



King County

ANNEXATION REPORT

A report to the GMPC on recent
annexation-related activity

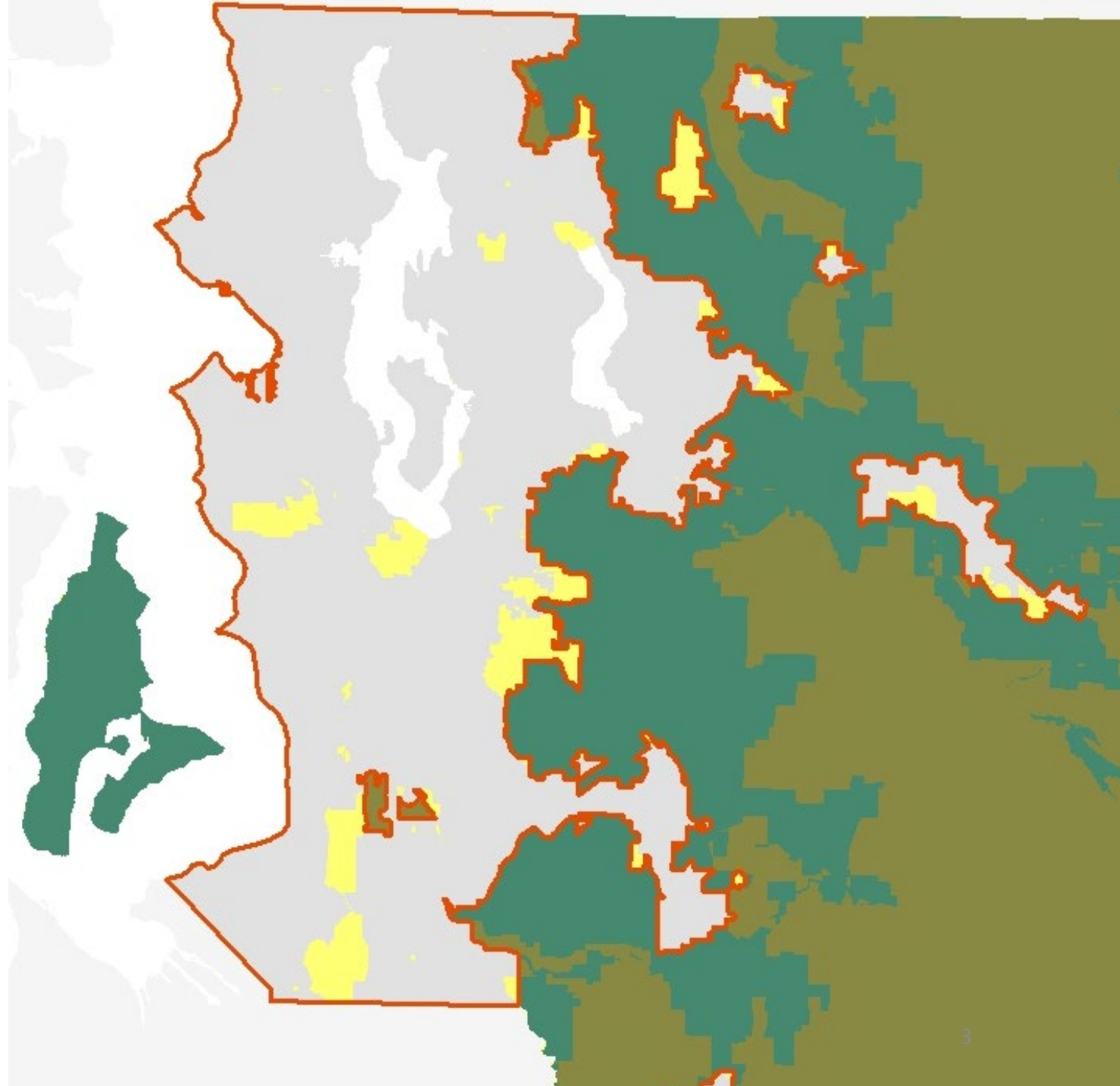
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In adopting the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), the Legislature recognized that counties are regional governments within their boundaries, and that **cities are the primary providers of urban governmental services within urban growth areas.**

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Urban unincorporated islands in King County are eligible for annexation.

- Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) support and encourage the annexation of urban unincorporated areas by cities.
- These urban unincorporated areas are identified on the Potential Annexation Area (PAA) map, also found in the CPPs.



As part of its ongoing work, the Interjurisdictional team(IJT) organizes briefings for the GMPC on annexation-related activity. The last briefing was in 2019, which included updates on the following items:

- Recent annexations;
- Potential Annexation Areas (PAAs) map;
- Upcoming annexation plans/projects; and
- Joint city-county state legislative items related to annexation

And we are here today to give another update on these items.

City Annexation Activity 2020-Present

File #	Lead Entity	Action	Annexation Method	Name	Board Action	# of Parcels	Total Acres
2418	C: Redmond	Annexation	Petition	NE 97 th Street	3/14/24	13	13.5
2416	C: Auburn	Annexation	Resolution	The Bridges	11/9/23	443	156
2415	C: Pacific	SAC	Interlocal Agreement	Green Valley Farms SAC	4/13/23	2	20.5
2414	C: Covington	Annexation	Petition	HUB WTR	3/9/23	3	46.05
2404	C: Renton	Annexation	Petition	Graves	11/12/20	19	21.4
2402	C: Enumclaw	Annexation	Petition	Mt. Rainer Christian Ctr.	5/14/20	2	6.87
2401	C: Federal Way	Annexation	Petition	S. 320 th Street	5/14/20	7	21
2400	C: Enumclaw	Annexation	Petition	Mt. Rainer Christian Ctr.	2/13/20	2	8.7

Key: C=City, SAC = Service Area Change

Annexation plans/projects

King County is partnering with the City of Renton to explore a pilot project to apply Renton's road standards within the East Renton PAA.

Potential opportunity:

Create common development patterns that will help facilitate the transition of PAAs to city jurisdiction and ease future service delivery by Renton.

Potential challenges:

- Legal/risk management challenges of adoption of code and policy changes to facilitate the transition; formal adoption of Renton's street standards;
- Operational complexities of maintaining differently engineered roads

Sales tax credit

In its 2023 session, the Legislature reinstated the sales tax credit to incentivize annexation with the passage of [2SHB 1425 – Facilitating Municipal Annexations](#).

- **The tool is not a new tax.** State statutes authorize local governments to impose certain sales tax “credits” against the 6.5% state sales tax to generate revenue.
- **A city must begin imposing the authorized tax** before July 1, 2028.

King County Potential Annexation Areas with Population of 2,000+ Residents*

City	PAA Name	Population
Renton	Fairwood	23,500
Seattle	North Highline Area Y	18,600
Renton	West Hill	17,000
Federal Way	North Federal Way	13,500
Federal Way	Lakeland South (East Fed. Way)	8,600
Renton	East Renton	6,000
Redmond	English Hill	2,700

*Source: [King County Unincorporated Area Annexation Area Databook, 2018](#)

Annexation-Related Policies in the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs)

Substantive work was done to strengthen coordination expectations between cities and the County in the 2022 update to the CPP's. In summary, the new language is as follows:

- DP-24 encourages a **holistic approach** so that residential and commercial areas **are annexed together**.
- DP-25 states that cities and the County **shall** work to establish **timeframes** for annexation of **roadways** and shared streets within or between cities, but still under King County jurisdiction.
- DP-27 states that cities and the County **shall** work to establish **pre-annexation agreements**.
- DP-28 states that for areas with Boundary Review Board approval (such as North Highline), the affiliated City **shall** include a process that includes **collaboration with King County for annexation** in the **next statutory update of their comprehensive plan**.
- DP-28 also **establishes the process** by which **PAA boundaries** and affiliations **may be renegotiated and revised**.
- DP-30 **establishes new criteria for evaluating proposals**, including addressing **racial and social equity**, promoting **access to opportunity**; and **supporting outreach to community** to ensure there is interest in timely moving forward with annexation or incorporation.

Future Activity

King County will continue to :

- **Partner with cities** to facilitate annexations, available to brief city staff/councils as needed;
- **Update the PAA Map** to reflect recent annexations and share with the GMPC when complete (ETA December 2024); and
- **Annually brief the GMPC** on annexation activity

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