

## New Executive Hired—Brenda Wilson Named to Head LCOG



At its April 26 meeting, the Board of Directors of Lane Council of Governments confirmed the appointment of Brenda Wilson as the regional agency's sixth Executive Director. Wilson, currently the Intergovernmental Relations Manager with the City of Eugene, emerged as the top candidate after a nation-wide search.

Wilson will succeed George Kloepfel, who has served as LCOG's Executive Director since 1981. Kloepfel will retire June 30.

Wilson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political theory, a Master of Science degree in resource management, and a Juris Doctorate, all from Southern Illinois University. Her academic specialties include administrative, land use, and environmental law.

Before joining the administrative staff of the City of Eugene in 2006, Wilson worked for the Oregon Public Employee Retirement System (PERS), as a manager, and for the Oregon Water Resources Department, as a policy advisor. At PERS, Wilson managed

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WILLAMALANE PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

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a diverse staff and provided counsel to the agency's Director and Assistant Director, as well as the Executive Board, appointed by the Governor. She was responsible for budget development and implementation and the negotiation and execution of contractual agreements.

As the leader of the City of Eugene's intergovernmental relationships, Wilson has represented the city's interests to the Oregon Legislature and has facilitated the regional United Front communication with the federal legislative and executive branches.

Eugene City Councilor and LCOG Board Chair, Chris Pryor, praised Wilson as an effective lobbyist for the city and a skilled attorney. "Brenda will provide excellent leadership for a diverse organization like LCOG," he said.

Wilson's starting date will be July 1. "We expect this to be a smooth transition of leadership," Pryor said.



LCOG Board Chair, Chris Pryor and LCOG's new Executive Director Brenda Wilson.

## Working Together for Our Community – Highlight

LCOG's Principal Landscape Architect, Jeff Krueger, assisted Willamalane in the development of a Natural Resource Area Management Plan. The Plan will include an assessment of existing natural resource areas, and includes goals and strategies for long-term management of ecological communities contained within District-owned properties.



## Still True, After All These Years

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That is what I wrote in the agency's Newsletter a few weeks after I arrived in May 1981—thirty one years ago! Prophetic or not, my words back then reflect my firm belief today. The agency of which I have been privileged to a part for three decades profits mightily from an incredibly talented and dedicated staff. And they remain LCOG's most important asset.

A month later, now a fully oriented and knowledgeable Executive Director, I once again took quill in hand to write a Director's Desk column (yes, kids, we used parchment in those days). In the June 1981 issue, I waxed on about the nature of regional councils.

*"Councils of governments have become a recognized and valuable component of our nation's system of governance...all COGs exist to serve the needs of the units of local government within their regions. Their task, like that of LCOG, is to help make local government operate more efficiently and effectively by facilitating cooperation on public issues... (H)ealthy COGs must be flexible enough to respond to the here-and-now concerns of local officials and, hopefully, to anticipate those future issues which lie just around the next bend in the road... (T)he biggest threat to a council of governments is the self-delusion that the projects and programs of the past are appropriate for today and tomorrow."*

Once again, that young fellow knew what he was talking about. Flexible, responsive, anticipatory, competent, neutral. Those characteristics remain key to the success of a multi-jurisdictional, voluntary agency.



**George Kloeppel**

LCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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# Community Emergency Notification System “Alert Me” Registration

What if you could learn about an emergency occurring near your home no matter where you are? If you carry a cell phone, now you can. Public safety agencies in Lane County are expanding their Community Emergency Notification System, known as CENS, with the “Alert Me” registration for cell phone voice and texting. By registering on the CENS Alert Me website at [www.lcog.org/alertme](http://www.lcog.org/alertme), Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) or cellular phone owners may receive the same emergency message and critical information about emergency situations as those with land-line phones — but only if you register. Some of the many uses of the system include: Tsunami Warnings, Emergency Evacuations, Natural Disaster Alerts, Missing Child Alerts, Hazardous Material Incidents and Neighborhood Emergencies. Register today!

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Thirty one years have gone by quickly for me. As I prepare to turn over the helm to Brenda Wilson, I am proud of what has been accomplished. There have been the usual “ups and downs” of any organization—moments of pleasure and of disappointment. There are many things that could have been done differently, but for the community and for our membership, the positives far outweigh the negatives. And more importantly, I anticipate with excitement and optimism a future of cooperation and joint-venture for this regional community in the years ahead.

There will be a time for thank yous and reminiscence, but let me use this space (one last time) to express my gratitude for the opportunity that has been afforded me. This position has been a “good fit” for me. Together, we have done some amazing things. It’s been a very good ride. Be well and prosper.

*George Kloeppe*

**Retirement Party for  
LCOG Executive Director**

# George Kloeppe



**Friday, June 29, 2012**  
**4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

Lane Community College  
Center for Meeting and Learning – Room 102

Appetizers and No-Host bar

For more information, please contact Ann Mortenson [amortenson@lcog.org](mailto:amortenson@lcog.org) or 541.682.4373

Please join LCOG in wishing George farewell. Mark your calendar!

## NO EXCUSE FOR ADULT ABUSE



**2ND ANNUAL ADULT ABUSE CONFERENCE**  
**TUESDAY • JUNE 12 • 8:00 AM - 5:15 PM**  
**LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE • BUILDING 19**

Creating Safety Nets for Vulnerable Adults  
 By Uniting Legal, Medical, and Social Networks

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The “No Excuse for Adult Abuse” conference brings together community leaders, professionals, front line staff, caregivers, and volunteers who are working with vulnerable adults. We join together to share promising intervention programs, build public awareness, and drive community outreach initiatives to prevent vulnerable adult abuse, fraud and exploitation. The focus of this conference is to introduce preventative measures and build awareness on how we as a community can help prevent vulnerable adult abuse.

### Sessions:

- Professional Resilience, Your Best Under Pressure
- Introduction to Positive Behavior Support
- EPPDAPA Orders
- Understanding Capacity
- The Gatekeeper Program
- Domestic Violence Assessments and Interventions
- House Bill 4084 – Val Hoyle & Vic Gilliam
- Infectious Disease Control and Prevention
- Preventing Elder Fraud and Exploitation
- Intergenerational Diversity
- Surrogate Decision Makers
- Using Person Centered Planning as a Tool to Structure Support



To register, go to [www.sdslane.org](http://www.sdslane.org)

WWW.LANESDS.ORG

WWW.RLID.ORG

## New Quick Look “What’s my Zoning?”

In response to LCOG member agency requests RLID will soon provide to the public a way to look-up their property zoning information. At the Regional Managers meeting last month Eric Brandt, RLID Program Manager, and Stacy Salladay, RLID Associate, shared plans to add a zoning look-up tool to the RLID Quick Look application which offers free public access to information.

This application will allow users to search for zoning information by simply entering a site address or map and taxlot. The zoning look-up is primarily intended to help the non-metro cities with citizen inquiries, but will provide convenient links for Lane County, Eugene and Springfield properties as well, routing the user to online zoning information and contacts for each respective jurisdiction.

A link to the beta site was sent out in February to member agency staff for review and feedback. We are still in the testing phase but plan to roll-out “What’s my zoning?” for public use by the beginning of summer.

Zoning Results Page

**RLID Quick Look**  
WHAT'S MY ZONING?

**Maplot #1706364109400**  
Zoning Jurisdiction Veneta


Veneta  
Parent Zone GR GENERAL RESIDENTIAL

**For more information on zoning**

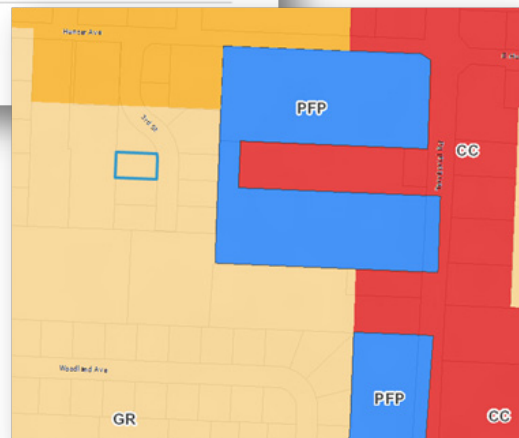
- Codes & Ordinances

Zoning information is for reference only and is **not official**. Check with the jurisdiction to verify zoning. **Note:** overlays only appear in the text display above, and will not show in the map.

**INTERACTIVE MAP**

 [Click to view](#)

Zoning Map





## Hilary Dearborn

ASSOCIATE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

The focus of Hilary's work at LCOG is natural resources and graphic design. She has teamed up with other LGS staff to complete environmental assessments for a variety of projects.

Most recently, the City of Veneta received a grant to construct the new Fern Ridge Service Center and for the environmental review Hilary examined potential impacts to various resources. Oakridge received a Community Block Development Grant to expand their community library, and Hilary played a key role in documenting environmental impacts. She also worked on the environment assessment for the Connecting Oregon broadband project and the environmental review for the West Eugene EmX project.

In other natural resources work, Hilary has written sections of the feasibility report for the Metro Waterways Study and has created and updated diagrams and maps for the study.

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# Lane County Assessment and Taxation Description Cards

In 2011, Lane County Assessment and Taxation was awarded an economic development grant which facilitated the scanning of approximately 160,000 taxlot records (also known as "description cards"). The scanning started in February and is expected to be completed by June 2012.

LCOG assisted A&T with their grant proposal and also arranged to develop a web-based application for searches, viewing, and printing of these taxlot records. Public access to taxlot records will be available searching by account number, site address or map and taxlot number from the Lane County Assessment and Taxation Property Information Search page.

Plans are also in development to design a standalone RLID application for users to access taxlot records directly from the database and include easy access to records from the RLID Detailed Property Report.

## Recent Changes for LCOG's Transportation Program

Transportation Program Manager Andrea Riner has resigned from LCOG and relocated to the Portland area effective March 31. During her employment with LCOG she staffed the process for the Central Lane MPO adoption of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), supported the MPO through a glowing quadrennial review with the US Department of Transportation and coordinated the submittal of the successful Sustainable Communities grant application with HUD.

Government Services Director Byron Vanderpool will serve as acting Transportation Program Manager until a decision is made on refilling Andrea's position.

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Hilary has worked at LCOG since 2000. She has created a master park plan for a Creswell city park, and redesigned and updated city maps for Veneta and Creswell. She has designed and illustrated booklets for public outreach in planning topics including transportation, water quality, and groundwater management. Hilary contributed to LCOG's current marketing by designing the LCOG directory.

Hilary is a licensed Landscape Architect with training in wetlands delineation. She has Bachelor and Master's degrees in Landscape Architecture from the University of Oregon.

Hilary can be reached at 541-682-6559 or [hdearborn@lco.org](mailto:hdearborn@lco.org).

## Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) Update

LCOG's \$8.3-million dollar project to construct broadband facilities in Lane, Douglas and Klamath counties is proceeding rapidly. Construction is completed in Florence, where all the city facilities are connected and enjoying improved service. LCOG secured BTOP funding from the U.S. Department of Commerce as a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in 2010.

Barring unforeseen difficulties, a fiber optic network will be established or expanded in ten Lane County cities by the end of the year. The ten cities include: Eugene, Coburg, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Lowell, Oakridge, Springfield, Veneta, Florence, and Junction City.

Construction in Cottage Grove is also nearly complete; the only tasks remaining are to connect the fiber optic cable to the building's internal telecommunications system. In Cottage Grove, the library, LCOG's Senior & Disabled Services offices, city public works, and the hospital were added to the existing network.

Construction continues to move ahead in Eugene. Schools in the Bethel School District, Lane Community College, and the Lane County Fairgrounds have all been connected. Work continues to connect the City of Eugene fire stations and several PeaceHealth and Oregon Medical Group medical facilities.

LCOG has contracted with Hunter Communications to begin construction in the remaining Lane County cities of Veneta, Junction City, Creswell, Coburg, Lowell, and Oakridge. An RFP has been issued to solicit proposals from competitive local exchange carriers to provide broadband services in the Lane County cities.



**Anthony Wilhelm, Director of BTOP, and Laura Dodson, Assistant Director, at the downtown Eugene interconnection site**

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LCOG has been an instrumental part of expanding this system of broadband services not previously available within these cities. Fiber optic cable that is running through existing conduit is now being pulled into the interconnection site in downtown Eugene, and the site should be operational by July 2012.

Several major internet providers in the region have expressed their intention to locate in this downtown site, ensuring the development of a robust internet peering site. This will provide faster and less expensive connections. This will also enhance its attractiveness and improve connection speeds for participating providers throughout Oregon.

For more information, please contact Milo Mecham at [mmecham@lcog.org](mailto:mmecham@lcog.org) or 541-682-4023 or Dan Mulholland at [dmulholland@lcog.org](mailto:dmulholland@lcog.org) or 541-682-4422. Access recent project information at [wiki.ruralfiber.net](http://wiki.ruralfiber.net).

## LCOG Develops New Business Commute Challenge Website

For the second year in a row, the LCOG web development team assisted point2point solutions with the administration of the popular Business Commute Challenge website ([www.commutechallenge.org](http://www.commutechallenge.org)). The Business Commute Challenge (BCC) is an annual week-long, friendly competition amongst local area Eugene-Springfield businesses to see who can save the most non-drive alone trips in one week. Nearly 200 local teams and over 2,000 individuals participated in this year's Challenge.



LCOG completely rebuilt the back end of the site this year, replacing a phased-out proprietary Content Management System (CMS) with the industry-standard Drupal CMS. The new website features an all-new interface for site edi-

tors, allowing staff from point2point and LCOG to edit pages from any browser. There are also several new reports and calculators for this year's site, which will carry over into future versions with minimal cost and effort.

For more information on the web development services offered by LCOG, contact Colene Doll at [cdoll@lcog.org](mailto:cdoll@lcog.org) or 541-682-4389.

# Age Knows No Limits Project – Honoring Older Americans in Lane County 2012

Senior & Disabled Services is one of the members of the Age Knows No Limits Project, an alliance of Lane County programs which serve people age 60 and older. This project celebrates older Americans (in Lane County) for the many ways they contribute to society, the workplace, our communities and our families. During May, Older Americans Month, the Age Knows No Limits Project will recognize several older adults from around the county whose active engagement inspires others and captures the true essence of this year's theme, **"Living Inspirations."**

Honorees will be featured on the 2012 Poster and introduced at a reception on Thursday, May 24, 2012 at the Willamalane Adult Center in Springfield. For more information, please go to [www.ageknowsnolimits.org](http://www.ageknowsnolimits.org) or contact Sandy at 541-682-4378 or [skarsten@lcog.org](mailto:skarsten@lcog.org).



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