

# Data Centers, Land Use, and Real Prosperity for Oregon

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# REAL PROSPERITY FOR OREGON

What statewide guardrails will ensure an industry with major land, water, and energy demands supports real prosperity for Oregon?

- Protect farm and forest lands
- Manage industrial lands strategically
- Avoid unintended sprawl and lasting public costs



# PLANNING PERSPECTIVE

Uniquely complex, data centers require all of the following in one place:

- Large amounts of land
- Substantial energy infrastructure
- Reliable long-term water supplies
- Access to high-capacity transmission and fiber

# PRINCIPAL CONCERNS

- Cumulative water, energy, land, and community impacts
- Pressure on farm and forest lands
- Precedent risk: weakening resource land protections
- “Expansion without subtraction” in industrial lands
- Local fiscal pressure, overbuilding, and stranded assets

# NEEDED POLICY GUARDRAILS

- Treat industrial land as a strategic public asset
- Set clear siting guardrails for major data centers
- Strengthen standards for UGB expansion
- Define data center siting criteria and high-impact thresholds
- Require cumulative fiscal, infrastructure, and environmental analysis
- Integrate land use with community and environmental impacts