King County
2021 Urban Growth Capacity Report

About the UGC Report
June 2021
What is the Urban Growth Capacity Report (buildable lands)?

• Required component of the Growth Management Act
  • Due three years before comprehensive plan updates
  • 2021 report will be King County’s fourth iteration

• Mid-cycle check on planning assumptions and progress towards planning goals

• Collaboration between cities and the county

• Approved by the Growth Management Planning Committee
  • Adopted by King County Council, and ratified by cities
What does the Urban Growth Capacity Report tell us?

• Questions it answers:
  • Is there adequate land capacity available for anticipated growth in jurisdictions and the UGA?
  • Are growth targets being achieved?
  • Are urban areas achieving their planned densities?
Achieved Densities
2012-18

\[ \text{Land Supply} = \text{Achieved Densities} \times \text{Land Supply} \]

\[ \text{Capacity} = \text{Land Supply} \times \text{Infrastructure Gaps} \]

\[ \text{Growth Targets} + \text{Plan Updates} \]

\[ \text{Findings} + \text{Reasonable Measures} \]

\[ \text{Remaining Target} = \text{Findings} + \text{Reasonable Measures} \]

Urban Growth Capacity Report
Data Collection and Development Process
How are data from the UGC used?

• Comprehensive Planning
  • Findings of insufficient capacity or non-achievement of targets or planned densities inform whether reasonable measures must be adopted in comprehensive plans
  • Data from the Urban Growth Capacity Report can inform policy choices in comprehensive plans or further analysis

• Growth Targets
  • After applying the Regional Growth Strategy, capacity from the Urban Growth Capacity Report is one factor used in determining jurisdictional targets
New in this year’s report

• New Requirements
  • Additional *Reasonable Measure* triggers
    • Achieving growth targets and planned densities
  • Additional *documentation* of assumptions
    • Affect the identification of available land or capacity estimates
    • Development regulations
    • Market Factor
    • Infrastructure Gaps
  • Consideration of *affordable housing*

• Process Improvements
  • More centralized data development
  • Spatial representation of capacity
Schedule and Next Steps

- **April 2021**: Draft UGC Report
- **Spring 2021**: Refine Data and Findings
- **June 2021**: GMPC Approval
- **July-Dec 2021**: County Council + City Ratification
Questions and Comments

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