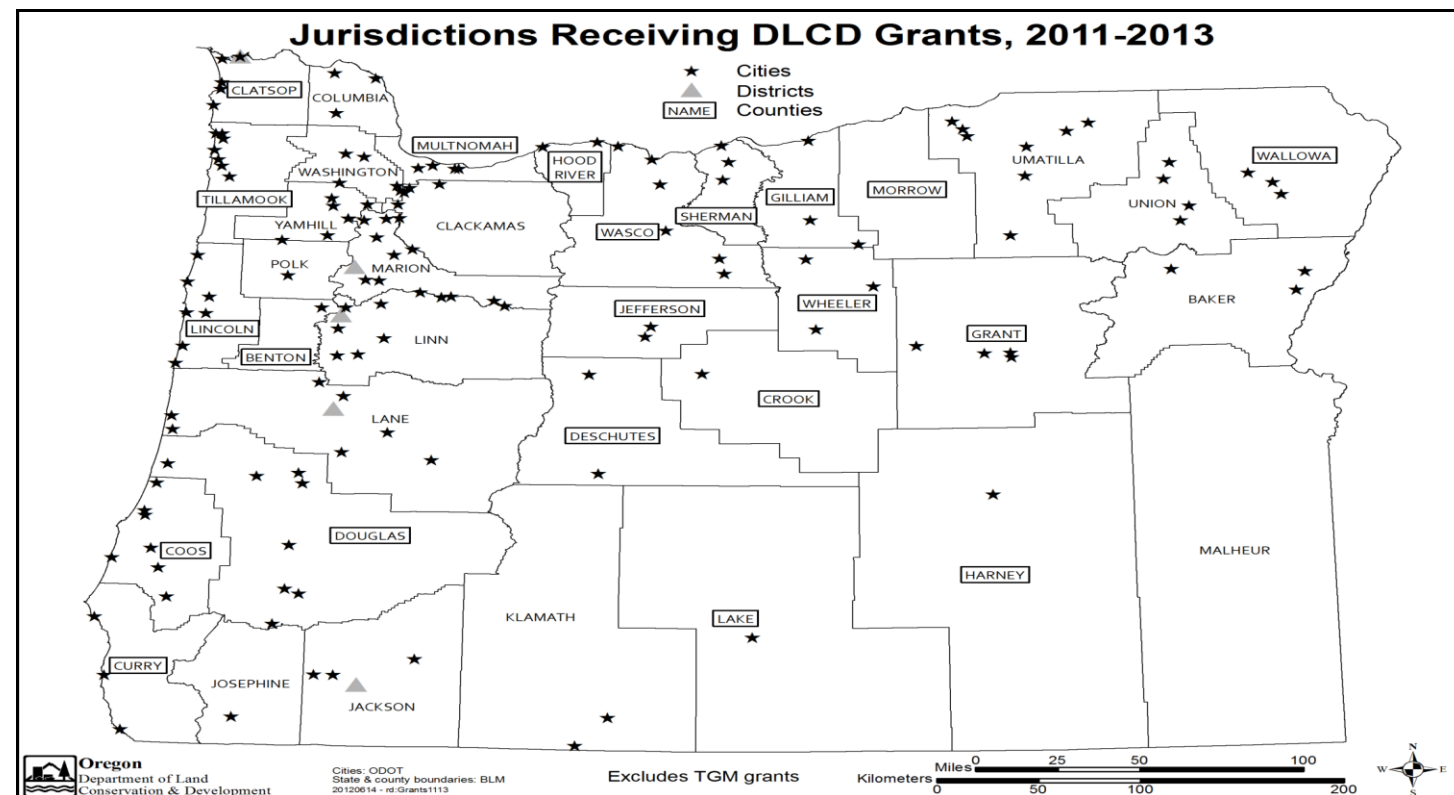


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The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development 2013





Message from Director Rue

2013 Marks the 40th year of operation of the state land use program. It has been a great 40 years and we are ready to retain, refine and adapt to meet the challenges of the future. I am pleased to share with you some of the accomplishments of the program, as director of our innovative department. This document briefly summarizes a larger 2011-13 Biennial Report, which informs the Legislature and

others of our recent work. The accomplishments mentioned on the following page reflect the important themes which helped bring those accomplishments into reality, and which the agency will enhance and carry into the next biennium: promoting vibrant; livable urban areas; protection of farm, forest and coastal lands; conservation of our natural resource legacy; and expanding urban and rural economic opportunities across the state.

The strategies which will be used to develop these themes and realize future accomplishments include: active citizen involvement; enhancing regional problem solving and community development capacity; employing partnerships—particularly enhanced partnership with sister state agencies; to improving rural economic opportunities that recognize the value of the natural resource base; and streamlining the urban growth boundary process to more efficiently allow smaller and faster growing communities to expand their land base for housing and jobs.

Who We Are

The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) is a small state agency with about 55 permanent staff. We are responsible for making Oregon's statewide land use program work for communities in all parts of the state. We do this through partnerships with cities and counties, state development agencies (Transportation and Business Oregon), and natural resource agencies (Agriculture, Forestry, Water Resources, State Lands, Environmental Quality and Fish and Wildlife), as well as citizens. We are guided in our policy development by the Land Conservation and Development Commission, with members appointed by the governor.

DLCD is organized into four divisions:

- **Coastal:** oversees Oregon's federally-delegated coastal management program, providing grants and technical assistance to coastal communities.
- **Planning Services:** reviews over 1,300 local plan amendments per year and provides technical expertise in urban, rural and transportation/growth management areas.
- **Community Services:** provides technical assistance from five regional offices to cities and counties to carry out planning efforts, administers grants to support local planning projects.
- **Administration:** provides support for the LCDC, policy development and operations.

Cities, counties and districts are the “front line” of the statewide land use program. We recognize that each city and county has unique values and aspirations, and that it is our job to help them, within the broad direction provided by state policy. The core functions of the program are management of urban growth and conservation of rural lands and natural resources. Helping cities and counties address their priorities within the context of state and regional interests requires that we be problem solvers.

What We Accomplished in 2011-2013

Jackson County Regional Planning: Jackson County, Medford and the cities in the Rogue Valley recently completed a regional effort to identify where urban areas will grow, together with protections for the agricultural industry in that part of the state. DLCD provided significant funding and staff support for this effort which was adopted by LCDC in 2012.

Economic Development Planning: DLCD works with state and local partners to ensure that local governments have an adequate land supply, infrastructure and services to meet a variety of economic opportunities. Accomplishments for this biennium include full implementation of SB 766, with completed rulemaking, and identification of regional industrial sites in Lane and Douglas counties.

Ocean Alternative Energy Planning: The department has been a key facilitator in development of a coastal-wide plan for ocean alternative energy development, including fisheries protection elements. This plan amends the Territorial Sea Plan. Phase One (policies) is complete, Phase Two (mapping and siting) has continued through the biennium, with completion expected in 2013.

Providing Tools to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions: DLCD and ODOT are working with metropolitan areas to identify how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles. LCDC adopted target setting rules in 2011, and work has proceeded throughout the biennium to assist larger metropolitan areas to identify goals and strategies to meet those goals.

Portland Metro Urban Growth Boundary

Amendments: The department continued to participate in assisting the Portland metro area reach milestones called for in urban development and resource protection policies. Following urban and rural reserve and decisions, the department recently completed an Order finalizing Metro's 2012 urban growth boundary decision.



Urban Growth Management Streamlining: Following up on intense discussions with many partners, the department is submitting legislation (2013 Legislature) that will reduce the complexity of how local jurisdictions plan for growth and implement growth management.

Southern Oregon Regional Pilot Program: At the direction of the Governor's Office and the Legislature, the department is assisting Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties explore alternative, regional standards for farm and forest protection. This project began in 2012 and is expected to continue into the next biennium.

Hazards Planning: The Natural Hazards Program works with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management before, during and after natural disasters (particularly floods) to ensure that recovery complies with federal and state planning goals. Three (3) Federal disasters were declared during the 2011-13 biennium. DLCD worked with OEM and local government on recovery from winter storm events. Under agreement with OEM, DLCD will take over management of the Statewide Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan during the 2013-15 biennium. Work in preparation for the transition began in the 2011-13 biennium.