Industrial Land Supply in the Central Puget Sound Region

In 2013, the central Puget Sound region had 71,983 gross acres of industrial-zoned land. Since the last inventory in 1998, industrial land supply has eroded in some areas and has grown modestly in others.

Land zoned for industrial uses is located throughout the four counties, 65 jurisdictions, and military and tribal lands. Gross industrial land supply refers to all industrial land, including active sites, vacant land, and physically redevelopable land.

Areas that have lost industrial land include Bellevue’s Bel-Red Corridor, Everett’s Snohomish Riverfront Redevelopment area, Renton Landing, Seattle’s SODO Stadium District, and Snohomish County industrial areas between Everett, Mill Creek, and Lynnwood. Some jurisdictions that have added to the supply of industrial land since 1998 include Arlington, Bremerton, Pierce County, and Tacoma, among others.

Since 2003, eight manufacturing/industrial centers (MICs) have been recognized at the regional level and are a key component of the regional growth strategy. These regional centers are intended to be locations of more intensive industrial activity served by the region’s major transportation infrastructure, including roads, rail, and port facilities.

Since 1998, all of the MICs retained the vast majority of their industrial land. Most changes in these areas since 1998 were due to infilling of industrial zoning within the boundaries. However, some MICs have lost industrial land, most notably the Duwamish MIC, which contains key regional freight infrastructure.

As a whole, the central Puget Sound region has enough industrial land to meet future growth needs. But some areas will need to consider strategies to ensure that the existing land meets the future needs of industrial companies, and there are additional steps the region could take to enhance the usability of industrial land and support job growth.

For more information about industrial land in the central Puget Sound region, including industrial employment, net and gross industrial land supply, estimates of future demand for industrial land, and other industrial land-related information, see PSRC’s Industrial Lands Analysis at http://www.psrc.org/growth/industrial-lands/.

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Change in Gross Industrial Land Supply in the Central Puget Sound Region, 1998–2013

This map includes industrial areas on military bases as part of the region’s industrial land supply, including Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Naval Station Everett, Bangor Trident Base, and the McChord and Gray Field areas of Joint Base Lewis-McChord. These areas were not identified in the 1998 report.