

Tricities Consortium FAQ

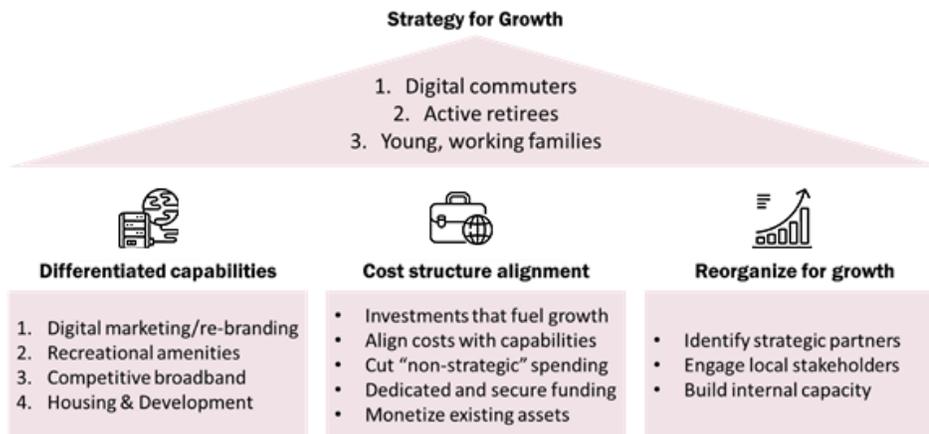
Q: Will the Tricities cost Burns, John Day, or Lakeview additional money?

A: No. If anything, the Tricities will give each city better chances for applying for and being awarded grant money.

Q: What is the vision of the Tricities consortium?

A: We have created a tri-city consortium, formalized through Oregon Revised Statute 190, incorporating the cities of John Day (Grant County), Burns (Harney County) and Lakeview (Lake County) to focus on a *new Strategy of Growth*. The Tri-cities will allow all of our communities-which are the economic centers of our respective counties-to cost share in a variety of new and innovative ways that to the best of our knowledge has never been attempted in Oregon.

Our strategy consists of three elements: (1) identifying locally differentiated capabilities, (2) cost and investment structure alignment, and (3) reorganizing for growth. The Strategy creates the blueprint that guides priorities and community investment.



Q: What is the benefit for Tricities?

A: With the Tri-cities, we will develop & achieve greater economies of scale and increased economic gains by pooling public assets across multiple jurisdictions; facilitating public private partnerships; and managing complex community development and capital improvement projects through a single government agency. This innovation and adaptive approach has already engaged networks of diverse stakeholders to advance progress towards our vision.

The Tri-cities want to protect and increase the value of our collective and independent investments. Unlike commercial entities that have access to legal and financial structures such as joint ventures, mergers, and acquisitions, municipalities have to find more creative ways to capture external innovation.

Q: Will the Tricities change the way Burns, John Day or Lakeview look?

A: No. The Tricities’ strategy includes an understanding of a sensitivity to each our individual community’s traditional values and culture. Our residents have endured a prolonged period of economic hardship. The reason for pursuing growth is to do it in a balanced way so we can preserve our rural lifestyle and quality of life.

Q: What will the 3D houses cost?

A: Our goal is to provide veteran's preference housing at a target rental rate of \$850 a month for local veterans who honorably served in the armed forces.