

Regional Open Space Plan Update

Regional Staff Committee

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Puget Sound Regional Council

Engagement



Through October 9:

- Community survey
- I ❤️ Open Spaces
Photo Challenge
 - First prize:
Washington State
Discover Pass
 - Chance to get
your open space
photos in the plan



Engagement



Summer Community Events:

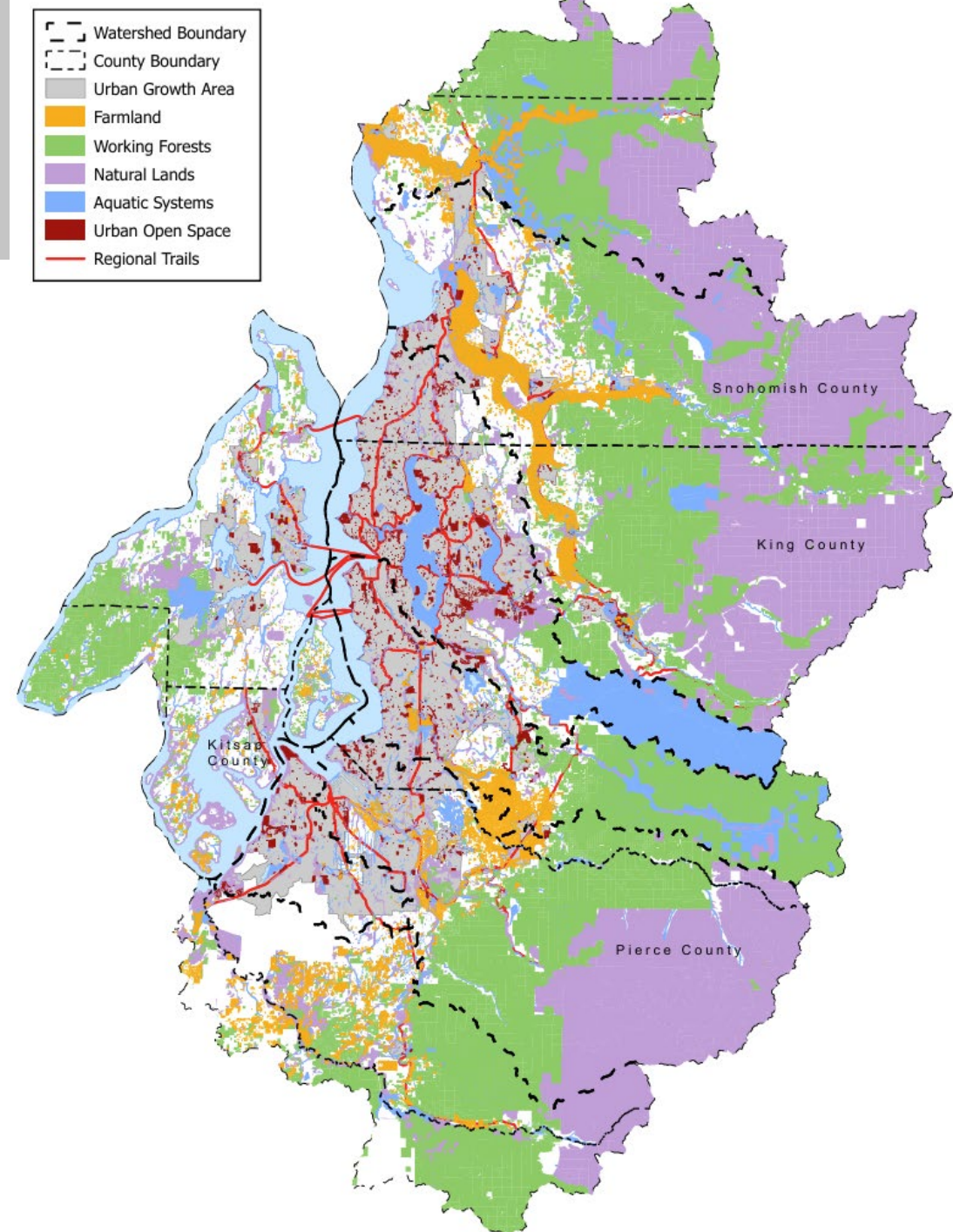
- July 9: Tacoma Farmers Market
- July 10: Aquafest, Lake Stevens
- July 14: National Parks & Rec. Month Celebration, Puyallup
- July 16: Music in the Meadows, Kent
- July 22: Marysville Farmers Market
- August 7: Bremerton First Friday
- August 11: Silverdale Farmers Market
- September 2: Columbia City Farmers Market



Regional Open Space Network

6 categories of open space:

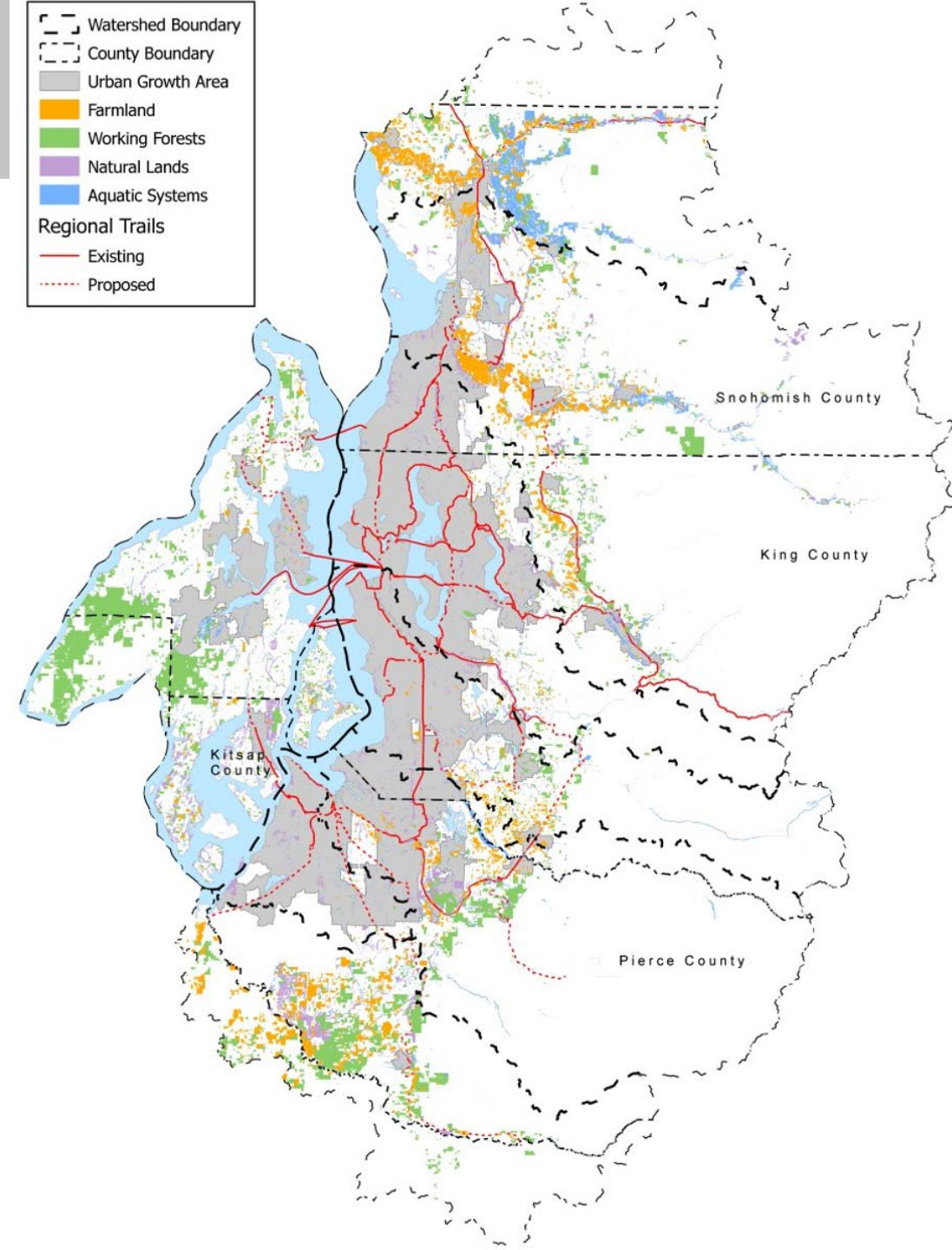
- Farmland
- Working forests
- Aquatic systems
- Natural lands
- Urban parks and open space
- Regional trails



Conservation Needs

Conservation needs in the regional open space network:

- Farmland: 96,650 acres
- Working Forests: 177,650 acres
- Aquatic Systems: 83,040 acres
- Natural Lands: 71,520 acres



Urban Growth

2012–2024 housing development in urban growth areas:

- Region: 95%
- King: 99%
- Kitsap: 76%
- Pierce: 88%
- Snohomish: 92%

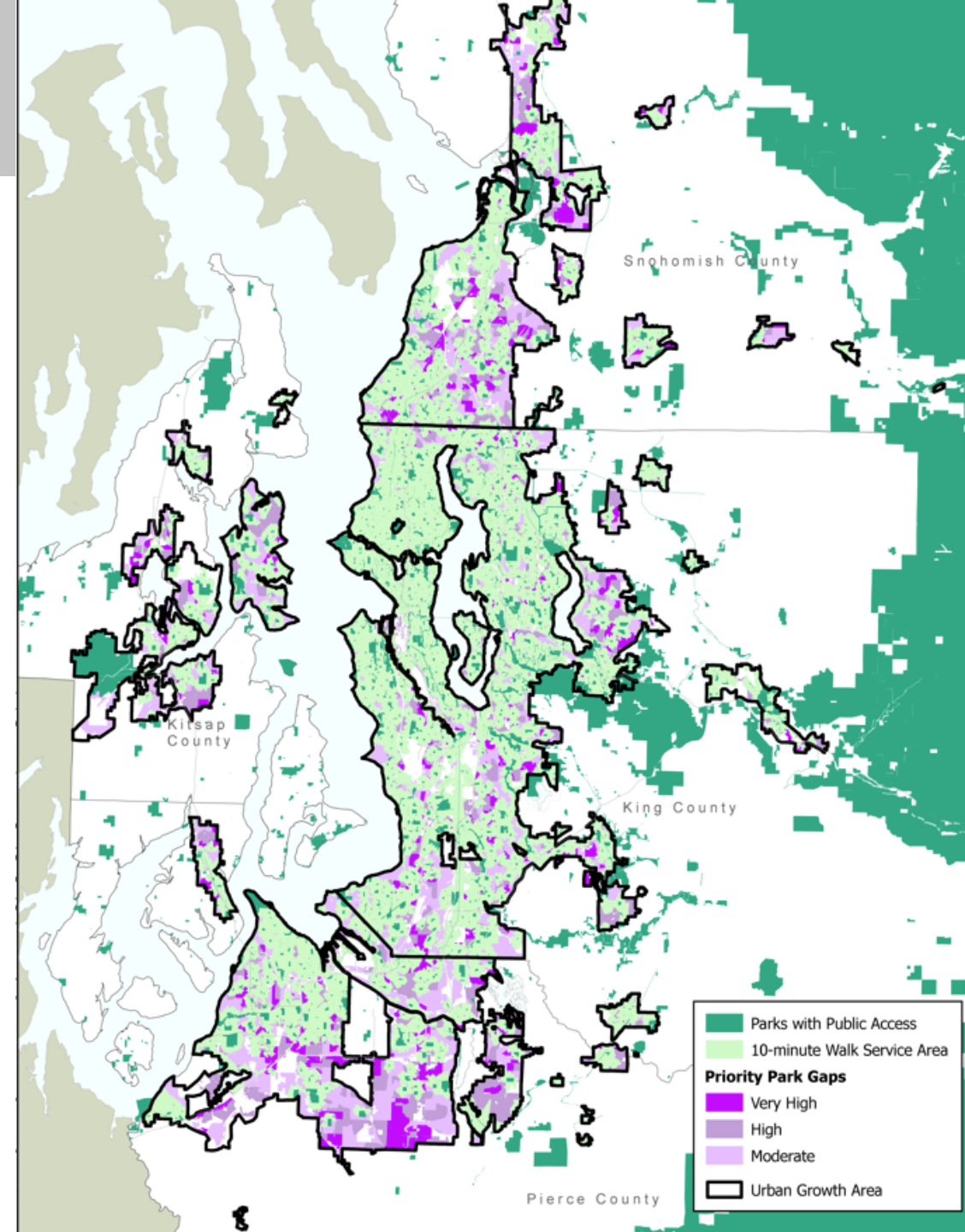


Urban Parks and Open Space

Goal: By 2050, all urban residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park.

ParkServe: urban population within a 10-minute walk of a park: 72% (2026)

- 63% of regional growth centers have a park gap
- 50% of high-capacity transit station areas have a park gap

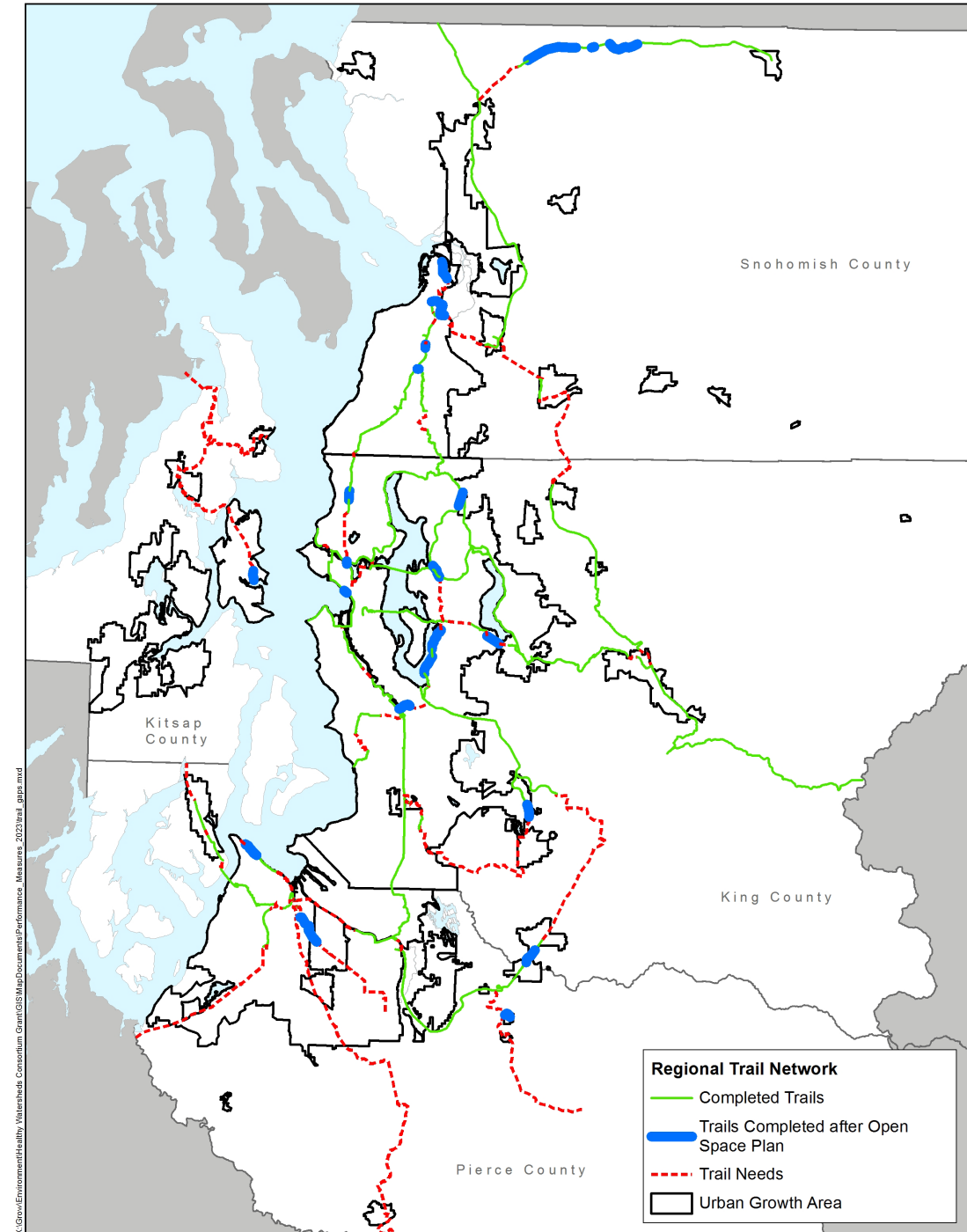


Regional Trails

Goal: By 2050, add 300 miles to the regional trail network

Since 2018, 62 miles added to the regional trail network. Examples:

- Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail in King County
- Sound to Olympics Trail in Kitsap County
- Pipeline Trail in Pierce County
- White Horse Trail in Snohomish County

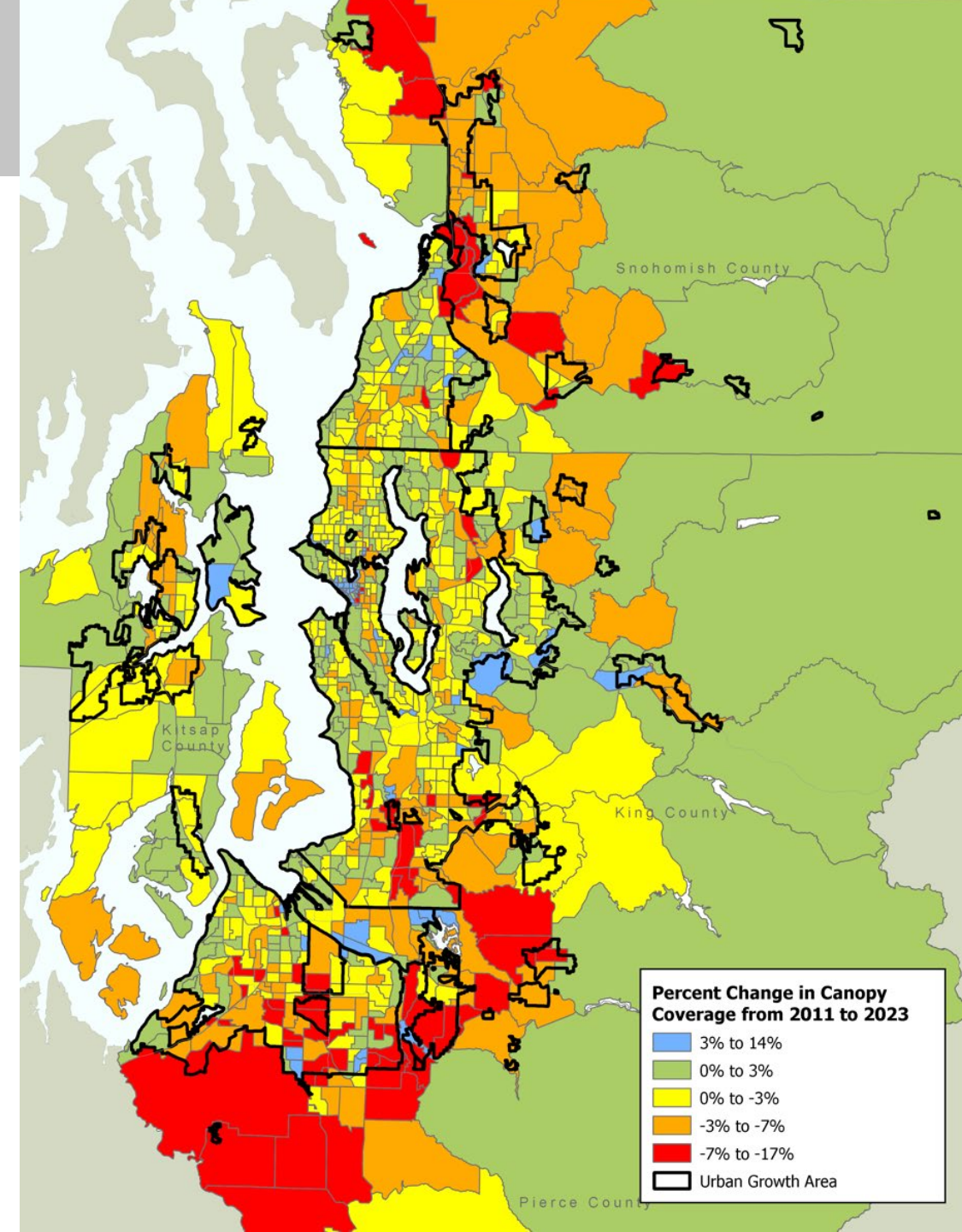


Tree Canopy Cover

Goal: By 2050, tree canopy cover in region remains at 2018 levels. By 2050, it will increase in the regional open space network.

Tree canopy cover change 2011-2023:

- Region: decrease of 1%
- Urban: decrease of 2%
- Regional open space network: decrease of 1%



Implementation Strategies

Key strategies:

1. Incorporate open space conservation and enhancement into all levels of planning
2. Support growth in the right places
3. Keep working lands working
4. Support parks and open space and increase access to open space for urban residents
5. Build a regional trail network



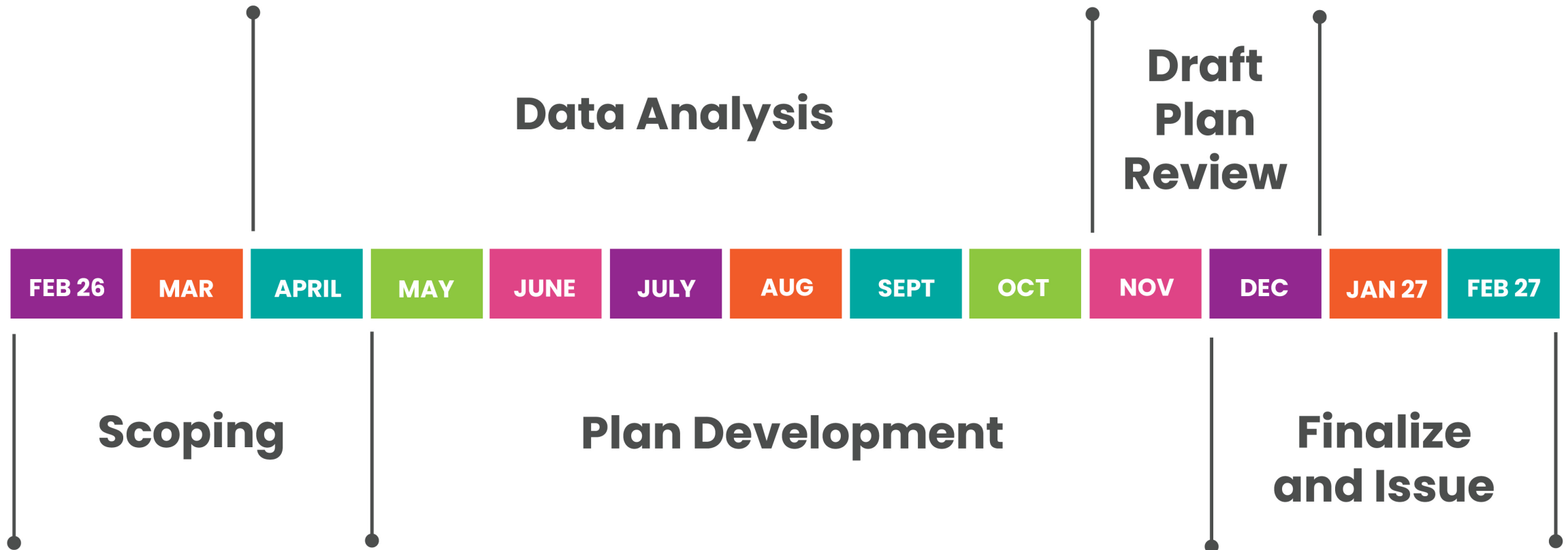
Implementation Strategies

Key strategies (continued):

6. Enhance stewardship on open space lands
7. Protect remaining key habitat areas
8. Restore habitat in high value areas
9. Coordinate planning among and within agencies, jurisdictions, Tribes, and organizations
10. Build multi-benefit green infrastructure
11. Enhance tree canopy cover



Open Space Plan Update Schedule



Thank You!

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