. Hood recreation, access, and protection.
- Advocate for and support the Willamette Falls & Landings area designation as a National Heritage Area (NHA) and improvements to the Willamette Falls Locks.

# Middle Clackamas Interceptor Project

*Clackamas County seeks \$3 million in congressionally directed spending to reduce sanitary sewer overflow risks, provide wastewater security to 56,000 existing housing units, and support the production of 16,400 new housing units.*

Clackamas Water Environment Services (WES) owns and operates the sewer system serving homes and businesses in Happy Valley and unincorporated areas in northern Clackamas County. The primary sewer line to the Clackamas area is nearing its peak wet weather capacity, requiring improvements to maintain regulatory compliance and support the City of Happy Valley's continued growth.

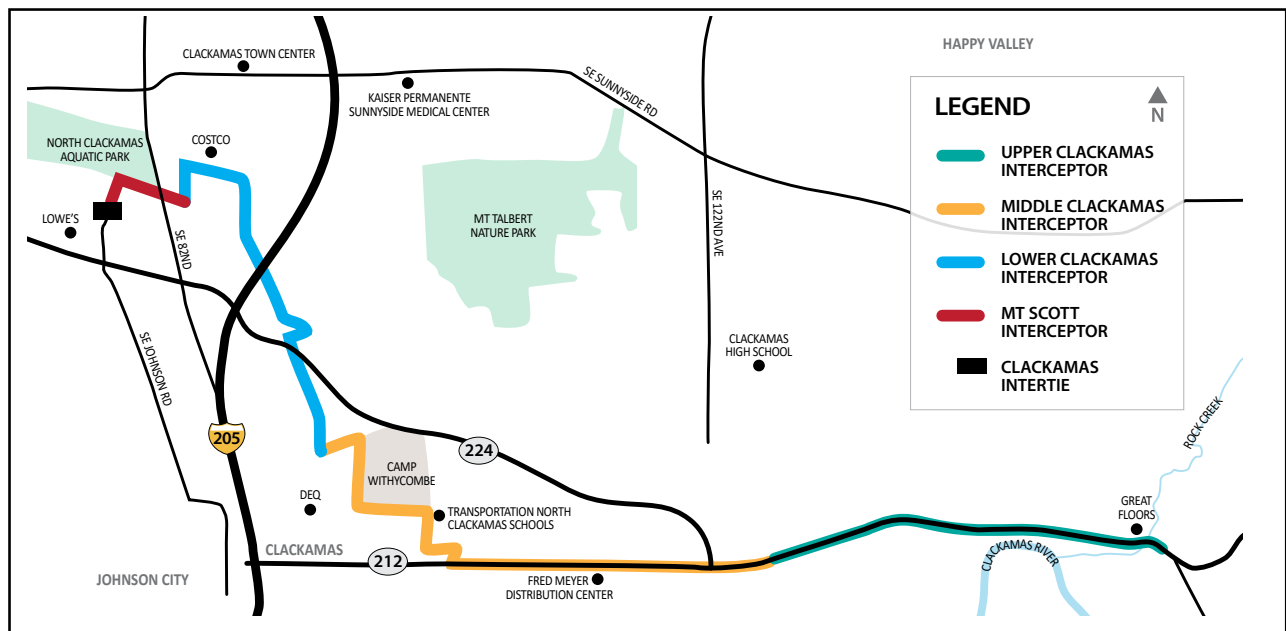
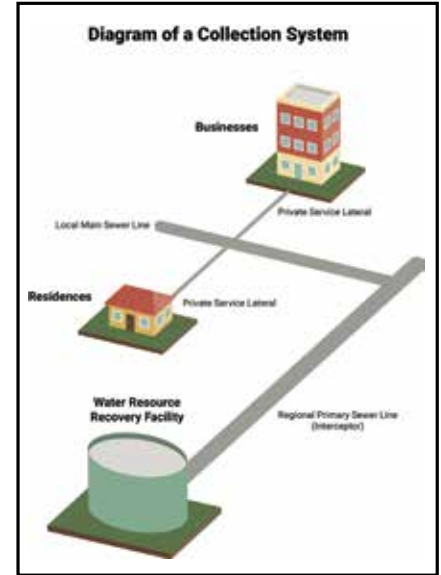
The Clackamas Area Interceptor Improvement Project will replace existing pipe with new larger-diameter pipe to increase service capacity. In some cases, the pipe may be relocated to improve the overall connectivity of the system.

Final design on the project is complete and procurement is underway, with construction on the Middle Clackamas Interceptor segment expected to begin in Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Federal funding will support the construction phase of the Middle Clackamas Interceptor segment.

## Planning for the future

Proposed improvements are a critical part of WES' Capital Improvement Plan and ongoing facility improvements identified by the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan. WES is committed to keeping rates affordable and in line with the local area average while ensuring the collection system can meet future demands and maintain regulatory compliance.

To learn more about the project, visit: [www.clackamas.us/wes/caiip](http://www.clackamas.us/wes/caiip)



# Sheriff's Office Mobile Command Center

***Clackamas County seeks \$340,000 in congressionally directed spending to purchase a mobile command center, expanding law enforcement rapid response capabilities and ensuring reliable communications during critical operations.***

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office plays a vital role in protecting residents and visitors in urban, rural, and wilderness areas like Mt. Hood. To enhance emergency response, Clackamas County seeks to purchase a Mobile Command Center, a specialized trailer equipped with modern workstations, advanced communication tools, a tow vehicle, and an all-terrain command post vehicle for accessing hard-to-reach places.

The Mobile Command Center will serve as a communications, rapid response, and command hub, enabling the Sheriff's Office to coordinate multi-agency responses, improve operational efficiency, and enhance deputy and public safety in areas with limited infrastructure.

The Mobile Command Center will directly support the Sheriff's Office and its Clackamas Search and Rescue (CSAR) division, which engaged in more than 160 deployments in 2024. While the unit will be most frequently deployed for search and rescue operations, the Mobile Command Center will also serve as a scalable resource for all law enforcement activities, including crime scene investigation, evacuation operations, and the protection of critical infrastructure.

## **About the Clackamas Search and Rescue Division (CSAR)**

Led by full-time deputies, Clackamas County Search & Rescue (CSAR) is a team of dedicated, highly skilled volunteer and law enforcement professionals working together for the safety of the community to locate and rescue missing or injured individuals in both urban and wilderness environments. CSAR also responds to assist Clackamas County with natural disaster relief, emergency coordination, mass evacuation, and aid delivery.

All CSAR members are certified ground searchers, with many trained in specialized services such as incident command, canine searches, rope rescues, and all-terrain vehicle operations.



# Legislative Principles

Clackamas County's policy positions will be guided by the five strategic goals below.



## Safe, Secure, and Livable Communities

Support access to community resources and the production of affordable housing for low-income populations, senior populations, and underserved parts of the county. Legislation should also help to reduce crime and recidivism, promote best practices for justice-involved individuals, improve disaster preparedness, and protect survivors of domestic violence and child abuse.



## Strong Infrastructure

Support investments in major infrastructure projects to enhance the quality of life for county residents. Successful legislation will ease congestion, expand travel options, enhance seismic and disaster resiliency, spur economic growth, stimulate employment opportunities, increase housing inventory, broaden telecommunication access, and promote science-based and ratepayer-minded water quality protections.



## Vibrant Economy

Support business growth and countywide prosperity, ensuring the county has adequate resources to attract and retain industries, workforce, and childcare opportunities, as well as sufficient shovel-ready employment lands to capture economic development opportunities.



## Healthy People

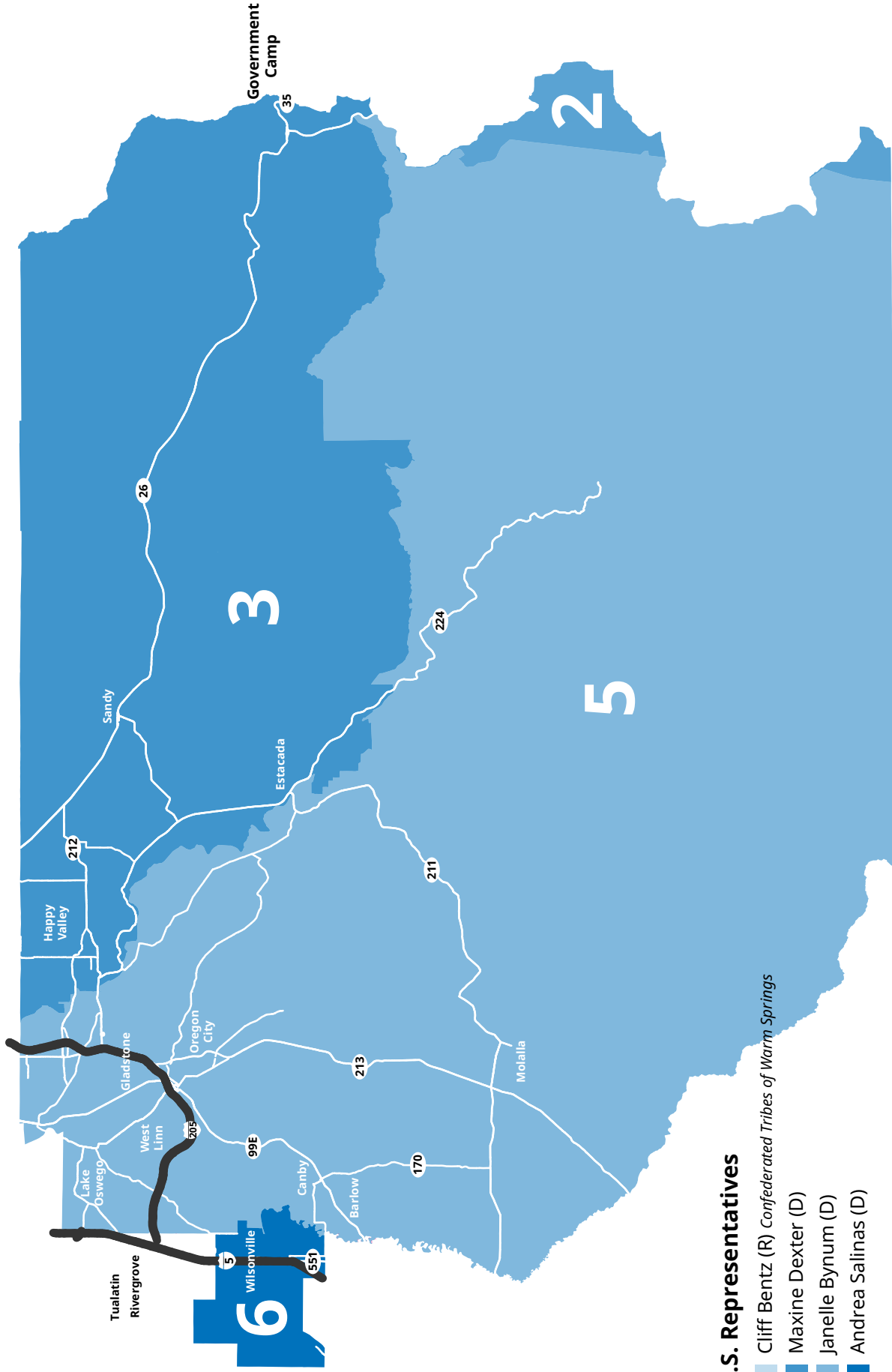
Support a recovery-oriented system of care, enhancing access to shelter, social services, behavioral health and substance use treatment for all who need it. Legislation should support and fund community access to high-quality health services and resources.



## Public Trust in Good Government

Support the county's financial sustainability by allocating sufficient resources, preserving shared revenue agreements, and ensuring adequate community engagement. Successful legislation will enhance the county's ability to deliver dependable and accessible public services. Legislation should not impose unfunded or underfunded mandates, preempt local tax sources, or restrict local government authority.

# Congressional Districts in Clackamas County 2025-2027



## U.S. Representatives

- 2 Cliff Bentz (R) *Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs*
- 3 Maxine Dexter (D)
- 5 Janelle Bynum (D)
- 6 Andrea Salinas (D)

## U.S. Senators

- Jeff Merkley (D)
- Ron Wyden (D)