

To: Residents of Neskowin,

The Neskowin Community Advisory Committee wanted to make you aware that we have embarked on a process to update the Neskowin Community Plan.

Oregon is unique in that it requires citizen participation in determining what standards and ordinances will exist in each county. Tillamook County is also unique in that it gives unincorporated communities like Neskowin an opportunity to recommend its own land use ordinances. Once approved by the county, these are the rules the county will follow in matters that affect our community. The Neskowin Community Plan is our once-every-twenty-years time to recommend to the county what Neskowin wants for our community.

Each year the county makes decisions about issues in Neskowin, from riprap permits, setbacks requirements, our hazard overlay zone, building requirements, new housing developments, dune management, commercial activity in the village and on and on.

All these decisions use the guidelines that we in Neskowin recommended in 1999 and the county approved in 2001. It's now our time to review these guidelines and ordinances with a look back at what's happened in the last twenty years and what we think may happen in the next twenty (alternative energy installations, higher fire danger in resource areas, rising seas, etc.).

We have identified the following areas of the plan document to review and potentially recommend change and/or incorporation into the plan:

- Neskowin's History (section 3)
- Land Use Planning (section 5 and appendix C)
- Rural Unincorporated Community Designation (section 7)
- Skinny Streets (section 8.7)
- Natural Resources (section 9, appendix B) - Includes streams, fish habitat, beaches, dunes, etc.
- Public Facility Planning (section 10)
- Exterior Lighting (aka Dark Skies) - Not included in current plan
- Signage - Not included in current plan
- Alternative energy installations - Not included in current plan
- Hazard Overlay Zone - Not included in current plan
- Other areas that we have not yet considered

Also, we are looking for 2-3 volunteers to form a Vision Committee that can work with other process owners to administer and manage a community survey process. This group would also draft the visioning process for inclusion in the plan document.

If you are interested in working on one or more of these areas or have any questions, please reach out to Chris Silkowski ([csilkowski@gmail.com](mailto:csilkowski@gmail.com)) and/or Randall Koch ([randallkoch1@me.com](mailto:randallkoch1@me.com)).

Best regards,  
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