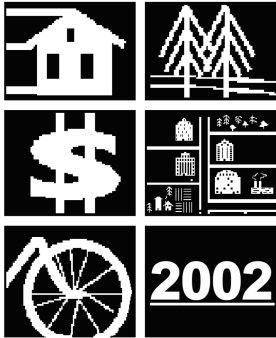KING COUNTY
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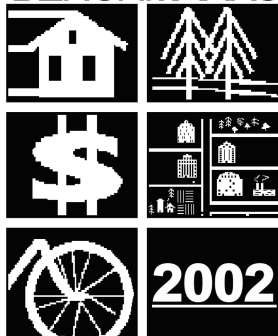Growth Management Planning Committee Staff

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Outcomes and Indicators

Outcome: The ultimate goal or objective. *Example: Increase Income and Reduce Poverty.*

Indicator: The item that is measured to show progress toward achieving the vision of the Countywide Planning Policies. *Example: Percentage of population below the poverty level.*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Outcomes	Indicators
PROMOTE FAMILY-WAGE JOBS	1. Real wages per worker
INCREASE INCOME AND REDUCE POVERTY	2. Personal and median household income: King County compared to the United States
	3. Percentage of population below the poverty level
INCREASE BUSINESS FORMATION, EXPANSION AND RETENTION	4. New businesses created
	5. New jobs created by employment sector
CREATE JOBS THAT ADD TO KING COUNTY'S ECONOMIC BASE	6. Employment in industries that export from the region
INCREASE EDUCATIONAL SKILL LEVELS	7. Educational background of adult population
	8. High school graduation rate

ENVIRONMENT

Outcomes	Indicators
PROTECT AND ENHANCE NATURAL ECOSYSTEMS	9. Land cover changes in urban and rural areas over time
IMPROVE AIR QUALITY	10. Air quality
	11. Energy consumption
	12. Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) per year
PROTECT WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY	13. Surface water quality.
	14. Water consumption
	15. Change in groundwater levels and quality
PROTECT WETLANDS	16. Change in wetland acreage and functions
PROTECT THE DIVERSITY OF PLANTS AND WILDLIFE	17. Continuity of terrestrial and aquatic habitat networks
INCREASE SALMON STOCK	18. Change in number of salmon
DECREASE NOISE LEVELS	19. Rate of increase in noise from vehicles, planes and yard equipment
DECREASE WASTE DISPOSAL AND INCREASE RECYCLING	20. Pounds of waste disposed and recycled per cap.
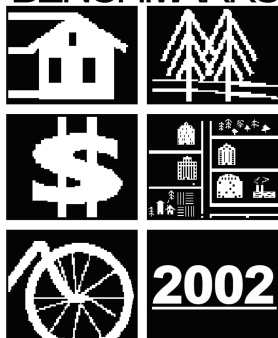
AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Outcomes	Indicators
PROVIDE SUFFICIENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL KING COUNTY RESIDENTS	21. Supply and demand for affordable housing 22. Percent of income paid for housing 23. Homelessness 26. Apartment vacancy rate
PROMOTE AFFORDABLE HOME OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES	24. Home purchase affordability gap for buyers with (a) median renter household income and (b) median household income. 25. Home ownership rate 27. Trend of housing costs vs. income
PROMOTE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF AFFORDABLE LOW-INCOME HOUSING THROUGHOUT KING COUNTY	28. Public dollars spent for low income housing 29. Housing units affordable to low income households

LAND USE

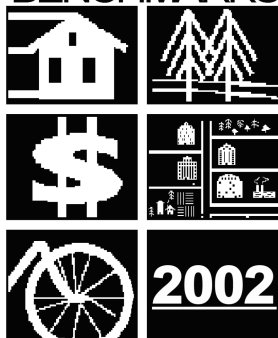| Outcomes	Indicators
ENCOURAGE A GREATER SHARE OF GROWTH IN URBAN AREAS AND URBAN CENTERS; LIMIT GROWTH IN RURAL/RESOURCE AREAS	30. New housing units in Urban Areas and Rural/Resource areas, and in Urban Centers 31. Employment in Urban Areas, Rural/Resource Areas, Urban Centers and Manufacturing/Industrial Centers
MAKE EFFICIENT USE OF URBAN LAND	32. New housing units built through redevelopment 33. Ratio of land consumption to population growth 34. Ratio of achieved density to allowed density of residential development
ACCOMMODATE RESIDENTIAL AND JOB GROWTH IN URBAN AREAS	35. Ratio of land capacity to 20 year household and job targets 36. Land with 6 years of infrastructure capacity
ENCOURAGE LIVABLE, DIVERSE COMMUNITIES BALANCE JOB AND HOUSEHOLD GROWTH	37. Acres of urban parks and open space 38. Ratio of jobs to housing in Central Puget Sound Counties, and King County sub-regions
MAINTAIN QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF NATURAL RESOURCE LANDS	39. Acres in forest land and farm land 40. Number and average size of farms

TRANSPORTATION

Outcomes	Indicators
TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE LINKAGE	41. Percent of residents who commute one-way within 30 minutes
AVAILABILITY OF MODES OTHER THAN SINGLE OCCUPANT VEHICLE	42. Metro transit ridership
MODE SPLIT	43. Percent of residents who walk or use transit, bicycles or carpools as alternatives to the single occupant vehicle
REDUCE COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC CONGESTION	44. Ability of goods and services to move efficiently and cost effectively through the region
PROTECT AND IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE	45. Number of lane miles of city, county, and state roads and bridges in need of repair and preservation