



# Urban Centers in King County: From Policy to Results

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# Centers Policy over time

- PSCOG –How Do We Grow?
- GMA -1990
- GMPC and Countywide Planning Policies 1991-2
  - Strategic Approach for Growth
    - Urban Centers [DP-29-33]
    - Urban Growth Line
    - High Capacity Transit
    - Preserve Manufacturing capacity
    - Manufacturing Centers -10,000 jobs [DP 34-37]
  - Countywide Standards - 1.5/15,000/50/15
  - Local Actions
  - Regional Support
  - Long Term Capacity
- Vision 2020/2040

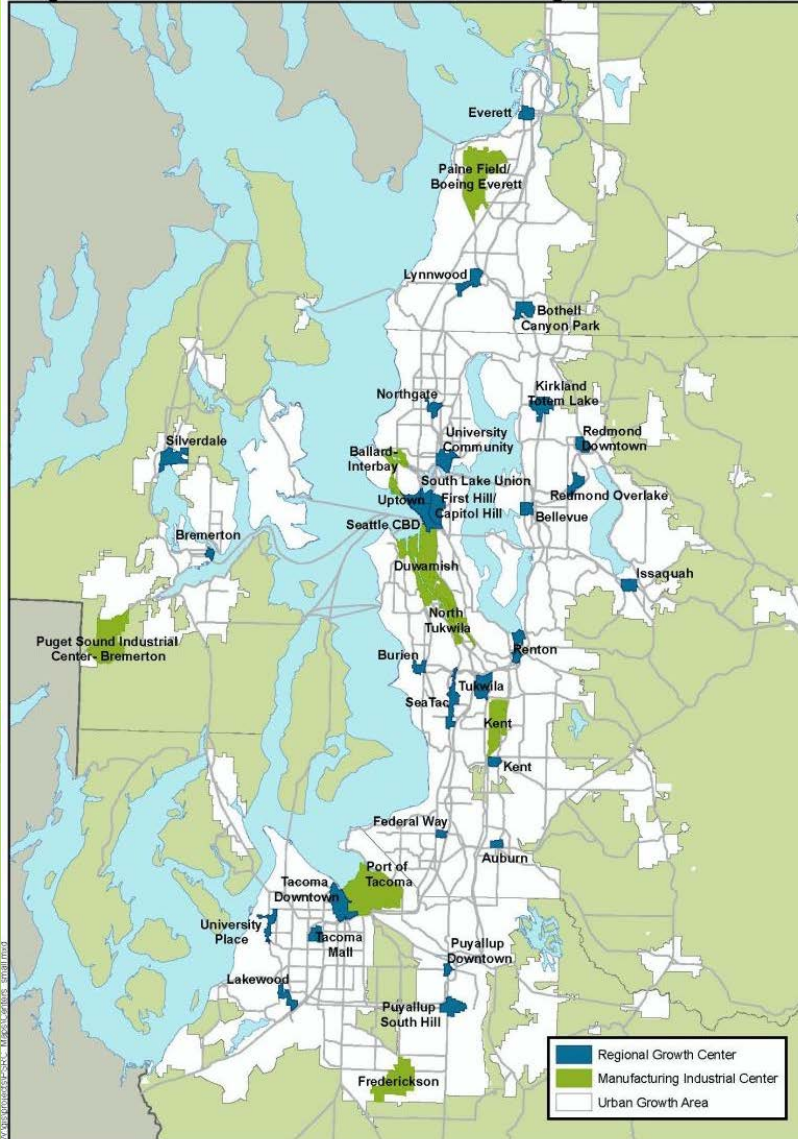
# GMA Hierarchy

- ◉ WA State **Growth Management Act**
- ◉ PSRC **VISION 2040** and its Regional Growth Strategy
- ◉ GMPC and King Co. **Countywide Planning Policies**
  - ◉ Updated 2012 to implement *VISION 2040*
    - ◉ Urban Centers, Mfg-Industrial Centers
    - ◉ Urban Growth Area
    - ◉ High Capacity Transit
    - ◉ Housing & job growth targets, each jurisdiction
- ◉ City and county **Comprehensive Plans**
- ◉ **Regulations**, zoning and capital improvements

# Urban Centers Process

- First round: 12 Urban Centers designated
- Over years 1994 – 2015, six additional centers designated
- King Co CPPs center designation criteria
  - High standards of size, density and future intent
- Once named in CPPs, can be nominated as Regional Growth Centers in *VISION*

## Regional Growth Centers and Manufacturing/Industrial Centers



## 18 Urban Centers in King County

In context of Central Puget Sound Regional Growth Centers and Mfg-Industrial Centers

# King County GMA Progress

- Before we discuss Centers results, GMA is an overall success story in King County
- Increasing focus of growth into UGA: 98% of housing growth
- Protection of resource & rural areas
- Growth shifting from edges to city centers
- Increase in high-capacity transit capacity, and ridership

# Increasing Center Success

- Between 2000 and 2014:
  - Urban Centers gained 48,500 people
  - 10 centers gained 39,000 jobs, but 8 lost jobs
- Housing / population growth in Centers
- Seattle: CBD, S. Lk. Union, Cap. Hill, U Dist
- Bellevue CBD, Redmond CBD, Overlake
- Renton, SeaTac
- Other centers not sharing in growth yet, but ST3 will connect them

# Thank you!

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