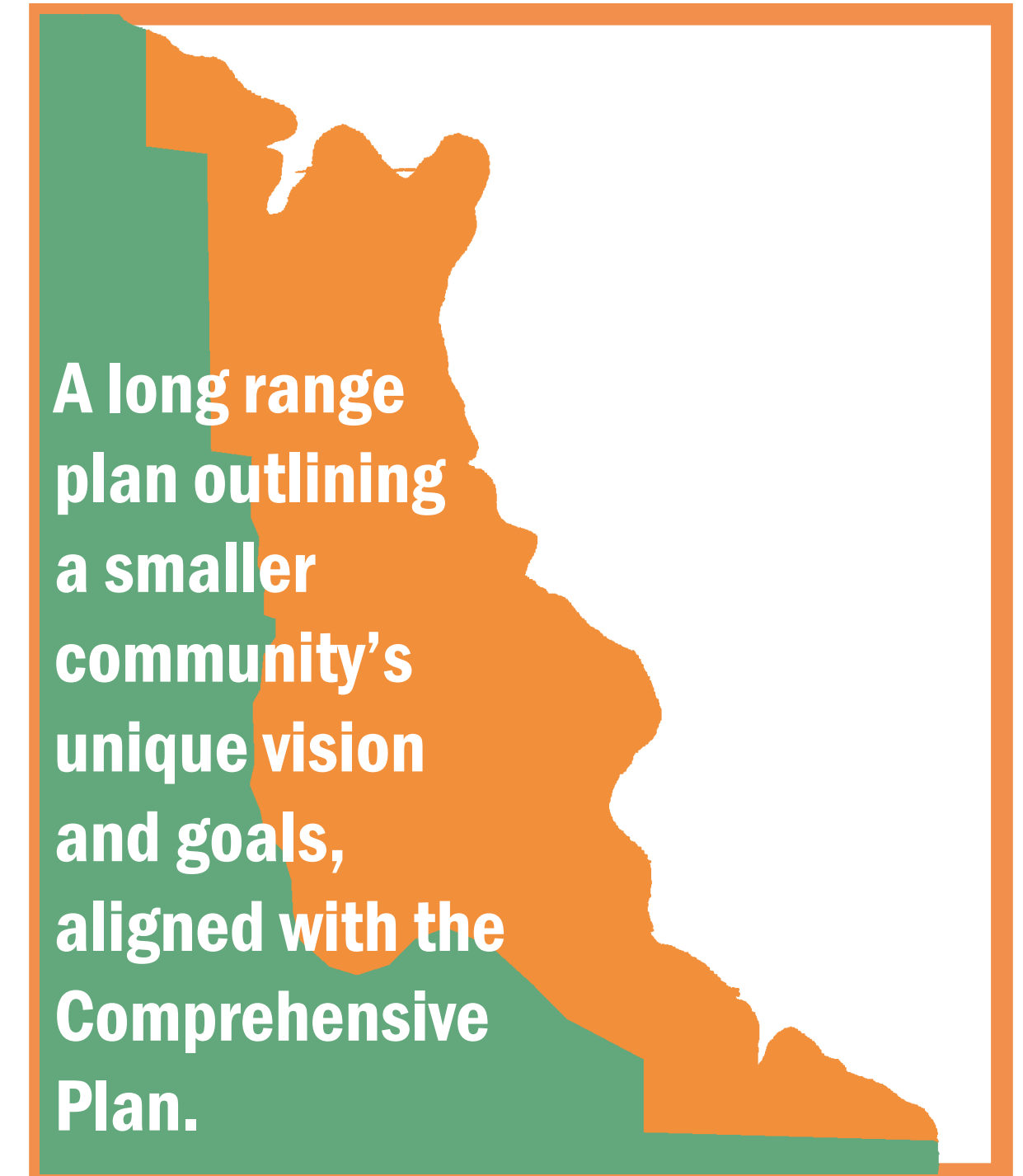




What is the Growth Management Act?

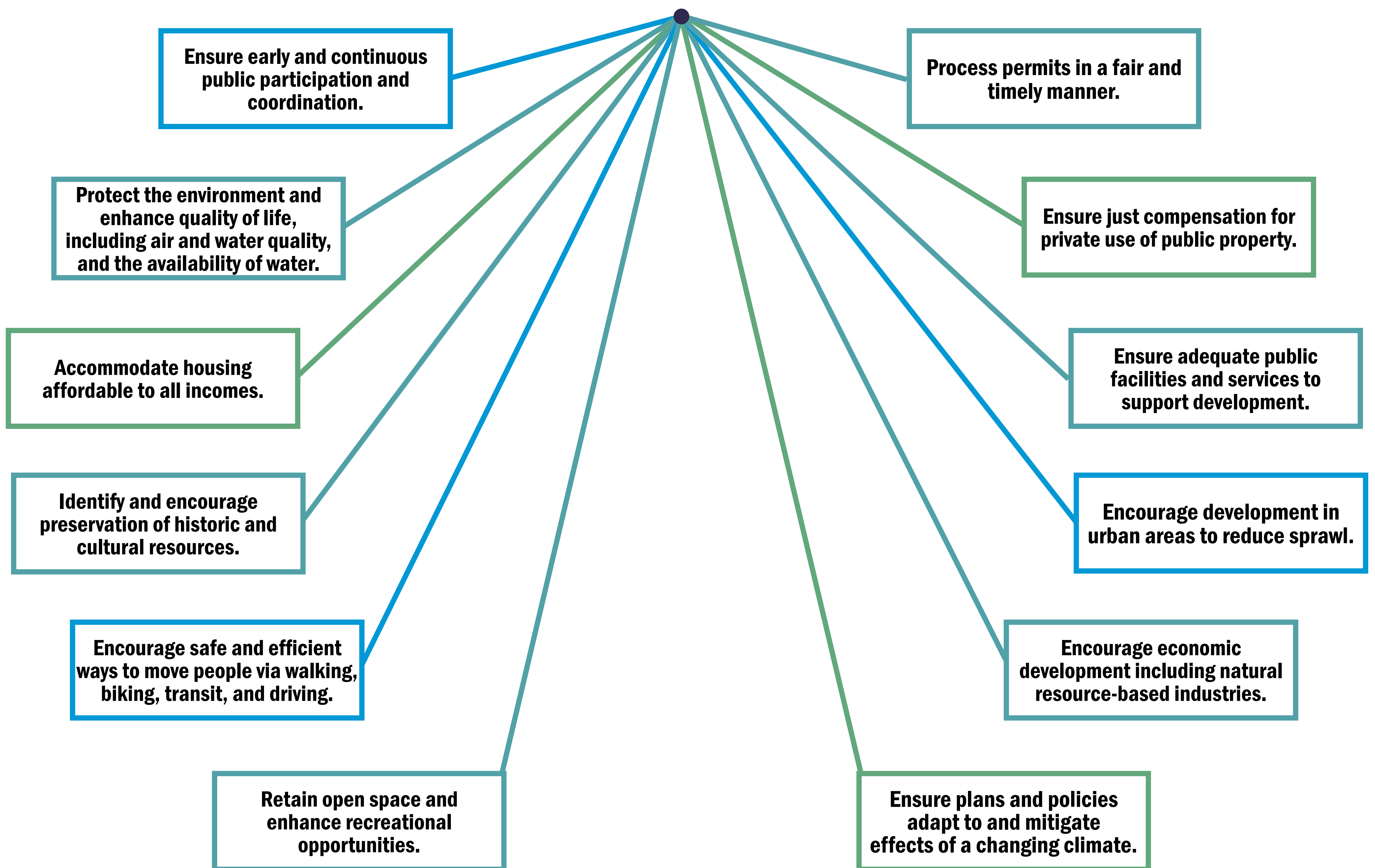
State law requires local governments to manage population growth through development and implementation of a Comprehensive Plan. This plan guides growth and development in Thurston County over the next 20 years.

What is a Subarea Plan?



A long range plan outlining a smaller community's unique vision and goals, aligned with the Comprehensive Plan.

State Growth Management Act Goals





COMMUNITY PLANNING

PROCESS and TIMELINE

OUTREACH

January - March 2024

- Open House kickoff.
- Focus groups will be held in March.
- Community survey available online.

PLAN UPDATE

March - April 2024

- Community Planning staff will review and report outreach results.
- Staff will incorporate changes to the subarea plan based on community feedback.

PLANNING COMMISSION

May - July 2024

- Planning Commission will review first draft of subarea plan.
- Public comment opportunity at Planning Commission workshops.
- Public comment opportunity at Planning Commission public hearing.

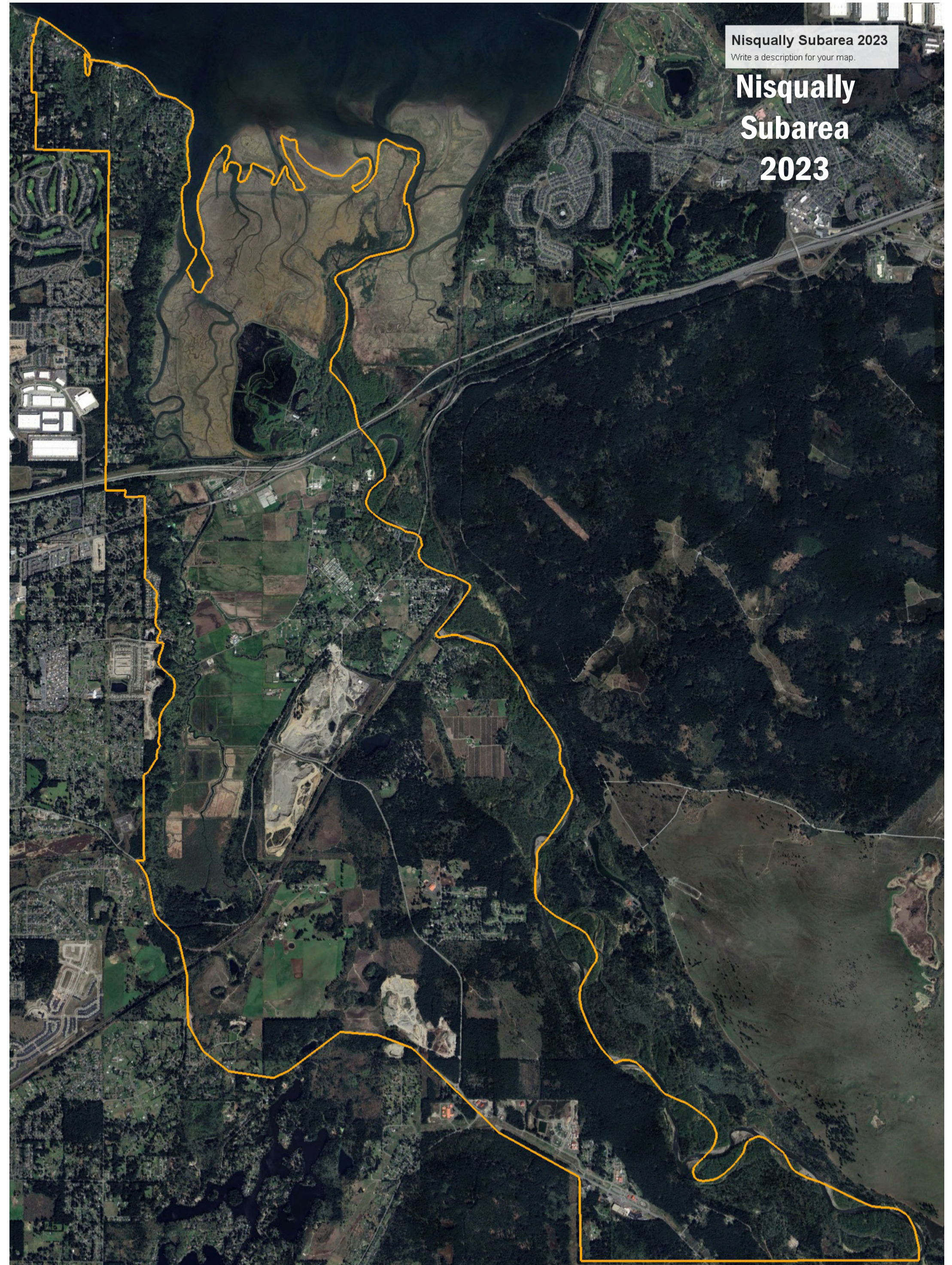
BOCC

August - December 2024

- Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) will review subarea plan and Planning Commission recommendation.
- Public comment opportunity at BoCC workshops.
- Public comment opportunity at BoCC public hearing.

Community Participation at Work

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Thurston County's Comprehensive Plan sets a goal to maintain Nisqually Valley's rural character when it had been previously zoned at urban densities in the 1970s.

1988

1989

1992

Thurston County recognized Nisqually Valley as its own subareas. Nisqually Planning Committee guided Thurston County in creating a new subarea plan.

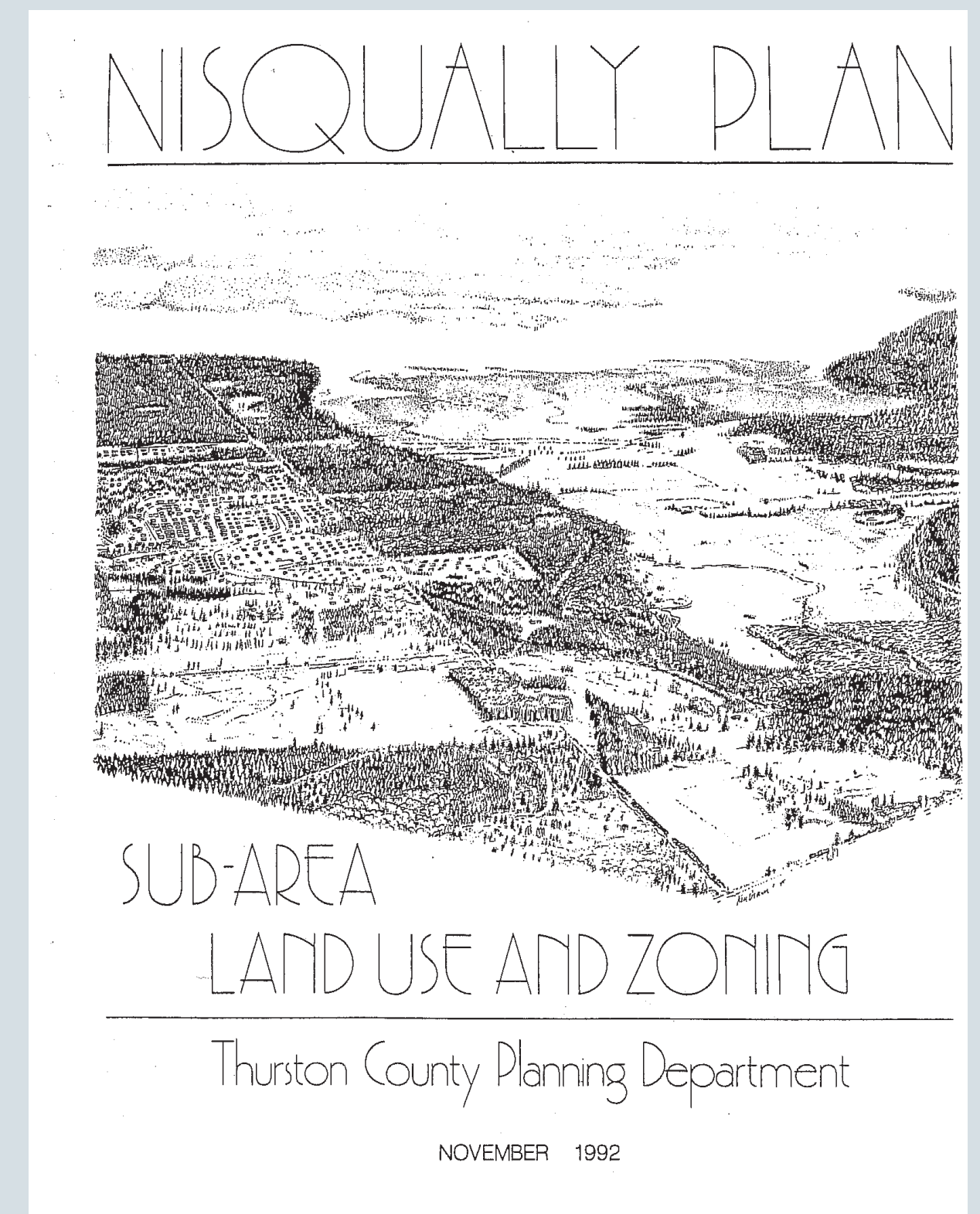
Thurston County finalized the Nisqually Subarea Plan. Much of the document was written by the Nisqually Planning Committee with feedback from the Nisqually Valley community.

Statement for Public Hearing from 1976:

“ Time and again Washington citizens have expressed their concern for public waters and the valuable resources they support. We’ve expressed this concern both with our ballots and with our dollars...

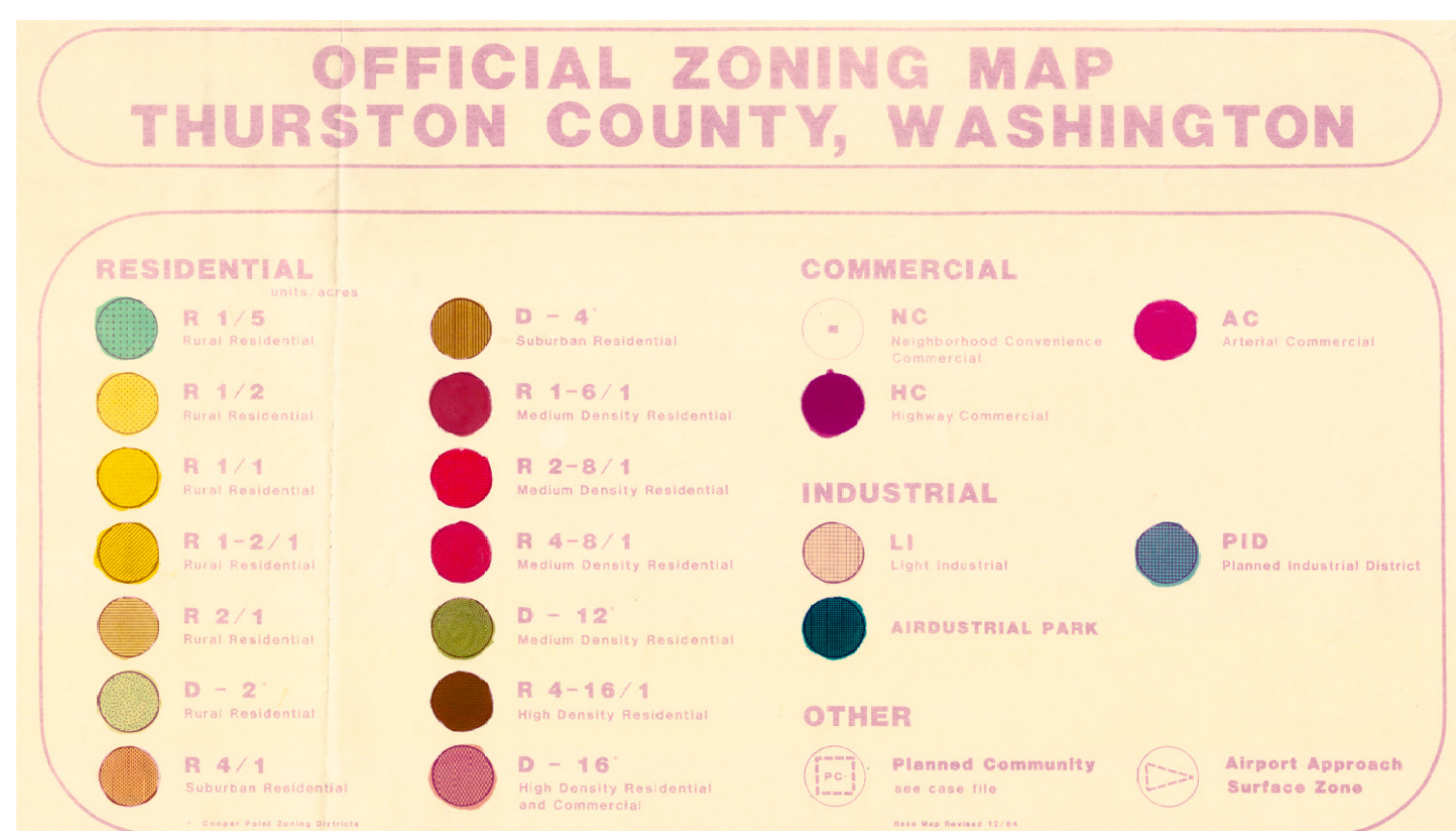
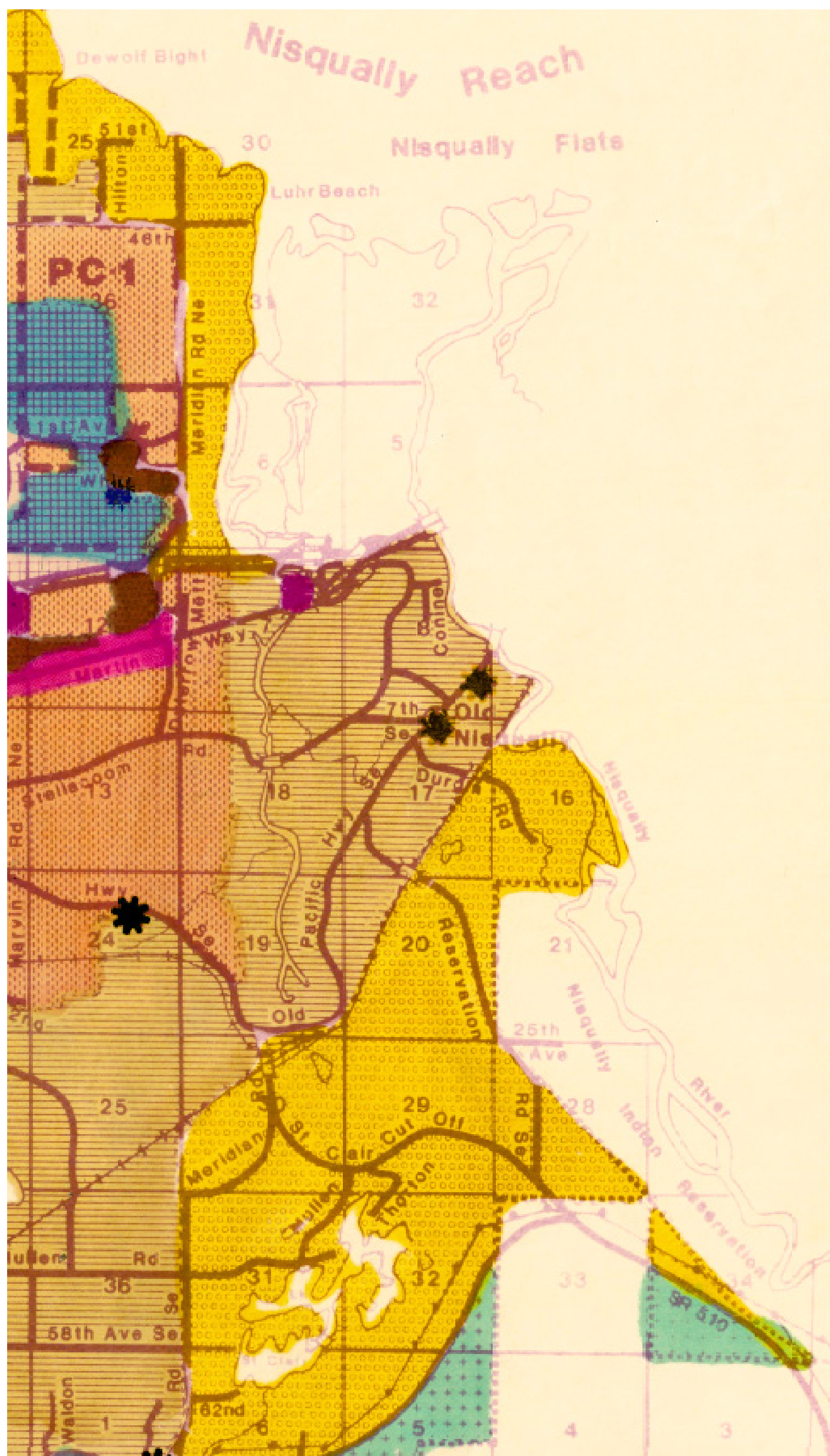
As a representative of statewide interests, the Washington Environmental Council strongly recommends redesignation of this shoreline, preferably to Conservancy, but at least to Rural, in order that our citizens may continue to harvest and enjoy the bounty of a clean Puget Sound. ”

- Nancy Thomas, 1976 President of Washington Environmental Council

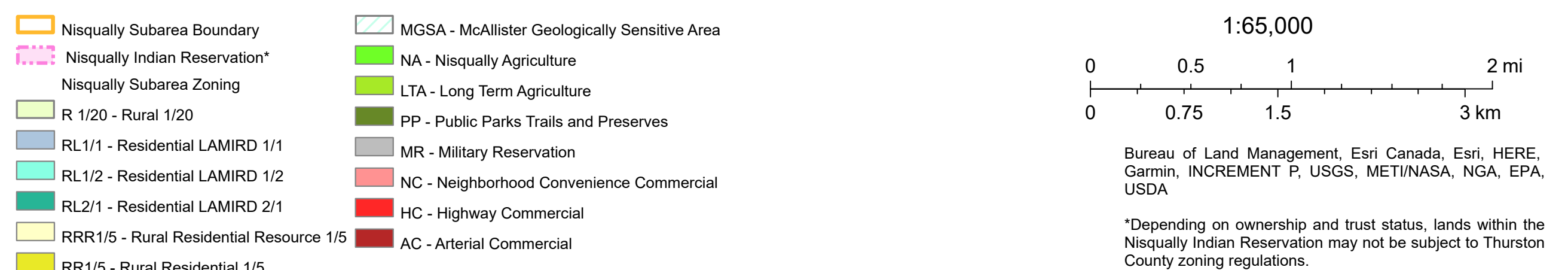
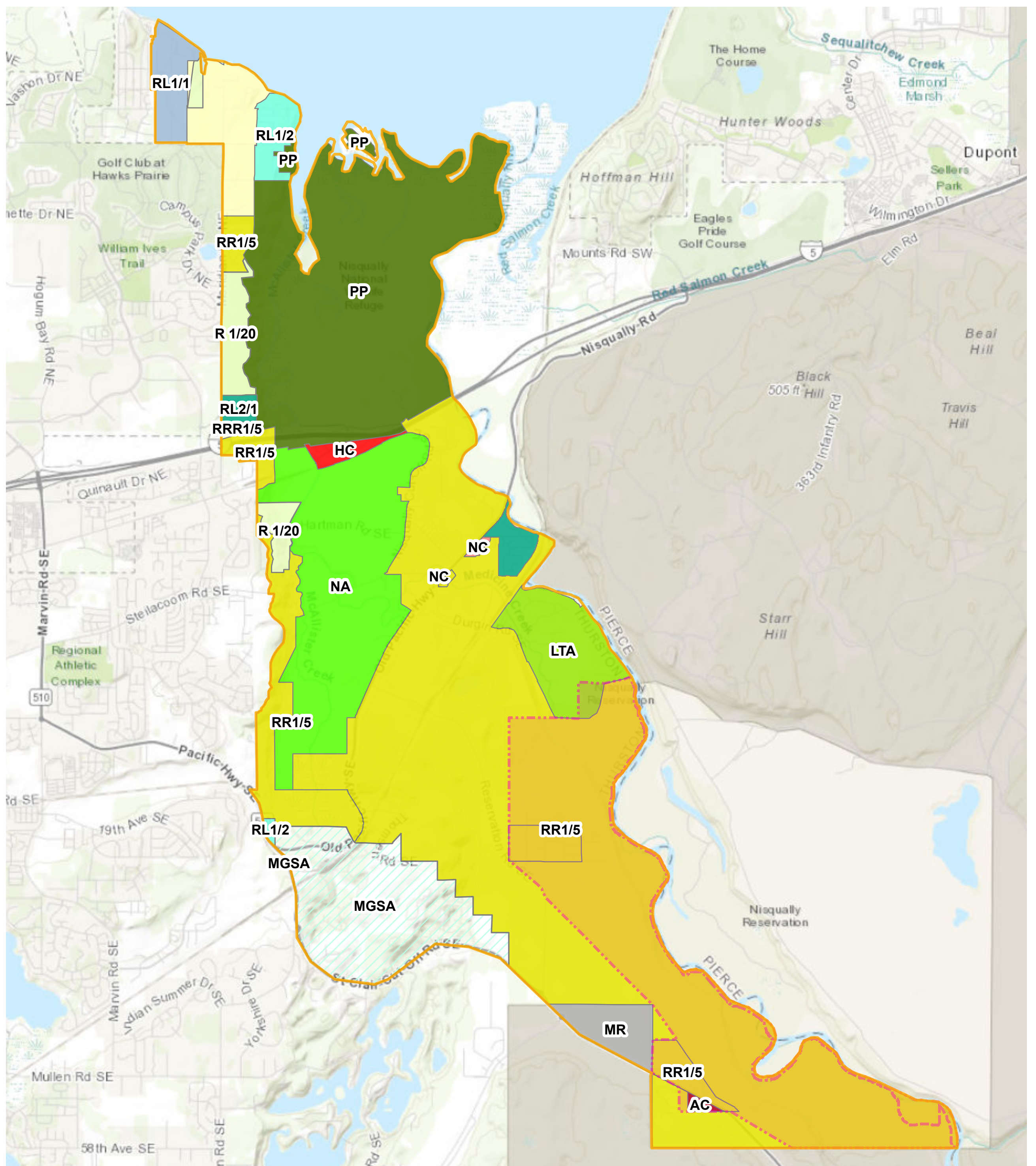


Cover Page from 1992

1983 Nisqually Zoning



Current Nisqually Zoning

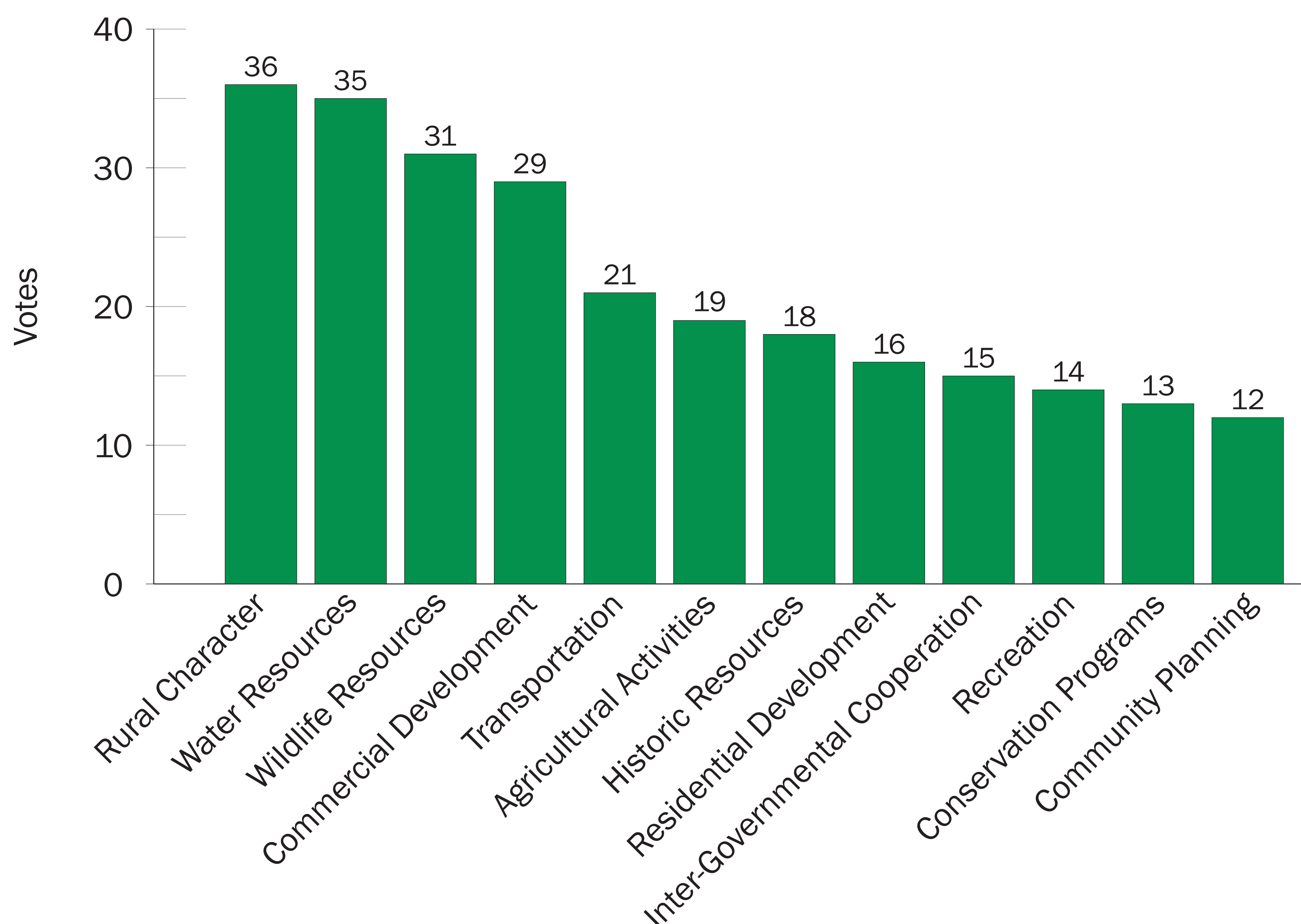


Thurston County has updated the the Nisqually Subarea Plan twice:

- **1996:** Updated the subarea plan and implemented the Purchase of Development Rights program, which purchased development rights from farmers and property owners located in flood hazard areas.
- **2016:** Updated the plan to allow recycled asphalt processing operations at an existing mining facility.

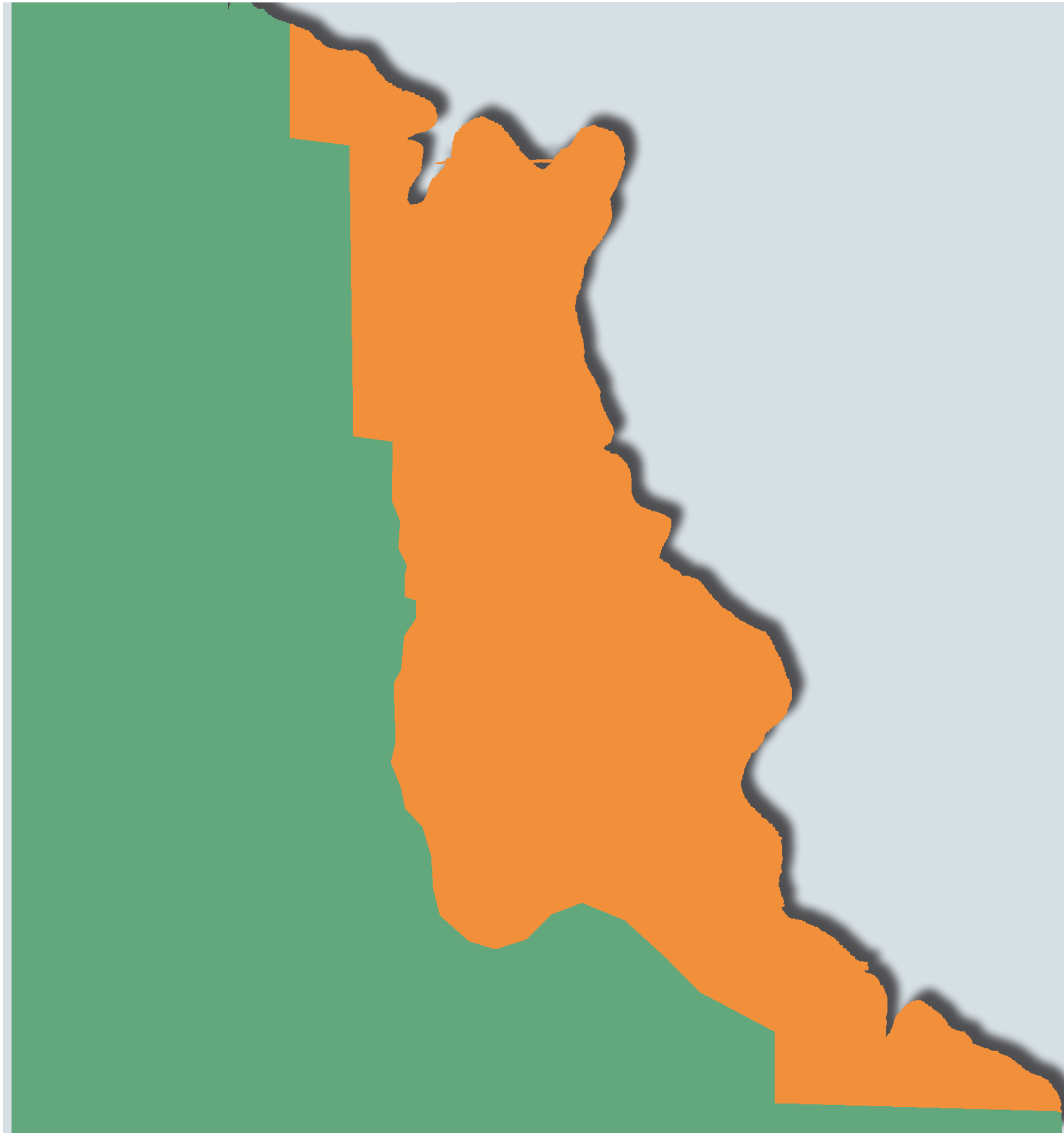
Priority Subarea Goals

A 2018 Open House meeting was held for the Subarea Plan update. The chart below illustrates the priorities of participants at that event.





ACCOMMODATING GROWTH



The Nisqually Subarea is expected to grow by 399 people and 204 dwelling units through 2045.

You can guide how new growth should happen in the Nisqually Subarea by providing feedback during the update process.

NISQUALLY SUBAREA - GROWTH PROJECTION THROUGH 2045

