

VISION 2050



Regional Planning Context

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Puget Sound Regional Council



- **VISION 2050 & Regional Growth Strategy**
- **Regional Centers**

Central Puget Sound Region

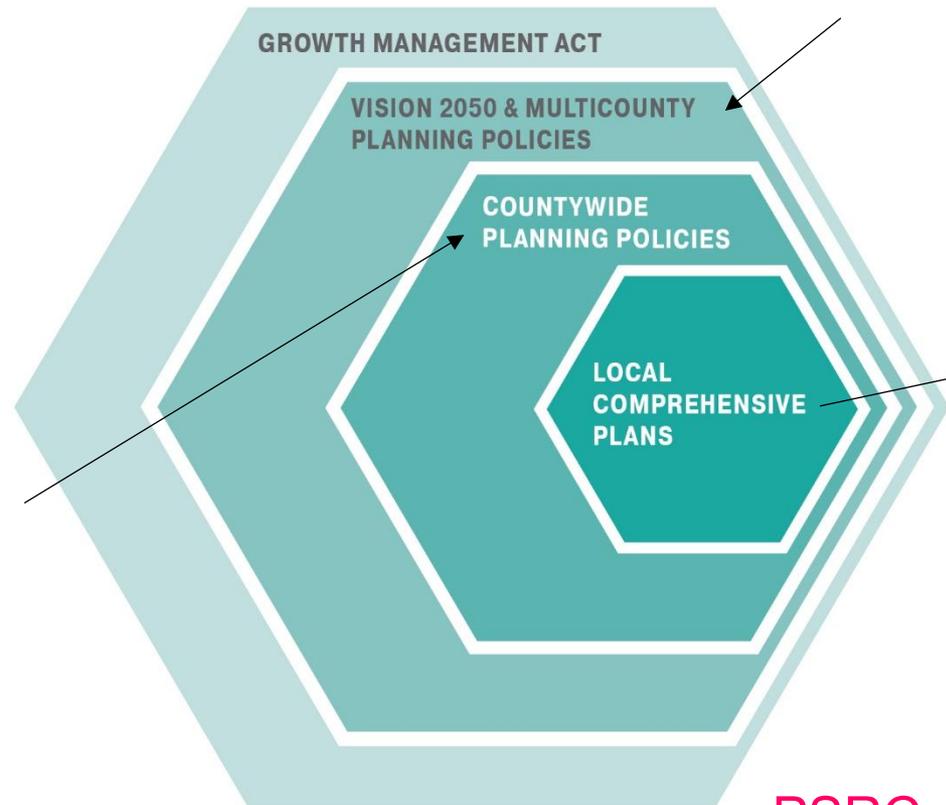
- 4.5 million people
- 2.2 million jobs
- 4 counties
- 82 cities and towns
- Urban and rural
- 6,400 square miles
- 1,000 square miles urbanized



Planning Framework



PSRC as the regional planning organization

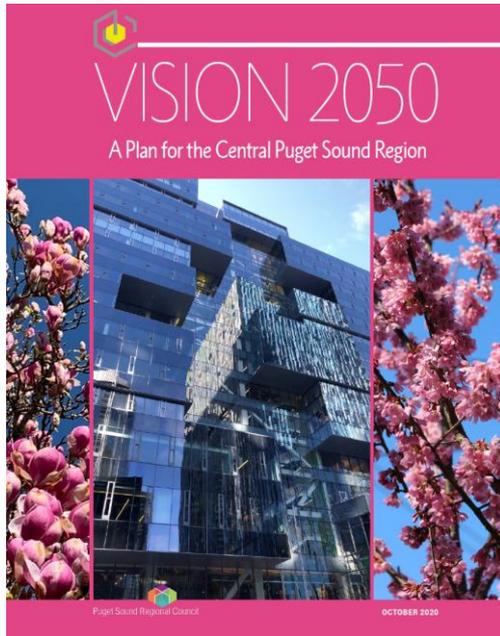


Counties and cities work together to set population & employment growth targets and policies to guide growth

Local jurisdictions prepare plans that must be consistent with multicounty & countywide policies

PSRC certifies countywide policies and comprehensive plans

Key Policy Themes from VISION 2050



Increase **housing** choices and affordability

Provide **opportunities** for all

Sustain a strong **economy**

Significantly reduce greenhouse gas **emissions**

Keep the region **moving**

Restore the health of **Puget Sound**

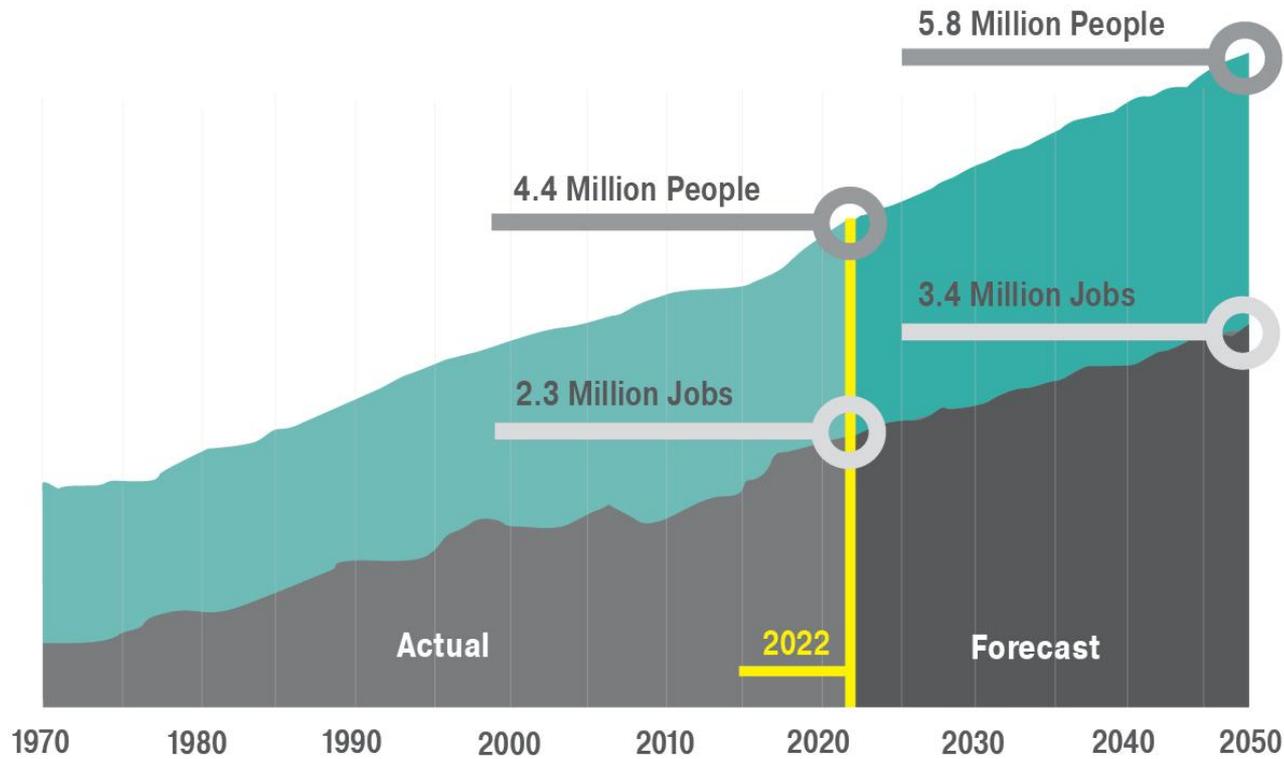
Protect a network of **open space**

Growth in **centers** and near **transit**

Act **collaboratively** and support **local efforts**



Historic and Forecast Regional Population and Employment Growth

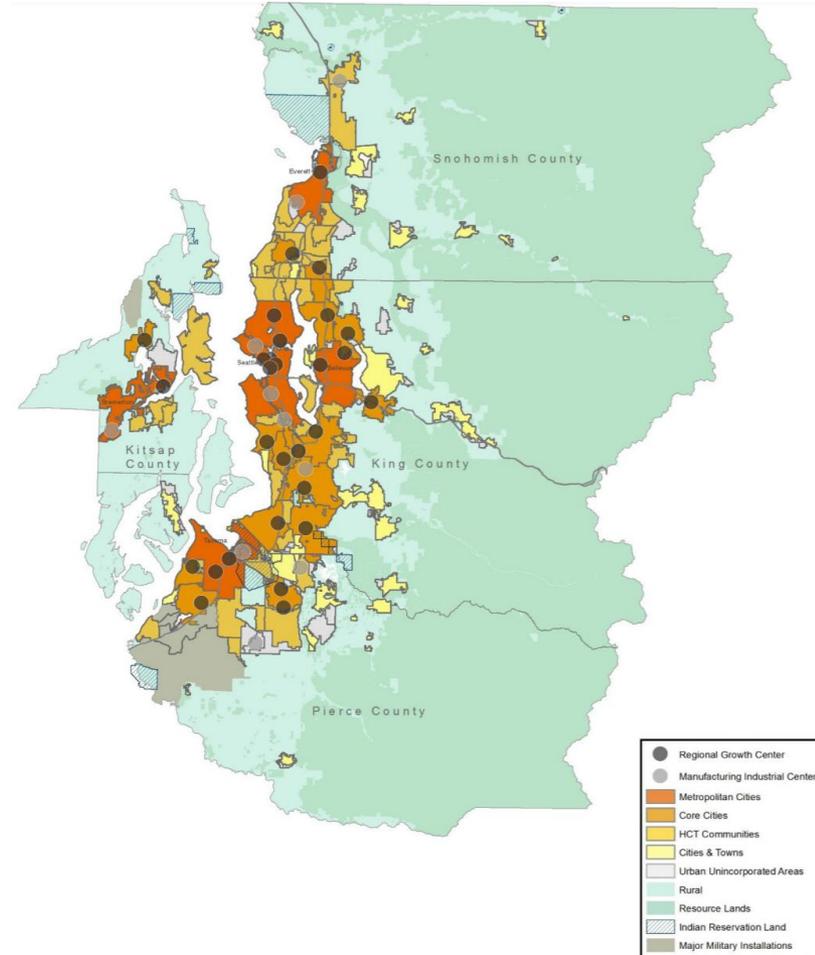


Source: PSRC, 2018 Regional Macroeconomic Forecast

Regional Growth Strategy



- Regional geographies group cities and unincorporated areas based on shared characteristics
- Based on jurisdiction size, transit investments, and annexation status
- Local comprehensive plans align with the Regional Growth Strategy





REGIONAL POLICY DIRECTION

VISION 2050

—Multicounty Planning Policies—
—Regional Growth Strategy—

DETAILED FUNCTIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

Regional Transportation Plan

—Metropolitan Transportation Plan—

Regional Economic Strategy

—Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy—

Regional Centers Framework



Key part of VISION 2050 & the Regional Growth Strategy



Guide regional growth allocations



Protects rural and natural resource areas



Advance local planning



Inform transit planning



Priority areas for PSRC's federal transportation funding

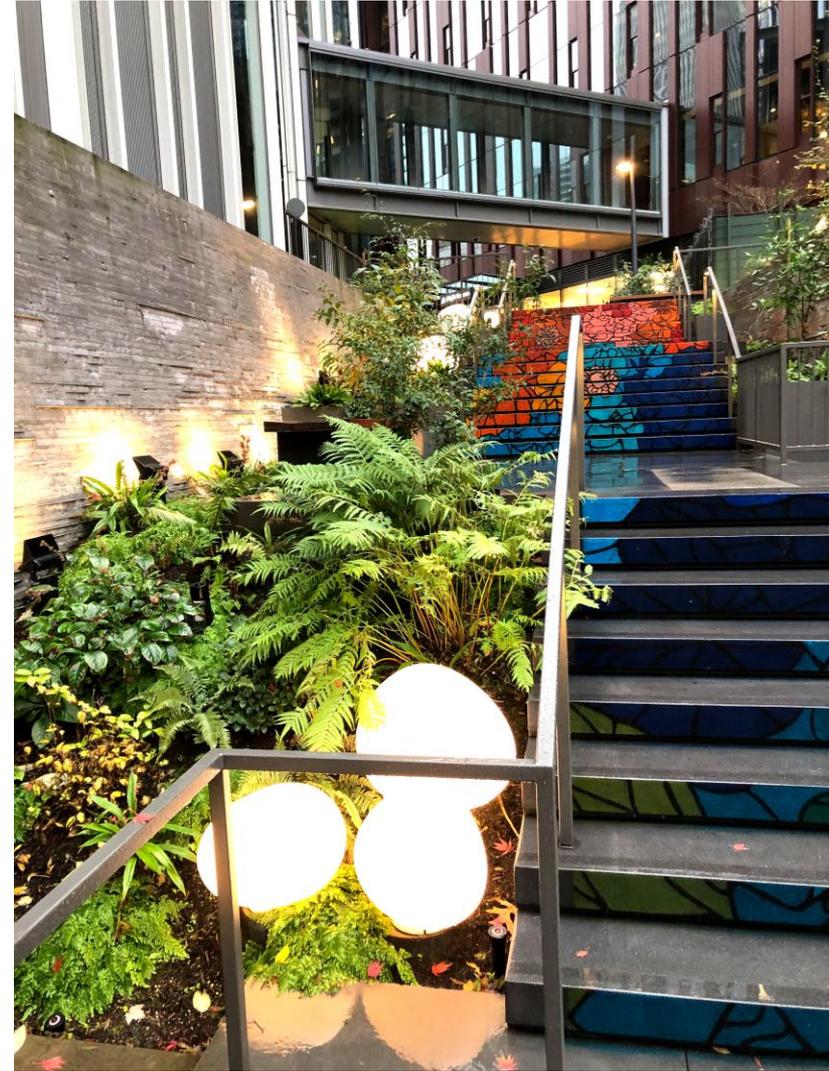


Regional Centers Framework



Purpose

- Establishes criteria and planning expectations for regional centers
- Ensures consistency for designation of centers
- Addresses requirements of new centers and redesignation of existing centers
- Establishes criteria for countywide centers

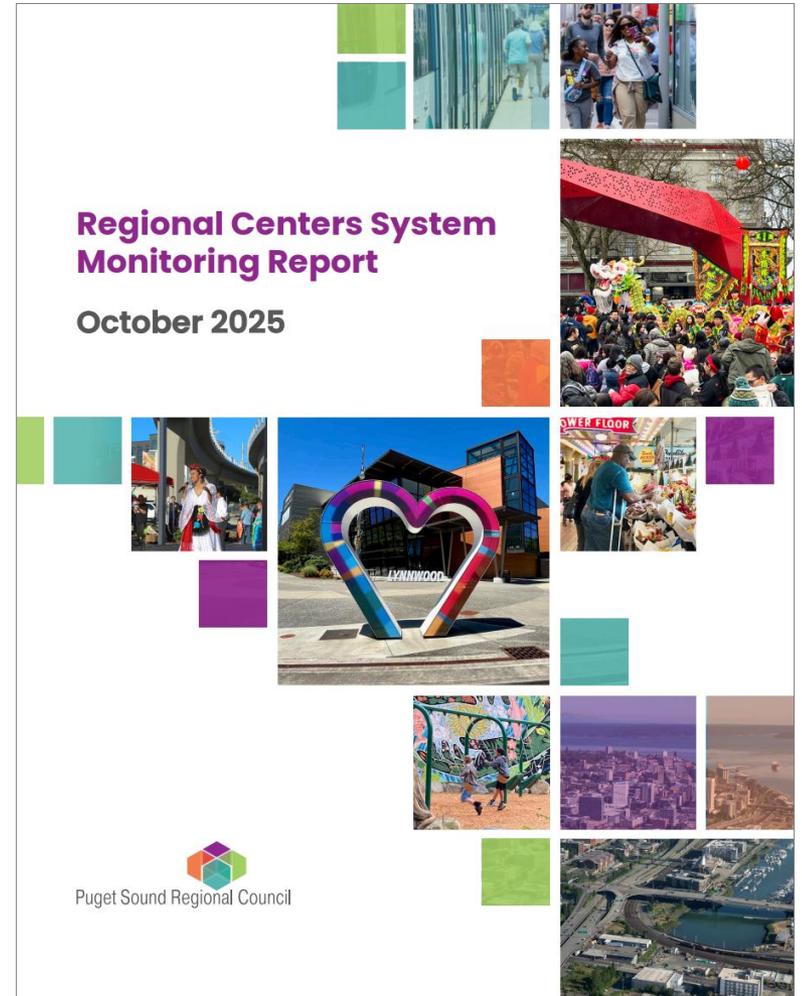


Regional Centers Today



30 Regional Growth Centers and 10 Manufacturing/Industrial Centers

- 50,000 acres and 8% of the region's urban area
- 300,000 residents and 25% of the region's housing growth since 2010
- 930,000 jobs and 44% of the region's employment



[Regional Centers System Monitoring Report](#)

Different Types of Centers



Regional Metro Growth Center

(Downtown Bellevue)

9 centers



Regional Urban Growth Center

(Totem Lake)

21 centers



Countywide

(Downtown Sumner)

79 centers



Neighborhood & Local

(Madrona)

numerous

Regional Growth Center Criteria



Criteria for a successful center



Existing jobs + housing



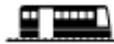
Planning for growth



Mix of uses (existing + planned)



Quality transit service



Walkable size + shape



Potential to grow

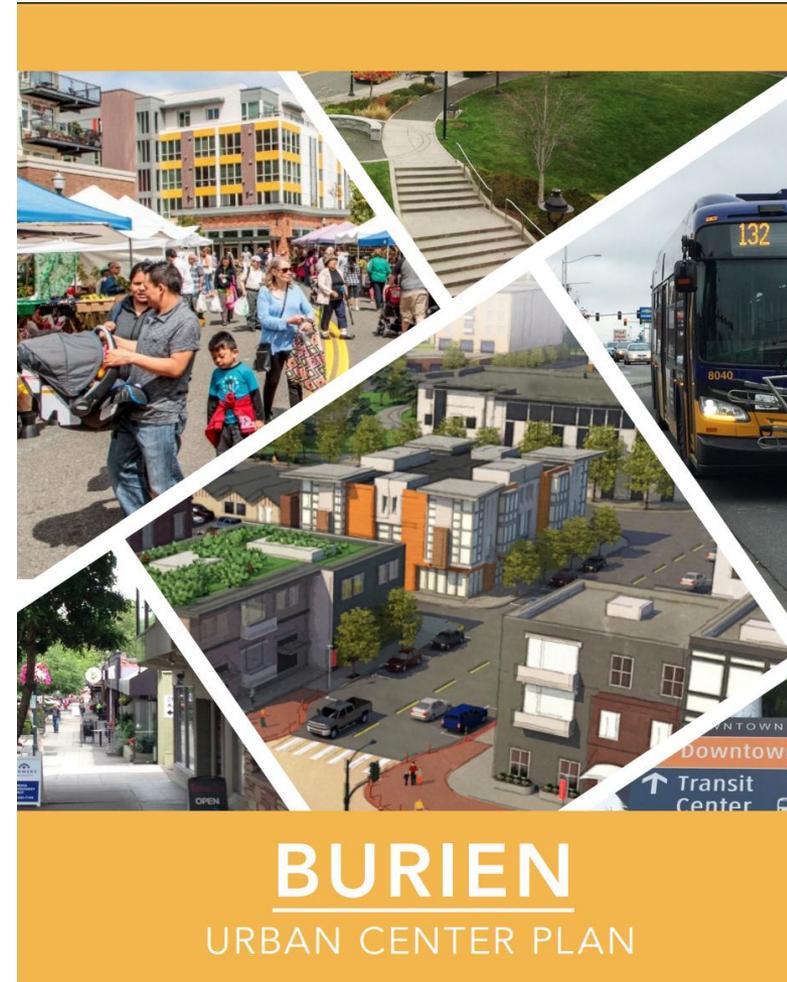


Destination



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Local planning



Questions?

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