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## **LCDC Fast Tracks Industrial Sites**

SALEM - The Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) Thursday fast tracked five large industrial sites in the Metro-Portland area, and on Friday eased the size limitations on industrial development in unincorporated areas across the state.

"Oregon's land-use plans give us an edge when it comes to increasing the supply of "project-ready" industrial sites for job creation," said LCDC Chair Randy Franke, " We need sites that already have suitable infrastructure, access, zoning and location. And these five sites can be fast tracked from all points of view."

"Bringing more industrial land into urban growth boundaries is one of the Governor's key goals toward solving the economic crisis in this state," Franke said, "LCDC's unanimous decision here shows our commitment to those goals."

The five sites were included in a decision by the Metro Council in December to expand Metro's Urban Growth Boundary by 18,638 acres. LCDC's decision Friday jump-starts industrial development on these five sites:

- Shute/Evergreen Rd. site, a 203-acre site located north of Hillsboro and southeast of Sunset Highway.
- Tigard Sand & Gravel site, a 251-acre site located east of Tualatin (south of Tualatin-Sherwood Rd., west of Boones Ferry Rd.)
- Tonquin Industrial Group site, a 62-acre site adjacent to Tigard Sand & Gravel.
- Wilsonville Regionally Significant Industrial Area, a 216-acre site is located west of the N. Wilsonville I-5 exit.
- Springwater Corridor, a 1,168-acre site located southeast of Gresham, off of Highway 26.

LCDC also decided Friday to ease restrictions for industrial development, including new development on abandoned mill sites, within unincorporated communities throughout Oregon.

Oregon's seven-member Land Conservation and Development Commission, assisted by the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), adopts state land use goals, assures local plan compliance with the goals, coordinates state and local planning, and manages the ocean and coastal zone program.

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