

Natural Resources

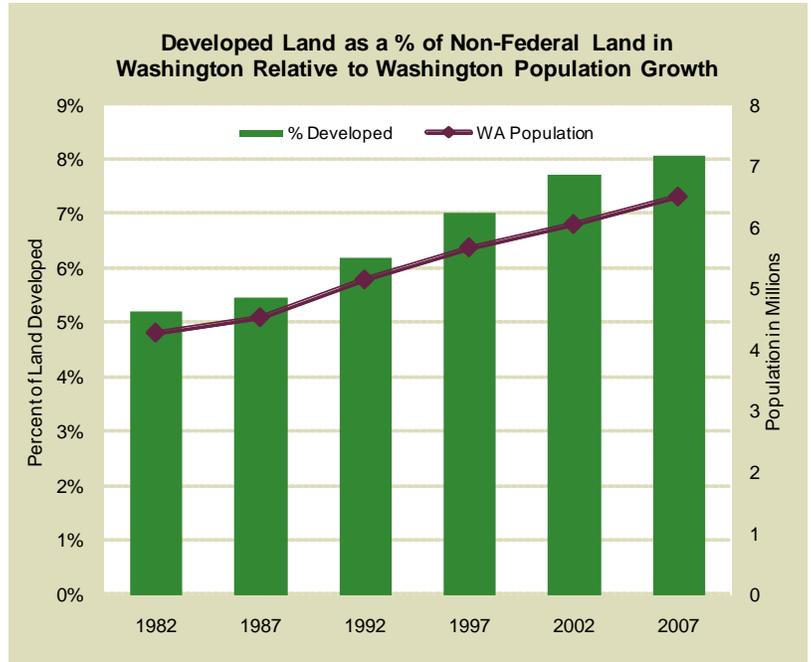
Indicator 2: Maintaining Habitat to Support Natural Systems

Measure a: Conversion of Resource Lands to Urban Use

Description:

The National Resources Inventory (NRI) is a statistical survey of land use and natural resource conditions and trends on U.S. non-Federal lands. Non-Federal land includes privately owned land, tribal and trust land, and lands controlled by State and local governments. For the NRI, "developed land" is land that has been permanently removed from the rural land base. The developed land category includes: (a) large tracts of urban and built-up land; (b) small tracts of built-up land, less than 10 acres in size; and (c) land outside of these built-up areas that is in roads, railroads, and associated rights-of-way.

The graph depicts the share of non-federal land in Washington that is "developed land" and compares it to the population. In general, the share of developed land has increased along with the population.



Conversion of Resource Lands to Urban Use					
Developed Land as a Share of Total Non-Federal Land in Washington					
State	Year	Developed Area	Total Non-Federal Land	Percent Developed	Rate of Change
		(1,000 Acres)			
Washington	1982	1,594.7	30,600.5	5.2%	
	1987	1,675.3	30,579.7	5.5%	5.1%
	1992	1,897.2	30,576.2	6.2%	13.2%
	1997	2,150.5	30,575.4	7.0%	13.4%
	2002	2,357.7	30,570.1	7.7%	9.6%
	2007	2,464.5	30,567.8	8.1%	4.5%
Nation (excluding Alaska)	1982	70,964.1	1,489,929.5	4.8%	
	1987	76,871.0	1,488,407.3	5.2%	8.3%
	1992	83,902.3	1,486,733.1	5.6%	9.1%
	1997	94,578.9	1,486,075.7	6.4%	12.7%
	2002	104,030.8	1,485,300.6	7.0%	10.0%
	2007	111,251.2	1,484,910.0	7.5%	6.9%

Sources:

[USDA National Resources Inventory](#)