

Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans

Growth Management Policy Board | May 1, 2025



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Overview

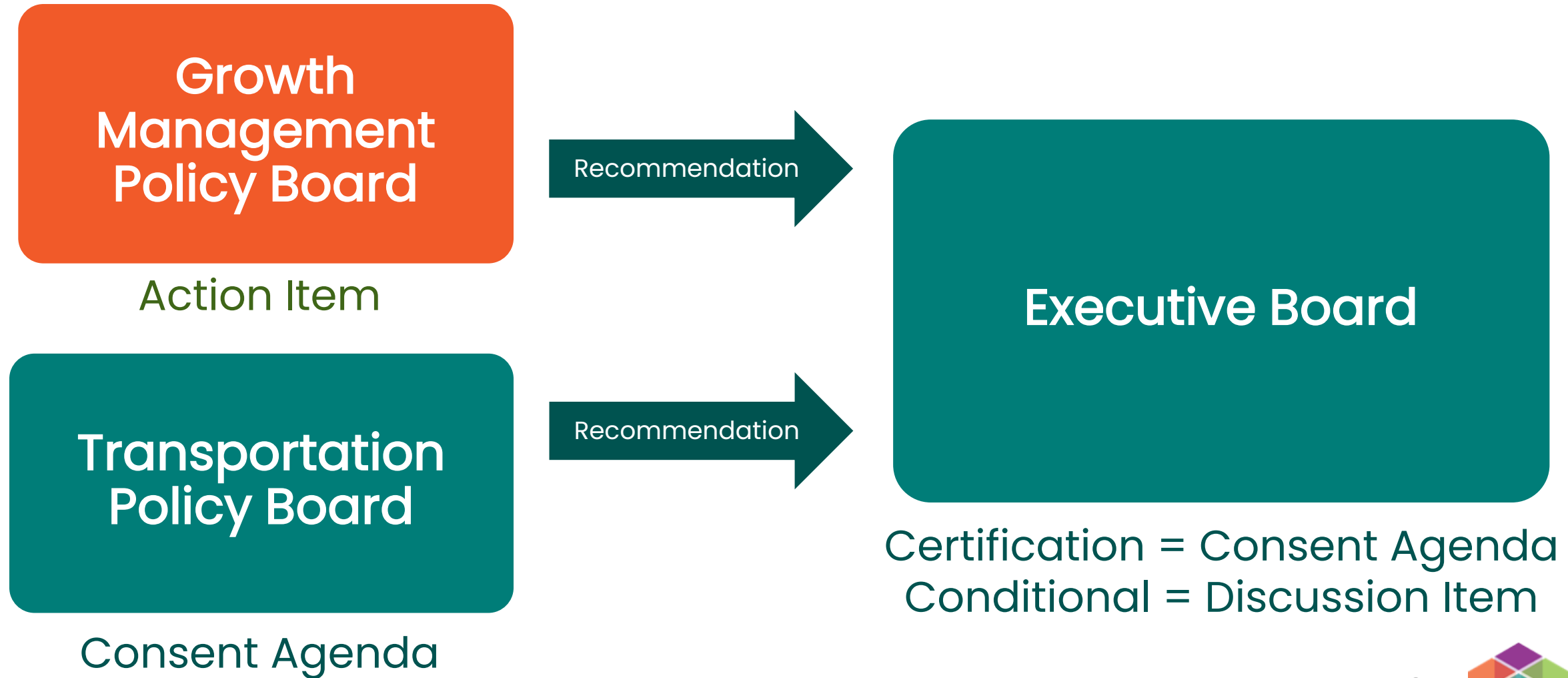


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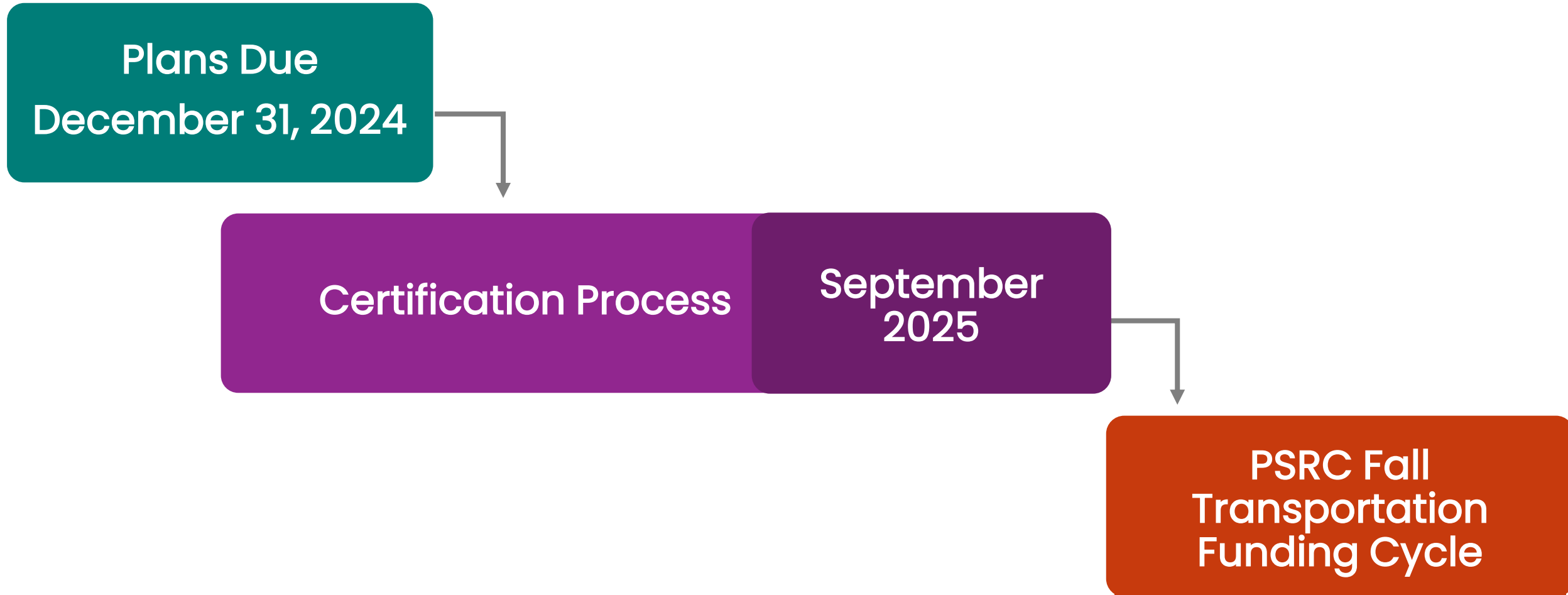
- Recommend certification of Covington, Edgewood, Enumclaw, Fircrest, Granite Falls, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Stevens, Milton, Redmond, Sammamish, Shoreline, Skykomish, and Snohomish plans



Board Process for Certification



Certification Timeline

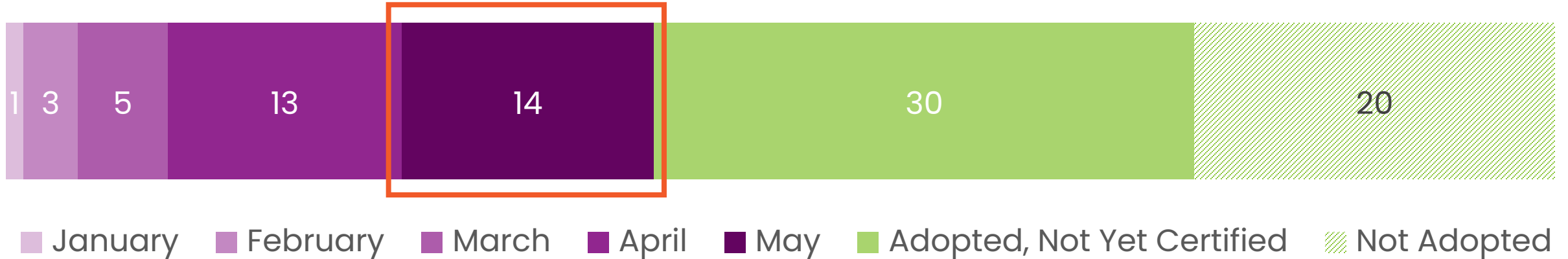


Plans must be submitted by June to be certified by September 2025



Certification Timeline

2024 Comprehensive Plan Certifications



- As of this meeting, initiated board review for 36 plans
- Some cities will adopt after cut-off for September certifications
- Five GMHB comp plan appeals, three related to certification topics
- Following up with several jurisdictions about housing requirements





Plan Certifications

Standard Certification Recommendations



Standard comments that appear in most certification reports:

Climate change: track state guidance for climate work due by 2029

Housing: continue work to support housing affordability

Multimodal level of service: track updated state guidance to implement requirements by 2029



May Comprehensive Plan Certifications



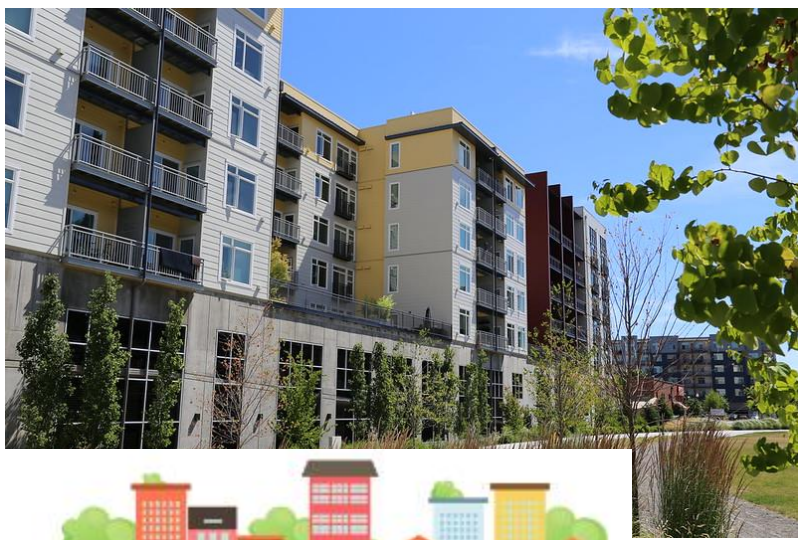
Core Cities: Redmond, Kirkland

HCT Communities: Fircrest, Kenmore, Shoreline

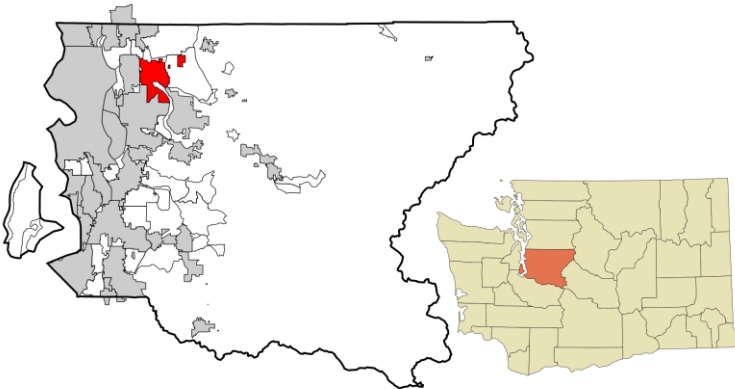
Cities & Towns: Covington, Enumclaw, Granite Falls, Lake Stevens, Milton, Edgewood, Skykomish, Sammamish, Snohomish



City of Redmond Comprehensive Plan



REDMOND 2050
From suburb to city



Population: 80,040 people

Regional Geography: Core Cities

Plan Highlight: Planning for growth in Downtown and Overlake regional centers; climate vulnerability and risk assessment to understand potential climate hazards

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments** on climate requirements, housing implementation, and multimodal level of service standards



City of Kirkland Comprehensive Plan



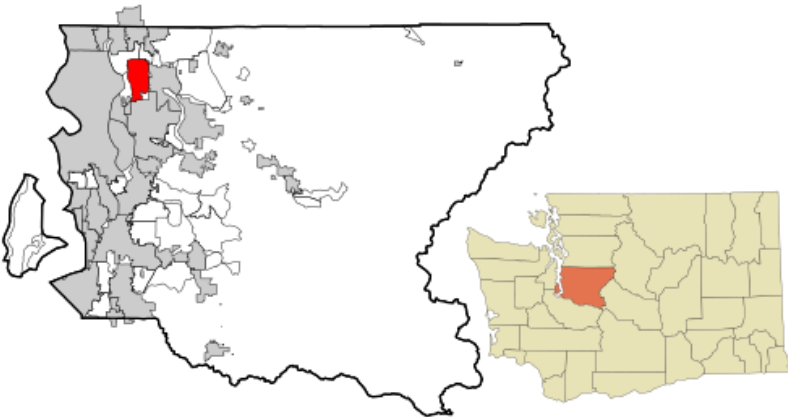
Population: 96,710

Regional Geography: Core Cities

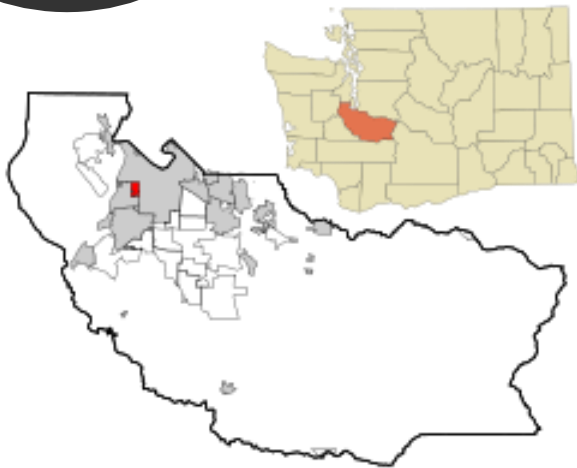
Plan Highlights: early adoption of middle housing, prioritizing transit-oriented development in two regional centers

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments** on climate requirements, housing implementation, and multimodal level of service standards
- **Climate Change:** address impacts to vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by climate change



City of Fircrest Comprehensive Plan



Population: 7,230 people

Regional Geography: High Capacity Transit

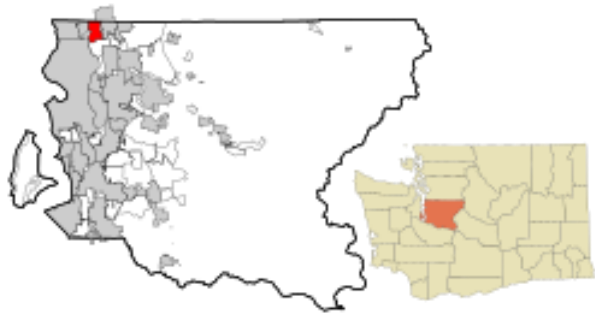
Plan Highlight: Coordination with Tacoma and University Place on future station area planning

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments** on climate requirements, housing implementation, and multimodal level of service standards
- **Housing:** Complete additional work to quantify emergency housing and capacity for all income levels.
- **Transportation:** Provide more information for 20-year planning period in financing plan.



City of Kenmore Comprehensive Plan



Population: 24,350 people

Regional Geography: High Capacity Transit

Plan Highlight: Planning for climate change, incorporating work from the city's vulnerability assessment and climate action plan

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments** on climate requirements, housing implementation, and multimodal level of service standards
- **Housing:** Complete additional work to quantify emergency housing capacity.



City of Shoreline Comprehensive Plan



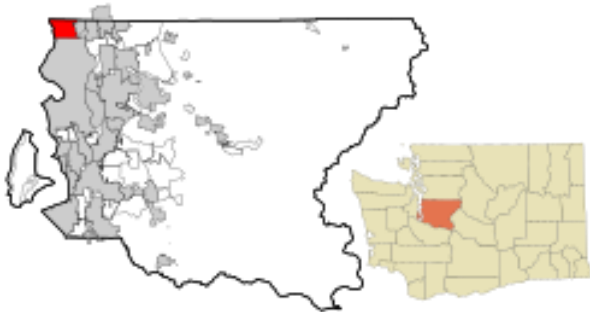
Population: 61,910 people

Regional Geography: High Capacity Transit

Plan Highlight: Integrates overarching themes of climate, equity, and housing throughout plan

Recommended Future Work:

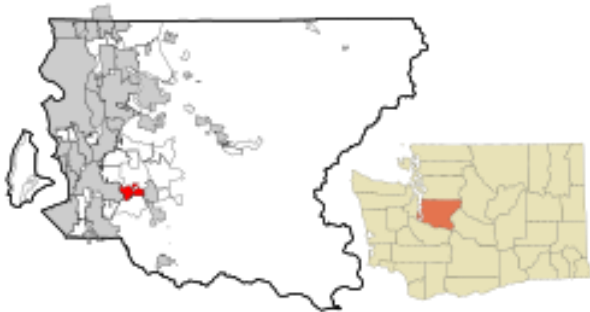
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City of Covington Comprehensive Plan



covington 2044: a thriving community for all



Population: 22,000 people

Regional Geography: Cities and Towns

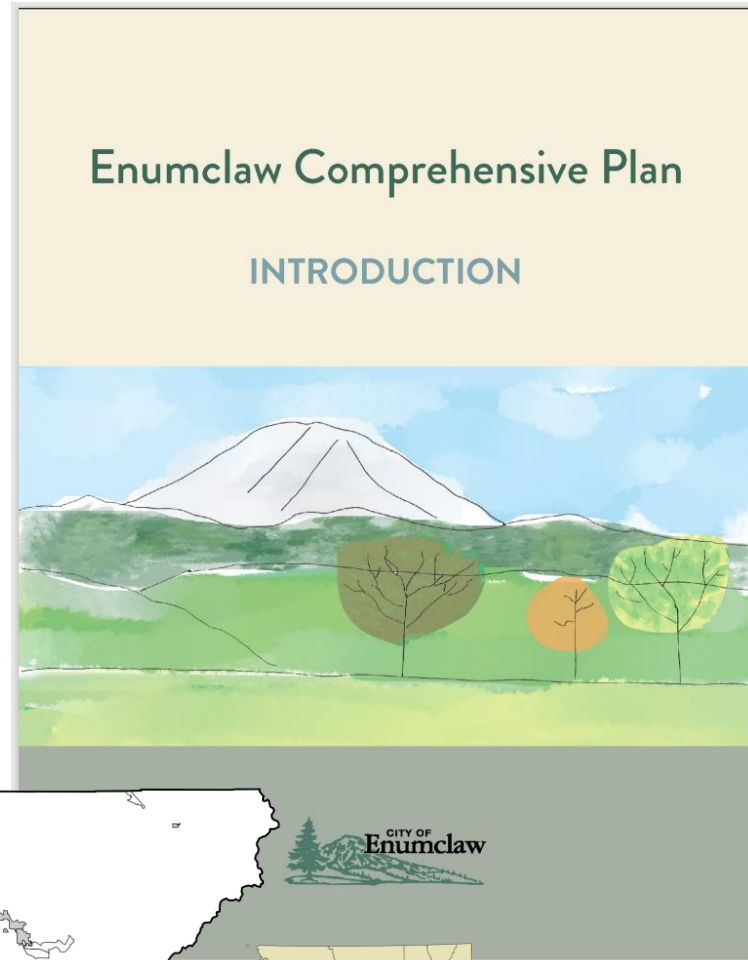
Plan Highlight: Detailed subarea planning to support growth and multimodal mobility

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments** on climate requirements, housing implementation, and multimodal level of service standards
- **Transportation:** Provide more information for 20-year planning period in financing plan



City of Enumclaw Comprehensive Plan



Population: 13,350 people

Regional Geography: Cities and Towns

Plan Highlight: Addressing housing affordability by working collaboratively with adjacent jurisdictions, private developers, service and nonprofit housing providers, and community residents

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments** on climate requirements, housing implementation, and multimodal level of service standards



City of Granite Falls Comprehensive Plan

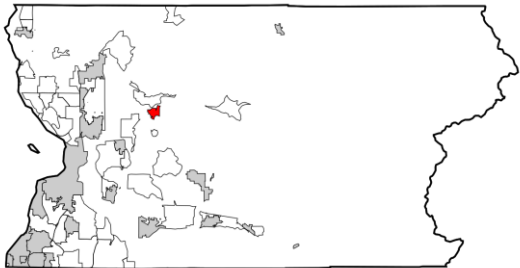


The City of Granite Falls

2024 - 2044
Comprehensive Plan



Adopted January 15, 2025
Ordinance 1058 - 2025



Population: 4,775 people

Regional Geography: Cities and Towns

Plan Highlight: Encourages public participation, understanding, and commentary and ensures decisions are made in a transparent manner. Includes a Tribal Coordination element.

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments** on climate requirements, housing implementation
- **Transportation:** Provide more information for 20-year planning period in project list and financing plan
- **Environment:** Reduce impacts on vulnerable populations



City of Lake Stevens Comprehensive Plan

City of Lake Stevens 2024 - 2044
Comprehensive Plan



City of Lake Stevens Ordinance 1188
10/22/2024



Population: 41,540 people

Regional Geography: Cities and Towns

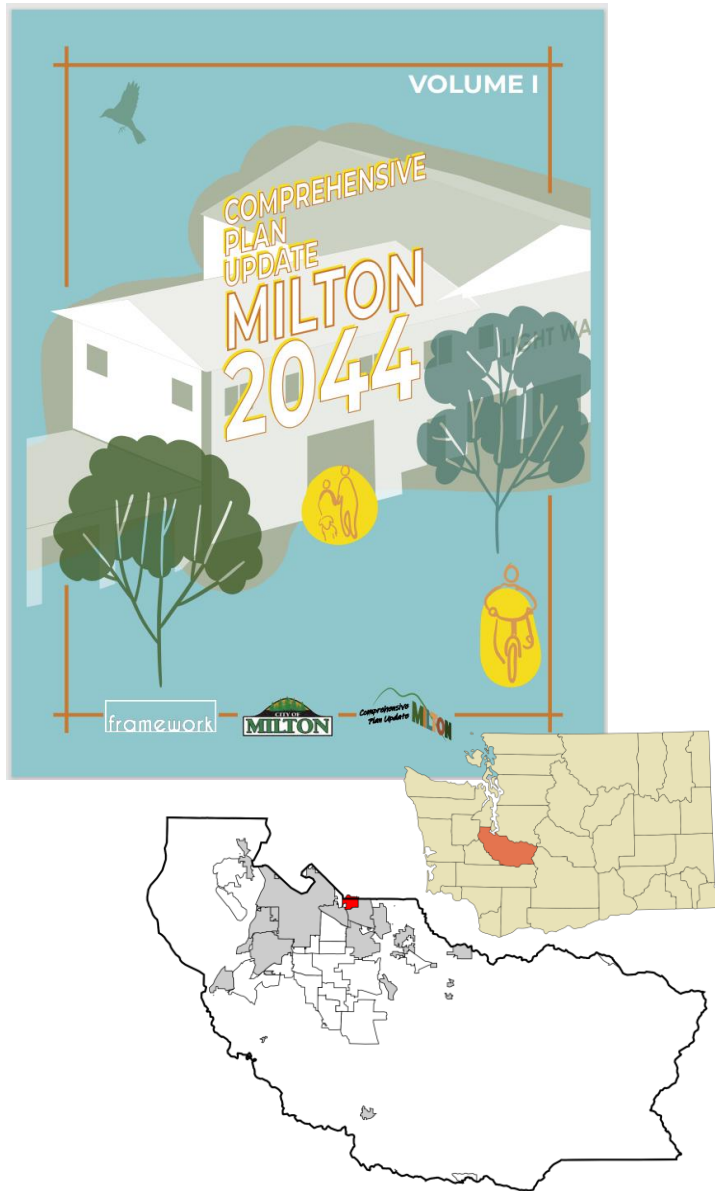
Plan Highlight: Encourages “soft” shorelines on Lake Stevens that feature natural vegetation and materials and promotes the removal of bulkheads where feasible.

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments** on climate requirements, housing implementation, and multimodal level of service standards
- **Housing:** Clarify work on housing needs
- **Transportation:** Focus on adopted targets for the jurisdiction in future transportation modeling



City of Milton Comprehensive Plan



Population: 8,755 people

Regional Geography: Cities and Towns

Plan Highlight: Coordinated planning with the City of Edgewood on the shared Uptown center

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments** on climate requirements, housing implementation, and multimodal level of service standards
- **Regional Growth Strategy:** Clarify discussion of capacity and targets for King and Pierce Counties
- **Economy:** Develop an economic development element



City of Edgewood Comprehensive Plan



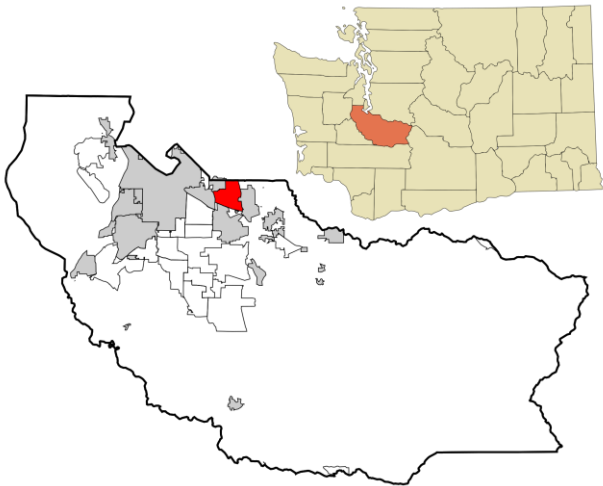
Population: 14,080 people

Regional Geography: Cities and Towns

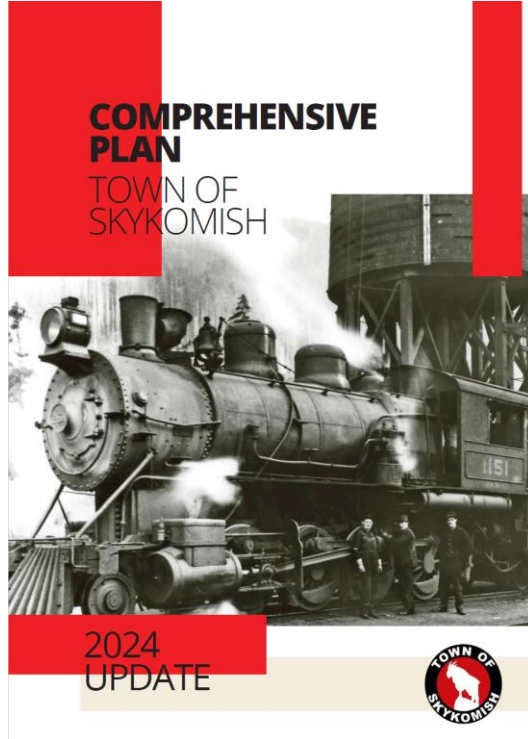
Plan Highlight: Town Center identified as a location for more compact, walkable, mixed-use development.

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments** on climate requirements, housing implementation, and multimodal level of service standards
- **Housing:** Complete additional work to quantify emergency housing capacity and identify additional barriers to housing affordability.
- **Environment:** Include a policy to provide parks within a 10-minute walk of all residents.



Town of Skykomish Comprehensive Plan



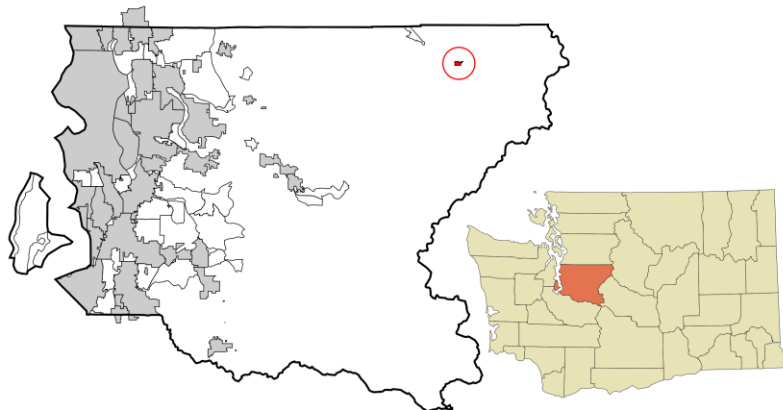
Population: 165 people

Regional Geography: Cities and Towns

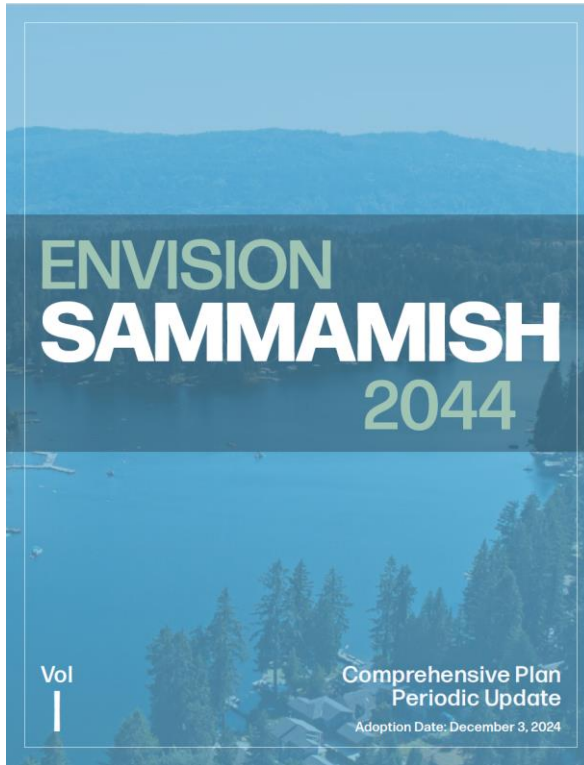
Plan Highlight: Planning process encouraged meaningful community engagement and created a shared vision for future growth

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments** on climate requirements, housing implementation, and multimodal level of service standards
- **Housing:** Complete additional work to quantify emergency housing capacity.
- **Transportation:** Provide more information for 20-year planning period in financing plan.



City of Sammamish Comprehensive Plan



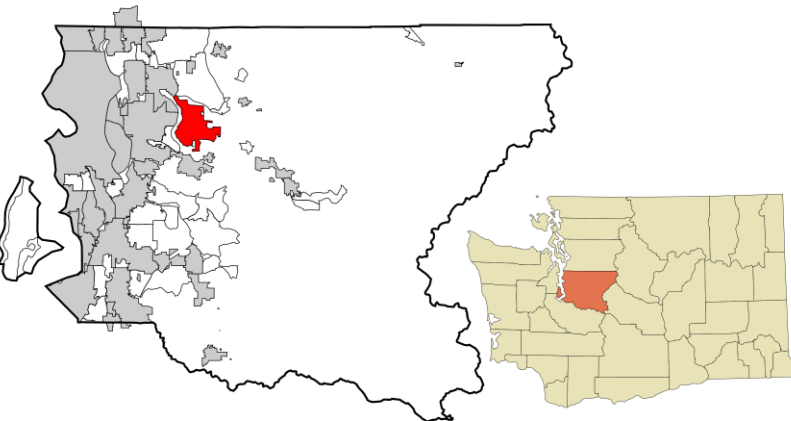
Population: 68,410 people

Regional Geography: Cities and Towns

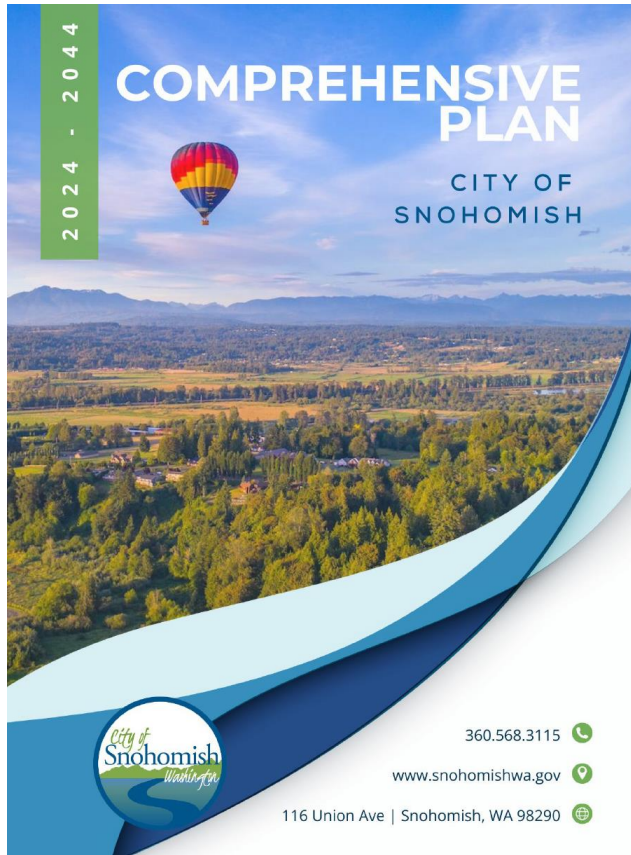
Plan Highlight: Plan includes the city's first economic development element and detailed historical and data overview of racially disparate impacts.

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments** on climate requirements, housing implementation, and multimodal level of service standards
- **Annexation:** Coordinate with King County on planning for affiliated urban unincorporated areas
- **Transportation:** Incorporate revised modeling assumptions and align land use assumptions.



City of Snohomish Comprehensive Plan



Population: 10,350

Regional Geography: Cities and Towns

Plan Highlight: Extensive complete streets and active transportation improvement program.

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments** on climate requirements, housing implementation, and multimodal level of service standards
- **Housing:** Include capacity analysis for emergency housing and role of ADUs in land use capacity
- **Transportation:** Align modeled land use assumptions with adopted growth targets



Certification Finding

Plan Review



Found the plans to be substantially consistent with the transportation-related components of VISION 2050 and GMA

- Regional Collaboration
- Regional Growth Strategy
- Environment
- Climate Change
- Housing
- Economy
- Transportation
- Public Services



Staff Recommendation

Recommend the Executive Board certify that the transportation-related provisions of the Covington, Edgewood, Enumclaw, Fircrest, Granite Falls, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Stevens, Milton, Redmond, Sammamish, Shoreline, Skykomish, and Snohomish comprehensive plans conform to the Growth Management Act and are substantially consistent with multicounty planning policies and the Regional Transportation Plan.



Next Steps

- May 8 – Transportation Policy Board recommendation on consent agenda
- June 26 – Executive Board action to certify on consent agenda



Thank You!

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