



Recommend Greater Downtown Kirkland Regional Growth Center Designation and Subarea Plans Certification

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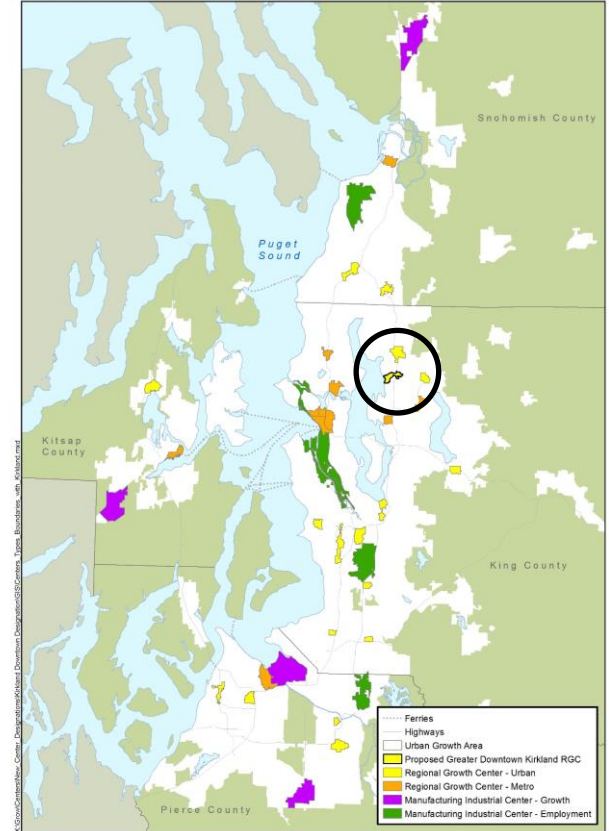
Overview

- Greater Downtown Kirkland
- Recommended Actions
- Next Steps



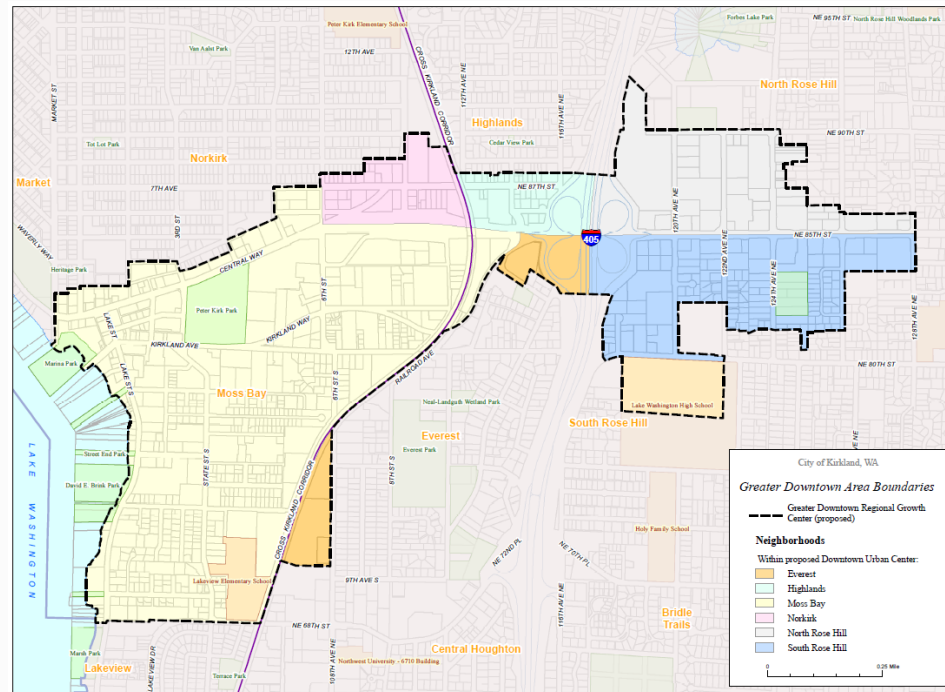
Greater Downtown Kirkland

- 564 acres within City of Kirkland
- Adopted in city Comprehensive Plan
- Meets designation thresholds
- Recommending designation



Size and Shape

- Encompass commercial and high and medium-density residential areas centered around Kirkland's historic downtown
- Includes the area immediately surrounding the planned BRT station at I-405/NE 85th Street



Current and Planned Activity

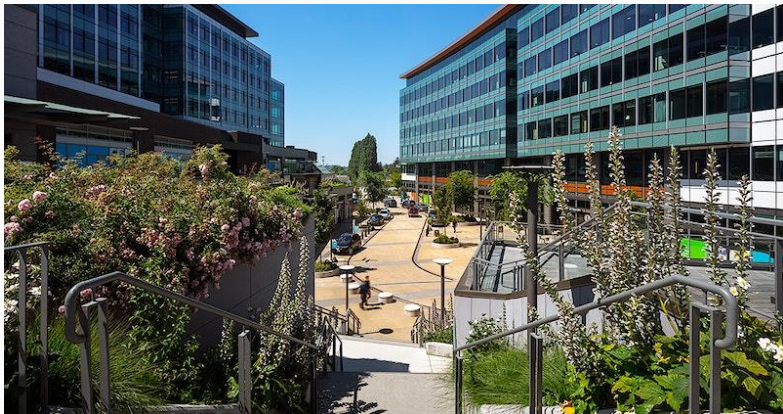
	Existing	2035 Target	Capacity
Population	6,083	21,414	21,414
Employment	11,156	33,066	33,066
Population & Employment (Activity Units)	17,239	54,480	54,480
Activity Units/Acre	30.6	95.6	95.6
Designation Criteria	>18.0	>45.0	≥target
Meets Criteria?	✓	✓	✓*



Commitment to Center Planning

Vision

The City envisions the center as an important place to the region, with continued growth as a desirable place to live, work, and visit.



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Land Use and Zoning

- Growth targets are consistent with regional center requirements
- Encourages the infill of underutilized parcels, especially parking lots
- Evidence of market potential



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Housing

- Incentive zoning and other affordable housing strategies
- Increasing housing types through middle-density housing
- Partnering with ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) to increase housing affordability



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Transportation

- Existing and planned transit options and multimodal facilities
- Mode split goal down to 45% drive alone trips
- Coordination between city, Sound Transit, and WSDOT on regional investments in bus rapid transit

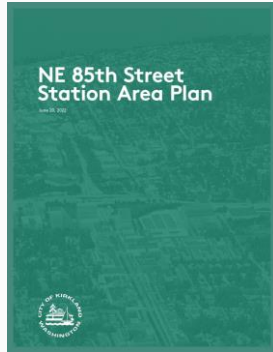
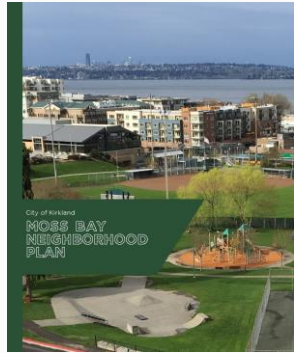


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Subarea Plans

NE 85th Street Station Area Plan, adopted in June 2022

Moss Bay Neighborhood Plan, updated in December 2021



Next Steps for City of Kirkland

- Updates to City of Kirkland Comprehensive Plan and implementation to establish center growth targets, provide information on housing affordability, and enhance walkability
- Work with PSRC in 2025 as centers and center plans are reviewed, in accordance with the adopted Regional Centers Framework



Recommended Actions

Recommend that the Executive Board approve the designation of Greater Downtown Kirkland as a regional growth center.

Recommend that the Executive Board certify that the Moss Bay Neighborhood Plan and the NE 85th Street Station Area Plan address regional growth center planning expectations for the Greater Downtown Kirkland center.

Next Steps

Eligibility & Designation

Growth Management
Policy Board (May 4)



Executive Board
(June 22)

Subarea Plan Certification

Growth Management
Policy Board (May 4)



Transportation Policy
Board (June 8)



Executive Board
(June 22)





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Thank You!

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