

Planning Framework

Lake Stevens
January 7, 2020



Presentation Agenda

Growth Management Act

Regional Planning/Multi-County Planning Policies

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Growth Management Act (GMA)

The Growth Management Act (GMA) sets the framework for planning throughout Washington



Growth Management Act (GMA)



- Statewide planning framework with 14 goals
- Prevents uncoordinated development
- Manages threats to quality of life
- Requires local planning guided by state law
- Regionally enforced

Growth Management Act (GMA)

Planning Goals



Urban
Development



Reduce
Sprawl



Transportation



Housing



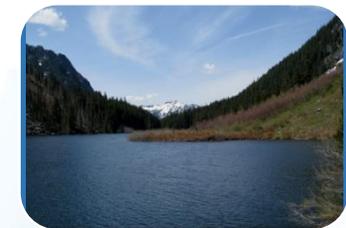
Economic
Development



Property
Rights



Permits



Natural
Resource
Industries



Open Space &
Recreation



Environment



Citizen
Participation



Public
Facilities &
Services



Historic
Preservation



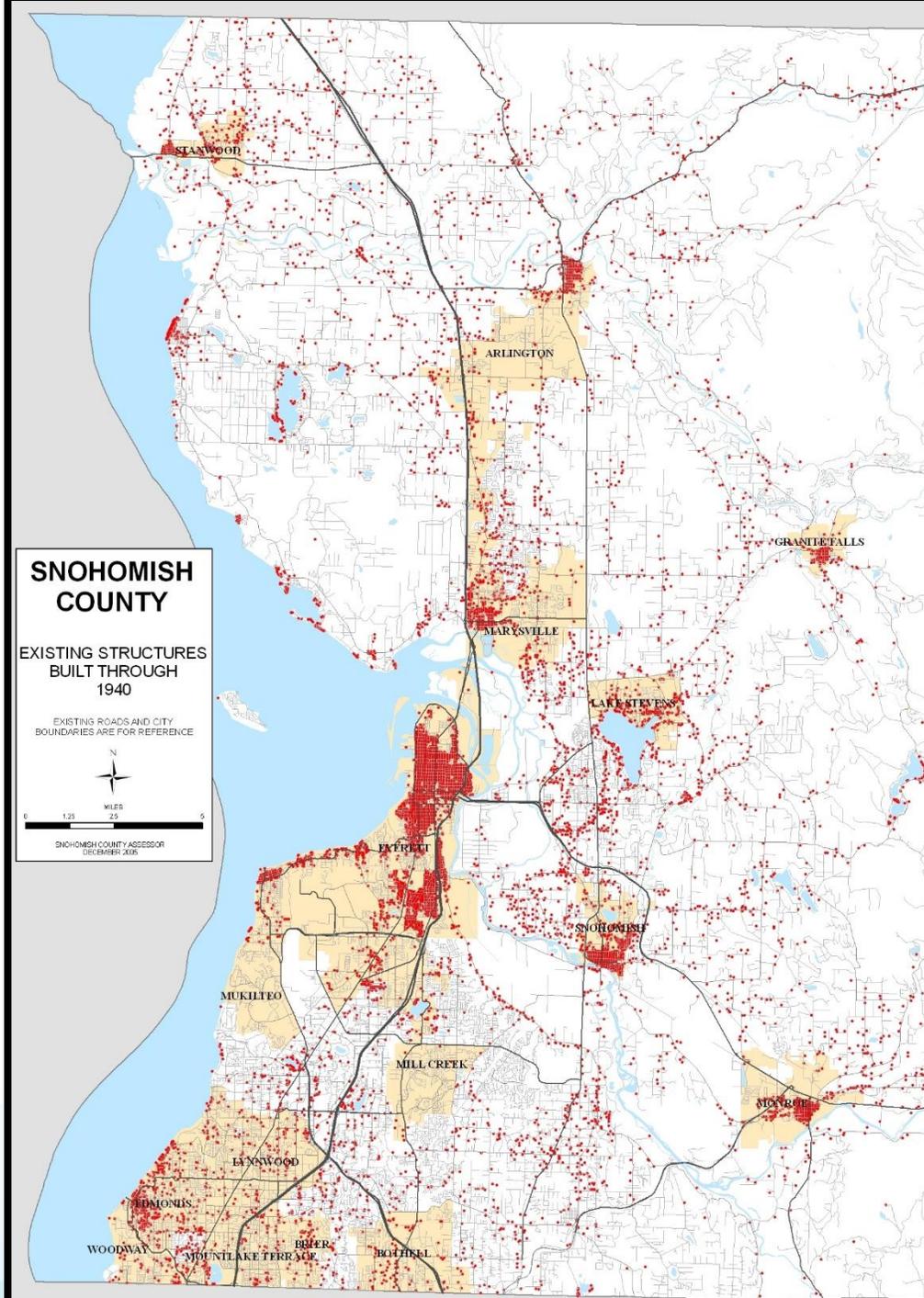
Shoreline
Management

Growth

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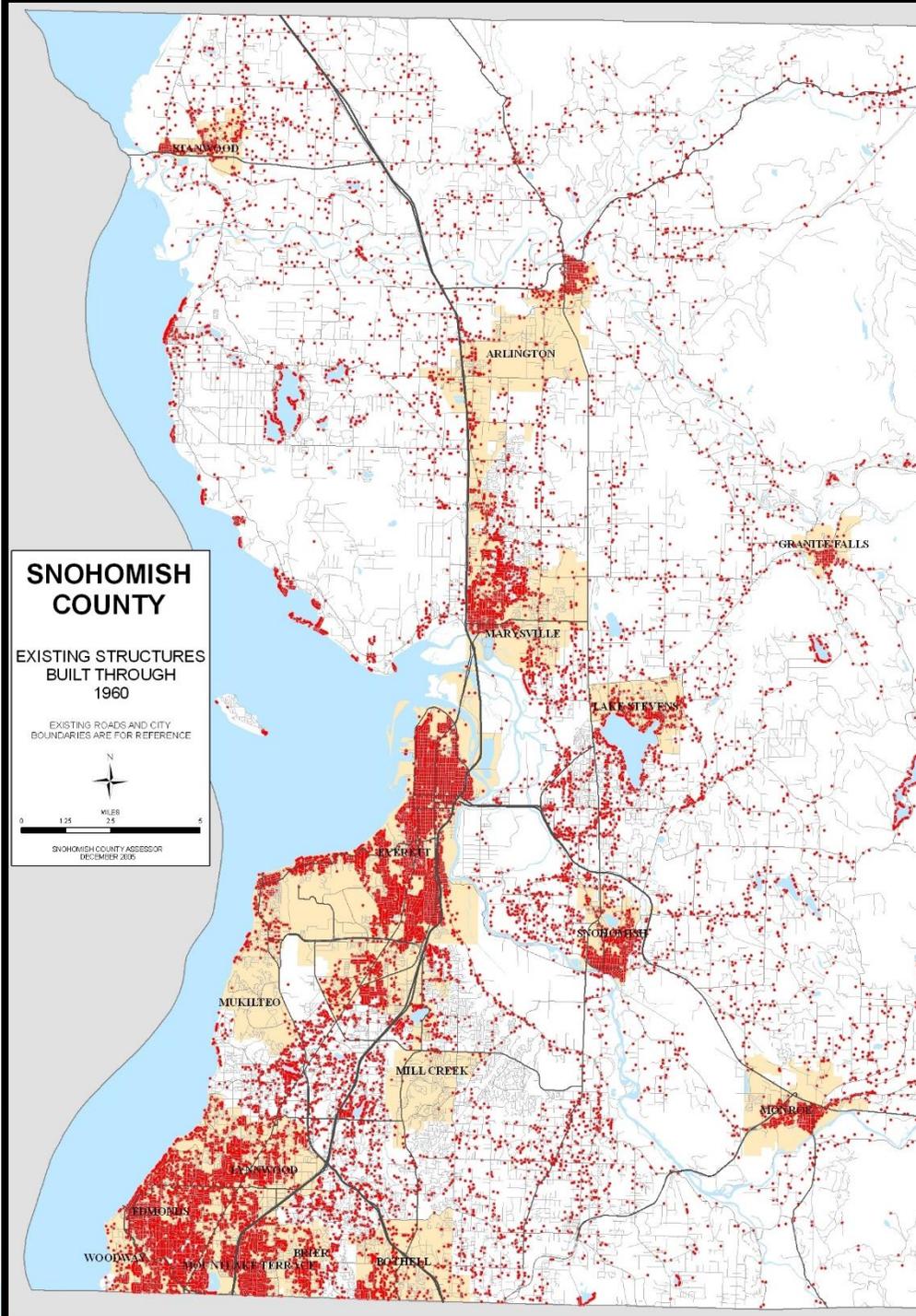


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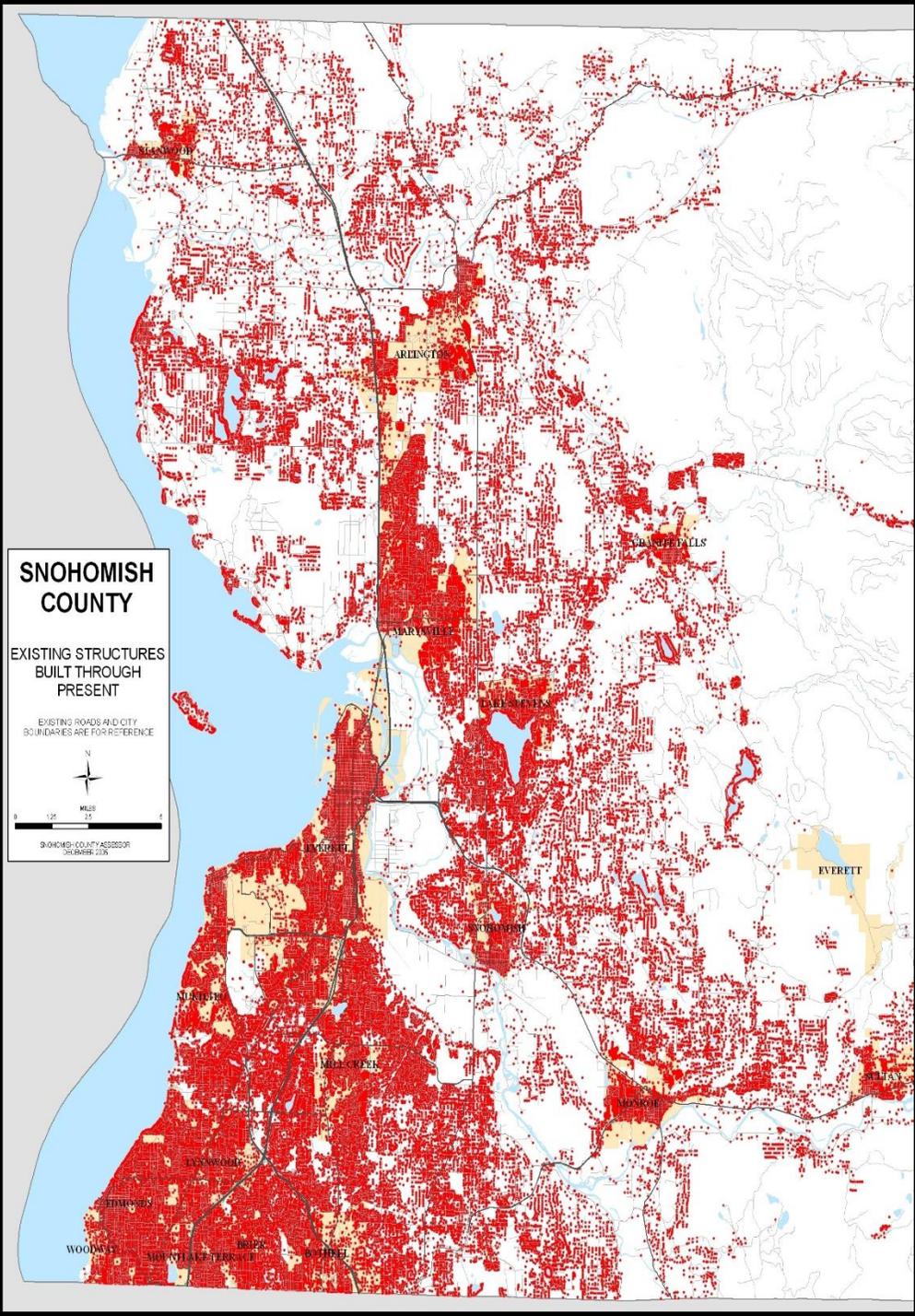


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Regional Planning



Puget Sound Regional Council



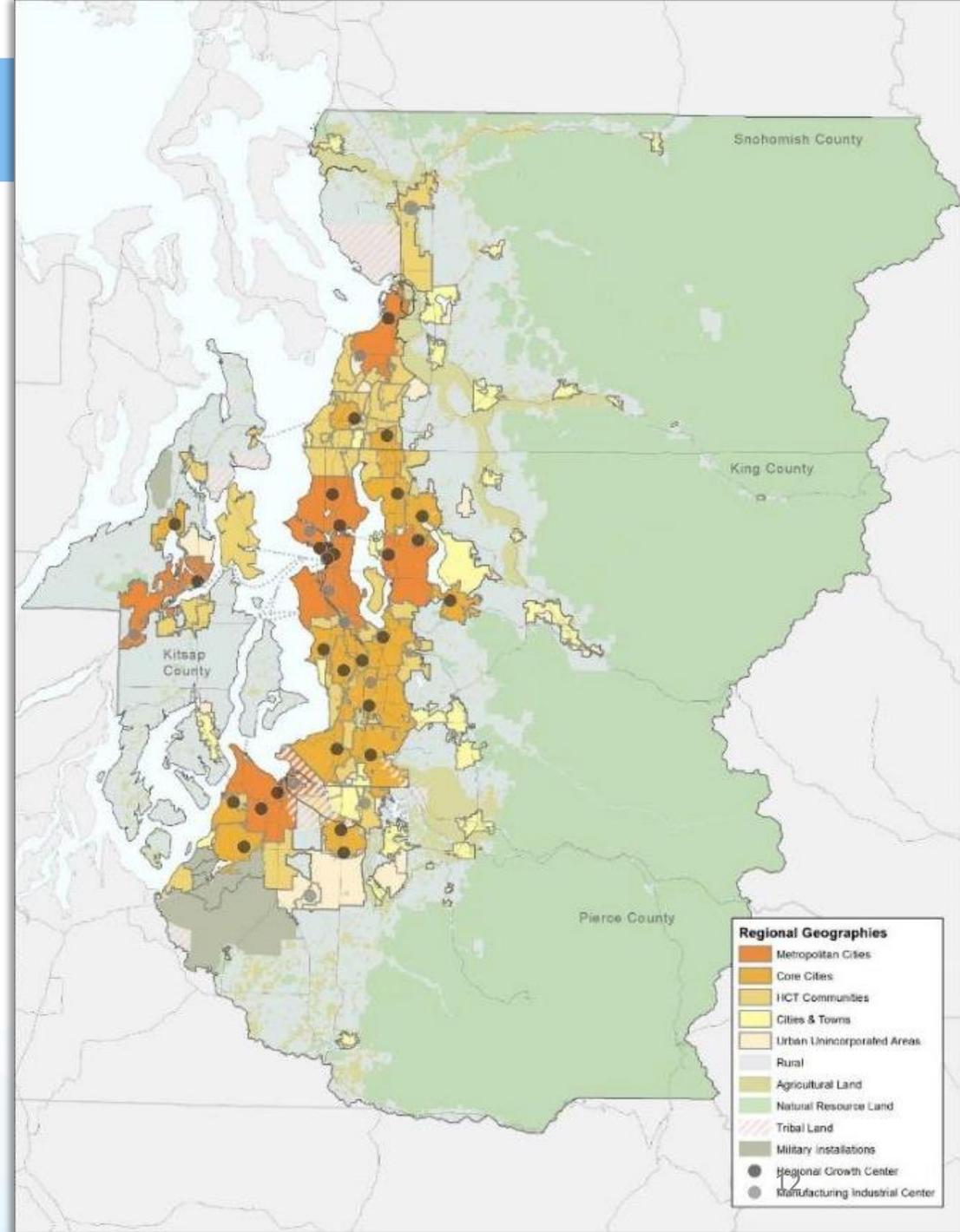
Multicounty Planning Policies (MPPs)

- Developed by Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)
- VISION 2050 – regional planning for the four county region:
 - King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish
- Snohomish County and its cities and towns are members of PSRC

DRAFT
VISION 2050
A Plan for the Central Puget Sound Region

Draft Vision 2050 Plan

- Regional plan for 1.8 million people by 2050
- Allocates regional population growth through 2050
- MPPs show increased focus on:
 - Climate Change
 - Equity
 - Development around high capacity transit



Draft Vision 2050 Plan

Growth Alternatives

Stay the Course

Growth focused in Metropolitan and Core cities

Transit Focused Growth

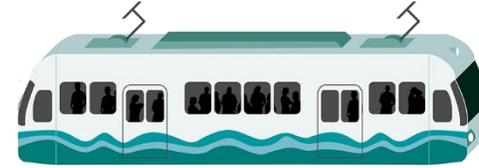
More compact growth focused in high capacity transit (HCT) areas

Reset Urban Growth

Growth more distributed throughout the urban growth area



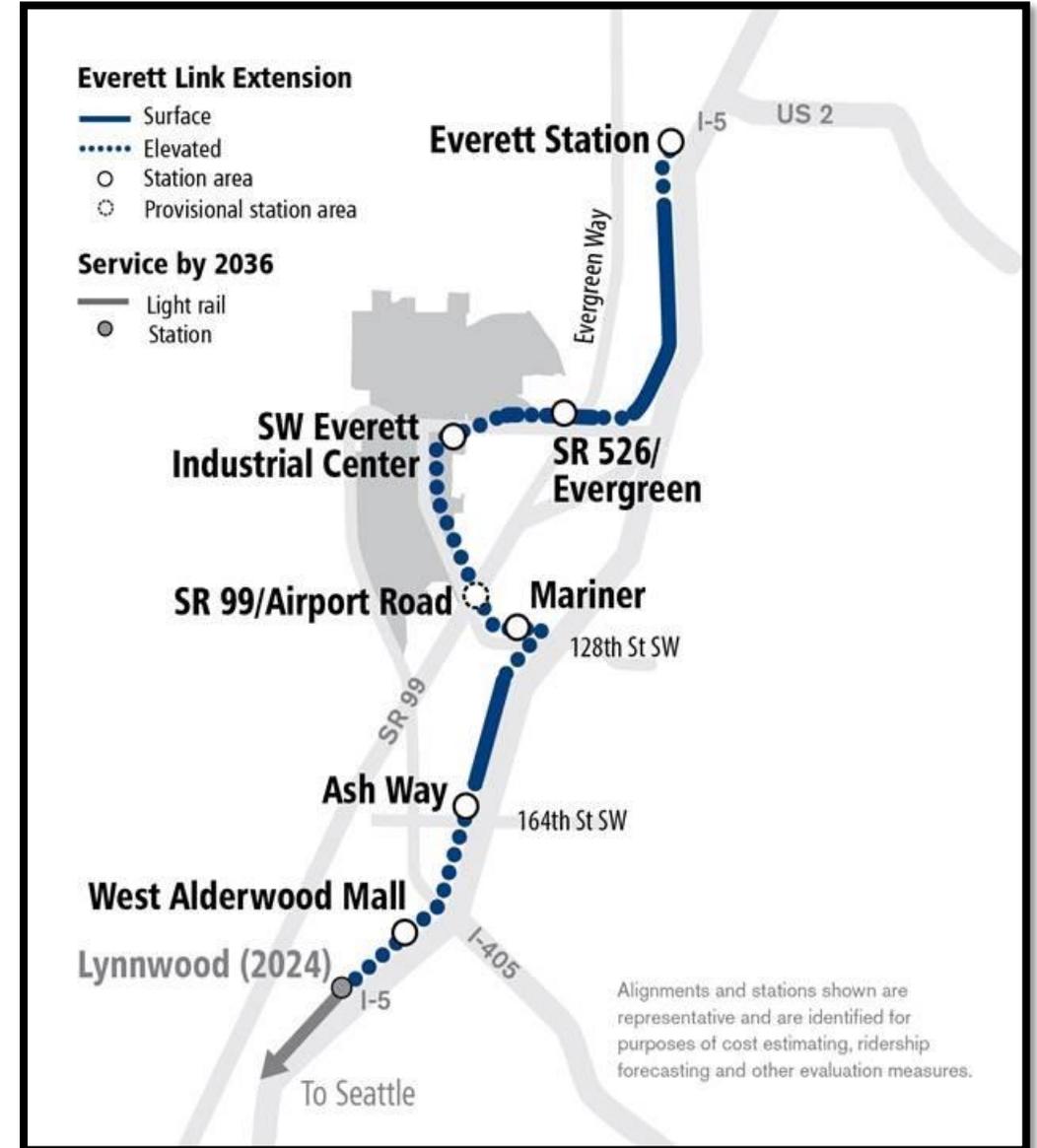
Transit Focused Growth



Accelerated growth near existing and planned high capacity transit investments

- Goal for 75% of the region's growth to occur near high capacity transit
- Decrease growth rate in rural areas
- **Decrease growth rate in urban unincorporated areas and smaller cities, especially at the urban edge**
- Better jobs-housing balance by shifting employment allocation from King County

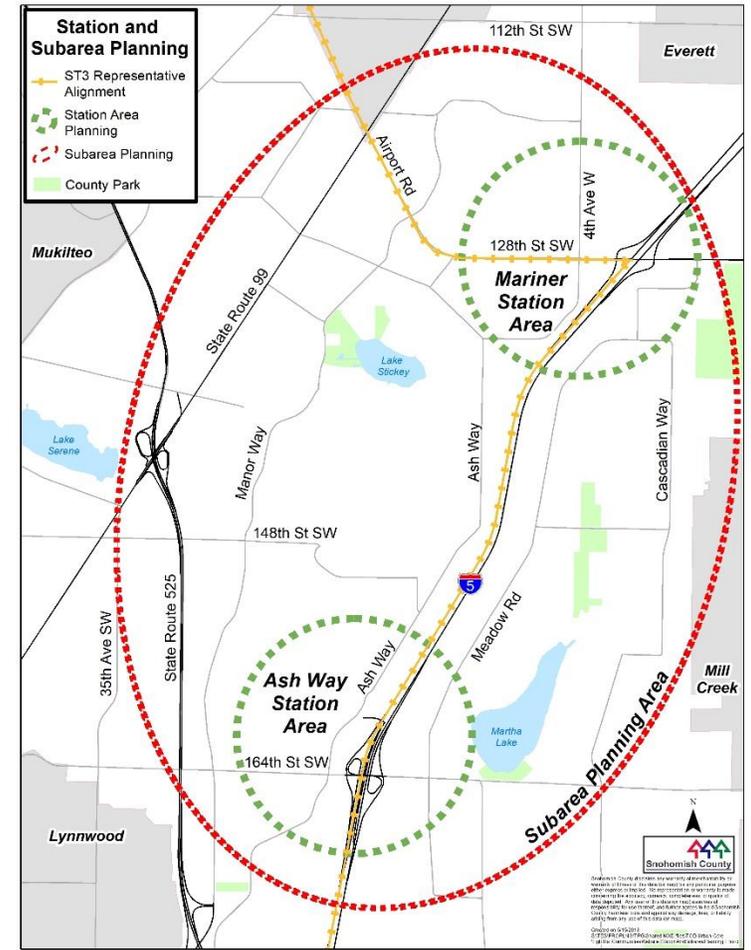
- In 2016, voters approved Sound Transit 3
- Includes Everett Link
 - Lynnwood to Everett
 - 2036 completion
 - Unincorporated Snohomish County light rail stations:
 - Ash Way
 - Mariner
 - SR 99/Airport Rd (Provisional)
- Other future investments in the area
 - Community Transit Swift Bus Rapid Transit
 - Roads improvements to serve Swift and to provide access to the light rail stations





Station and Subarea Planning

- Prospective light rail station locations
- Transit, vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle connections
- Opportunities for infill development
- Opportunities for parks and open space
- Opportunities market rate and affordable housing



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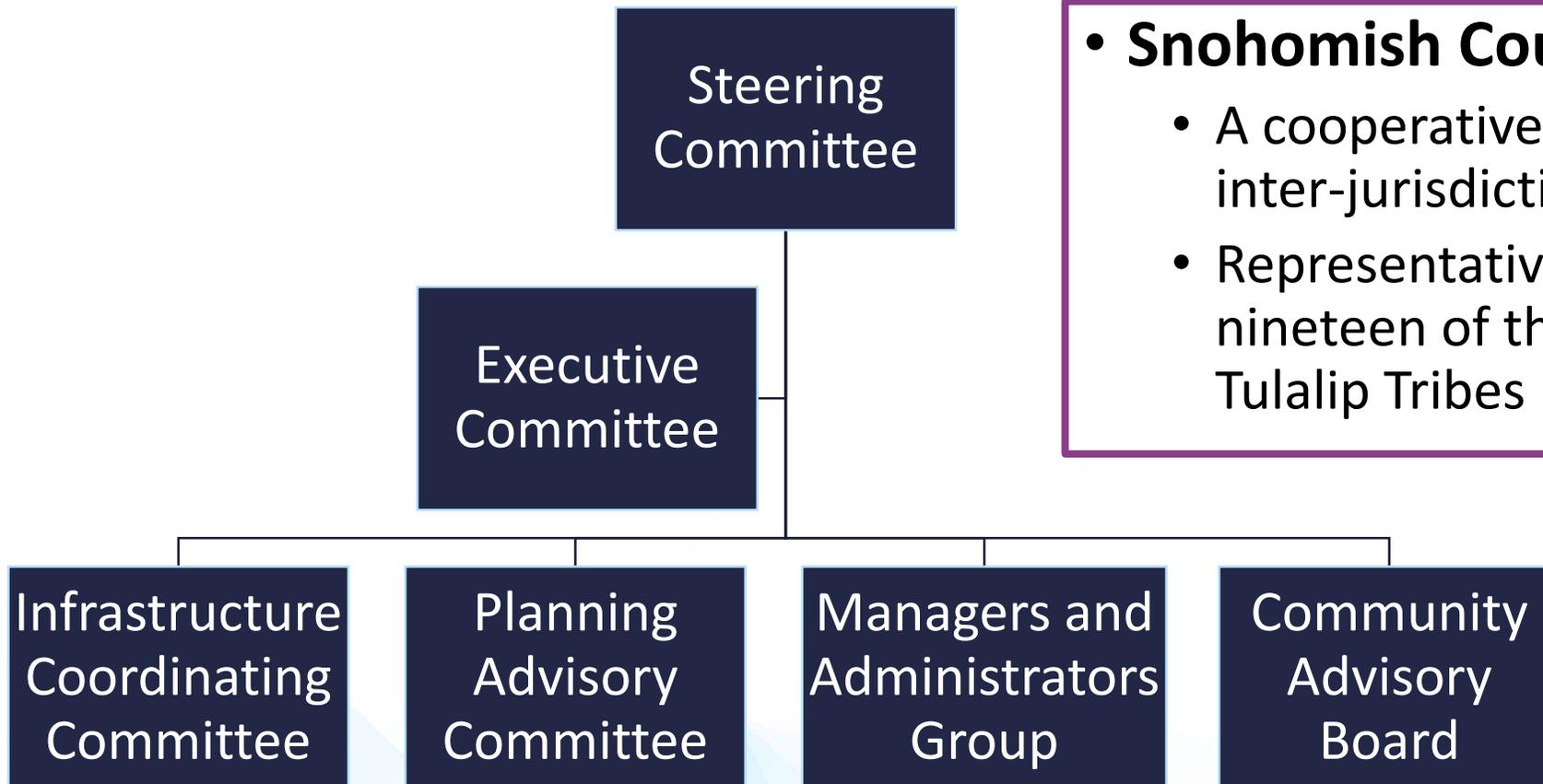
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Countywide Planning



- **Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT)**
 - A cooperative and collaborative public inter-jurisdictional forum
 - Representatives from the county and nineteen of the cities as well as the Tulalip Tribes

Countywide Planning

Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT)

- Representatives from the County, Cities, Towns, and Tulalip Tribes
- Partner and work together to oversee CPP's
- 6 Committees that meet monthly



2019 SCT
Annual
Assembly



Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs)

- Policies apply to county and all its cities and towns
- CPPs provide a framework for local Comprehensive Plans
- Must be consistent with the Multi-County Planning Policies

COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY

ADOPTED JUNE 1, 2011

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 11-011; EFFECTIVE DATE: JUNE 24, 2011

AMENDMENTS:

JUNE 1, 2011 (AMENDED ORD. NO. 11-021) EFF. DATE JUNE 24, 2011

JUNE 8, 2011 (AMENDED ORD. NO. 11-015) EFF. DATE JUNE 24, 2011

OCTOBER 17, 2012 (ORD. NO. 12-070) EFF. DATE NOVEMBER 10, 2012
(APPENDIX A MAP CHANGE ONLY)

JUNE 12, 2013 (AMENDED ORD. NO. 13-032) EFF. DATE JUNE 30, 2013
(APPENDIX A AND APPENDIX B CHANGES ONLY)

APRIL 16, 2014 (ORD. NO. 14-006) EFF. DATE APRIL 27, 2014
(APPENDIX B CHANGES ONLY)

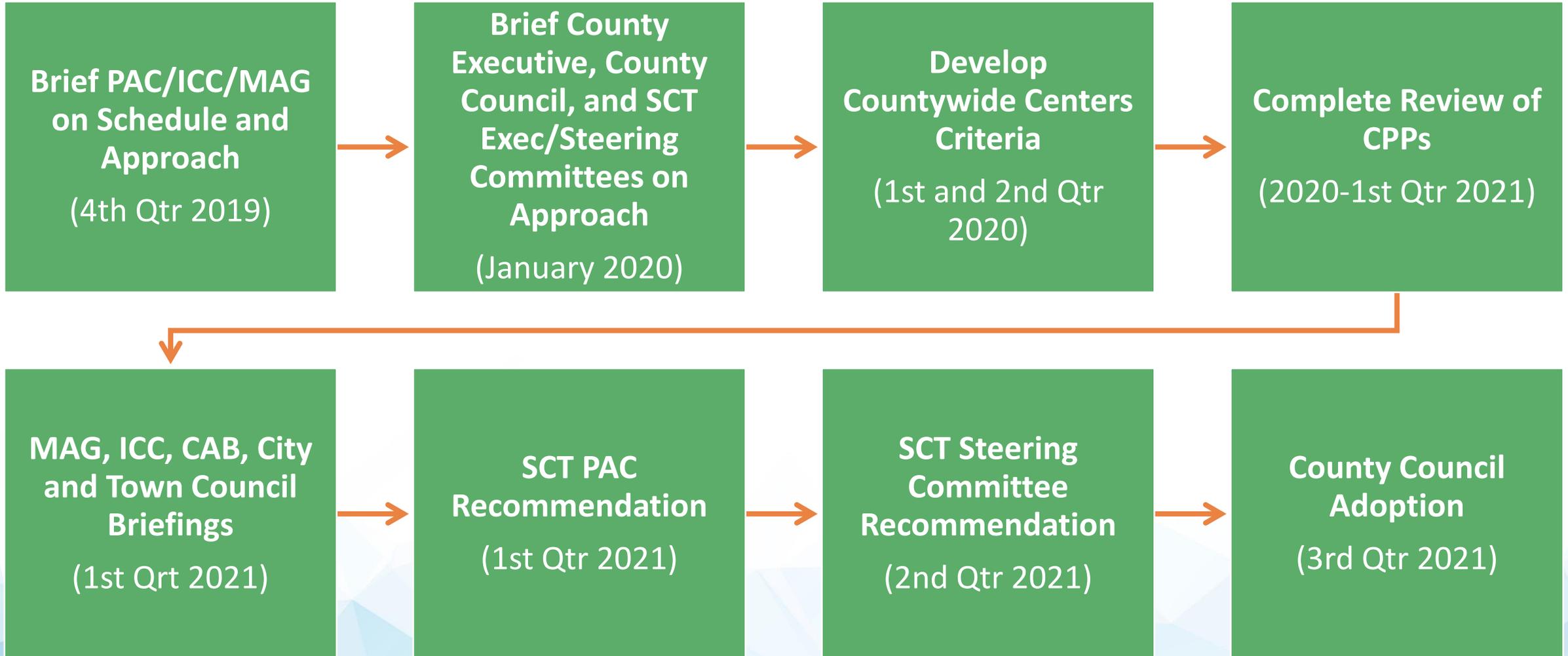
JUNE 4, 2014 (ORD. NO. 14-031) EFF. DATE JUNE 16, 2014

OCTOBER 12, 2016 (AMENDED ORD. NO. 16-078)
EFF. DATE NOVEMBER 10, 2016

NOTE: This is an unofficial compilation of the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs). The official text of the CPPs can be found in the ordinances adopting and amending the CPPs and those ordinances will control in the event of a disparity between the ordinance and this unofficial compilation.

Adoption Process

- Adoption Deadline: Dec. 31, 2021



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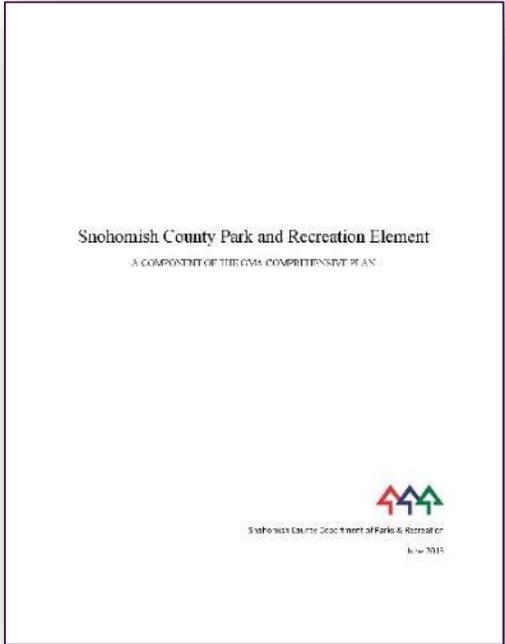
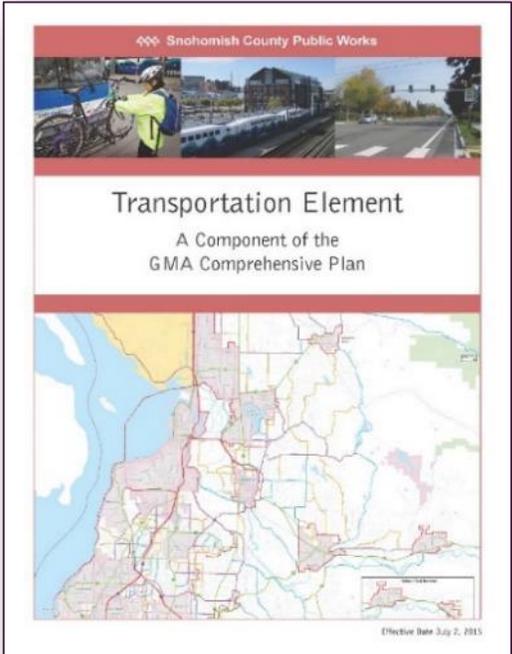
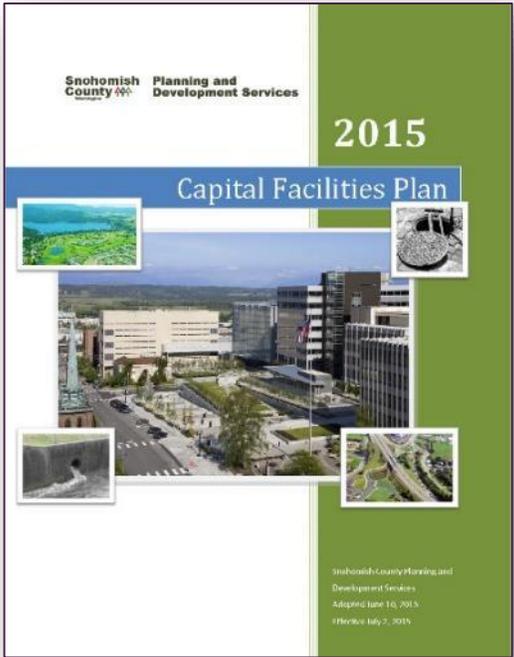
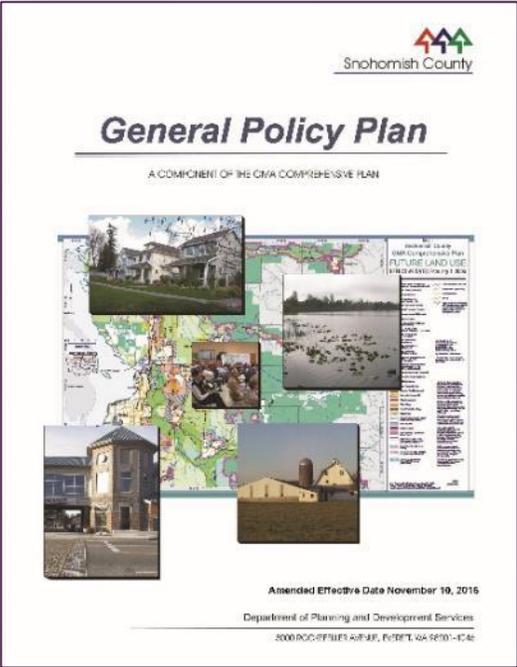
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2023 Update Comprehensive Plan & Compliance Review

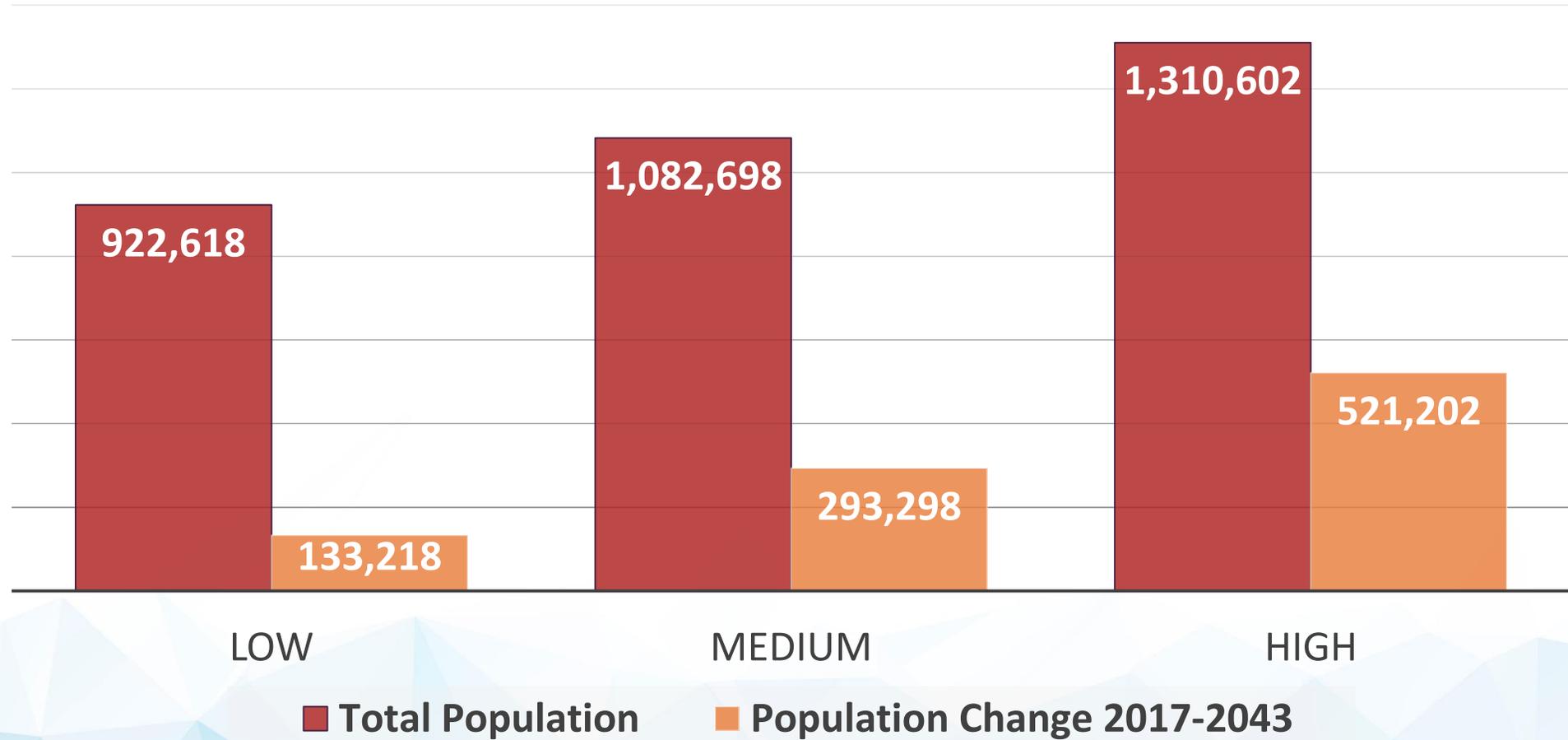
- Under RCW 36.70A.130, Snohomish County and its cities/towns are required to:

- Plan for the succeeding 20 year population and employment growth forecast; and
- Review and revise their comprehensive plans and development regulations to ensure the plan and regulations comply with the requirements of the GMA.

- Under the GMA, Snohomish, King, and Pierce Counties must complete their comprehensive plan update **every 8 years**.
- **June 30, 2023 deadline**

2017 Snohomish County Population Estimate: 798,400

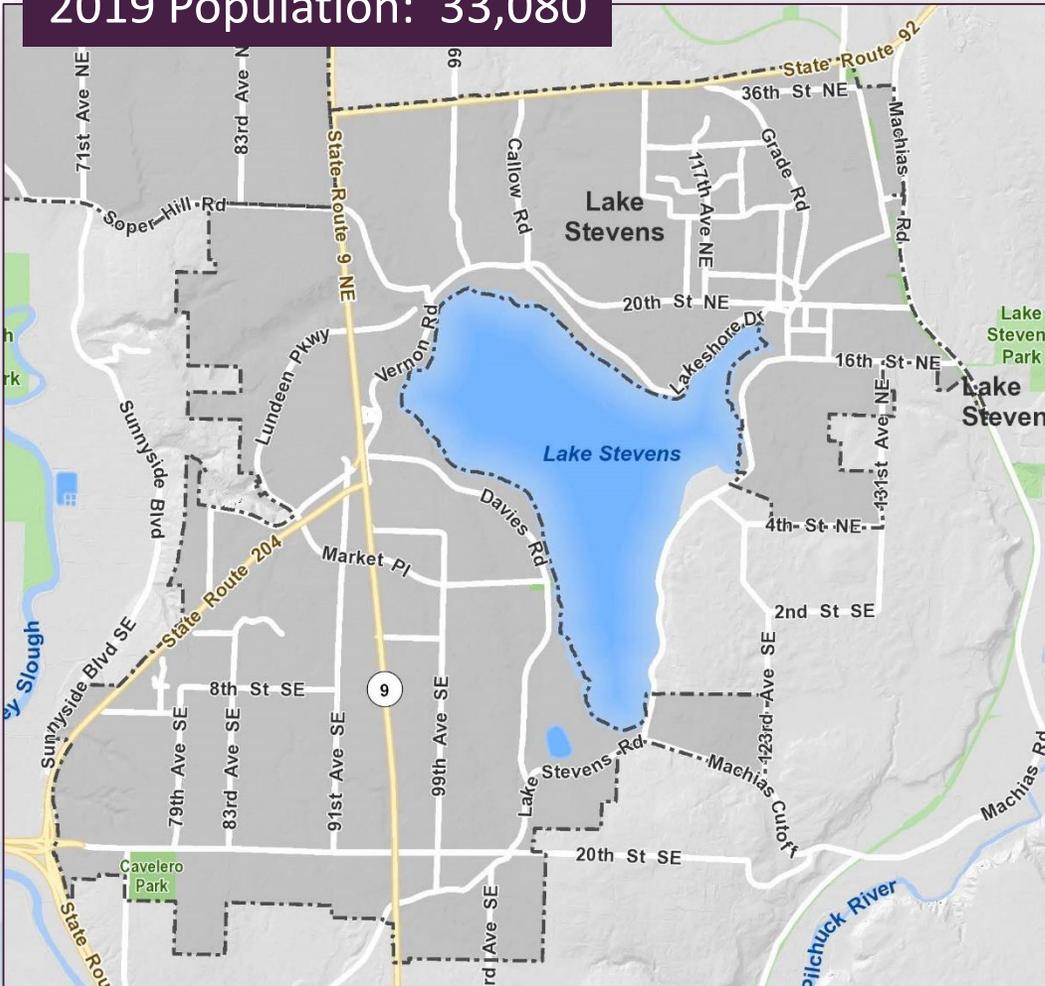
Snohomish County Population Forecasts for 2043



Source: Office of Financial Management

20-Year Forecast Growth is Equivalent to 8.5 Lake Stevens

2019 Population: 33,080



$$\times 8.5 =$$

Approx.
280,000
People in
20 Years

Calculation using the OFM medium population forecast

2023 Update Timeline

#	Project/Task	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1	Vision 2050	██████████	██████████			
2	Countywide Planning Policy Update		██████████	██████████		
3	Buildable Lands Report	██████████	██████████	██████████		
4	2043 Initial Growth Targets		██████████	██████████		
5	2020 Census/OFM Forecasts			██████████	██████████	
6	Major Docket Process		██████████	██████████		
7	GMA Compliance Review			██████████	██████████	██████████
8	Comprehensive Plan Update	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
9	State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)			██████████	██████████	██████████
10	Planning Commission Process				██████████	██████████
11	County Council Process					██████████
12	Public Participation		██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
13	Council/Executive Briefings		██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████

Dates subject to change

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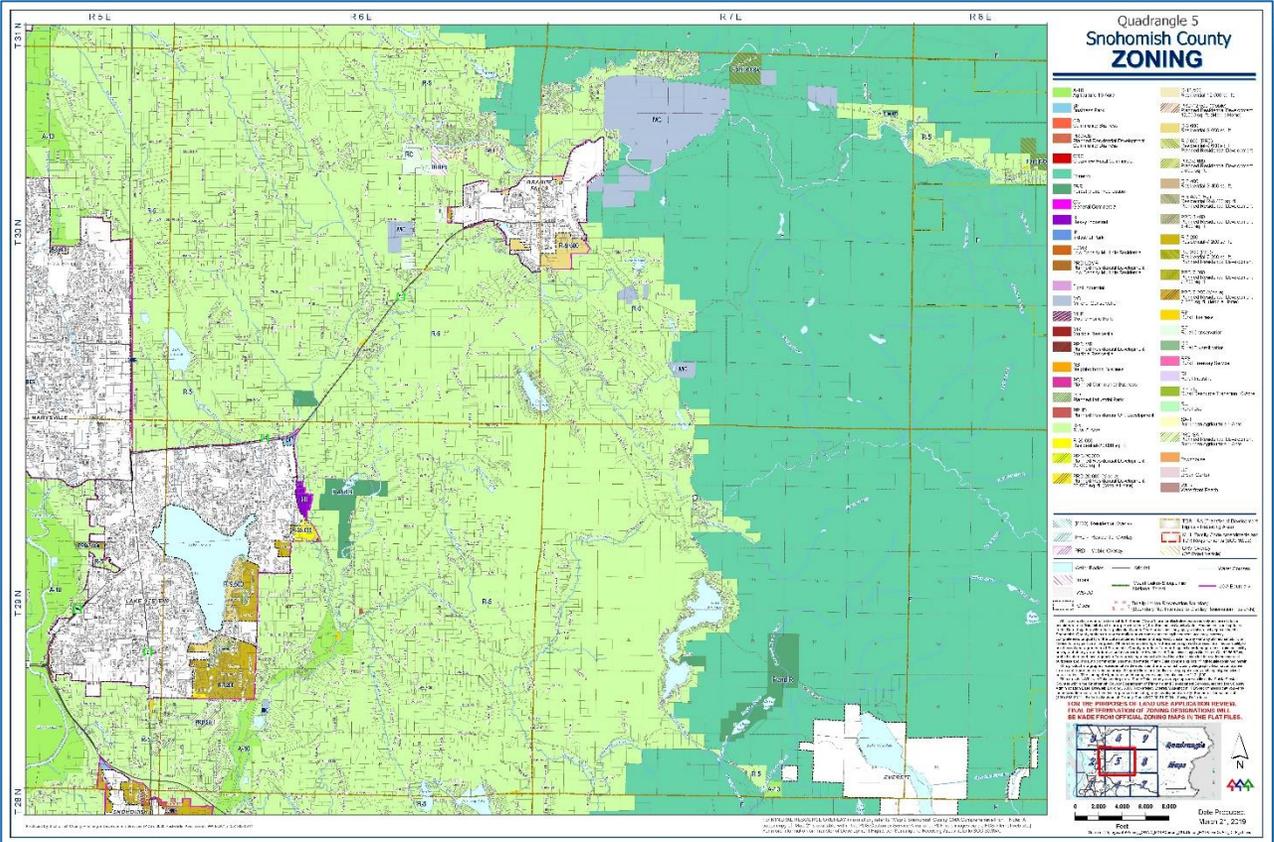
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NPDES

Critical Areas

Urban Residential Design Standards

Concurrency

Urban Tree Canopy

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- Interlocal Agreements
- Current Use Taxation
- Conservation Futures
- Annexations
- Transfer of Development Rights



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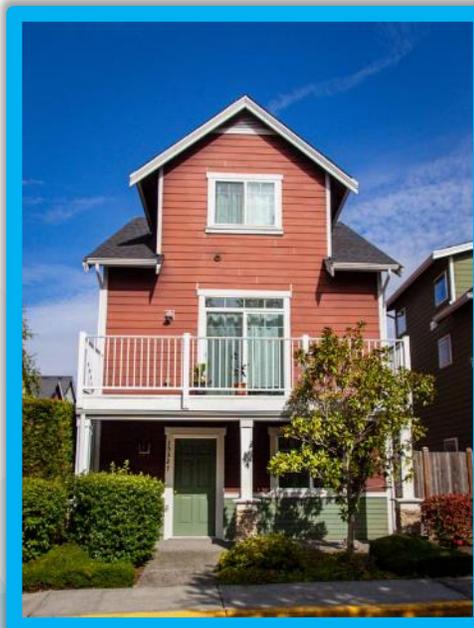
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Transportation

Are we adequately coordinated with land use?



Parks & Recreation Element

Are there adequate opportunities for everyone?



Capital Facilities & Utilities Element

Are they sized
adequately?





Development Regulations

Do they provide for efficient use of land?



Critical Area & Shoreline Regulations

Are they protecting
sensitive resources?

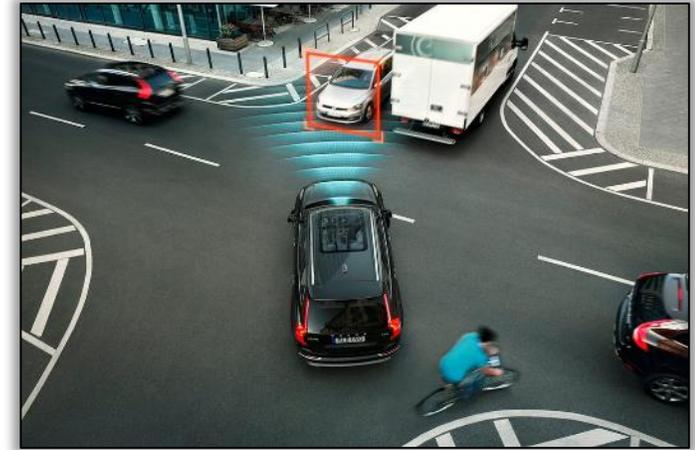


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What can we afford?



Decisions We Are Making Will Affect Snohomish County for Years to Come



Questions?



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