

City of George- Summary Sheet



"Home of the World's Largest Cherry Pie"

Population Allocation, Housing Need Assessment, and Land Capacity Analysis

Background

As the City of George grows over the next 20 years, it has a responsibility to accommodate its fair share of housing needs across a wide range of economic demographics per the Growth Management Act. To plan for that growth, it must work with Grant County to be allocated how much population it will be responsible for, assess the housing needs to be able to accommodate that population, taking into consideration a diverse range of economic segments, and then review the land capacity it has within its boundaries, by both acreage and housing density, to see if that housing need can be met. If there are deficiencies in the City's Land capacity, it must adjust its zoning maps, development regulations, and/or expand its borders to be able to meet the housing need.

Population Allocation

Working with Grant County, while most Cities have been given a middle growth allocation based on the Office of Financial management projections, George's growth project has been increased due to current economic interest and development projects in progress. Additionally, George is moving forward to expand its sewer capacity and water systems now, keeping infrastructure ahead of the growth and not becoming a limiting factor over the next 20 years. Preliminary allocations see George's population growing by **308** over the next 20 years.

Housing Need Assessment (HNA)

The housing need assessment reviewed current demographics and housing statistics to see if the County Housing for All Planning Tool (HAPT) analysis was accurate with the local conditions. That was found to be the case, providing housing targets to reach for the Land Capacity Analysis.

Land Capacity Analysis (LCA)

Using a LCA Methodology prescribed by the County, so cities within the County are consistent in their analysis, the City has been found to have **one deficiency**. Moderate income housing, supported by the City's R-2 zone, will be 14 units shy of the housing need identified in the HNA. The City has different means of addressing this. The simplest would be to up-zone the R-1 properties to the east of the current R-2 parcels. 4 acres would need to be up-zoned.

