

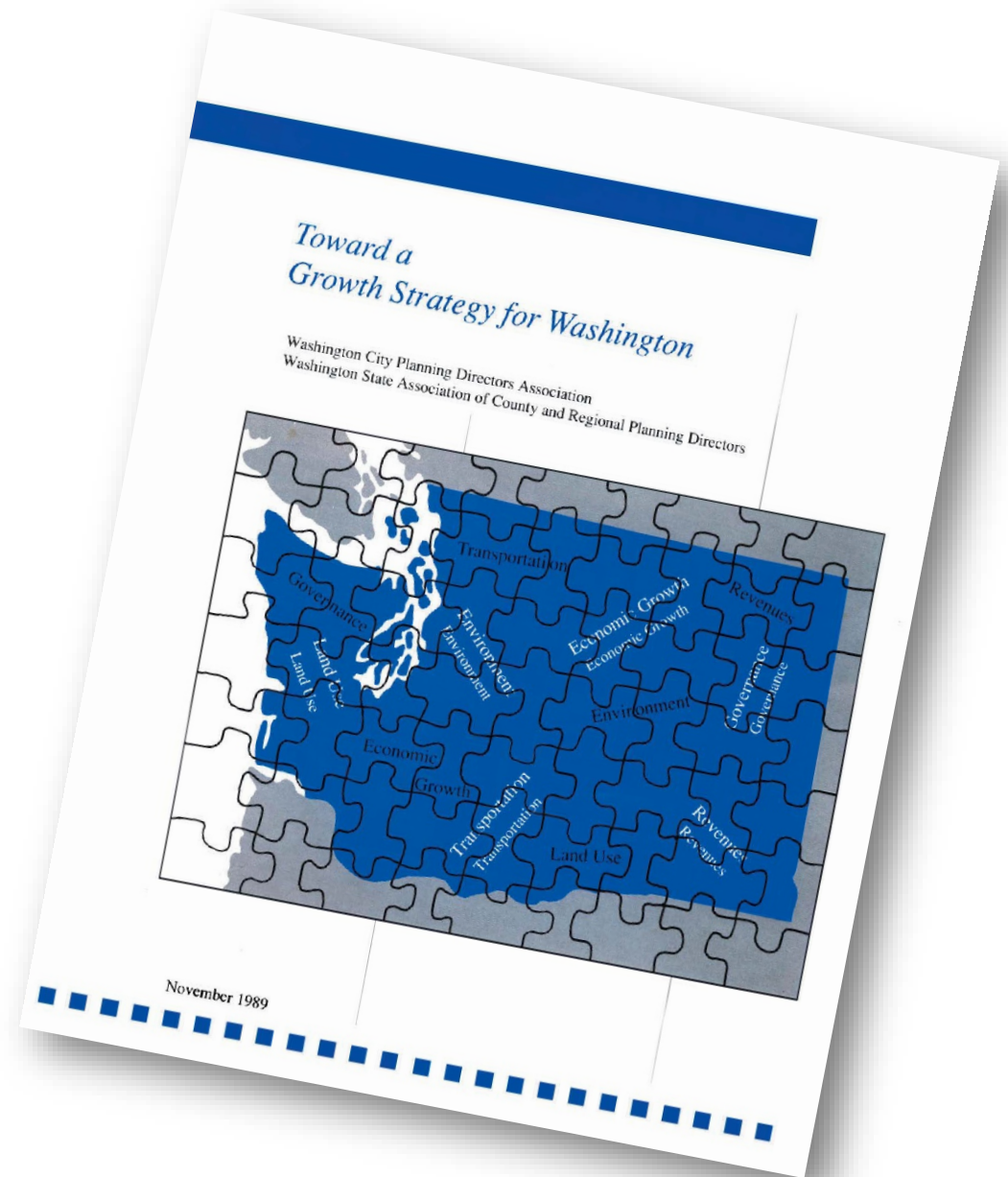
GMA RURAL COUNTIES, TOWNS, and CITIES

Expectations and Reality



IN THE BEGINNING

- Growth Strategies Commission
- Statewide planning was already in place
- Towards a Growth Strategy for Washington



GMA Expectations

- Protect critical areas and resource lands
- Local definitions of urban and rural lands
- Urban uses would be provided with a full range of urban services
- Require coordination of utilities and public facilities



GMA Expectations

- Economic development/job growth would be distributed out to low growth or no growth areas
- Plans would be self certified



Reality

- Urban and urbanizing areas successful
- Low growth or no growth areas see little economic change
- Limited involvement of service providers
- Significant coordination occurred initially, not so much now



Reality

- Suburban development is still desired in rural communities
- Rapid growth rural areas continue to sprawl
- Second home market stresses effective resource protection



Reality

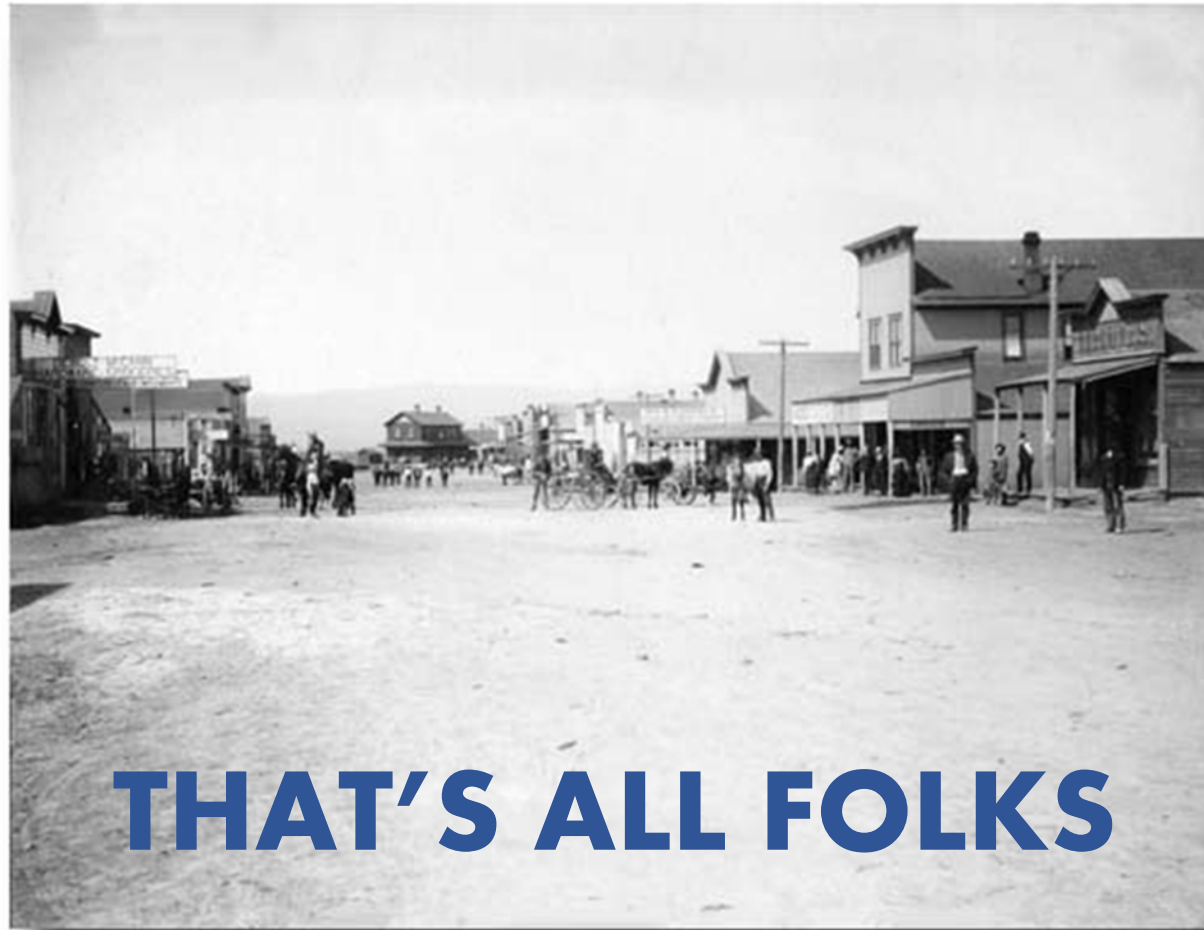
- Land Use and Transportation connection still a struggle
- Coordination better in MPO jurisdictions
- No significant economic growth/change in rural areas



Reality

- Local preference has been diminished
- Streamlining permits, fiefdom challenged
- Critical Areas are more uniformly protected





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