



Local & Regional Planning

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Presentation Overview

- **Washington Growth Management Act – Overview**
- **Planning in Central Puget Sound Region**
 - **Puget Sound Regional Council**
 - **Regional Planning Framework**
 - **VISION 2040 – Long-Range Regional Strategy for Environment, Growth Management, Economic Development, Transportation**





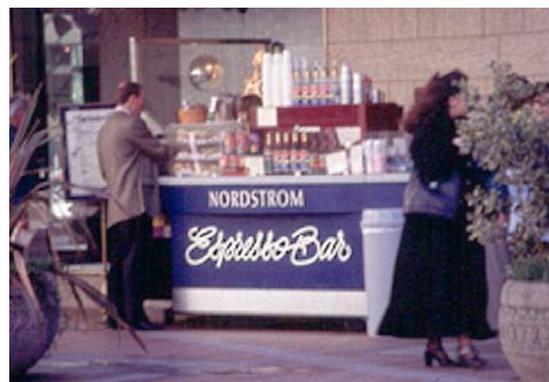
Washington's Growth Management Act

Landmark Change - 1990

- Establish urban growth areas to curb sprawl
- Protect resource lands & critical areas
- Coordinated planning required, including regional policies (*Multicounty Planning Policies & Countywide Planning Policies* – which provide a common framework)
- Requirements for strong local comprehensive plans and implementing development regulations
- Regional certification of local plans
- Buildable lands analyses, growth targets

Washington State Planning Goals

- ◆ sprawl reduction
- ◆ concentrated urban growth
- ◆ affordable housing
- ◆ economic development
- ◆ open space & recreation
- ◆ regional transportation
- ◆ environmental protection
- ◆ property rights
- ◆ natural resource industries
- ◆ historic lands & buildings
- ◆ permit processing
- ◆ public facilities & services
- ◆ public participation
- ◆ shoreline management



Local Comprehensive Plans

Required elements:

- land use
- housing
- capital facilities
- utilities
- transportation
- shoreline master program policies
- rural (*for counties only*)

Required elements on hold (*until state funding available*):

- parks
- economic development

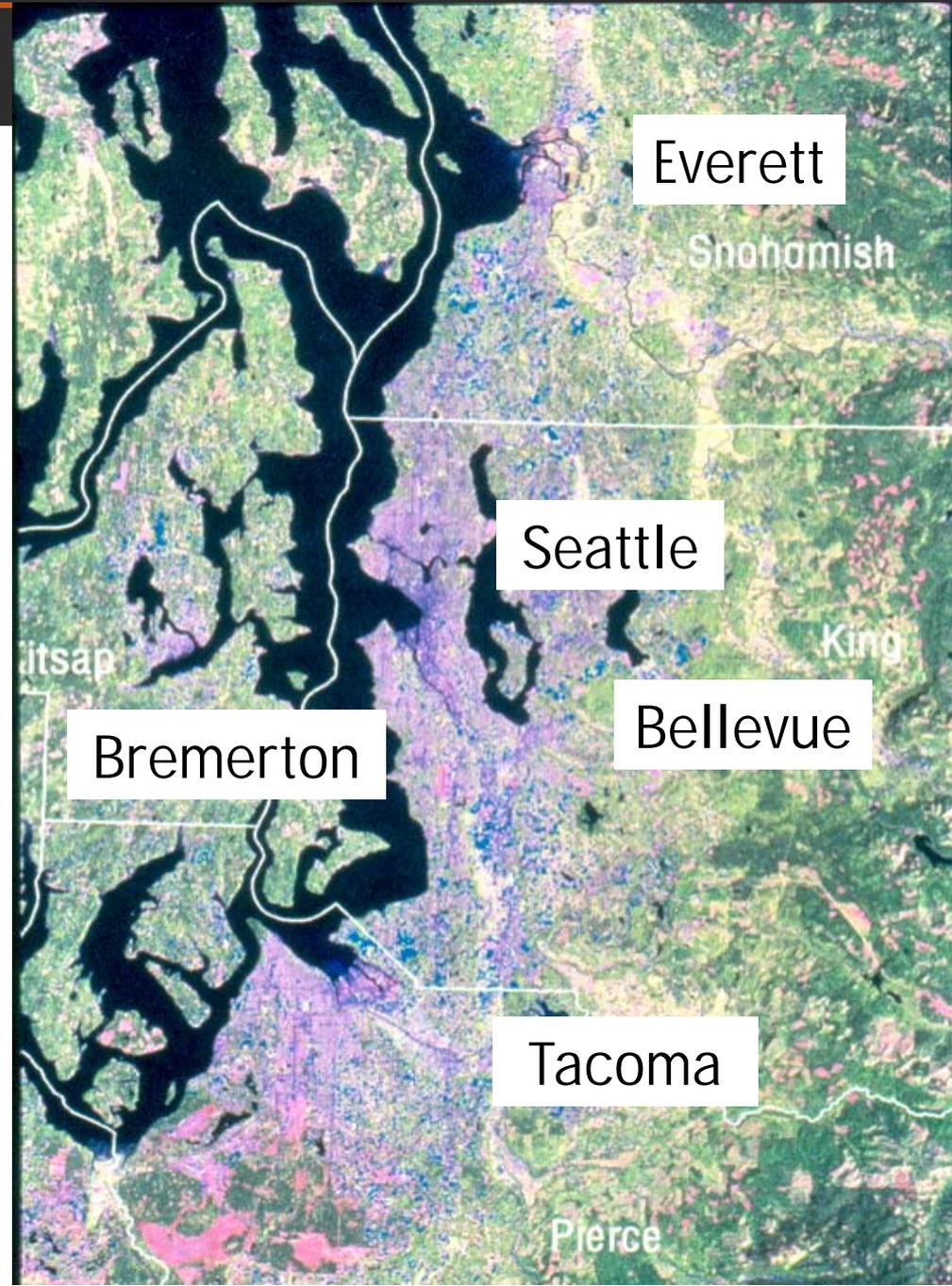




Planning in Central Puget Sound

Central Puget Sound Region

- 4 counties
- 82 cities & towns
- hundreds of special districts



Puget Sound Regional Council

membership

- King, Kitsap, Pierce & Snohomish counties
- 70 cities
- 3 ports
- Tribes
- 2 state agencies
- 6 transit agencies

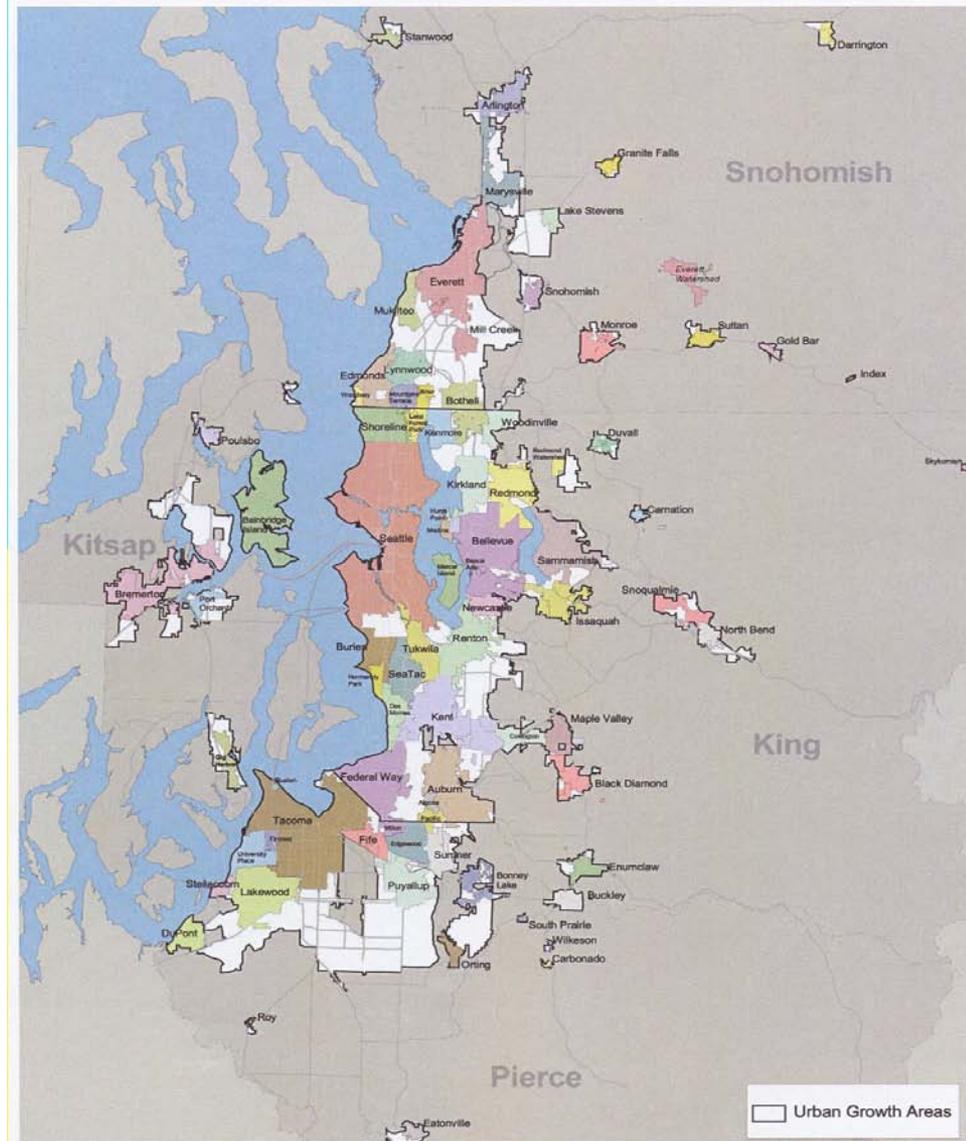
associate members

adjacent counties

University of Washington

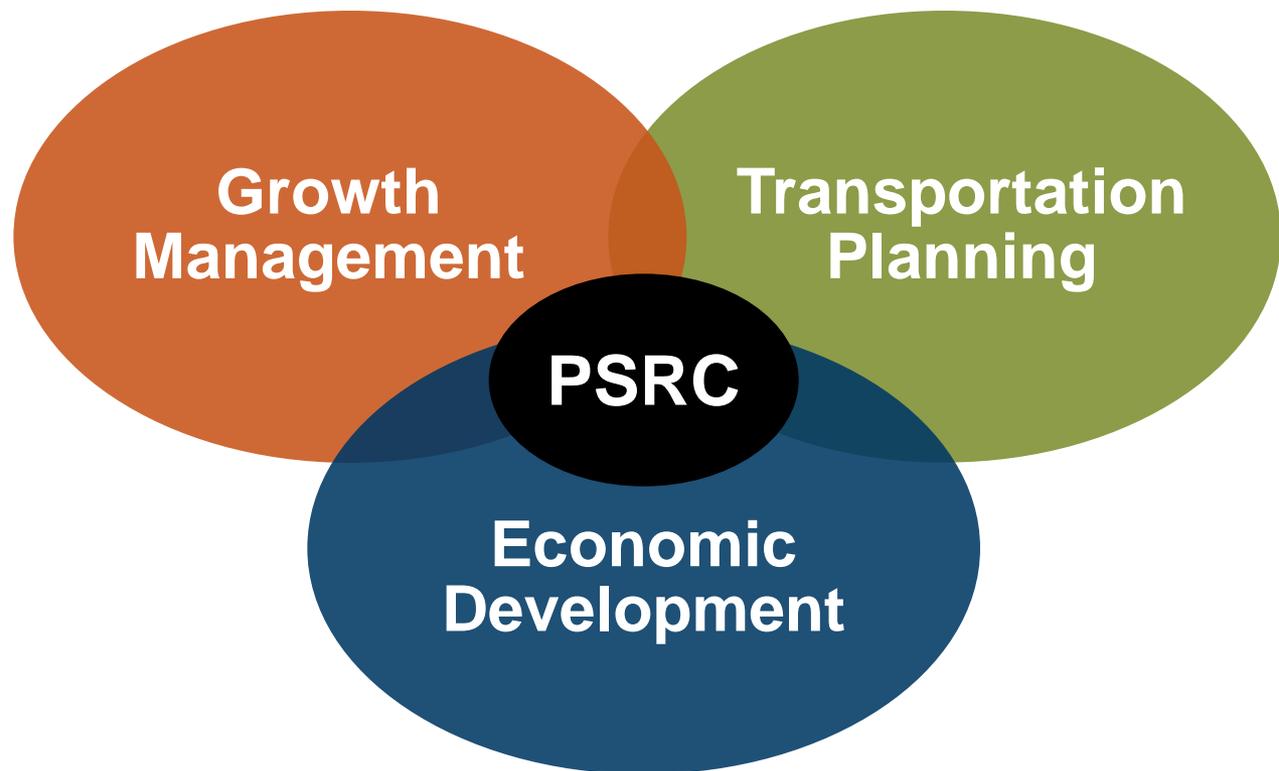
Puget Sound Partnership

Cities and Counties in Central Puget Sound Region



Our Mission

to play a key regional role in keeping central Puget Sound thriving as we grow



Organization & Decision Making

Relationships of PSRC Policy Bodies

*Meets annually
for budget &
plan actions*

General Assembly

Executive Board

Operations Committee

*Day-to-day
operations &
policy actions*

**Transportation
Policy
Board**

**Growth
Management
Policy Board**

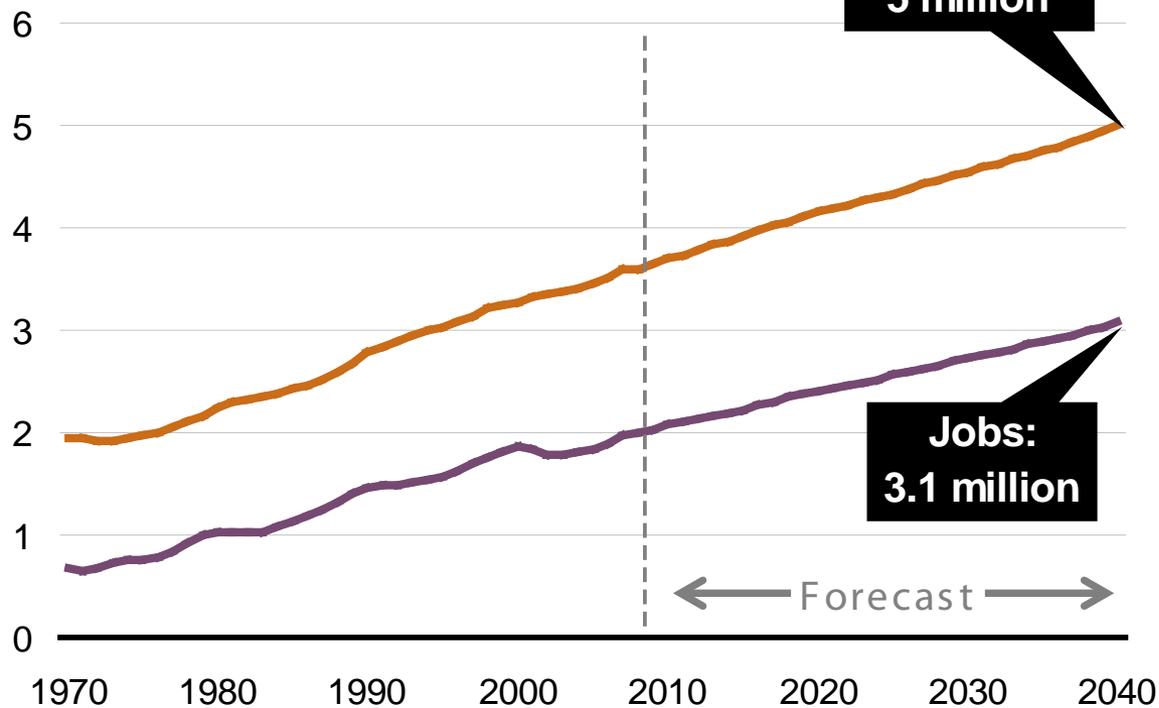
**Economic
Development
District**



Our Region is Growing

Regional Growth Estimates

In millions

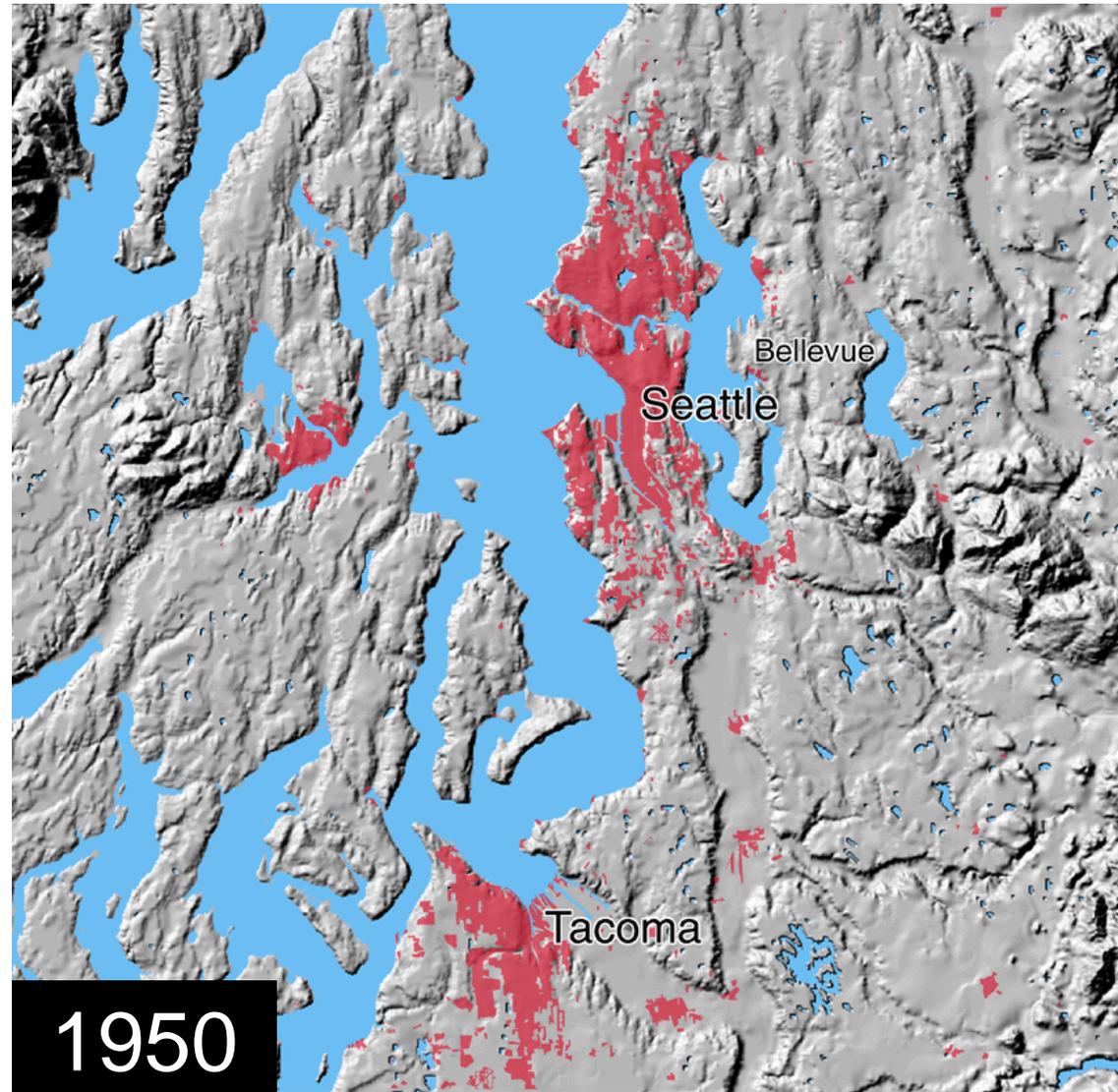


**Puget Sound
forecast to see
36% increase
in population
& 51% increase
in jobs by 2040**

Growing Urban Footprint

Washington State
2.4 million people

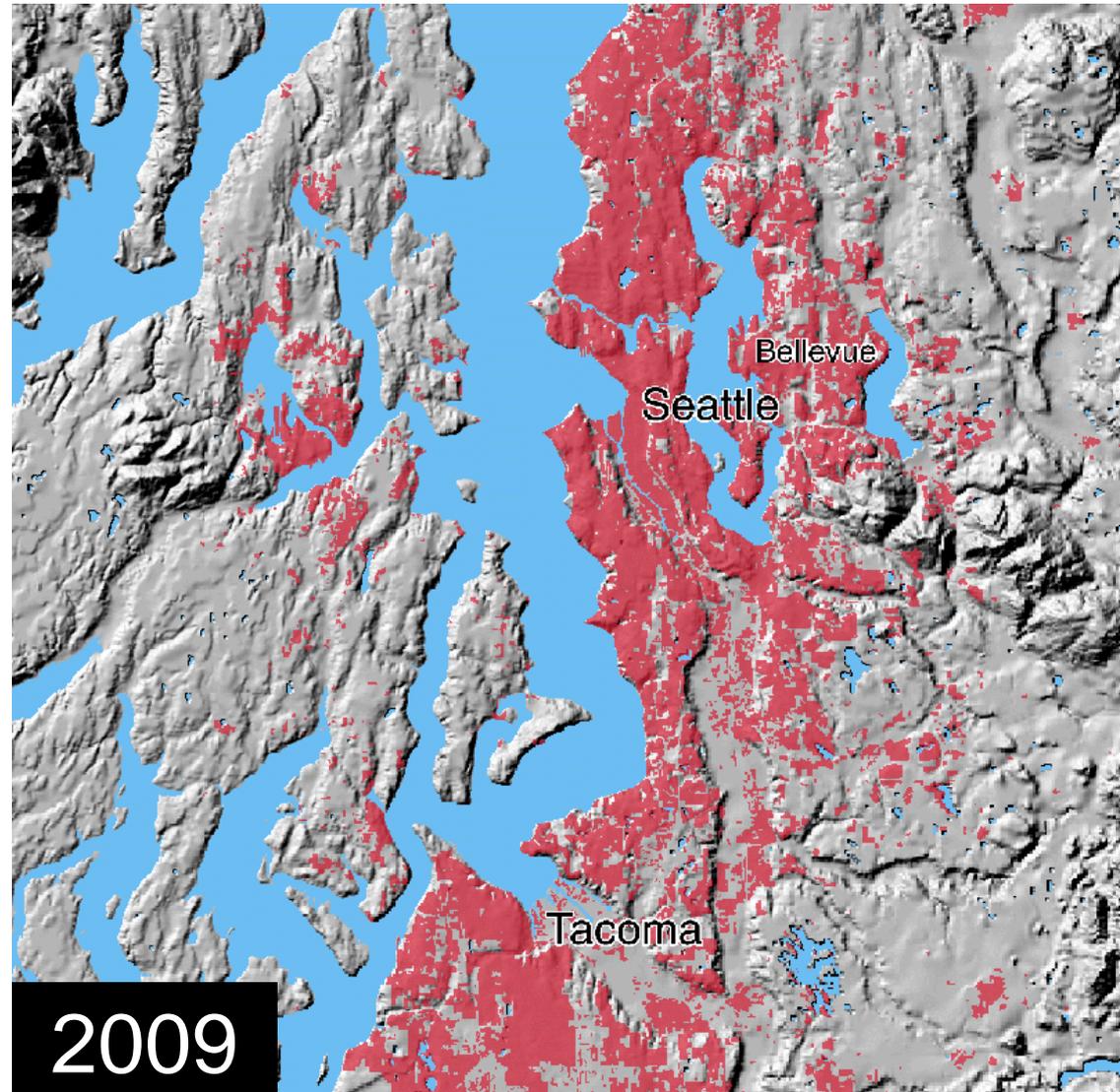
Central Puget Sound
1.2 million people



Growing Urban Footprint

Washington State
6.3 million people

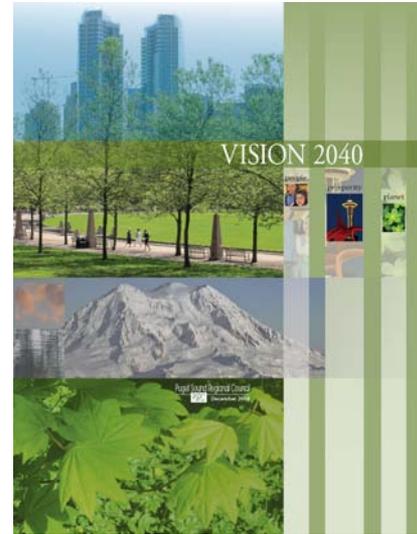
Central Puget Sound
3.6 million people



Regional Framework for Planning

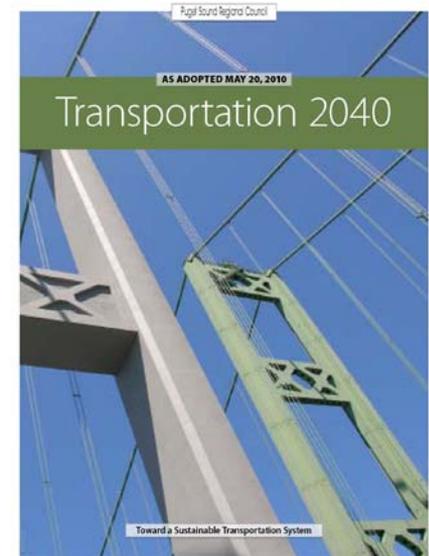
Integrated Strategy

- **VISION 2040**
region's integrated strategy for growth, transportation, economy & environment; multicounty planning policies



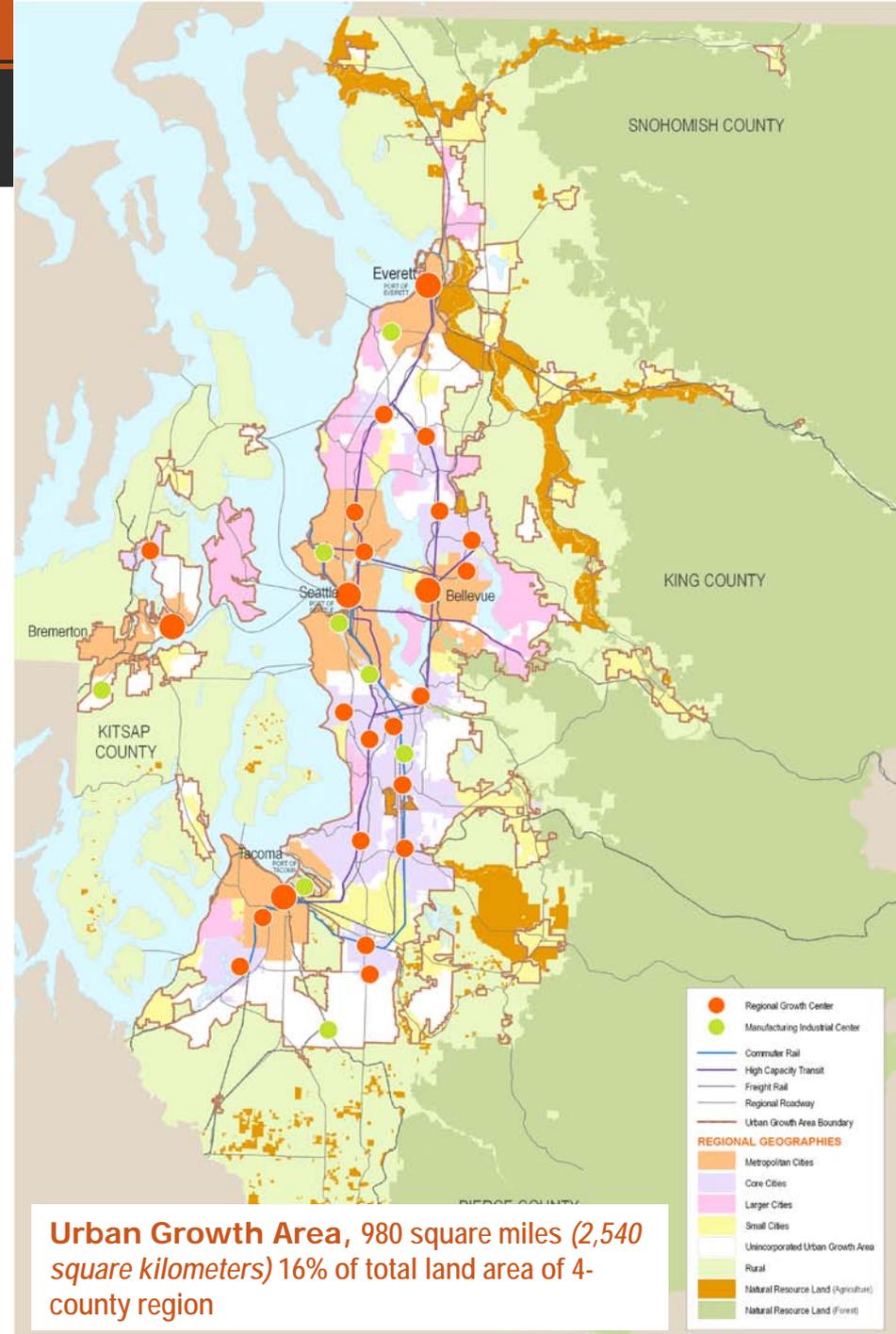
Functional Plans

- **Transportation 2040**
regional transportation plan: under state & federal law
- **Regional Economic Strategy**



VISION 2040

- Adopted April 2008
- Multicounty Planning Policies under State Growth Management Act
- Regional agreement on integrating growth management, transport, economic, & environmental goals
- Sustainable development & environmental responsibility
- Growth in urban area, centers focus
- Preserve rural & resource lands
- Support economic development; affordable housing
- Clean transportation; conserve resources



VISION 2040 / *People, Prosperity & Planet*

... conveys that the people of the region, our economic prosperity, & our relationship to the planet are tied together in a mutually supportive way.

Social & environmental goals cannot be achieved without economic prosperity – & achieving prosperity highly related to social well-being & environmental quality.



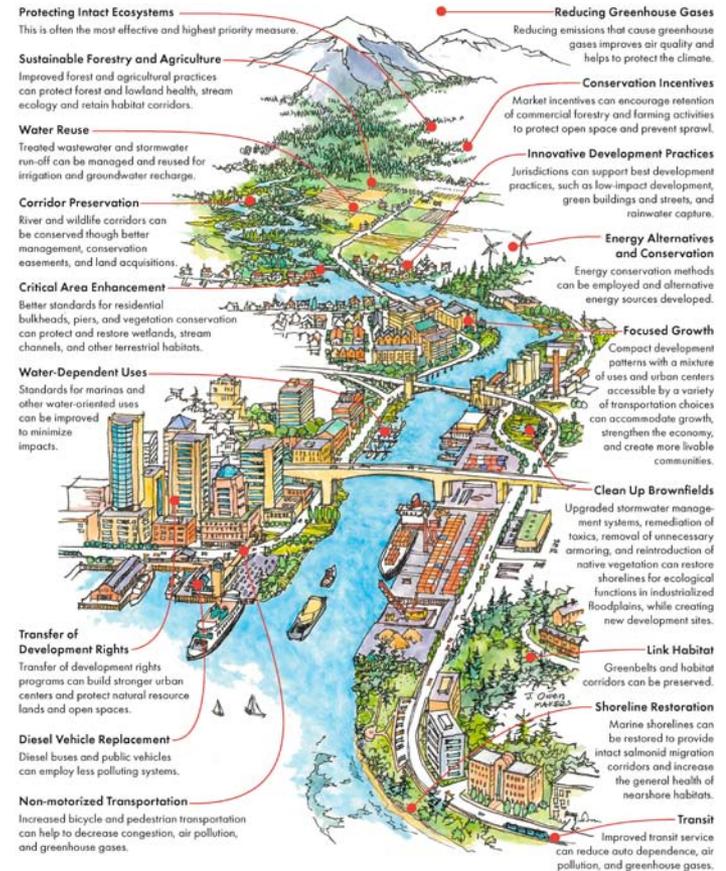
Sustainable Environment Framework

VISION 2040

Framework & Context

- New section – establishing important link between natural environment & quality of life
- Recognizes the value of the natural environment
- Acknowledges the damage of pollution & past practices
- Serves as a *call-to-action* to protect, conserve & restore environment as the region grows

WAYS TO IMPROVE ECOSYSTEM CONDITIONS



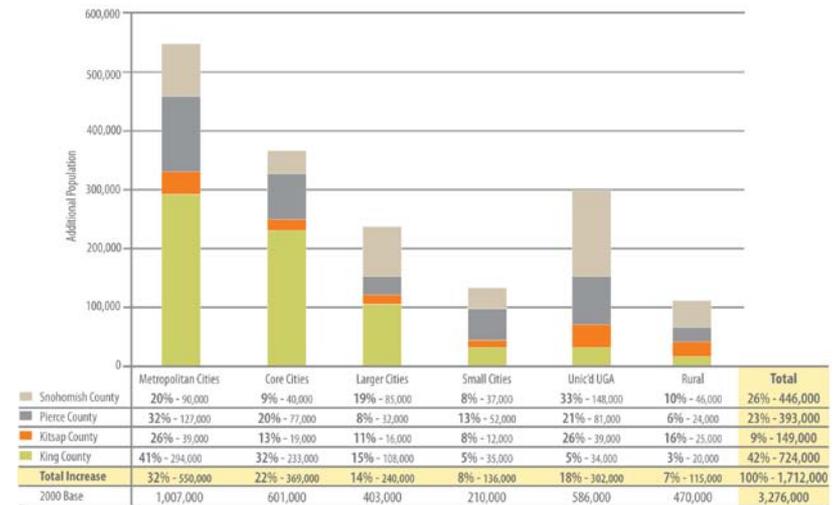
Source: John Owen, MAKERS Architecture and Urban Design

Regional Growth Strategy

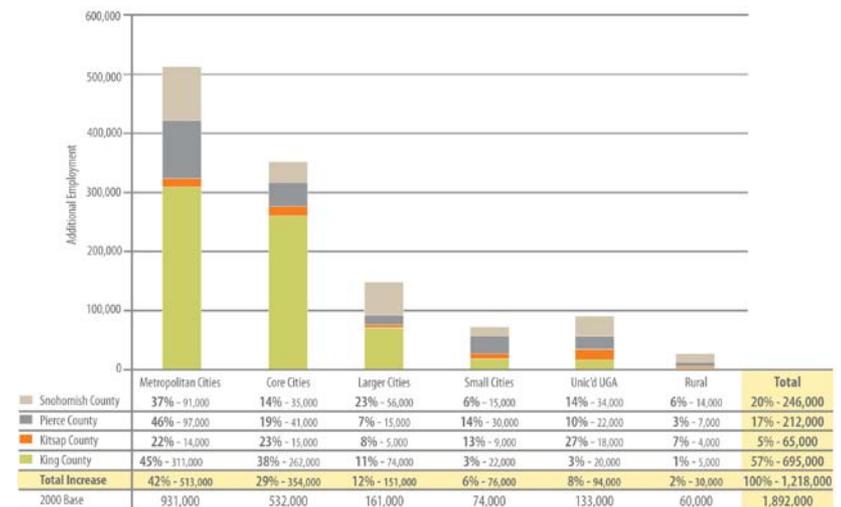
Numeric Guidance for Local Planning & Targets

- Helps define roles different types of cities play in accommodating people & jobs
- Permanently protect resource lands
- Minimize incompatible rural development
- Commit to compact development
- Concentrate jobs, housing & activities in cities & centers
- Focus growth in *Metropolitan, Core & Larger Cities*
- Improve regional jobs-housing balance

Population Growth by Regional Geography and County, 2000-2040
(Final Draft Technical Amendment as of January 8, 2009)



Employment Growth by Regional Geography and County, 2000-2040
(Final Draft Technical Amendment as of January 8, 2009)



Multicounty Planning Policies

Role of Multicounty Planning Policies

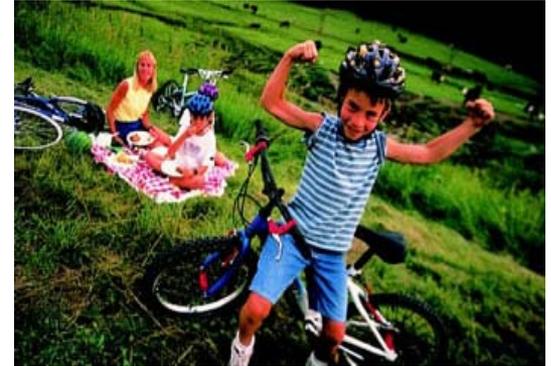
- Direction for implementing *Regional Growth Strategy*
- Common framework for planning at various levels: regional, county, local
- Guidance & direction for regional planning:
 - *Transportation 2040*
 - *Regional Economic Strategy*



Multicounty Planning Policies

New Policy Direction

- Environmental policy section addressing habitat, water quality, air, climate change
- Strengthen commitment to compact growth & developing centers
- Preserve rural & natural resource areas
- Emphasis on improved jobs/housing balance
- Strategic emphasis on housing
- Relationship between health & built environment
- Attention to regional urban form & design
- Call for cleaner transportation
- Meet service needs through conservation



Implementation

Actions & Measures

- Both short-term & mid-term implementation actions (regional & local)
- implementation & performance measures
- Direction for PSRC work program
- Outreach & technical assistance to local jurisdictions



Implementation Actions Underway

- Translating *Regional Growth Strategy* allocations into targets (for jurisdictions in each county)
- Updating countywide planning policies
- Providing planning resources to assist with local comprehensive planning





Questions?

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