## Opportunity Zones Oregon's O-Zones and Associated Tax Incentives

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## The Opportunity Zone Program

- Part of federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA)
- Federal: identify eligible low-income communities
- States: choose set of designated O-Zones from eligible communities

Provides tax incentives for investment into low-income areas
Capital gains tax deferral, 'discount', exclusion

## **Relevant Capital Gains Details**

- Capital gains tax
  - Opportunity zone benefits
    - Deferral
    - 'Discount'
    - Exclusion
- Capital gains = sale price of asset basis
- Profit on the sale of an asset
- Basis = cost of asset at time of acquisition





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Investors

- First tax incentive
- Deferral of cap. gains tax on \$ invested
- Must invest capital gains within six months of realizing the gain

## How Investment Works Investors \$ Qualified Opportunity Funds

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Partnerships or Corporations
Designed to invest in O-Zones
Managed by fund manager



**Projects in O-Zones** 

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#### Investors

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- Investments held for
  - at least 5 years, 10% step up in basis
  - at least 7 years, additional 5% step up in basis
- By 2026, deferred gain included in tax return



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## Example

#### 2019

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#### 2029

Investor sells share of Qualified Opportunity Fund and pays no federal capital gains on that tax.

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