

Goal 6: Air, Water and Land Resource Quality

Section 2. Water Resources Quality (only. Remainder of Goal 6 is in the Community Health and Public Safety action area)

GOAL

The City shall:

- a. Reduce water pollution and ensure that future land use activities protect and enhance area water quality, and;
- b. Protect and enhance the functions and values of the natural ground and surface water drainage systems.

POLICIES

1. Protect the natural surface water drainage systems and enhance water quality by treating and controlling run-off and pollution at the source.
2. Favor the use of the natural drainage system and other non-structural methods to treat, convey and dispose of run-off.
3. Lake Oswego's management of surface water shall:
 - a. Restore, protect and enhance water quality and the physical and biological integrity of rivers, lakes and stream corridors and their associated environmental values including natural vegetation, fish and wildlife habitats;
 - b. Promote public safety and minimize damage to public and private property by surface water run-off; and,
 - c. Educate and involve the community in opportunities to restore, protect and enhance water quality.
4. Fund surface water management programs in a manner which allocates costs based upon the impact a development has upon the surface water management system.
5. Require all development to:
 - a. Comply with applicable local, state and federal water quality and erosion control standards; and,
 - b. Implement measures to minimize run-off from the development site during and after construction.
6. Develop and implement intergovernmental agreements with local, regional, state and federal agencies to implement measures to minimize the quantity of pollutants entering ground and surface waters from both point and non-point sources.
7. Facilitate the extension of the City's sanitary sewer systems to areas within the Urban Services Boundary where failing septic systems are contaminating ground and surface waters, provided:
 - a. Those properties benefiting from sewer extension pay their commensurate share of the cost of service; and,
 - b. Annexation occurs prior to any property receiving service.
8. Improve the water quality of Oswego Lake by working with DEQ, Oswego Lake Corporation and area residents and businesses within the Lake's drainage basin to implement water quality programs and projects.
9. Restore the environmental functions and values of stream corridors as a means to enhance water quality.