

Veneta Community Public Investments

Community Capacity

The community has invested nearly \$44 million in Veneta. These projects include:

- Reconstruction of **\$1.9 million Community Pool and Pool House** (2009).
- **\$1.5 million Community Development Block grant** to construct the **\$2.2 million Fern Ridge Service Center** (2014).
- Construction of **\$12.5 million, 9-mile, water pipeline from Eugene to Veneta** providing long term drinking water source to Veneta residents (2014).
- Community passed a **\$26.3 million School Bond Measure** for substantial **upgrades to three schools** and new **construction of the middle school** (2014).
- **Veneta-Elmira Multi-Use Path**. The Lane Area Commission on Transportation selected Phase I (**\$900,000**) project for 2018-21 State Transportation Improvement Plan funding (2015).
- **\$175,000 Oregon Parks and Recreation Grant** for new **kiddie pool** (\$350,000 project)

Welcome to the City of Veneta

The City of Veneta serves as a **sub-regional center for the unincorporated communities in the Fern Ridge area**. Veneta's quiet, small town feel, close proximity to abundance of natural and scenic amenities, and location near the metro area are among the more compelling features attracting residential growth to the city. Between 2000 and 2015 Veneta was the fastest growing City in Lane County, increasing from 2,762 to 4,721 people. The City is forecast to increase to **7,687 people in next 20 years** (a 61% increase).

*The **Fern Ridge Service Center** was made possible with a **\$1.5 million Community Development Block Grant** from **Business Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority**, **\$250,000 Ford Family Foundation grant**, **\$50,000 Oregon Community Foundation grant** and **local contributions** to fund **\$1.82 million in construction costs**. The **Veneta Urban Renewal Agency** provided **\$349,360 in land, street improvements, and infrastructure** for a total project of **\$2.2 million**.*

