

Protecting Air Quality in Eugene

Eugene City Council Work Session

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Lane County Air Quality

- Lane County is about the size of Connecticut, stretching from the Oregon Cascades to the Pacific Coast, with several distinct airsheds within it.
- The airsheds of Lane County include a mix of:
 - air quality nonattainment areas,
 - air quality maintenance areas, and
 - air quality attainment areas.
- Lane County has the only local air quality agency (LRAPA) in Oregon, whereas Washington and California have local air agencies throughout.

LRAPA Overview

- **Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) was formed in 1968 to more effectively and efficiently locally manage and improve air quality in the region.**
- **LRAPA and its partners have been remarkably successful in meeting air quality health standards on or ahead of schedule.**
- **Achieving air quality health standards is important not only for protecting public health and the environment, but also for economic development.**

Lane Regional Air Protection Agency

Vision:

Community partners working together to ensure clean air for everyone

Mission:

To protect public health, quality of life and the environment as a leader and advocate for the continuous improvement of air quality in Lane County

Four Goals of the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency:

1. Air Quality

Our goal is to ensure healthful air quality for all Lane County citizens.

2. Involvement

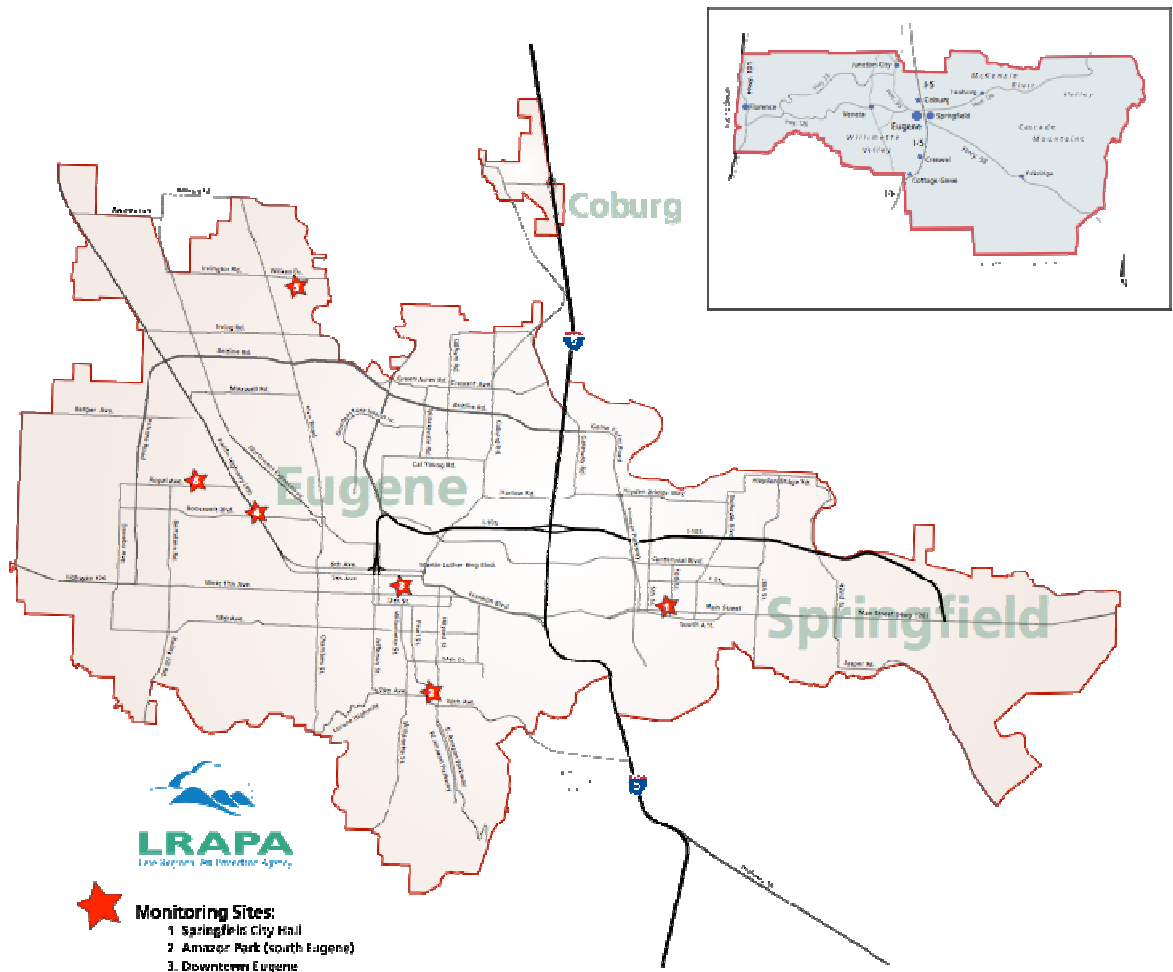
Our goal is to inform and involve citizens and businesses in improving air quality.

3. Service

Our goal is to serve citizens and other stakeholders fairly, courteously, and in a timely manner.

4. Partnerships

Our goal is to work with our partners to leverage resources to make a difference in local air quality.



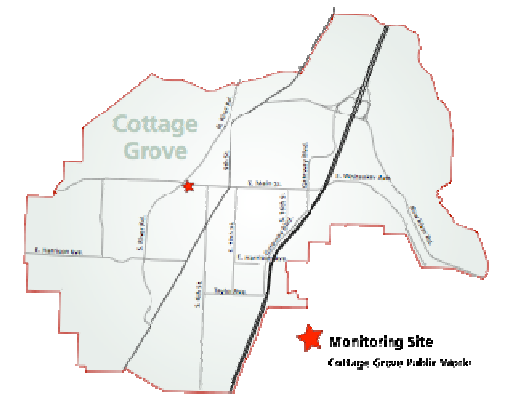
- Monitoring Sites:**
1. Springfield City Hall
 2. Amazon Park (south Eugene)
 3. Downtown Eugene
 4. West Eugene (Highway 99 and Roosevelt Blvd.)
 5. Santa Casa (laboratory only, north Eugene)
 6. Peterson Park (Royal Avenue)



Monitoring Site
Saginaw (Delight Valley)
(Inventory Site)

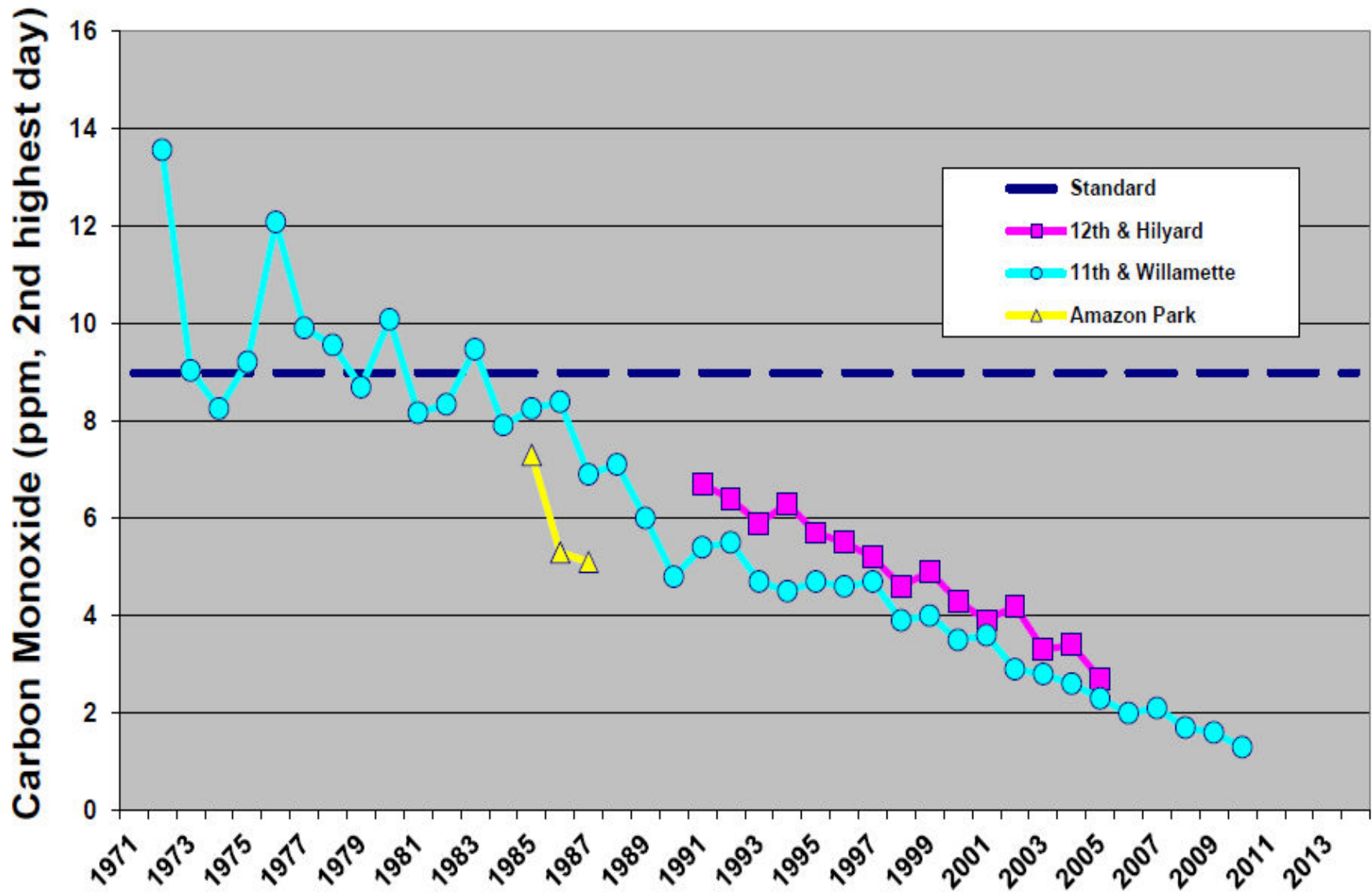


Monitoring Site
Oakridge Community Center

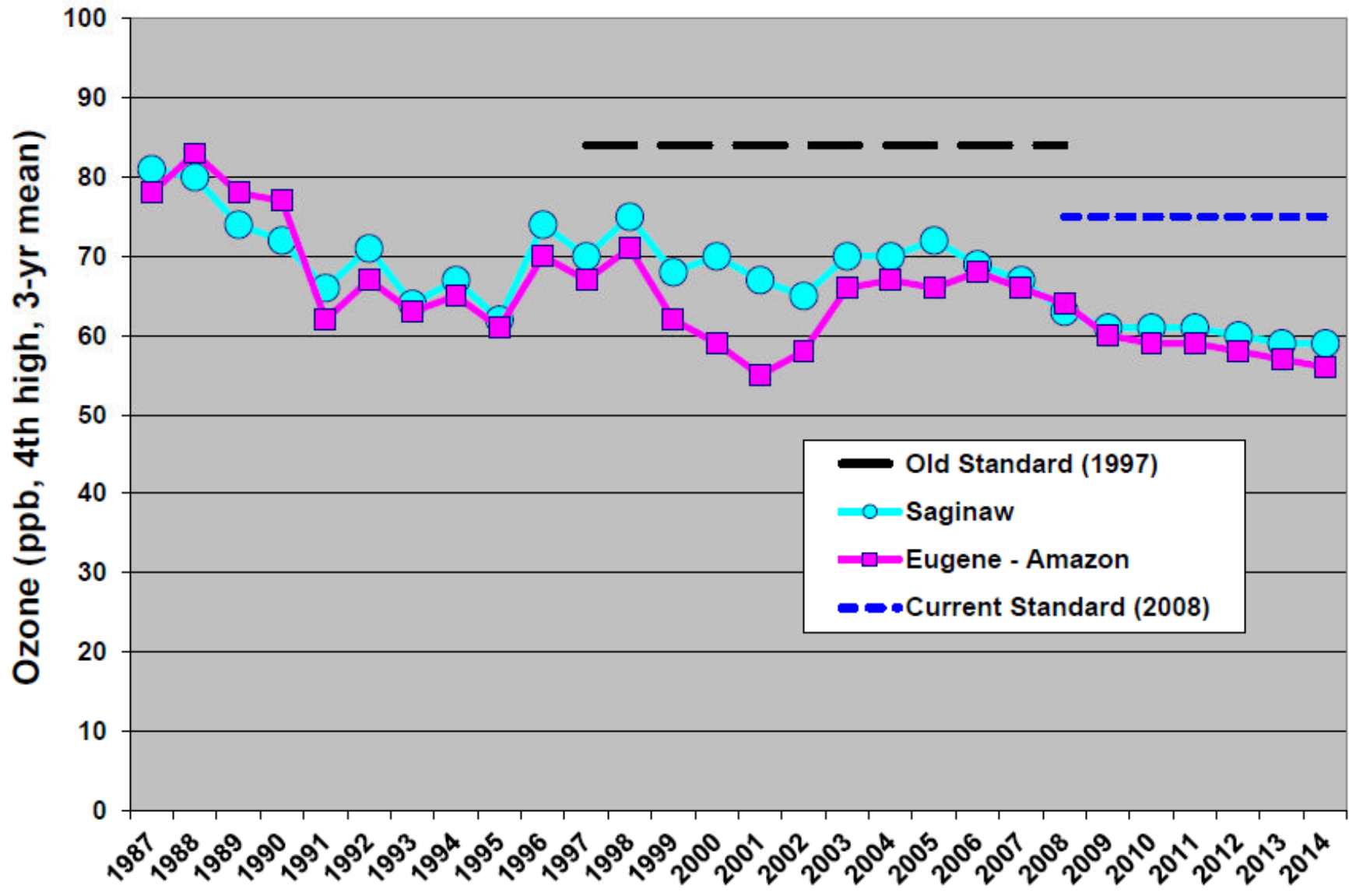


Monitoring Site
Cottage Grove Public Works

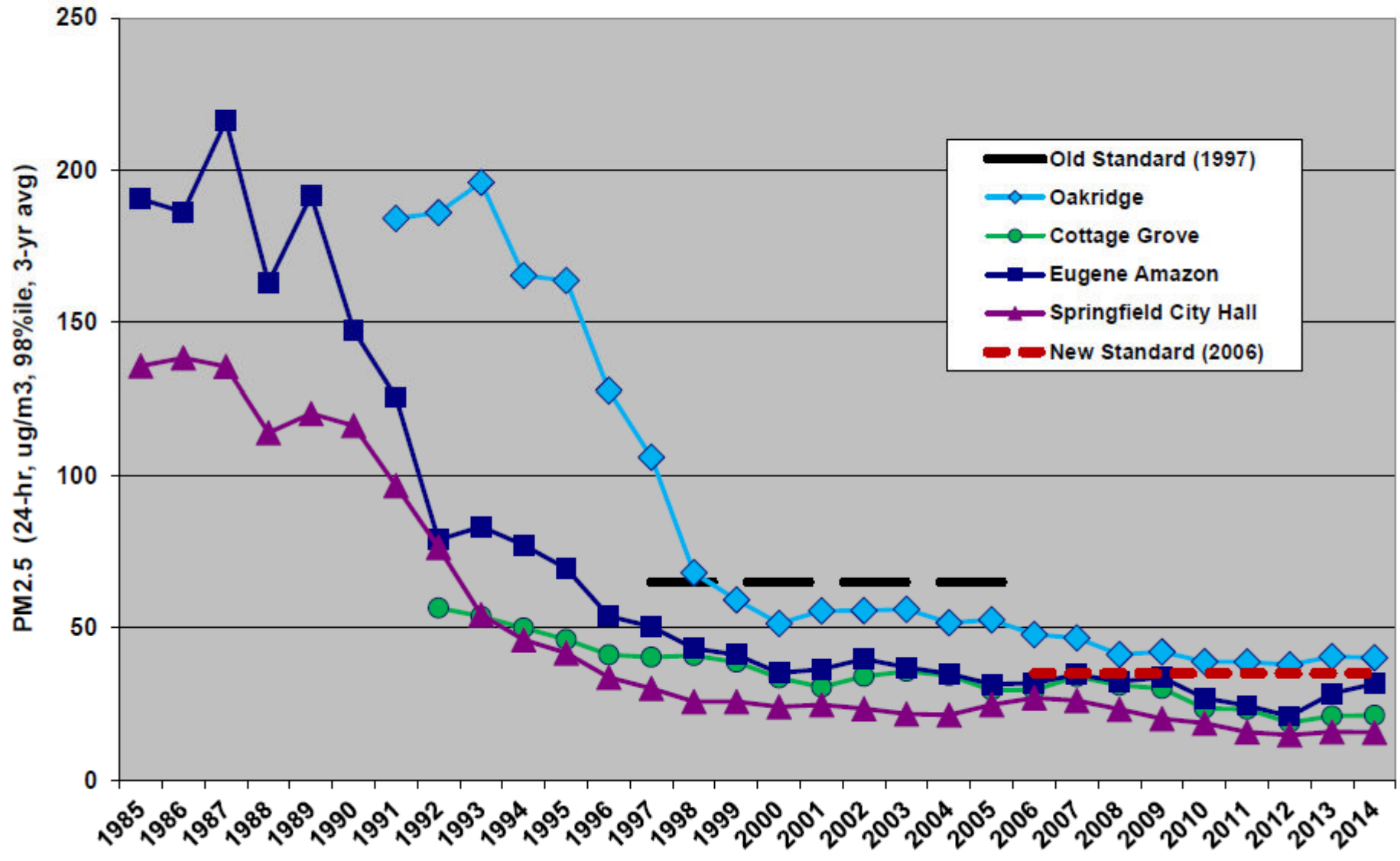
Carbon Monoxide in Eugene



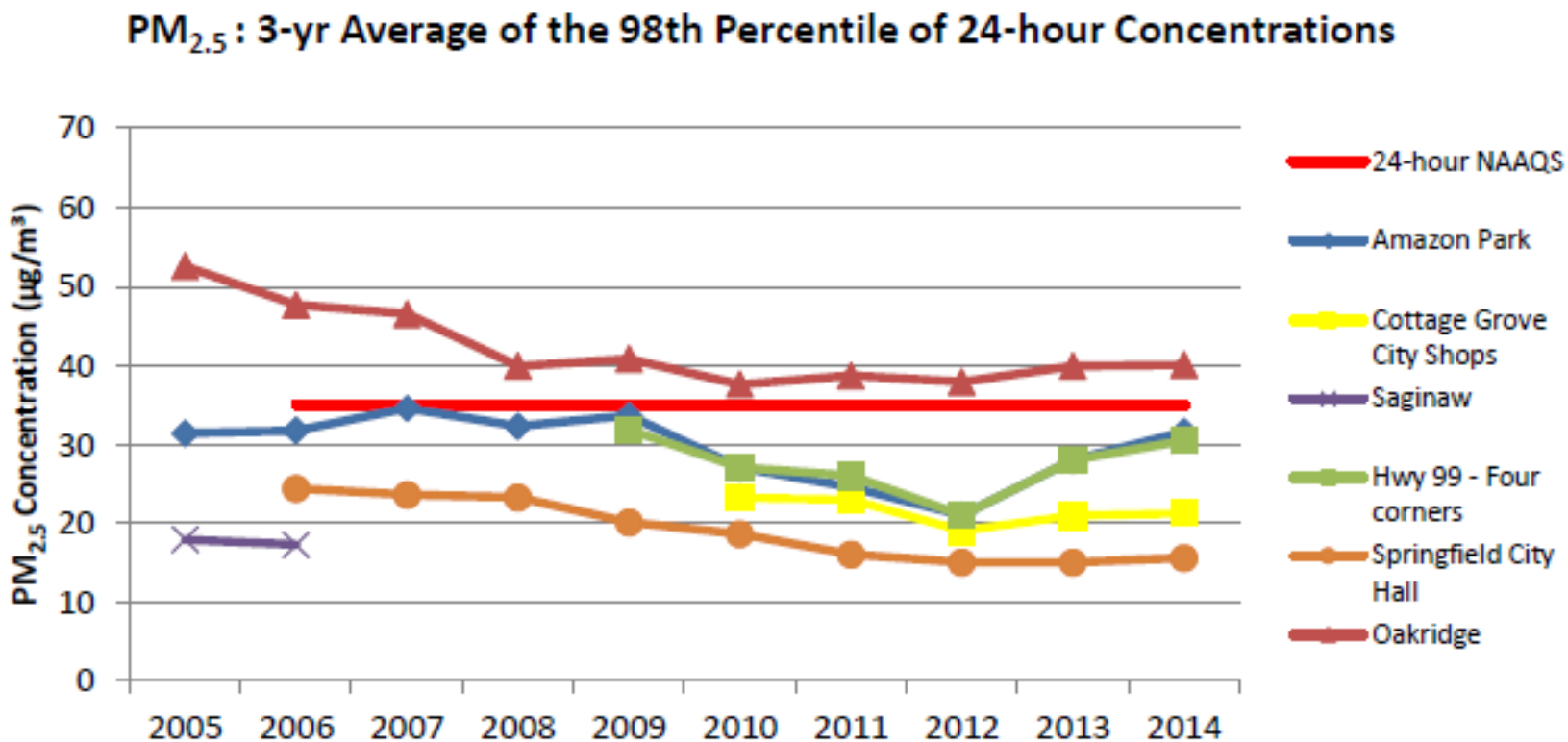
Ozone in Lane County



Respirable Particulate Matter (PM2.5) in Lane County



The most recent decade of PM_{2.5} trends:



Air Quality Complaints in Lane County:

| Year | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015* |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Dust | 17 | 35 | 33 | 6 | 21 | 21 | 34 | 33 | 44 | 30 | 14 | 3 |
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| General Air Quality | 2 | 8 | 7 | 63 | 14 | 21 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 26 | 30 | 5 |
| Home Wood Heating | 82 | 80 | 89 | 82 | 130 | 113 | 62 | 135 | 95 | 219 | 121 | 126 |
| Industry | 880 | 768 | 465 | 327 | 231 | 270 | 265 | 169 | 128 | 122 | 127 | 19 |
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| Total | 1525 | 1719 | 1643 | 1496 | 1011 | 815 | 734 | 839 | 645 | 806 | 674 | 313 |

* Year-to-date.



Local Ordinance Services Provided by LRAPA:

| Eugene | Springfield | Cottage Grove | Oakridge | UGBs | Rest of Lane | Total | Local Ordinance Services |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| \$152,017 | \$37,934 | \$28,151 | \$128,060 | \$14,952 | \$17,943 | \$379,057 | Monitoring & Reporting |
| \$55,634 | \$42,709 | \$8,808 | \$6,205 | \$33,107 | \$66,582 | \$213,045 | Ordinances Implementation |
| \$24,103 | \$4,165 | \$2,333 | \$333 | \$4,998 | \$8,219 | \$44,151 | Other Complaints Response |
| \$20,133 | \$7,471 | \$1,211 | \$480 | \$3,619 | \$11,543 | \$44,457 | Progress Reporting |
| \$251,887 | \$92,279 | \$40,503 | \$135,078 | >>> | \$160,963 | \$680,710 | All Local Ordinance Services |

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LRAPA Title 43: Rules for Asbestos
General Policy

- **The board finds and declares that certain air contaminants for which there is no ambient air standard may cause or contribute to an identifiable and significant increase in mortality or to an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness, and are therefore considered to be hazardous air contaminants. Under Section 112 of the Federal Clean Air Act, the federal EPA has declared asbestos to be hazardous. Title 43 contains requirements for handling of asbestos.**

LRAPA Title 43: Rules for Asbestos

A few definitions

- **“Asbestos”** means the asbestiform varieties of serpentine (chrysotile), riebeckite (crocidolite), cumingtonite-grunerite (amosite), anthophyllite, actinolite and tremolite.
- **“Asbestos Abatement Project”** means any demolition, renovation, repair, construction or maintenance activity of any public or private facility that involves the repair, enclosure, encapsulation, removal, salvage, handling, disturbance or disposal of any material with the potential of releasing asbestos fibers from asbestos-containing material into the air.
- **“Asbestos-Containing Material”** means asbestos or any material, including particulate material, that contains more than 1% asbestos as determined using the method specified in 40 CFR Part 763, Polarized Light Microscopy.



LRAPA Title 48: Rules for Fugitive Emissions

General Policy

- **In order to restore and maintain Lane County air quality in a condition as free from air pollution as is practicable, consistent with the overall public welfare of the county, it is the policy of the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency to require the application of reasonable measures to minimize fugitive emissions to the greatest extent practicable.**

LRAPA Title 48: Rules for Fugitive Emissions Applicability

- Except for agricultural activities which are exempted by state statute, these rules apply to all sources of fugitive emissions within Lane County.
- Examples of sources affected by these rules are:
 - Construction activities including land clearing and topsoil disturbance;
 - Demolition activities;
 - Unpaved traffic areas and parking lots where there are nuisance conditions;
 - Material handling and storage operations;
 - Mining and yarding activities including access and haul roads;
 - Storage piles of dusty materials;
 - Manufacturing operations.

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General Requirements

- **No person shall ... permit any materials to be handled, transported, or stored ... without taking reasonable precautions to prevent particulate matter from becoming airborne.**
- **Such reasonable precautions shall include, but not be limited to the following:**
 1. **Use, where possible, of water or chemicals for control of dust in the demolition of existing buildings or structures, construction operations, the grading of roads or the clearing of land;**
 2. **Application of asphalt, approved road oil, water, or other suitable chemicals on unpaved roads, material stockpiles, and other surfaces which can create airborne dusts; ...**



LRAPA Title 48: Rules for Fugitive Emissions

General Requirements: Reasonable Precautions (cont.)

- **Such reasonable precautions shall include, but not be limited to the following: ...**
 - 3. Full or partial enclosure of materials stockpiles in cases where application of oil, water or chemicals is not sufficient to prevent particulate matter from becoming airborne;**
 - 4. Installation and use of hoods, fans and fabric filters to enclose and vent the handling of dusty materials;**
 - 5. Adequate containment during sandblasting or other similar operations;**
 - 6. The covering of moving, open-bodied trucks transporting materials likely to become airborne;**
 - 7. The prompt removal from paved streets of earth or other material which does or may become airborne.**

Reminder: Diversity of air quality complaints:

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