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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Introduction and Project Overview

Presentation to the Watershed Councils

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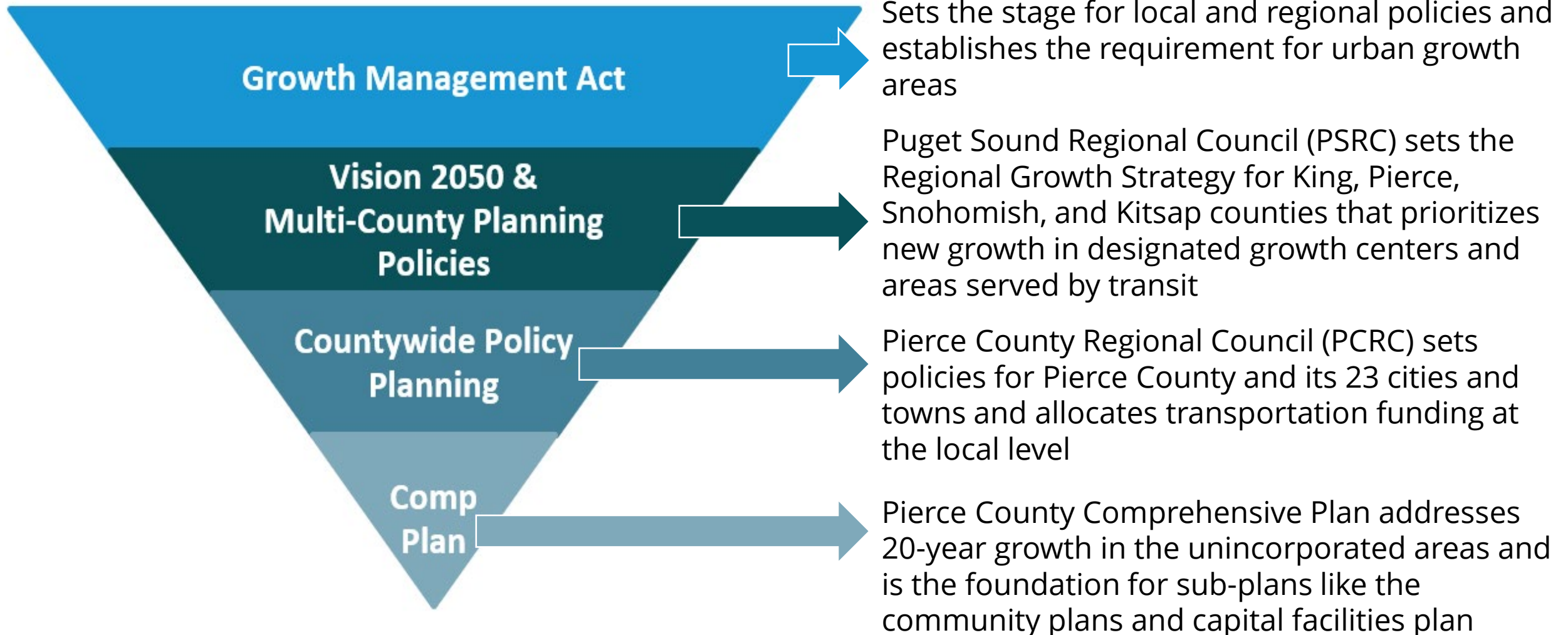


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Presentation Outline

- Planning Framework and Requirements
- Project Roadmap and Schedule
- Expected Topics to Watch
 - Land Use / Growth Targets
 - Critical Areas
 - Climate Change
 - Health and Equity
 - Capital Facilities Plan
- Engagement / Participation

Levels of Planning



The Comprehensive Plan addresses:

- Land Use
- Capital Facilities
- Cultural Resources
- Design and Character
- Economic Development
- Environmental Considerations
- Essential Public Facilities
- Housing
- Open Space
- Parks and Recreation
- Transportation
- Utilities
- Community Plans



GMA Requirements

RCW 36.70A.130, et.al.

The purpose of a periodic review is to *review and update as necessary*. Here are some components:

Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review

- Comprehensive Plans must be regularly reviewed and revised if needed (1)(a)
- All updates shall be reviewed concurrently (2)(b)
- Required by December 31, 2024 (5)(a)

Capital Facilities Plan

- Required element RCW 36.70A.070(3)
- Must include an inventory
- Uses a 20-year forecast and level of service measures to determine needs
- Must include a 6-year funding plan

Critical Areas Review

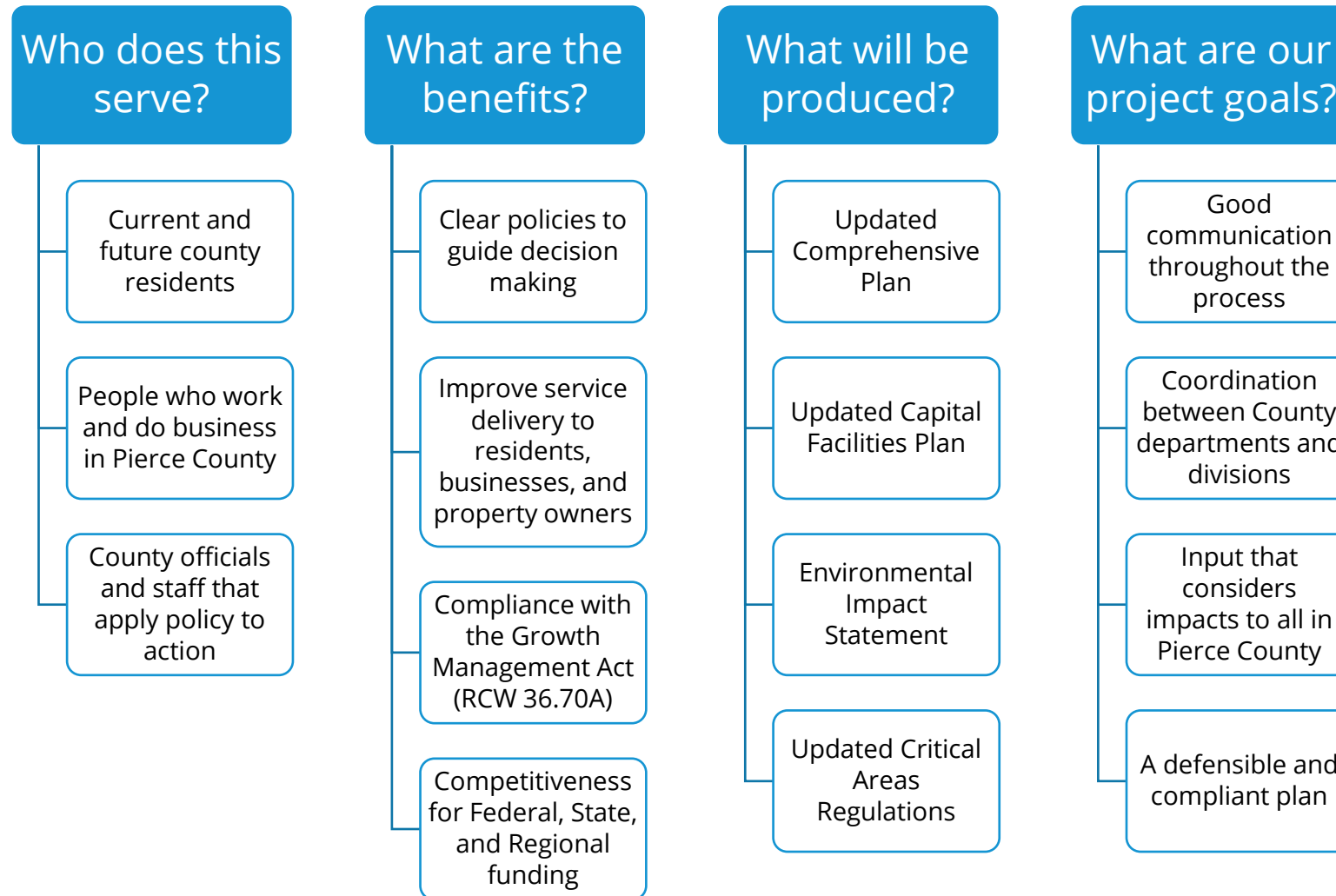
- Review shall include critical area ordinances (1)(c)
- Best available science shall be the basis for critical area policies and regulations RCW 36.70A.172

Growth Targets

- Review shall include an analysis of the population forecast (1)(c)
- Counties shall revise urban growth areas as needed to accommodate 20 years of growth (3)(b)

Project Vision

The Comprehensive Plan will guide leaders in building strong communities.



Process and Roles

Must include a public process

At a minimum, must use the County [Public Participation Program](#)

★ We are here



Staff

- Conduct research and draft changes
- Facilitate public engagement

Land Use Advisory Commissions

- Appointed by Council
- Represent a community plan area
- Make recommendations to Planning Commission

Planning Commission

- Appointed by Council
- Represent different geographic areas
- Make recommendations to CDC

Community Development Committee

- Committee of the Council
- Reviews planning issues
- Make amendments to proposals and recommendations to Council

Pierce County Council

- County's legislative branch
- Make amendments to proposals
- Enact all plans, policies, and regulations

County Executive

- May or may not sign adopted legislation
- Veto power (can be overridden by Council majority 5-2)

Opportunities for public input throughout process

Expected Topics to Watch

Comprehensive Plan Update

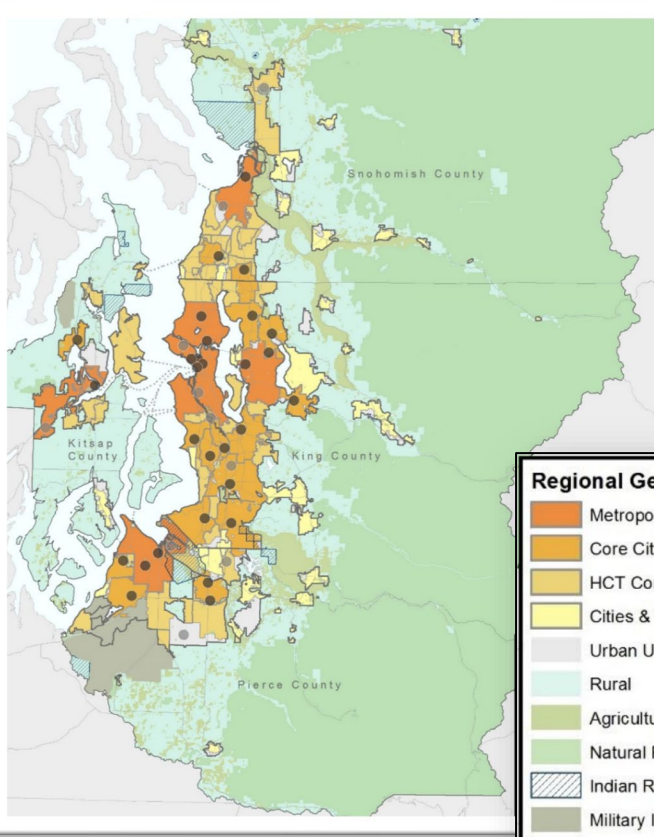
Land Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changes in urban unincorporated and rural areas to align with Regional Growth Strategy
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing targets for affordability to all economic segments
Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adaptation, mitigation, resiliency, and lessening impacts on marginalized populations
Health and Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensuring that Pierce County is a place of opportunity for present and future residents
Services and Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essentials for a good quality of life• Update Capital Facilities Plan
Critical Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best Available Science• Riparian corridors• Mazama Pocket Gopher

Environmental Review

- Part of public process
- New Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Analyzes impacts to the natural and built environments
- Review of alternatives

Draft 2020-2044 Growth Targets

Regional Growth Strategy



Regional Geographies

- Metropolitan Cities
- Core Cities
- HCT Communities
- Cities & Towns
- Urban Unincorporated Areas
- Rural
- Agricultural Land
- Natural Resource Land
- Indian Reservation Land
- Military Installations
- Urban Growth Area
- Regional Growth Center
- Manufacturing Industrial Center

Metropolitan Cities

38% population
105,977 persons
42,390 housing units

48% employment*
70,800 jobs

- Tacoma

Core Cities

23% population*
55,830 persons
23,021 housing units

23% employment*
27,521 jobs

- Auburn (part)
- Lakewood
- Puyallup
- University Place

High-Capacity Transit (HCT) Communities

21% population*
55,605 persons
20,036 housing units

15% employment*
22,125 jobs

- DuPont
- Fife
- Fircrest
- ★ Mid-County (urban)
- ★ Parkland-Spanaway-Midland
- ★ South Hill
- Sumner

Cities and Towns

7% population
18,535 persons
8,899 housing units

6% employment
9,133 jobs

- Bonney Lake
- Buckley
- Carbonado
- Eatonville
- Edgewood
- Gig Harbor
- Milton (part)
- Orting
- Pacific (part)
- Roy
- Ruston
- South Prairie
- Steilacoom
- Wilkeson

Urban Unincorporated

8% population*
21,181 persons
10,870 housing units

6% employment
8,850 jobs

- ★ Remainder of unincorporated urban areas (not in High-Capacity Transit Communities)

Rural

3% population
7,944 persons
2,605 housing units

2% employment
2,950 jobs

- ★ Rural areas

★ Unincorporated Pierce County

*actual population, housing, and employment growth targets vary from the Regional Growth Strategy percent growth shown

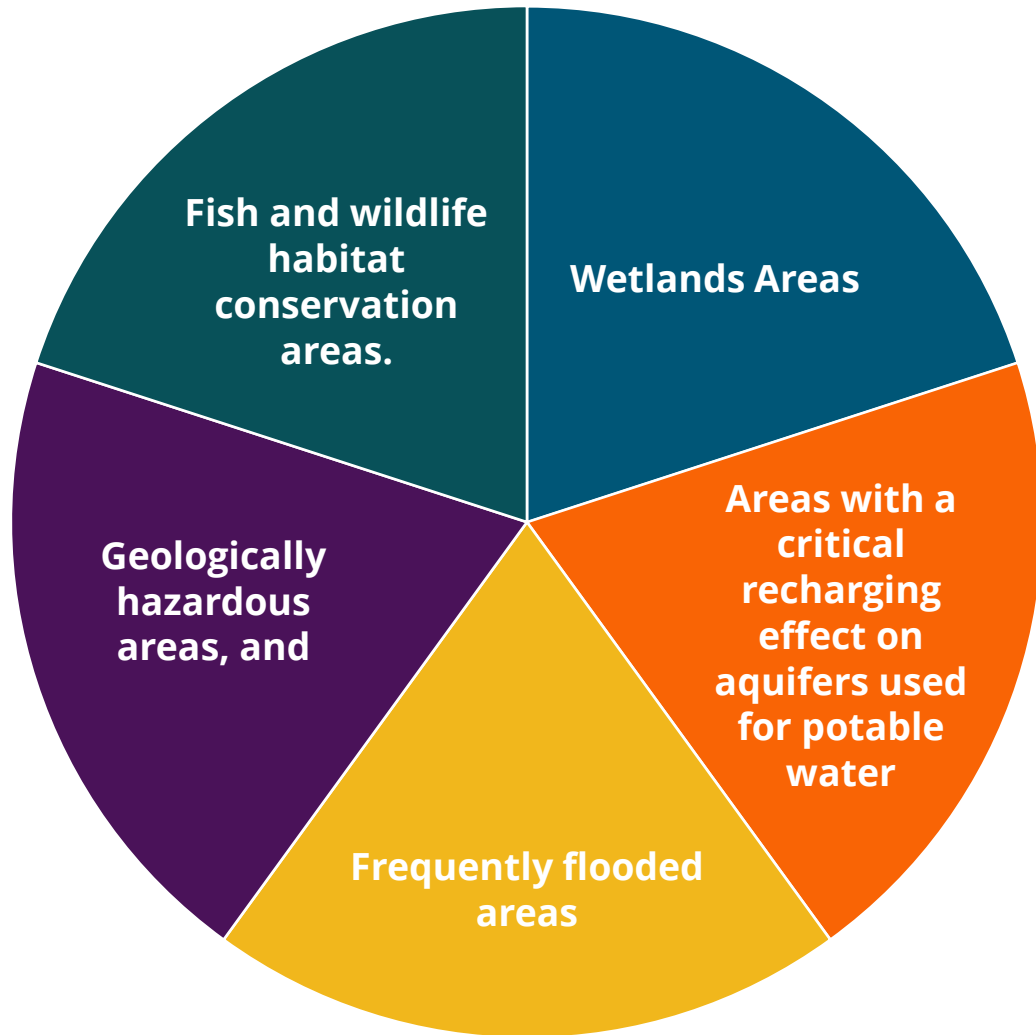
Countywide Planning Policies

Environment Section

Updates Address:

- Impacts to the health of the Puget Sound
- Supporting implementation of the Puget Sound Partnership's action agenda and recovery plan for the Puget Sound ecosystem
- Expanded examples of actions: address fish passage barriers, retrofit stormwater systems, utilize low impact development standards / techniques, reconnect floodplains, and create off-channel habitat
- Need to coordinate on watershed planning, including working with watershed councils
- Access to open space for all segments of the population with emphasis on historically underserved populations
- Protection of urban tree canopy coverage within the regulated open spaces
- Climate change

Critical Areas



Best Available Science (BAS) Review:

Identify the policies and regulations adopted to protect the functions and values of each type of critical area.

Identify the sources of BAS information used to review or develop the policies and regulations.

Explain any nonscientific information used to craft policies and regulations that is not consistent with BAS recommendations.

Explain how “special consideration” is taken to conserve and protect anadromous fisheries.

Climate Change

County Council Resolution No. R2022-77

- Address climate change, climate mitigation, and environmental resiliency
- Incorporate policies to achieve the *Sustainability 2030* goal of 45 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030
- Evaluate the vulnerability and risks associated with climate change
 - Climate-related trends
 - Current and anticipated impacts
 - Vulnerable populations and assets (social, economic, infrastructure, and environmental)
 - Risks for such assets and where measures would be most effective

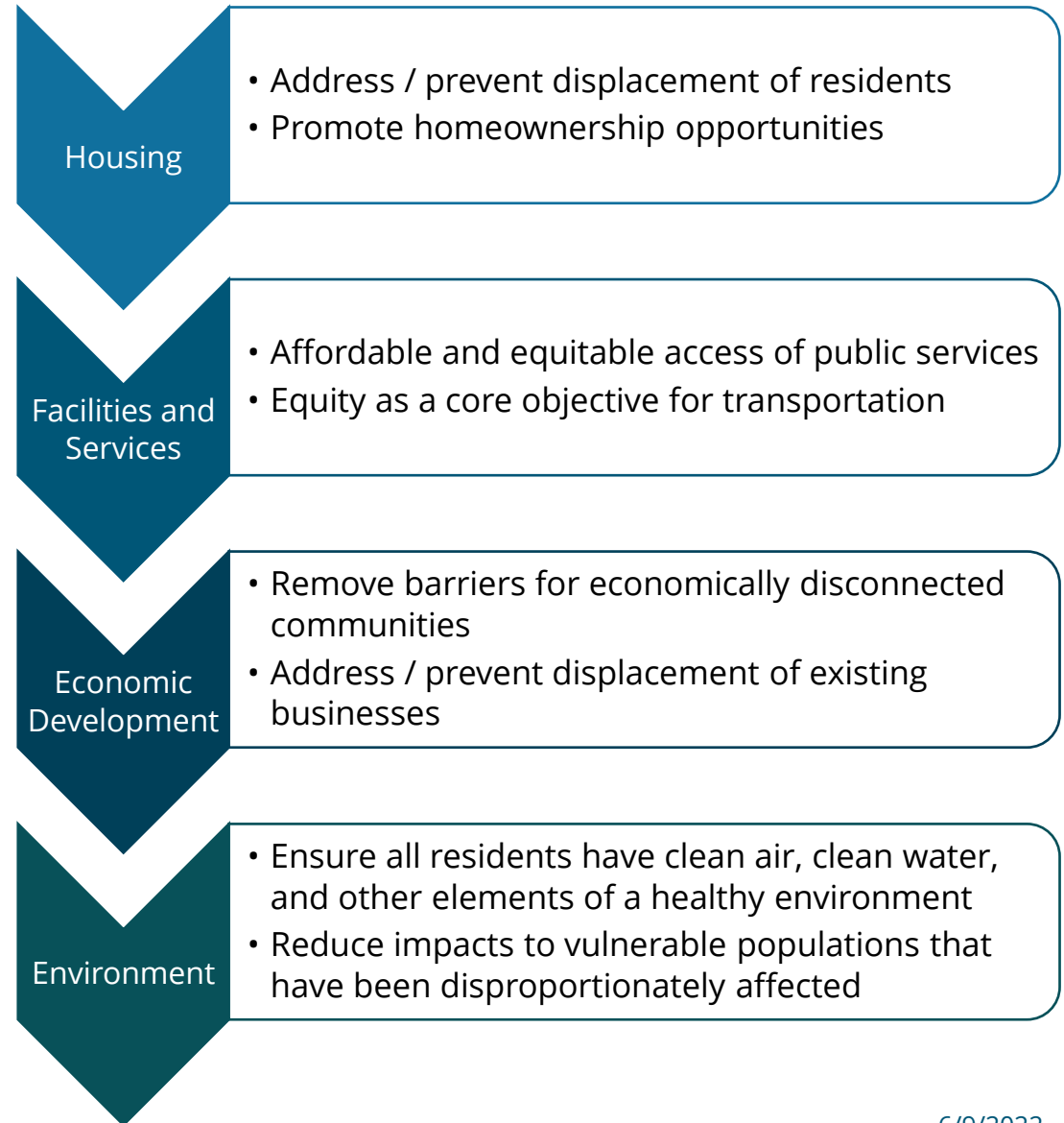
Health and Equity

Health in All Policies

- Consider health impacts on residents
- Reduce health disparities
- Improve health outcomes
- Use substantiated health data in the decision-making process

Equity in All Policies

- Ensure all people can access the resources and opportunities to improve quality of life
- Prioritize access to opportunity for people of color, people with low incomes, and historically underserved communities
- Address past inequities



Capital Facilities Plan

Capital facilities element must include:



GMA defines Capital Facilities as:

Transportation*	Water systems	Sanitary sewer systems*
Stormwater facilities*	Solid waste*	Ferries
Airports*	Schools	Parks*
Law enforcement	Fire and rescue services	Other governmental services

*Facilities marked with an * are subject to robust planning programs in Pierce County.*

Other facilities require coordination with other public entities, such as water purveyors or fire and rescue services.

Public Participation Program

Goal: to encourage input and collaboration that fosters diverse viewpoints for the County to consider.

- Specific plans will be developed at each phase
- PierceCountyWa.gov/CompPlan serves as an information hub
- Print and electronic communications
- Web-based engagement tools
- In-person engagement as warranted



Milestone Engagement Periods



Milestone Engagement Periods will be 30-60 days long.

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How to Engage

- Subscribe to Planning Our Community email updates
- Check the website PierceCountyWA.gov/CompPlan
- Follow us on social media
- Watch and participate in meetings
- Attend open-houses and town halls
- Send written comment
- Bring your neighbors!



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