

Goal 5

Enhance Rural Integrity

Indicator #14—The amount of land classified as Private Managed Forest Land

Why is this indicator important?

Forestry and other resource lands are a valuable asset for employment, ecological conservation, recreation and green space. The conversion of these lands to other land uses reduces the amount of land available for resource development and open space. The conversion of resource lands to residential lands also situates people further away from existing services. As a result, expensive infrastructure is then needed to service the remote communities.

What does this indicator tell us?

This indicator tells us how much land is identified as Private Managed Forest Land (PMFL). The majority of PMFL is outside the GCB. Decreases to the amount of PMFL can create pressure to convert forested land to residential, commercial and other uses that are contrary to RGS goals to protect rural lands for rural uses.

Where do we want to go?

The Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) directs the Regional District of Nanaimo and member municipalities to maintain resource lands for agriculture, forestry, aggregate mining, recreation or environmental protection purposes. The RGS also directs future residential, commercial and industrial lands into the GCB, to reduce the pressure to convert resource lands to other uses.

Target: Increase the amount of land available for natural resource uses (farming, forestry, outdoor recreation)

What is included in this indicator?

This indicator uses lands that are designated as PFML. PMFL is a BC Assessment property classification established to encourage private landowners to manage their lands for long-term forest production. The classification benefits the industry because property taxes are lower than other assessment classifications, and the property owners are not impeded in their ability to harvest trees.

Where are we right now?

In 2015, the region had a total of 130,994 hectares of PMFL. The majority of this land (129,982 ha) is within the RDN Electoral Areas. PMFL is also within the District of Lantzville (723 ha), the City of Nanaimo (160 ha), and the Town of Qualicum Beach (129 ha). No PMFL is within the City of Parksville. In 2017, the region had a total of 130,600 ha of PMFL. Of the 2017 total, 129,588 ha are within the Electoral Areas, 723 ha are within Lantzville, 160 ha within the City of Nanaimo, 129 ha within the Town of Qualicum and 0 ha in the City of Parksville.

Progress towards the target regressed slightly since 2015 and can be contributed to the subdivision and sale of PMFL lands.



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PMFL 2015

City of Nanaimo

160 ha Private Managed Forest Land

City of Parksville

0 ha Private Managed Forest Land

Town of Qualicum Beach

129 ha Private Managed Forest Land

District of Lantzville

723 ha Private Managed Forest Land

RDN Electoral Areas

129,982 ha Private Managed Forest Land

PMFL 2017

City of Nanaimo

160 ha Private Managed Forest Land

City of Parksville

0 ha Private Managed Forest Land

Town of Qualicum Beach

129 ha Private Managed Forest Land

District of Lantzville

723 ha Private Managed Forest Land

RDN Electoral Areas

129,588 ha Private Managed Forest Land

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