



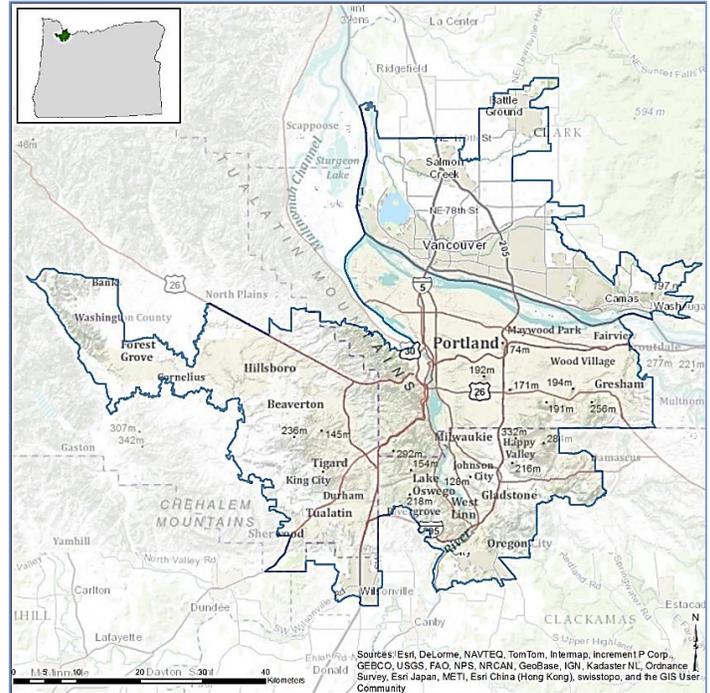
Portland, OR and surrounding area

Towns and cities rely on clean air, clean water, green space, and other natural amenities for economic sustainability and quality of life, yet their benefits are not always fully understood or considered in local decisions. EPA and its partners are producing EnviroAtlas to help communities better use environmental assets for public good.

EnviroAtlas includes an online interactive mapping application that anyone can use. The interactive map contains over 200 maps available for the U.S., as well as 100+ fine-scale maps for selected U.S. communities about existing and potential benefits from the local natural environment. The EnviroAtlas community component is based on 1-meter resolution land cover data. Information derived from these data is summarized by census block groups; more spatially explicit map layers are also provided. This fact sheet highlights some of the many community data layers available for the featured area of Portland, Oregon.

Background

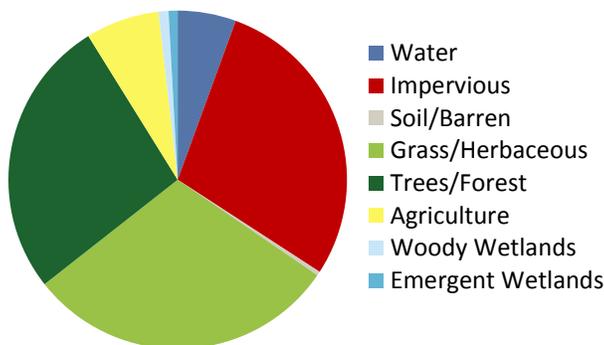
The Portland, Oregon area was chosen as an EnviroAtlas community because it offers multiple opportunities to leverage existing research and community engagement activities. It has also received high physical fitness and sustainability ratings that can be evaluated from a green infrastructure perspective. The EnviroAtlas boundary for the Portland area was determined using the 2010 Census definition of an Urban Area. In addition to Portland, it includes Vancouver, WA, as well as additional towns within Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah Counties (OR), and Clark County, WA. The area measures 1,762 square



kilometers, and encompasses 1,176 census block groups.

The Portland, Oregon area is in the Willamette Valley ecoregion. It has a warm, Mediterranean-type climate. The region was vegetated extensively with forests and prairies; however, the prairies have mostly been converted to agriculture. Portland hosts a wide variety of industries and company headquarters. Ics Blount Inc, Intel Corp, and Nike are among the largest employers. The demographics of the Portland community area indicate that the potential exists for income and other disparities in the distribution of environmental assets. EnviroAtlas includes demographic maps that can help screen for potential health and well-being disparities resulting from disproportionate

Percent Land Cover in Community Area



Portland Area Demographics
2010 Census

Total population	1,853,233
Under 13 years old	17.12%
Over 70 years of age	7.40%
Other than white/non-Hispanic	25.77%
Below twice the U.S. poverty level	28.19%

