

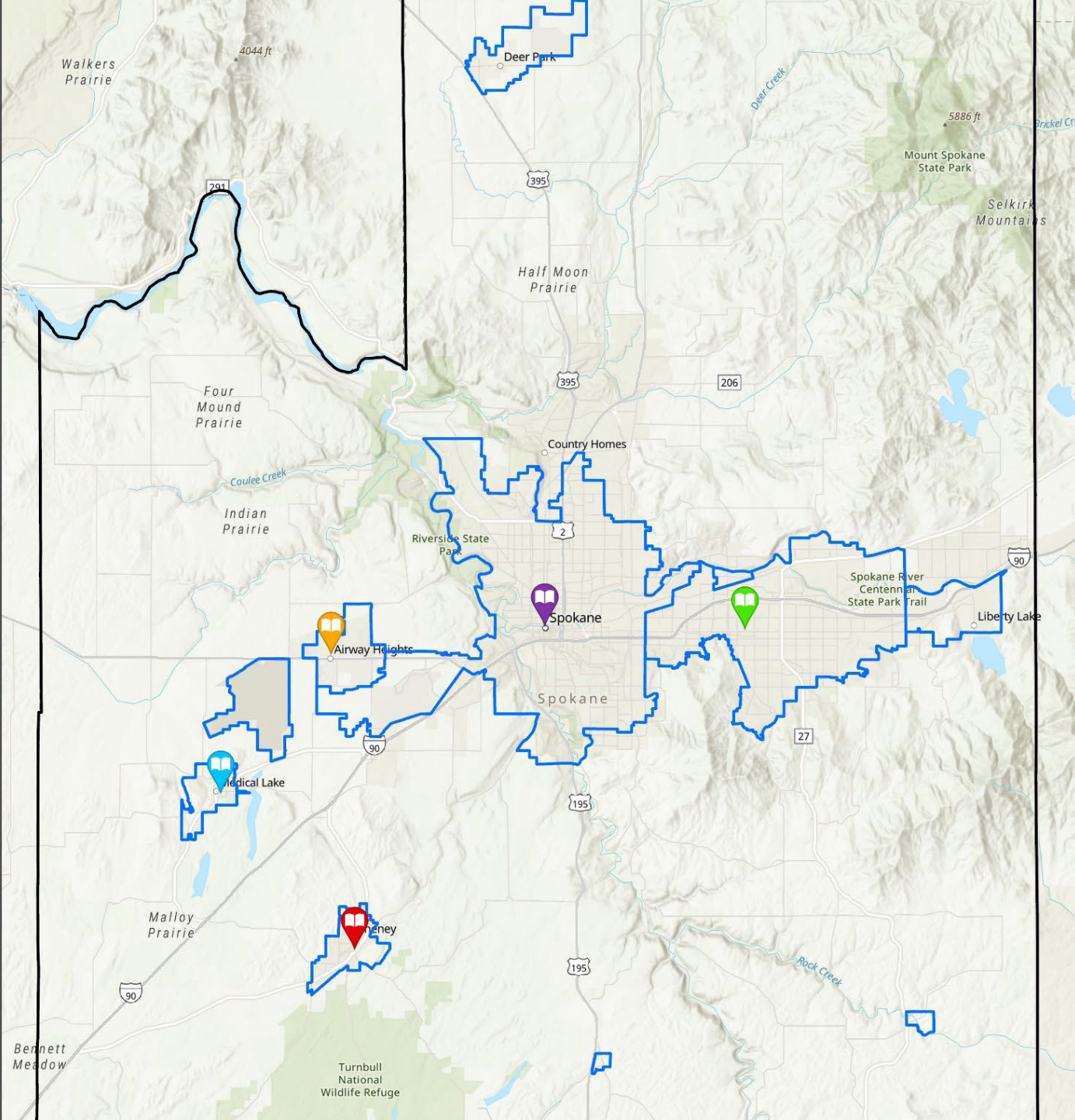


Spokane County 2026 Comprehensive Plan Kick-Off

Presented by Spokane County Planning

Purpose

- Begin the early and continuous public participation process
- Gather interest and show the community how they can get involved
- Serves as the beginning stage to both educate and engage conversation with the community on comprehensive planning and its various elements



2026 Comprehensive Plan Kick-Off Locations

Date & Locations:

May 22 – Central Library, 2pm

May 23 – Airway Heights Library, 2pm

May 28 – Cheney Library, 2pm

June 3 – Medical Lake Library, 2pm

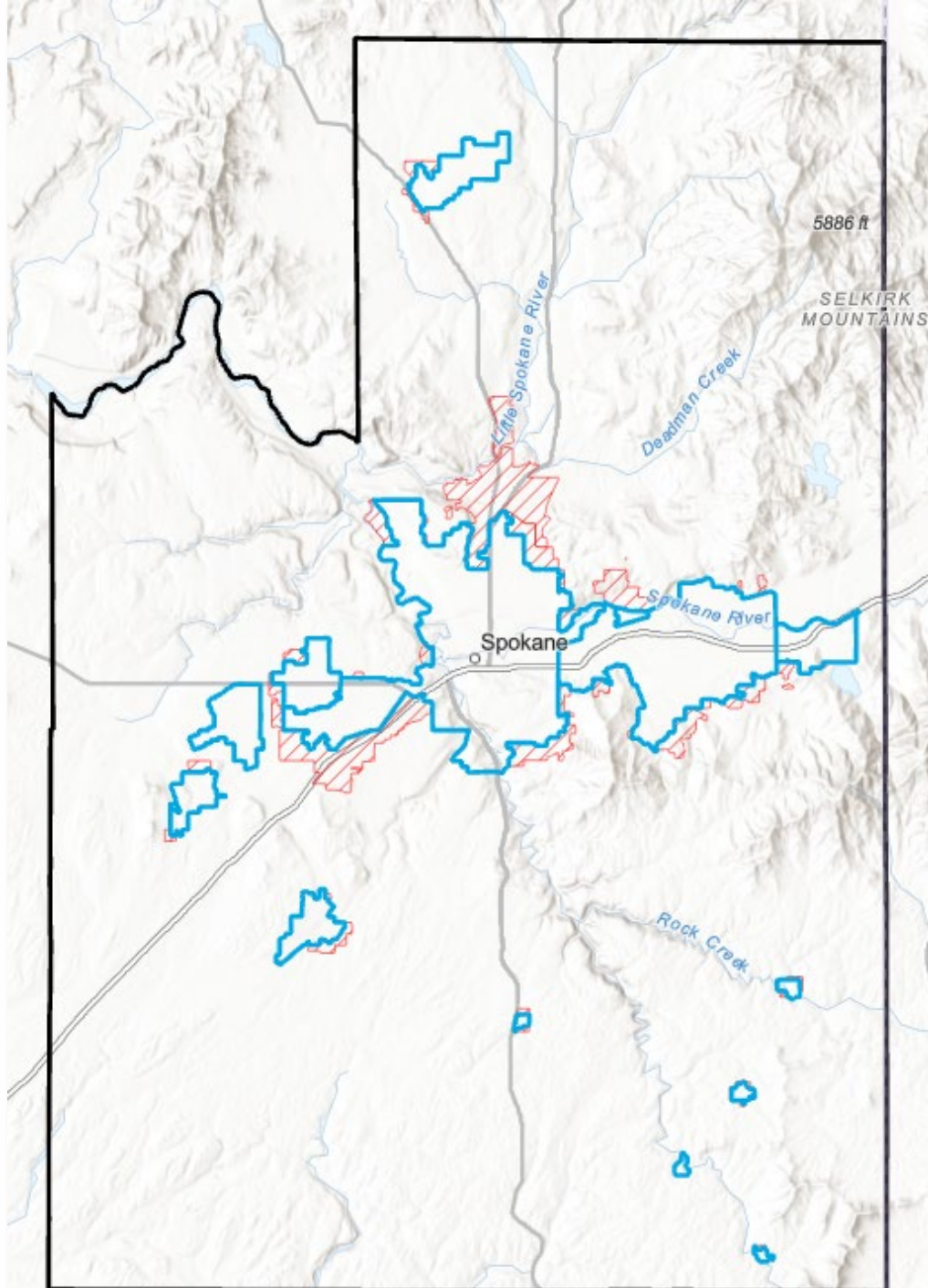
June 6 – Spokane Valley Library, 2pm

TBD – 2 more kick-offs

What will the forums entail?

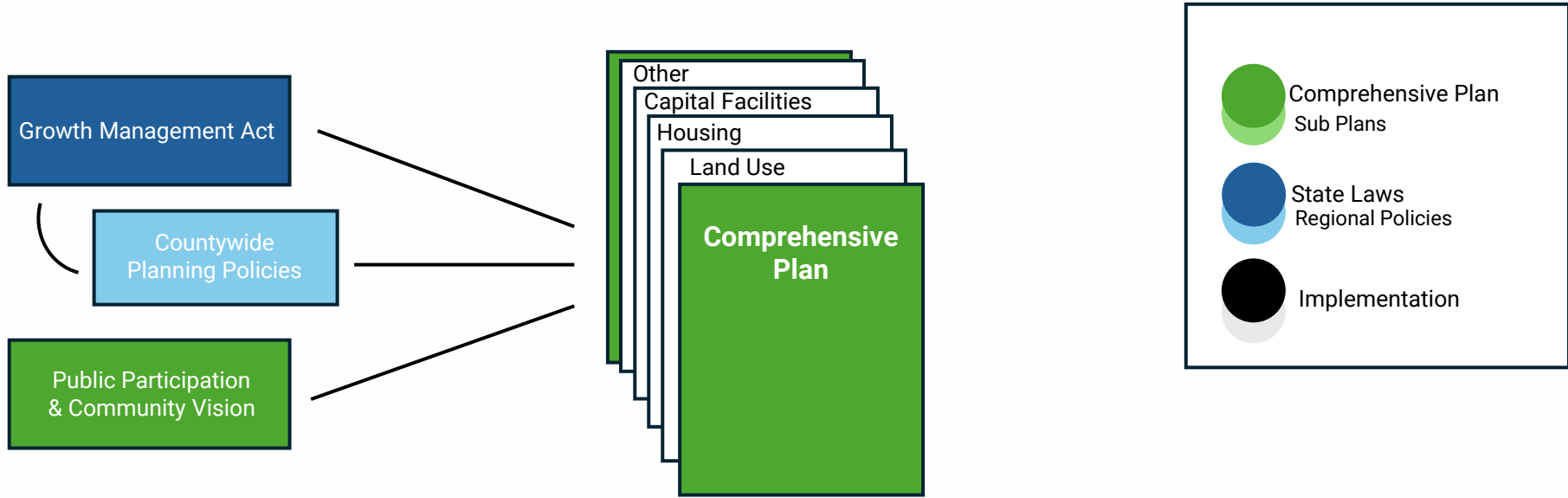


- Brief profile on Spokane County
- Information on
 - Comprehensive Plans (what they are and how they are implemented)
 - Individual elements of the Comprehensive Plan
 - How to get involved and why
 - Growth Management Act



Profile

County Land Area Square Miles: **1,764**
13 Incorporated Cities & Towns
33 Unincorporated Urban Growth Areas

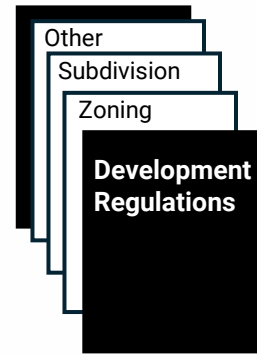


Capital Budget Decisions

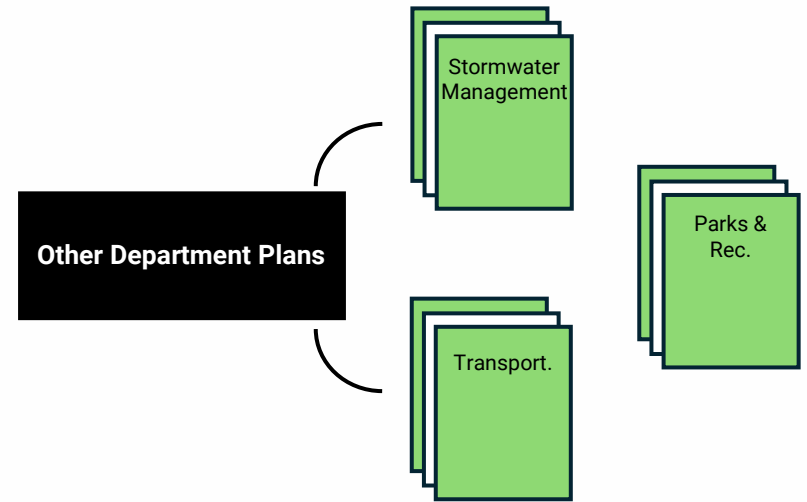
Capital Projects
Roads, parks, public buildings, water, sewer, surface water systems

Other Planning Activities

Policies & Programs
Annexation and tax policies, interlocal agreements, etc.



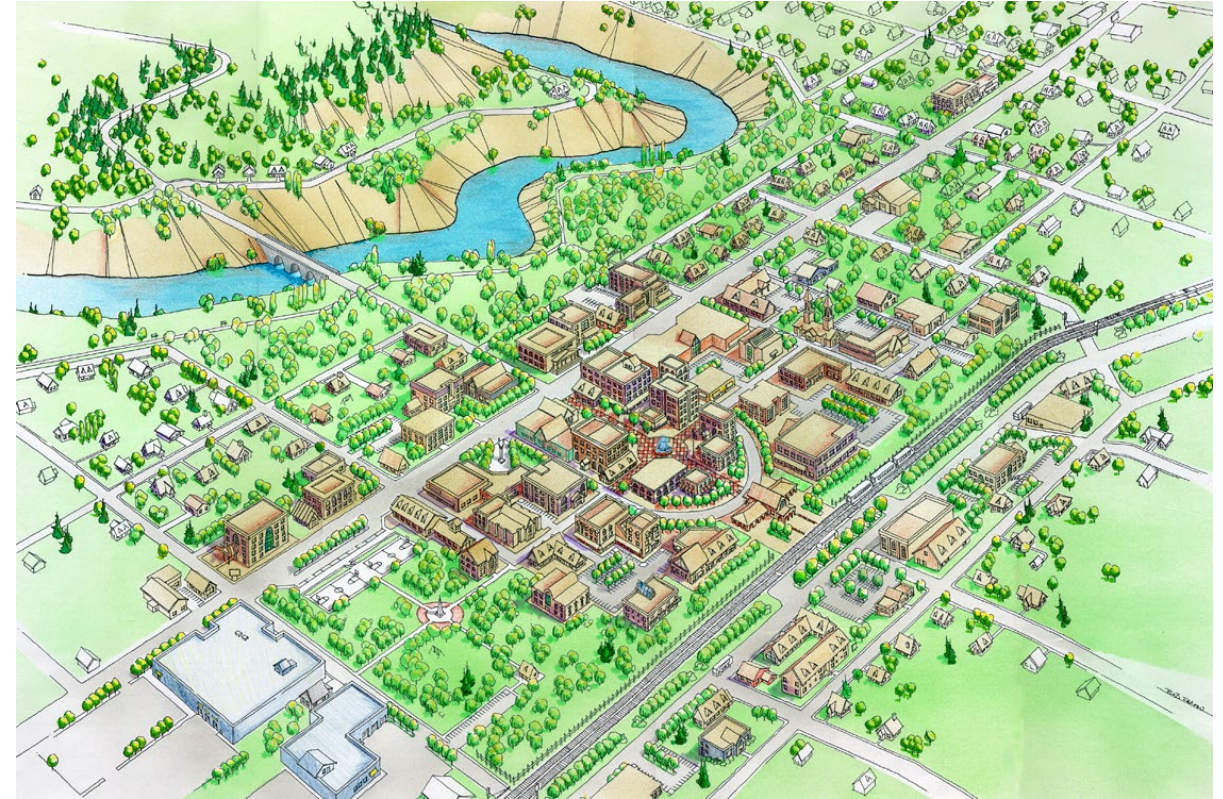
Permits
Zoning, subdivision, building, etc.



Element example: Land Use

Main purpose is to **designate the general distribution and location of the uses of land** and provides the **basis of the County's zoning laws**

Works to **promote orderly development** that promotes adequate housing, social gathering, environmental protection and resource conservation, economic growth, and provide for transportation needs.

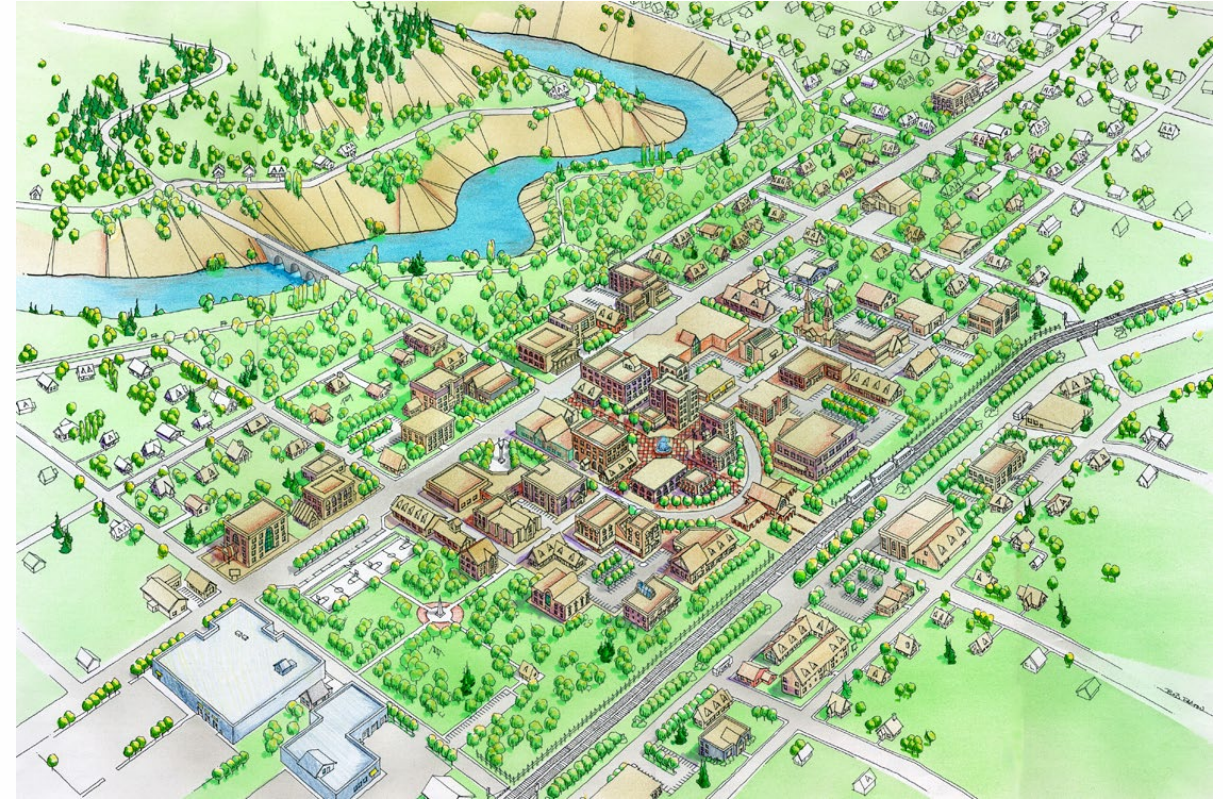


Element example: Land Use



GMA Planning Goals

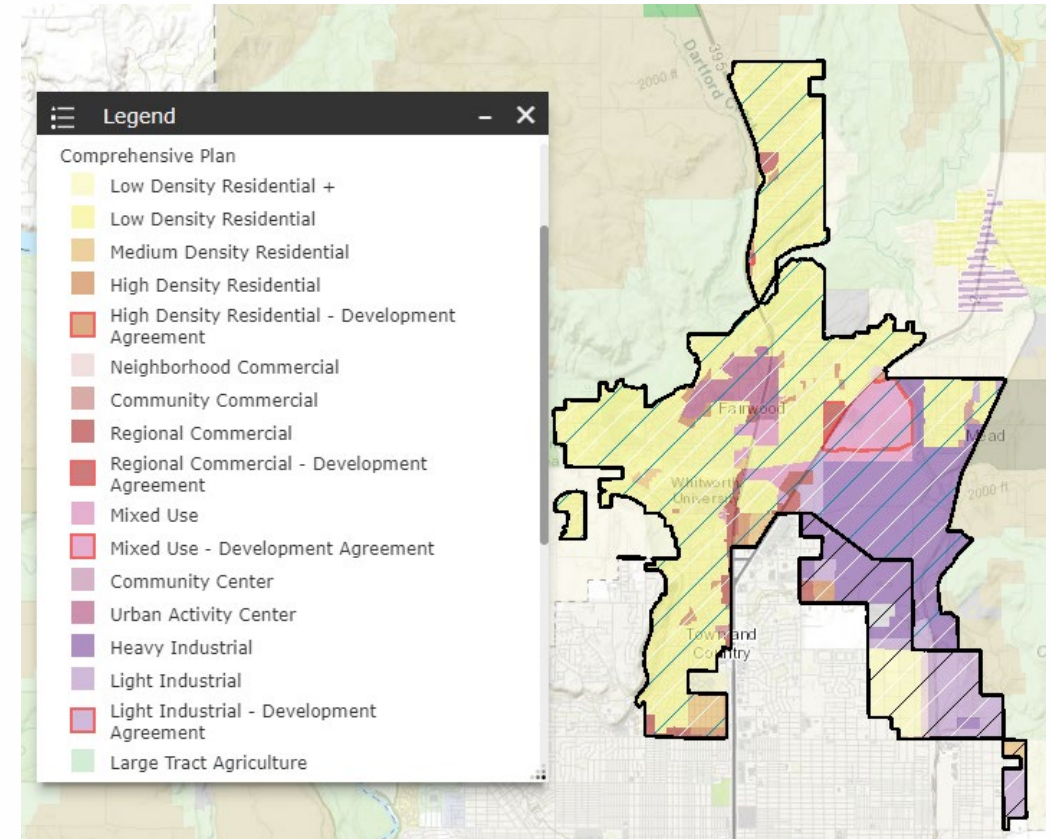
- **Urban growth.** Encourage development in urban areas where adequate public facilities and services exist or can be provided in an efficient manner
- **Reduce Sprawl.** Reduce the inappropriate conversion of undeveloped land into sprawling, low-density development.



Element example: Land Use

Categories:

- **Residential:** establishes the density and types of housing that is allowed to be built within the area
- **Commercial:** allows for various commercial uses, such as shopping areas, restaurants, office buildings, and warehouses
- **Industrial:** Categorized by industrial uses that vary in intensity, such as manufacturing facilities, wholesaling, and laboratories
- **Mixed use:** Provides multiple uses, such as commercial, higher-density residences, offices, and recreation
- **Resource lands:** lands with long-term commercial significance (agriculture, forest, and mineral lands)



Element example: Land Use



Importance:

- Ensures compatibility between adjacent land uses
- Allows for informed decisions on development projects
- Promotes safe transportation
- Manages population growth and mitigates urban sprawl
- Facilitates economic growth
- Minimizes hazards and protects the public health
- Protects endangered species and critical areas
- Preserves open space

Element example: Housing



Works to support growth and **ensure residents have access to quality, affordable housing** through goals, policies, and implementation strategies

Effects:

- Housing types and densities
- Supply of affordable housing
- Proximity to employment, goods, and services

Element example: Housing



GMA planning goals



- **Reduce Sprawl.** Reduce the inappropriate conversion of undeveloped land into sprawling, low-density development
- **Housing.** Plan for and accommodate housing affordable to all economic segments of the population of this state, promote a variety of residential densities and housing types, and encourage preservation of existing housing stock.
- **Historic Preservation.** Identify and encourage the preservation of lands, sites, and structures that have historical or archaeological significance.

Element example: Housing

New State Requirements:

- **Planning for sufficient land capacity for housing needs**
 - All economic segments of the population
 - Emergency housing, shelters, and permanent supportive housing
- **Documenting programs and actions needed to achieve housing availability**
- **Identifying racially disparate impacts, displacement and exclusion in housing policies and regulations**
- **Providing for moderate density housing options within urban areas**



Element example: Housing

Informed by population growth, land capacity and housing allocations, local data, and public outreach

Data analyses examples:

- Median home and rental costs
- Vacancy rates
- Housing characteristics (household types, household size, owner vs renter tenure, etc.)
- Affordability by Area Median Income (AMI) versus average rent



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+ many, many more

Questions or Comments?
