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Regional Landmarks

Our place sits at the confluence of great rivers – the Columbia, Lewis, Sandy and the Willamette and its tributaries – that dominate the landscape. This is a region of water, volcanic buttes and forest-clad mountains and hills. The metropolitan region is a unique ecosystem, one which encompasses urban, rural and wild within a common landscape.



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Regional Trails

Residents of this region can shop, play and socialize by walking or biking within their neighborhoods. Walking, biking or using transit are attractive alternatives for a wide range of trips within neighborhoods, between important regional centers and outside of the urban area. This region is known for the utility of its non-auto transportation alternatives.



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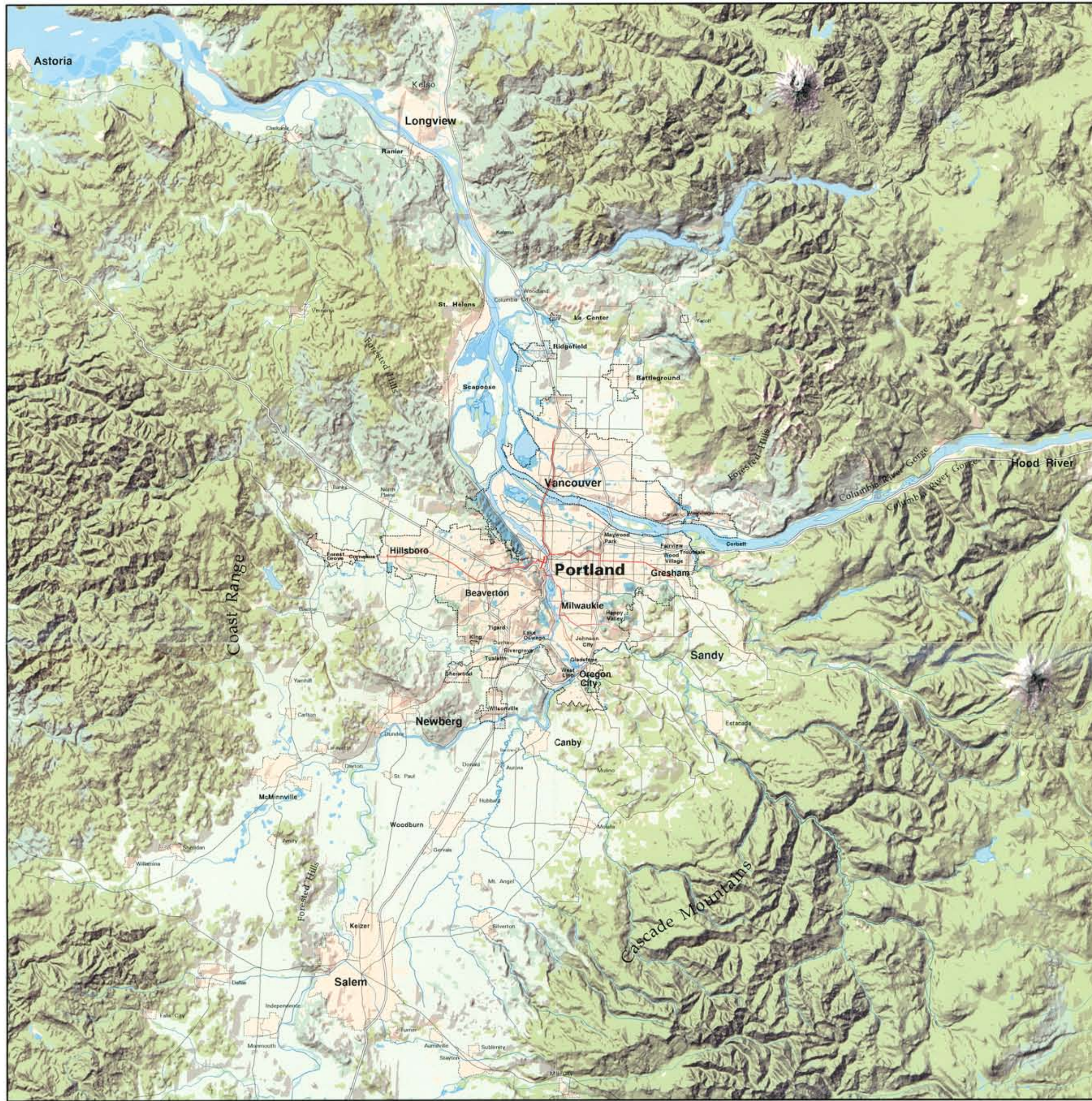
Our history serves us well, with lessons of the past remembered and incorporated in our strategies for the future. Our fellow citizens know our cultural history well. This knowledge helps them ground social and public policy in the natural heritage we value so dearly.



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Downtowns

In 2045, downtown Portland continues to serve an important, defining role for the entire metropolitan region. In addition, reinvestment, both public and private, has been focused in historic urban centers such as Ridgefield, Camas, Vancouver, Gresham, St. Helens, Beaverton, Hillsboro, Molalla, Woodburn and others throughout our bi-state region. This pattern of reinvestment and renewal continues to be the center piece of our strategy for building and maintaining healthy communities.



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Resource Lands

Rural lands shape our sense of place by keeping our cities separate from one another, supporting viable farm and forest resource enterprises, and keeping our citizens close to nature, farms, forests and other resource lands and activities.



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Transportation and Distribution

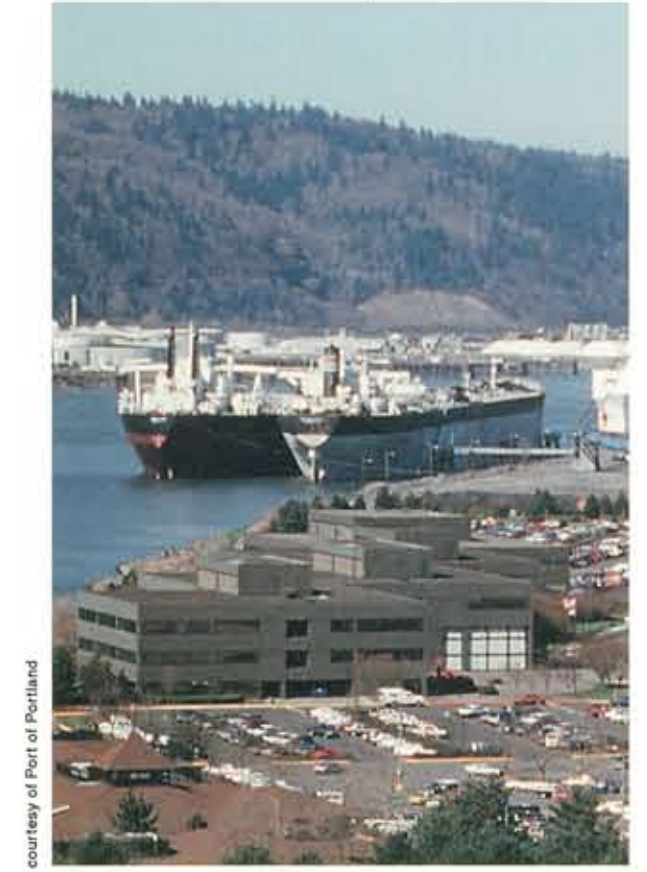
Goods, materials and information move easily throughout the bi-state region. Manufacturing, distribution and office employment centers are linked to the transportation and communication systems in a comprehensive and coordinated manner.



Cathy Thomas

Neighborhoods and Communities

Our region is composed of numerous, distinct communities, open to all, which together provide a wide variety of healthy, appealing and affordable housing and neighborhood choices. They are physically compact and have distinct identities and boundaries. Truly public space exists in every community and serves as the stage for a rich and productive dialogue.



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Commerce and Industry

In 2045, our bi-state, regional economy is diverse, with urban and rural economies linked in a common frame. Planning and governmental action have created conditions that support the development of family wage jobs in centers in the region.

Future Vision

The Geographic Context