Port Enterprises and Lines of Business

The Port has three lines of business and several community initiatives that provide community benefit and return on investment. These lines of business and community initiatives are the foundation of the Port's Strategic Plan, and each one connects to different goals and strategies.

REAL ESTATE

The Port of Skagit leases buildings and/or land at each of our properties, which supports economic development and provides business opportunities and jobs for our community.

SWIFT Center

The SWIFT Center (Sedro-Woolley Innovation for Tomorrow) is located on the former Northern State Hospital campus. The hospital, built in 1912, was a self-sustained community with its own farm, creamery, shop, powerhouse and more. The campus is an Olmsted design, famed landscape architects who also designed Central Park in New York City.

The Port of Skagit continues to work with partners, including the City of Sedro-Woolley, Skagit County and others, to revitalize the campus. The community vision is to redevelop this property into a destination mixed use campus accommodating education, research and development, manufacturing, hospitality and commercial venues, all within the historic character and great public spaces of the Center.

La Conner Marina

The La Conner Marina is a popular destination for recreational boaters, commercial fishers and marine-related businesses and manufacturers. Located within easy walking distance of charming downtown La Conner, the marina is a clean, service-oriented facility that tourists and La Conner residents alike enjoy visiting. Just as important, it's an easy two-hour cruise from the marina into the heart of the beautiful San Juan Islands. Whether it's the fine dining in town, the local and regional festivals, the thriving art scene, the artisanal shopping experience, the delightful boardwalk, the picturesque views from the Swinomish Channel, or it's a simply a stop en route to your final destination, we welcome you to enjoy the La Conner Marina to its fullest.

Over the course of five decades, several capital projects have been completed at the Marina, ranging from dock replacements, infrastructure upgrades and building construction to meet the needs of our business tenants and boating community.

Bayview Business Park

The Bayview Business Park embodies the Port of Skagit's mission and is uniquely positioned in northwest Washington, nestled in the beautiful Skagit Valley. The park's proximity to the adjacent Skagit Regional Airport, its easy access to Interstate 5 and the tree-lined trails winding throughout make this premier facility ideal for businesses bringing professional community household wage jobs to Skagit County.

The Bayview Business Park has 45 business tenants supporting 1,092 jobs. These tenants are surrounded by more than 1,000 acres of beautifully forested industrial property. The park includes many acres of wetlands interspersed throughout the park and walking trails that connect all parcels. All lots have utilities, including fiber optics, with a variety of lot sizes that range from one to nine acres.

Skagit Regional Airport

Skagit Regional Airport is your aerial gateway to the beautiful Skagit Valley. Situated several miles west of Burlington, WA, Skagit Regional Airport offers stunning views of the surrounding Skagit Valley, the Cascade Mountains to the east and the San Juan Islands to the west.

The Port has recently undertaken significant improvements at Skagit Regional Airport to meet the demands of its users, including general aviation, a growing number of corporate jets and charter and freight services.

The Port of Skagit commissioners and staff take great pride in their work to maintain Skagit Regional Airport as a safe and attractive facility that will serve an increasingly important purpose as a transportation link for its community in the future.

Watershed Business Park

In 2018, the Port of Skagit purchased 123 acres of developable land off of Peterson Road on Bayview Ridge in Burlington. The goal for this property is the expansion of our value-added agriculture sector, in support and growth of the local agricultural industry: its growers, producers, researchers, innovators and farms.

The Watershed Business Park is located near the Bayview Business Park and Skagit Regional Airport which are also owned and operated by the Port of Skagit. This strategic location provides convenient access to I-5 and Highway 20 and overlooks the picturesque valley that is home to one of the most productive growing regions in the world.

Currently, the Watershed Business Park is undeveloped, waiting for the right partner, vision and business plan to move forward. The Port of Skagit promises excellence in public service and leadership within a business landscape that inspires success and enhances the quality of life in Skagit County, and we see immense potential at the Watershed Business Park for job creation and positive economic contributions for our community.

AIRPORT SERVICES

With a primary focus on business aviation, Skagit Regional Airport is a popular general aviation facility with two paved runways, an extensive taxiway system that provides access to all developed areas of the airfield, terminal facilities, aviation fueling and a variety of aircraft maintenance and related services. Additional airfield services include tie-down and T-hangar leases and long-term parking. The airport is an uncontrolled field (no control tower), is open 24/7, and offers U.S. Customs & Border Protection Services.

MARINE SERVICES

The La Conner Marina features two separate moorage basins, which together cover approximately 24 acres, with 500 moorage slips for permanent moorage customers. In addition, there are two 1,200-foot

linear guest docks, a variety of boating services, a storage unit facility, an RV park, dry boat storage and 17 marine and mixed-use businesses and services. A fuel dock is conveniently located along the Channel, and short-term and long-term parking is available throughout the property.