



Establishing Kalapuya County



Help us change our county name to Kalapuya County, as a step toward making our community a more welcoming place for everyone!

This is part of a larger project, called “Establishing Kalapuya County,” designed to widen public appreciation for our deeper and more inclusive history.

Background:

Many people here feel that the namesake for the county, Joseph Lane, is not an appropriate person to memorialize, as his history in key ways runs counter to our vision of ourselves. At the same time, we all will benefit from wider awareness not only about the last 200 years of history, but also about the previous 15,000 years or more of human existence here, when the Kalapuya people and their ancestors, along with other Native groups, were responsible stewards of this land. And they still are here among us!

Some of what we intend to do:

- Organize a corps of volunteers to carry out identified tasks toward this goal.
- Explore ramifications and consequences of renaming the county .
- Secure legal and lobbying help to bring about the name change.
- Compile Kalapuya place names, put them on the map, and use them publicly. Explore options for officially changing some place names.
- Encourage schools to include Kalapuya culture in their curricula.
- Create and distribute documents about Kalapuya history, culture, lifeways, and prehistory for the public.
- Promote the commissioning of a statue in Eugene honoring our Kalapuya forbears.

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archaeologychannel.org/fundraiser**

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