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Accelerating Watershed Protection in the central Puget Sound

Regional Open Space Conservation Plan

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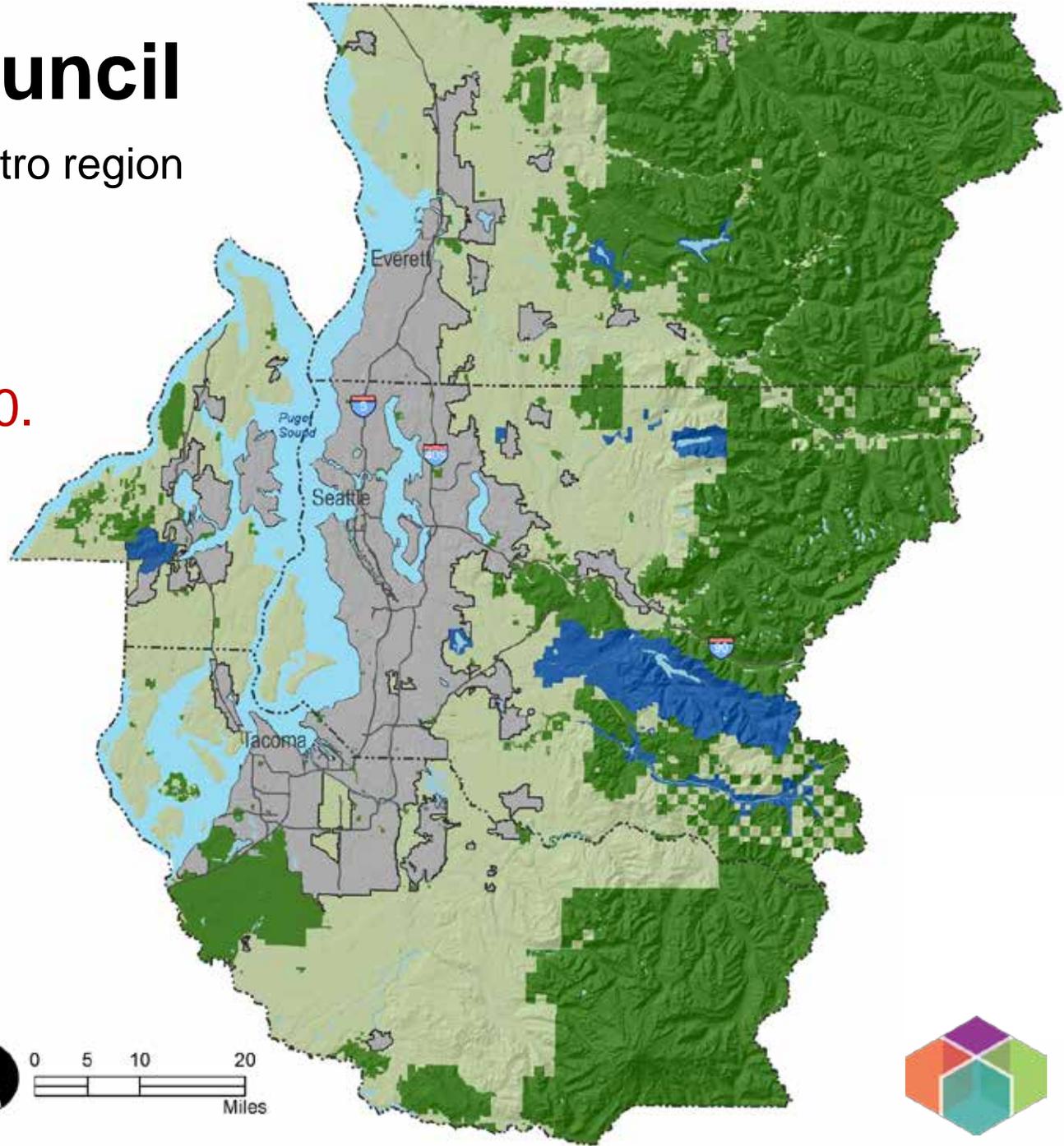
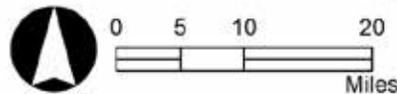
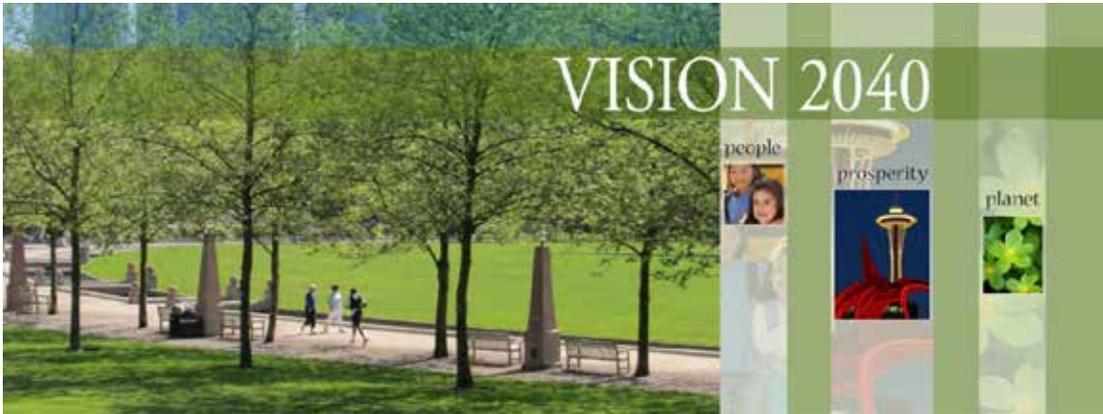
Puget Sound Regional Council

Metropolitan Planning Organization for Seattle metro region

82 cities and towns in 4 counties

State agencies, ports, and tribes

4 million people today. 5.8 million by 2050.



\$11.5 – 25.2
billion a year

To accelerate open space conservation:

1. Create a regional vision for open space
2. Establish an integrated planning structure
3. Expand and streamline funding
4. Advance supportive tools
5. Convene a collaborative alliance

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REGIONAL OPEN
SPACE STRATEGY



Regional Open Space Conservation Plan

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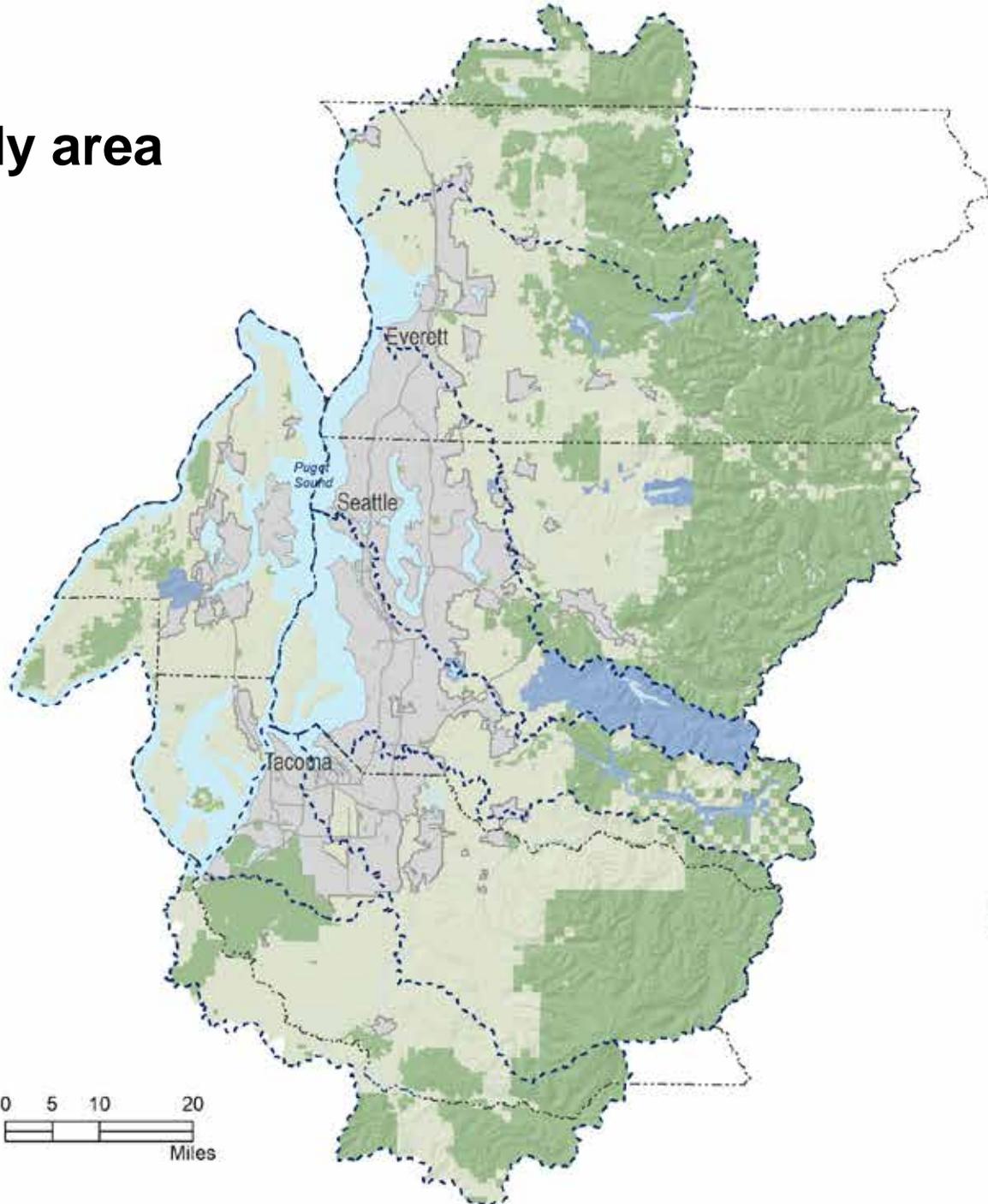
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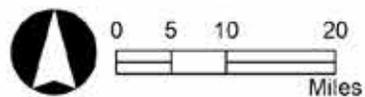
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Study area

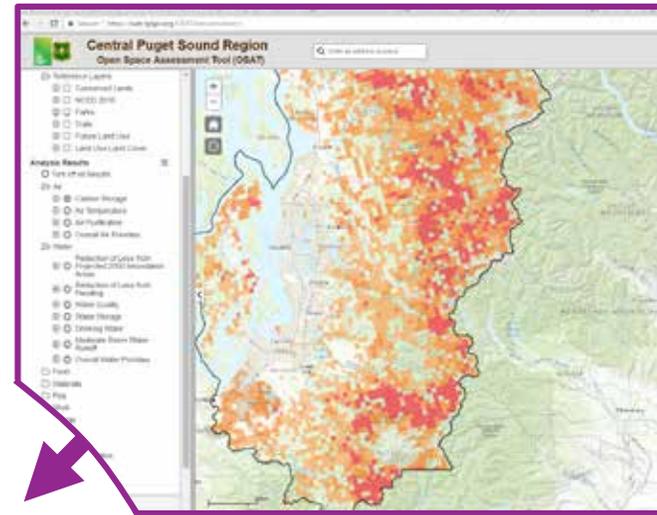


- Watershed boundaries
- County boundaries
- ⊕ Urban growth area
- ⊕ Rural lands
- Federal and state lands
- Municipal watersheds





Open space opportunities

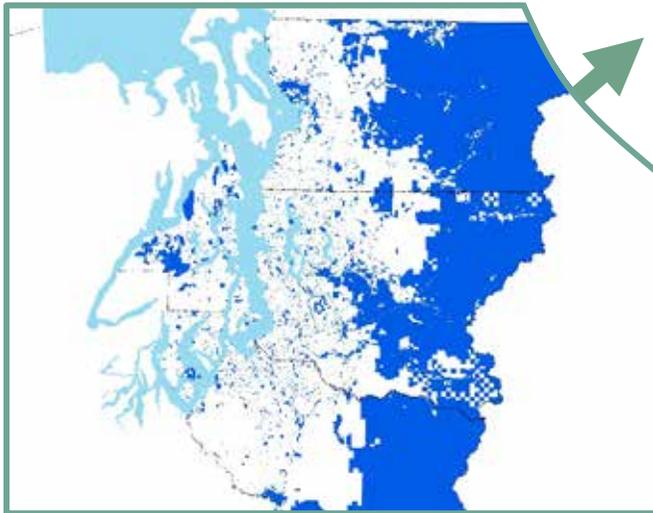


Regional value

- Input from:
- Counties
 - Cities
 - State agencies
 - Federal agencies
 - Land trusts
 - Timber groups
 - Agriculture groups
 - Watershed councils
 - Water utilities



Already protected

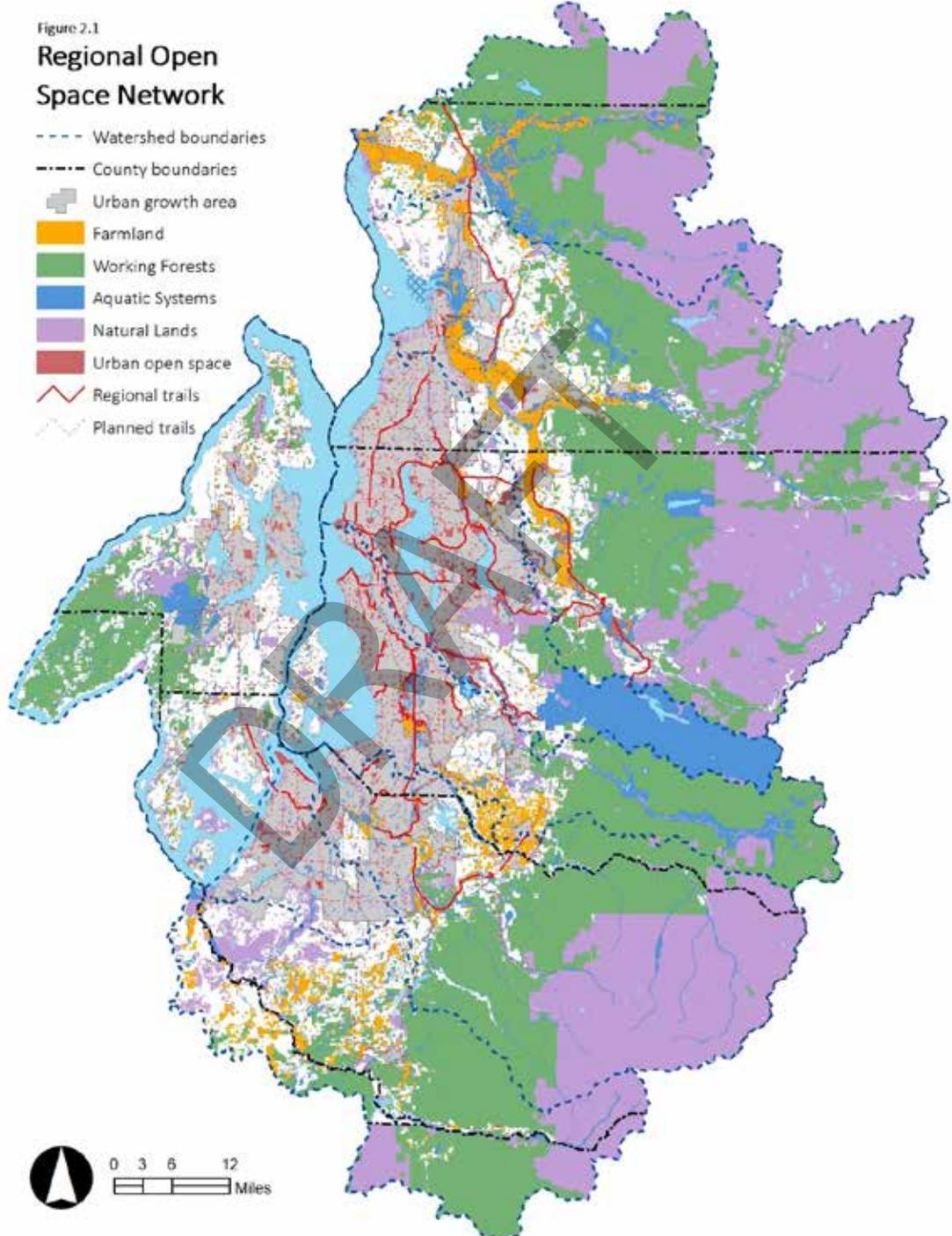


At risk

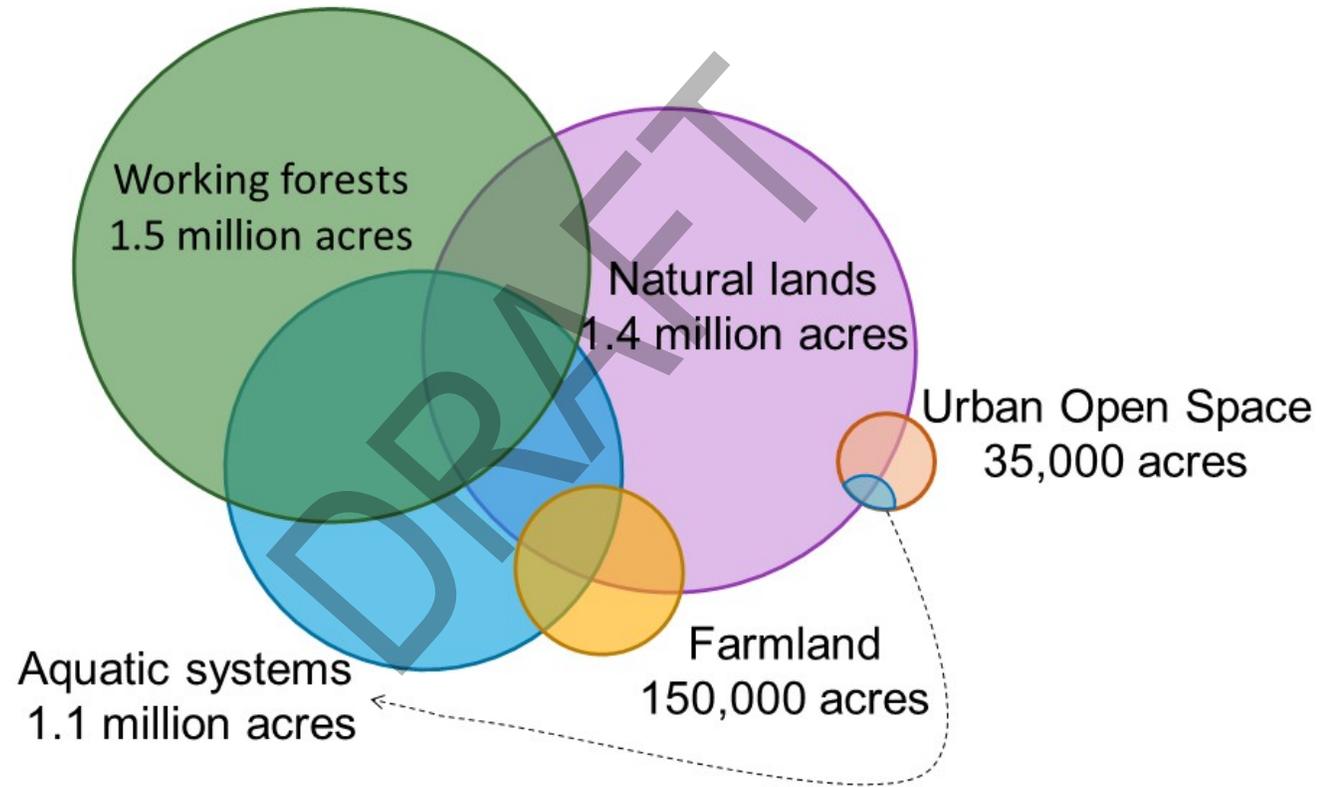


Figure 2.1
Regional Open
Space Network

- Watershed boundaries
- - - County boundaries
- Urban growth area
- Farmland
- Working Forests
- Aquatic Systems
- Natural Lands
- Urban open space
- Regional trails
- Planned trails



Regional Open Space Network



What's protected and what's not

Long-term protection – 65% of network:

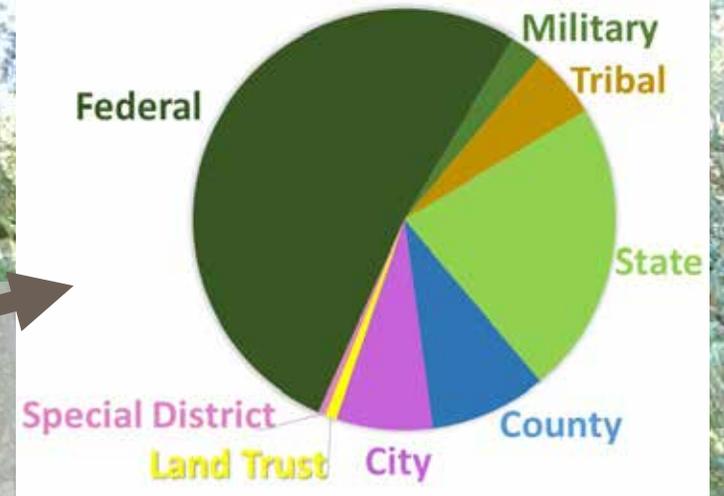
- Owned out-right
- Conservation easement

Protective designations:

- Forestry designation/zoning – 81% of working forests
- Agriculture designation/zoning – 58% of farmland

Conservation easements:

- Ensure specific land management practice



Draft Conservation Needs in Acres

Watershed:	Farmland	Working Forests	Aquatic Systems	Natural Lands
5 - Stillaguamish	28,900	15,500	4,700	6,600
7 – Snohomish	37,700	20,700	14,900	18,300
8 – Cedar/Sammamish	2,400	2,800	3,400	10,300
9 – Green/Duwamish	9,800	5,800	3,200	11,500
10 – Puyallup/White	13,700	16,900	6,700	6,300
11 – Nisqually	28,900	48,200	6,500	10,600
12 – Chambers/Clover	270	270	670	1,900
15 - Kitsap	4,900	78,200	8,100	19,700
Total	125,700	188,400	48,200	85,300

447,000 acres

Action Plan

- Integrate into regional and local planning
 - Focus growth in the right places
- Maintain/expand protective designations
- Enhance existing conservation programs:
 - § Regional Transfer of Development Rights
- Explore/advance new tools:
 - Ecosystem markets
 - Create regional funding source



Next Steps

- Publish final plan - June
- Work with partners on several identified actions
- Incorporate into VISION 2050

<https://www.psrc.org/our-work/regional-open-space-conservation-plan>



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