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Planning for Growth

City of Lake Stevens

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My background

- 20 years as a planner in Washington State
- 16 years working for cities and counties
- Director of Planning – LDC Inc.
 - focus on permitting, long range and strategic planning, and policy
- Passion for serving!

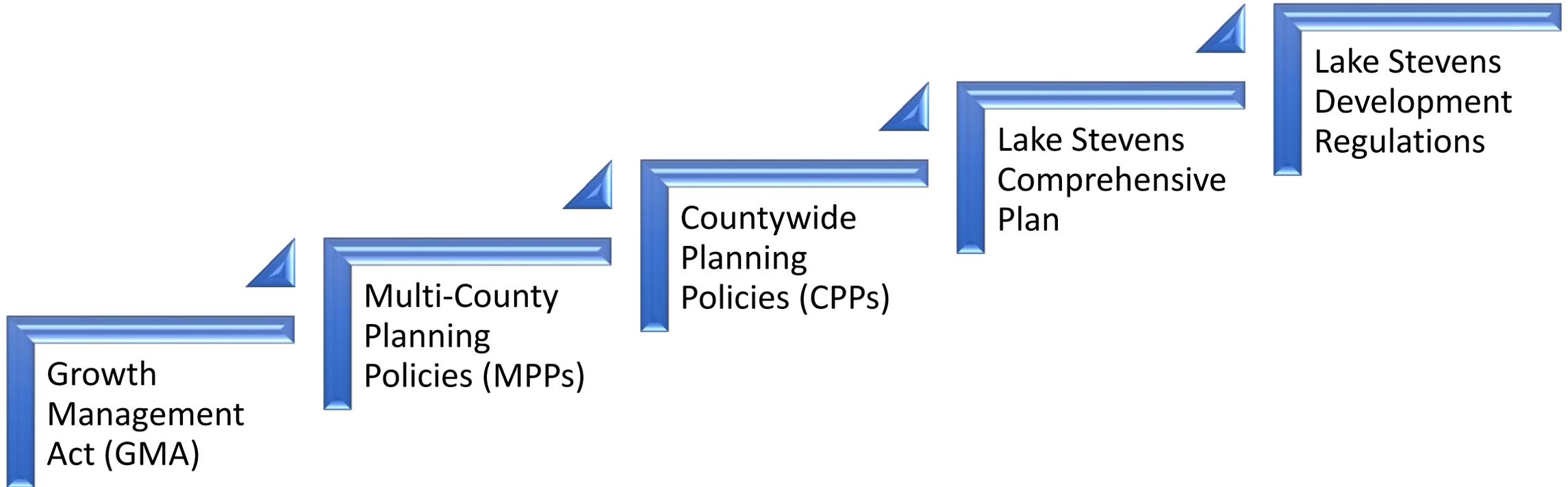
Presentation focus

- The relationship between state laws/regional policies/City of Lake Stevens
- Your ability to make local decisions about much growth/jobs you will plan for over the next 20 years
- Strategies/ideas to get proactively involved
- Point of emphasis – this is really complicated

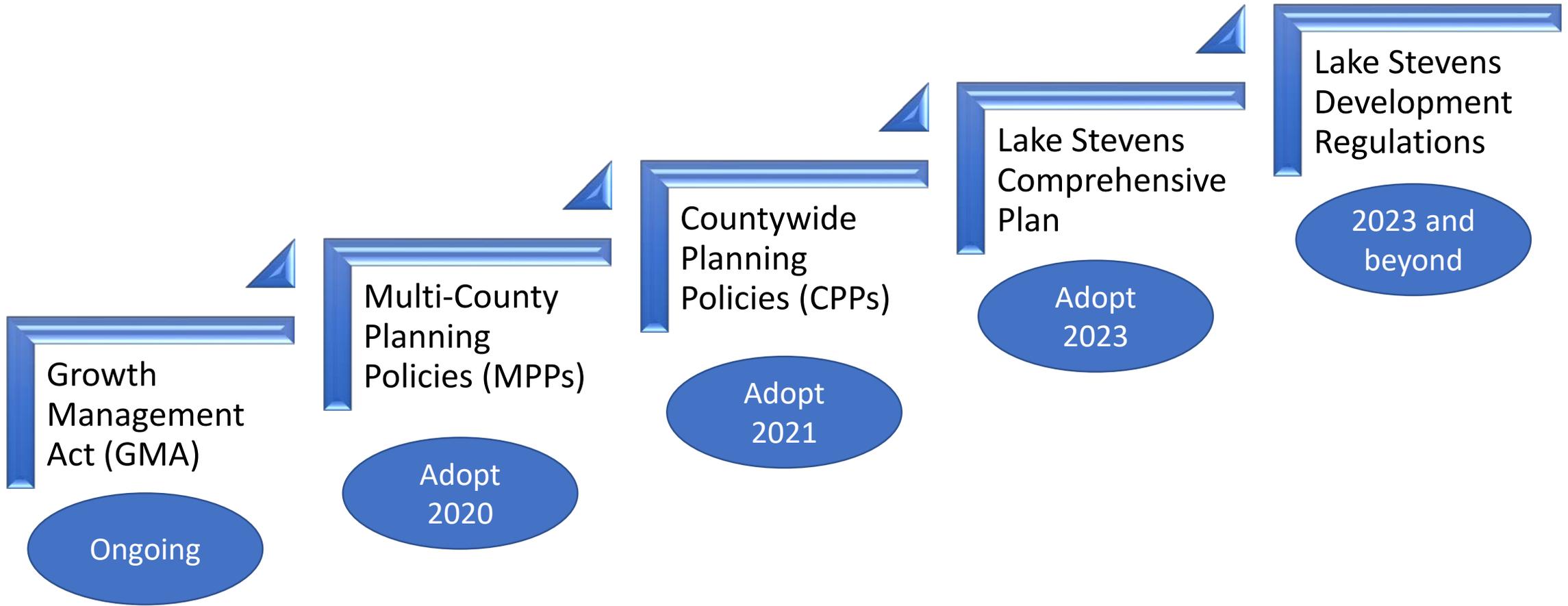
Visioning for Lake Stevens

- Key questions to think about:
 - What is your vision for the City of Lake Stevens – then work the steps back
 - Is it feasible or likely to occur given current laws and policies
 - What laws or policies need to change
 - What level of effort will it take to create change
 - What do we need to do next

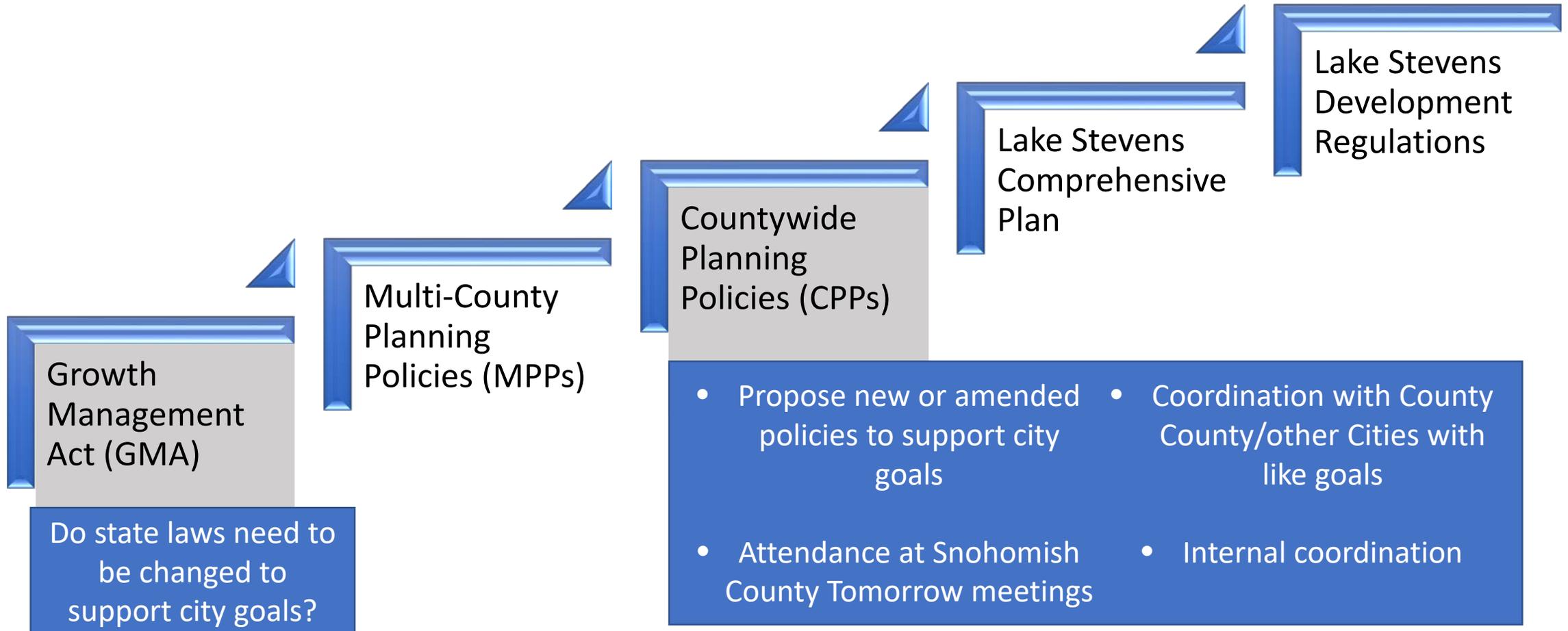
Our Regional Planning Structure



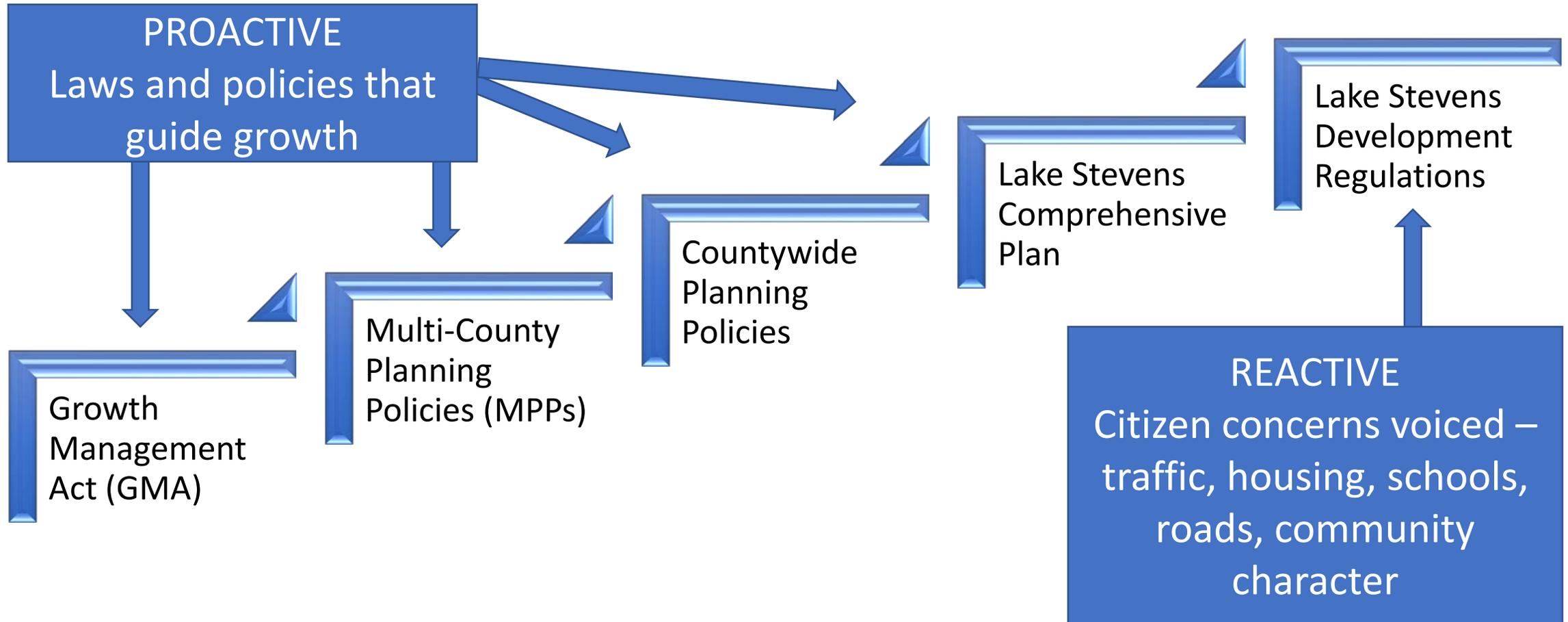
Update schedule



How you get involved/key issues



Why should this be a priority?



Back to the key questions

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 - *Example: Create or propose modifying Countywide Planning Policies that would support your goals. Work with key cities and talk to County Councilmembers about supporting your efforts*
 - *Example: If you want to continue to grow, work to obtain a higher growth allocation as targets are distributed*

Key strategies to consider

- Set goals for next comprehensive plan update now
- Create an action plan
- Understand the process and how decisions are made.
- Ensure you have a council member(s) who actively participate during regional planning processes
- Trust and rely on your expert staff
- Consider working with like cities (Snohomish, Monroe, Marysville, Arlington) to create and promote policies that will help further your goals
- Talk to your County Councilmembers – it isn't too early

An aerial photograph of a city at dusk or dawn, with a large mountain in the background. The scene is dimly lit, with a blue and grey color palette. The city below is densely packed with buildings and trees, and the mountain in the distance has a snow-capped peak. The sky is a mix of dark blue and grey, with some light clouds.

Thank you!