

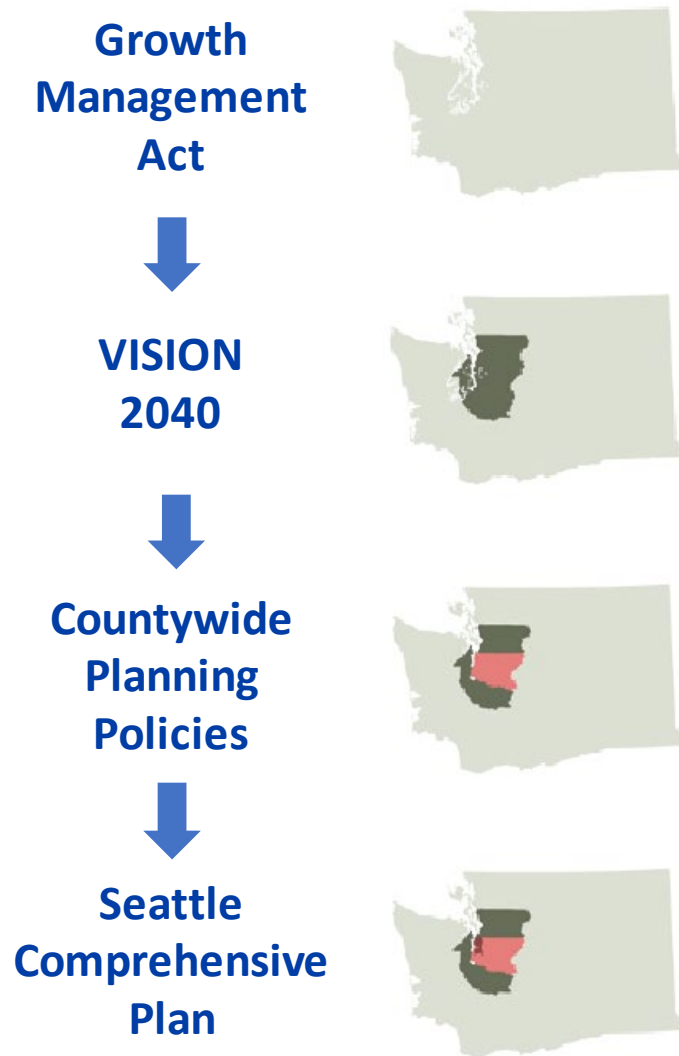
# New state and regional requirements

## Comprehensive Plan Update

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# Growth Management Policy Framework



What's new?

Highlighted new requirements and provisions of state and regional policy.

# Growth Management Act (GMA)

- Substantive requirements –
  - Required plan elements
  - What they need to include
- Procedural requirements –
  - Schedule for updates, next due in 2024
  - Public participation
- Legislature considers GMA amendments every year!

# HB 1220 (adopted in 2021)

What it means for the comprehensive plan:

- Expands scope of housing needs analysis to include household incomes up to 120% of AMI, shelters, and missing middle housing
- Housing element must address:
  - Increased variety of housing types, incl. ADUs
  - Housing supply in proximity to jobs
- Identify areas at high risk of displacement
- Reduce racial disparities, displacement, and exclusion in housing
- Links local and countywide housing need (with new guidance and projections forthcoming from Department of Commerce)

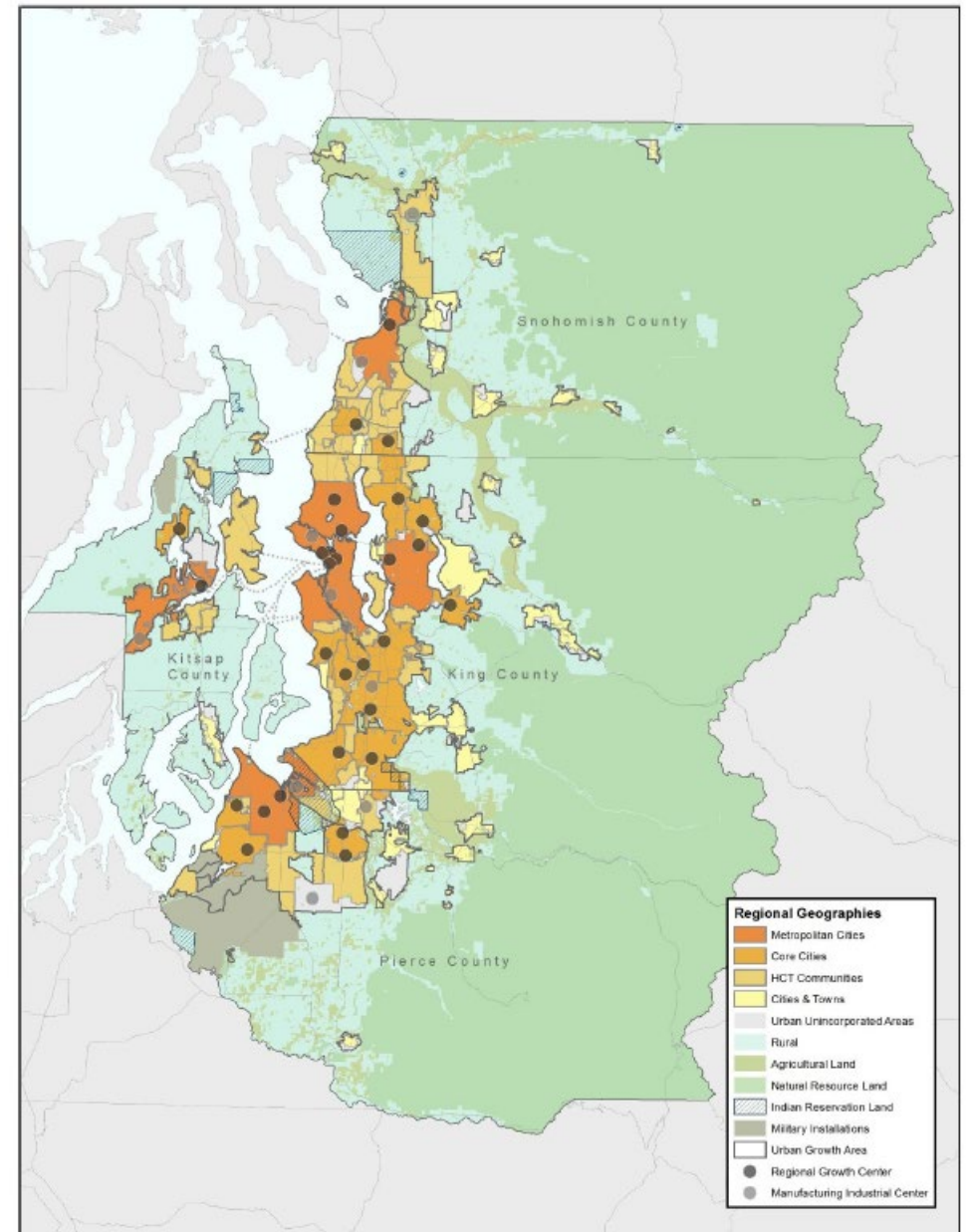
# HB 1099 (considered in 2021, potential in 2022)

What it would mean for the comprehensive plan:

- Requires new climate change element
  - Greenhouse gas emissions reduction sub-element
    - Policies and actions to reduce GHGs consistent with state goals, reduce VMT
    - Transportation and land use systems
    - Incentivizes missing middle housing as climate mitigation strategy
  - Climate resiliency sub-element
    - Address range of impacts, incl. sea level, heat, smoke, etc.
  - Prioritize disproportionately impacted communities
- New requirements for Land Use element
  - Environmental justice and health disparities
  - Support reduction in VMT
- New requirements for Transportation element
  - Multimodal approach to transportation planning (incl. arterials, transit, “active transportation”)

# VISION 2050 (adopted 2020)

- Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)
- Growth management, transportation, and environmental strategy for central Puget Sound region
- Regional Growth Strategy and Multicounty Planning Policies (MPPs)
- PSRC review and certification of local comprehensive and centers plans



# What's new in regional framework

- Regional Growth Strategy
  - Largest share of region's growth through 2050 to Metropolitan Cities (Seattle is one of these!)
  - Regional goal to locate 75% of population growth and 65% of job growth in centers and transit station areas
- Housing supply
  - Emphasis on affordability and diversity of housing supply
  - Regional Housing Strategy
  - New policy (specific to Metro Cities): Provide additional housing capacity in response to rapid employment growth, particularly through increased zoning for middle density housing (MPP-RGS-7)
- Updated subarea plans for Regional Growth Centers
  - Including Downtown, Uptown, South Lake Union, Capital Hill/First Hill, University District, Northgate
  - Due in 2025
- And other new provisions in VISION 2050

# Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs)

- Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)
- Update to CPPs is in the final stages (adoption and ratification later this year)
- Regional policy tailored to King County context with more detail



# New in the CPPs

- Growth targets for Seattle
  - 112,000 housing units and 169,500 jobs by 2044
- Affordable housing
  - Rewrite of housing policies developed by Affordable Housing Committee
  - Local requirement to plan for share of countywide need (263K units affordable to hhlds at or below 80% AMI by 2044)
  - Ongoing work by AHC to define framework for local housing needs and accountability
- Countywide centers
  - New designation criteria and process to identify candidate centers
  - Seattle has proposed recognition of existing urban villages
  - Preliminary candidates recognized this year with final designation through Comp Plan update process

# Questions?