

CLASSROOM LAW PROJECT

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OREGON'S LAND USE SYSTEM

Vocabulary

Directions: Frontload (introduce and review) these vocabulary words with your students to facilitate their understanding of the topic and coinciding resources:

- 1. **Land Use** (n.) the term used to describe the human use of land. It represents the economic and cultural activities (e.g., agricultural, residential, industrial, mining, and recreational uses) that are practiced at a given place
- 2. **Growth management** (n.) strategies used by government agencies at all levels to help guide the type, intensity, location, and timing of new development.
- 3. **Urban** (adj) belonging to, or relating to, a city or town
- 4. **Rural** (adj.) belonging to, or relating to, the countryside rather than the town
- 5. **Suburbs** (n.) places where people live just outside of a city or town
- 6. **Urban Sprawl** (n.) the migration of a population from populated towns and cities to low density residential development over more and more rural land.
- 7. **Urban Growth Boundary** (n.) a boundary separating a city from the surrounding natural and agricultural lands

CURRENT EVENT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Directions: As you read through news and other resources about TOPIC, consider the following questions:

- ➤ What is land use policy and what is its importance of local and state communities?
- ➤ How did Senate Bill 100 change Oregon's development compared to other states?
- ➤ What considerations should a society take into account when assessing the needs of public interest and private property owners?
- > What are the short and long-term effects of urban growth boundaries?
- > What are the positives and negatives of suburban development?
- ➤ In your opinion, how should Oregon's land use system adapt to meet needs in the next 50 years?