



NON-BINDING MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL RESOLUTIONS

WHATCOM COUNTY
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES


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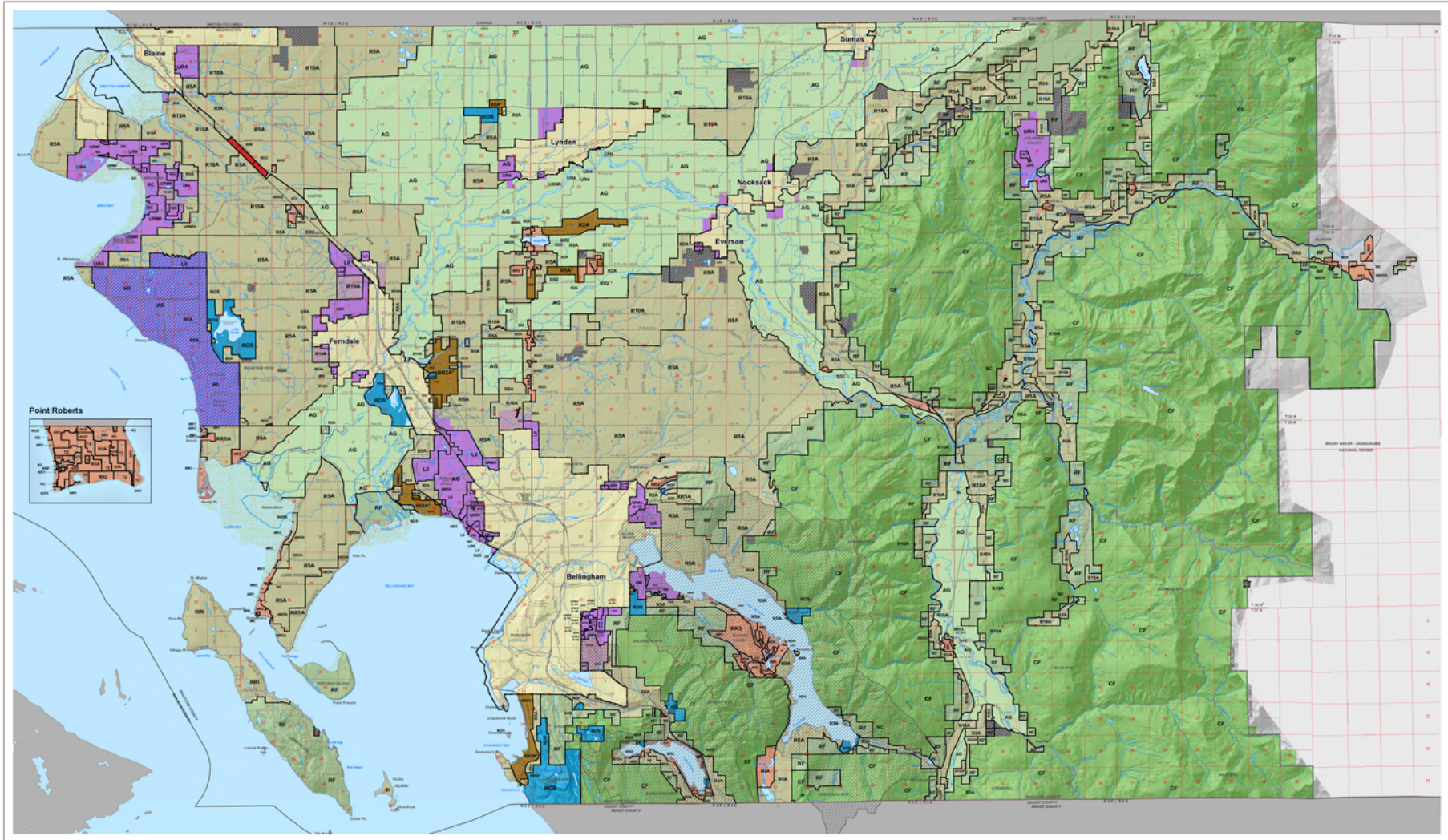
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GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT

- County and city comprehensive plans must be coordinated and consistent (RCW 36.70A.100).
 - This includes population, housing, and employment growth projections.
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WHATCOM COUNTY Title 20 Zoning & Comprehensive Plan Designations

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATIONS

- Incorporated City Limits
- Urban Growth Area
- Urban Growth Area Reserve
- Major/Port Industrial UGA
- Rural
- Rural Neighborhood
- Rural Community
- Rural Business
- Agriculture
- Rural Forestry
- Commercial Forestry
- Mineral Resource Lands
- Public Recreation

TITLE 20 ZONING DESIGNATIONS

- URBAN RESIDENTIAL**
- URMX** Urban Res -Mixed Use
 - URMX10-24** Urban Res -Mixed Use 10-24 Units/Acre
 - URMX6-12** Urban Res -Mixed Use 6-12 Units/Acre
 - URMX6-10** Urban Res -Mixed Use 6-10 Units/Acre
 - URM24** Urban Res -Medium Density 24 Units/Acre
 - URM18** Urban Res -Medium Density 18 Units/Acre
 - URM12** Urban Res -Medium Density 12 Units/Acre
 - URM6** Urban Res -Medium Density 6 Units/Acre
 - UR6** Urban Res -6 Units/Acre
 - UR4** Urban Res -4 Units/Acre
 - UR3** Urban Res -3 Units/Acre

- RESIDENTIAL RURAL**
- RR3** Res. Rural -3 Units/Acre
 - RR2** Res. Rural -2 Units/Acre
 - RR1** Res. Rural -1 Unit/Acre
 - RR5A** Res. Rural -1 Unit/5 Acres
 - RR10A** Res. Rural -1 Unit/10 Acres

- RURAL RESIDENTIAL**
- RRI** Rural Residential Island
 - TZ** Transitional-R5A/RR1
- RURAL**
- R2A** Rural -1 Unit/2 Acres
 - R5A** Rural -1 Unit/5 Acres
 - R10A** Rural -1 Unit/10 Acres

- RESOURCES**
- AG** Agriculture
 - CF** Commercial Forestry
 - RF** Rural Forestry
 - MRL** Mineral Resource Lands (Overlay Zone)

- COMMERCIAL**
- RGC** Rural General Comm.
 - GC** General Commercial
 - TC** Tourist Commercial
 - NC** Neighborhood Commercial
 - STC** Small Town Commercial
 - RC** Resort Commercial

- INDUSTRIAL**
- HI** Heavy Impact Industrial
 - LI** Light Impact Industrial
 - GM** General Manufacturing
 - RIM** Rural Ind. Manuf.
 - AO** Airport Operations

- OTHER**
- ROS** Recreation Open Space
 - EI** Eliza Island

R5A*, RR5A* - Rural Residential Density Overlay
- Title 20.32.252
Water Resource Protection Overlay District
- Title 20.20.71
Transferable Development Rights (TDRs)
TDR Receiving Areas - All URMX Zones except Bennett Cr.
TDR Sending Areas - Lake Whatcom Watershed (same boundary as Lake Whatcom Watershed Protection Overlay Zone) excluding Sudden Valley

See Ord. 2015-001

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CURRENT COMP PLAN DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION GROWTH

- 74.4% in the seven city UGAs;
- 9.5% in the two non-city UGAs (Birch Bay and Columbia Valley); and
- 16.1% outside of UGAs (in rural and resource lands).




NON-BINDING MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL RESOLUTIONS

- 2016 Comp Plan Update Process
 - Non-binding multi-jurisdictional resolutions
 - Included population and employment allocations
- 2025 Comp Plan Update Process
 - Non-binding multi-jurisdictional resolutions
 - Will include population, housing and employment allocations



LANGUAGE FROM DRAFT NON-BINDING RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council [or appropriate City Council] hereby agrees to utilize the population, housing, and employment growth allocations shown on Exhibit A as the preliminary allocations for initial review of urban growth areas by the County and cities. **It is acknowledged that** a range of population, housing, and employment allocations will also be studied in the environmental impact statement and UGA review process and **the final UGA growth allocations may be different than set forth in this Resolution.**



QUESTIONS?

Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan

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