VISION 2050

Equity Planning Guidance

Equity Advisory Committee | June 2, 2022

Puget Sound Regional Council

Goals

- Verify what staff heard from EAC at May meeting
- Share a policy guidance example
- Brainstorm relevant resources and discuss potential focus areas beyond the comprehensive plan

Planning & [In]equity

A history of exclusionary zoning, urban renewal, highway construction...

Image: Museum of History & Industry, Seattle

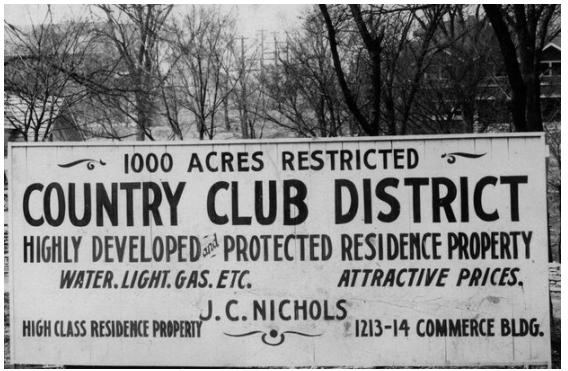
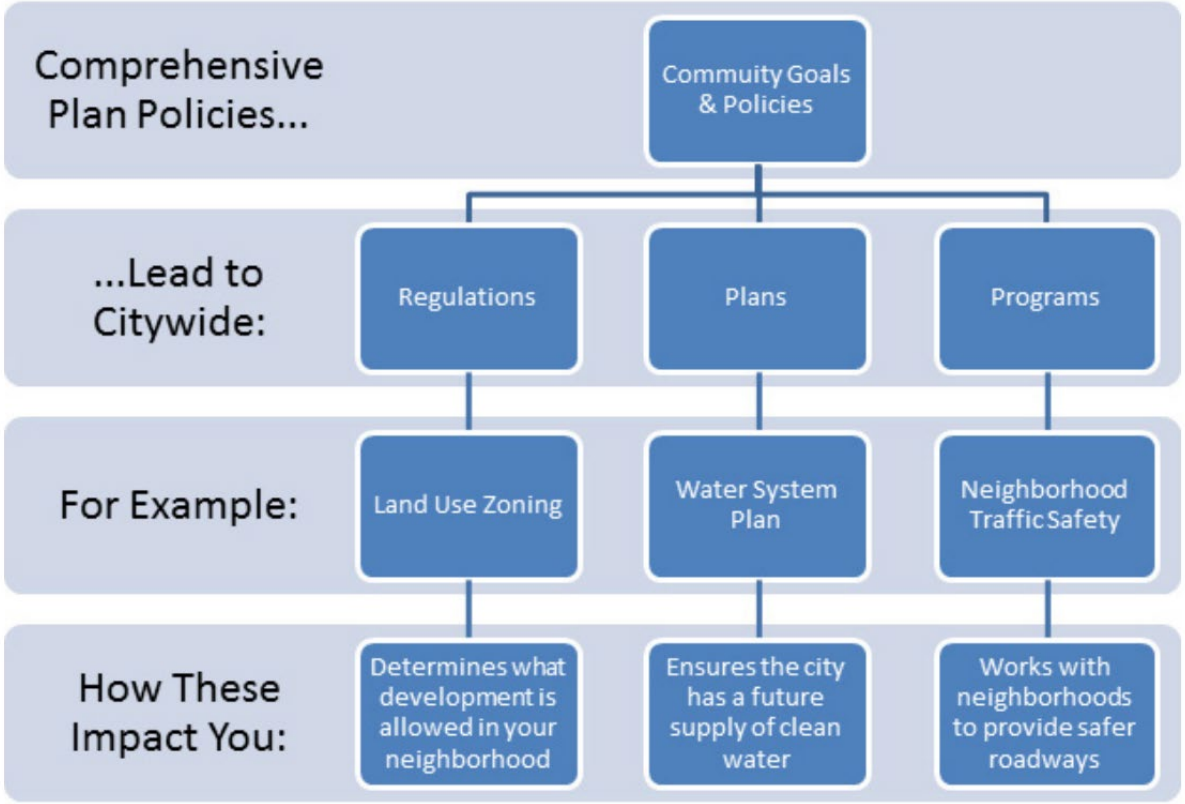


Image: State Historical Society of Missouri

...but planning also provides tools to expand opportunities, mobility, housing, parks + open space

Impacts of Comprehensive Plan Policies



Source: City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan

Regional Equity Strategy

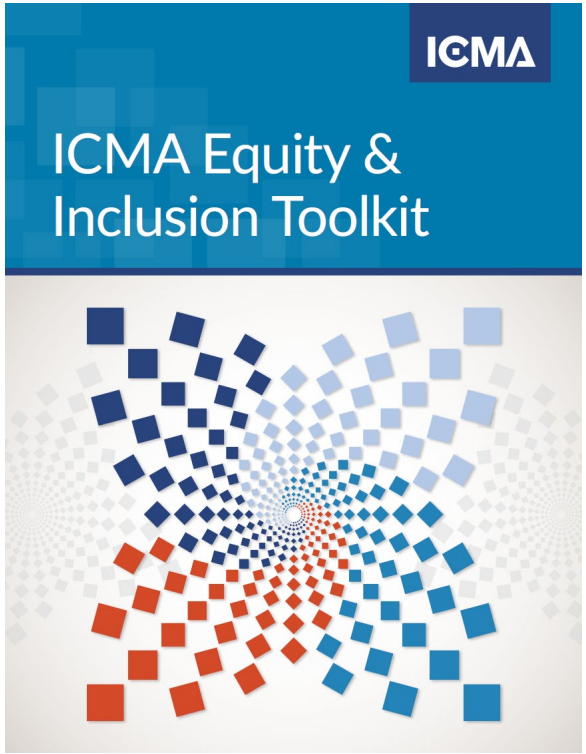
Racial Equity Impact Assessment: Equity assessment and understanding community impacts, opportunities and benefits

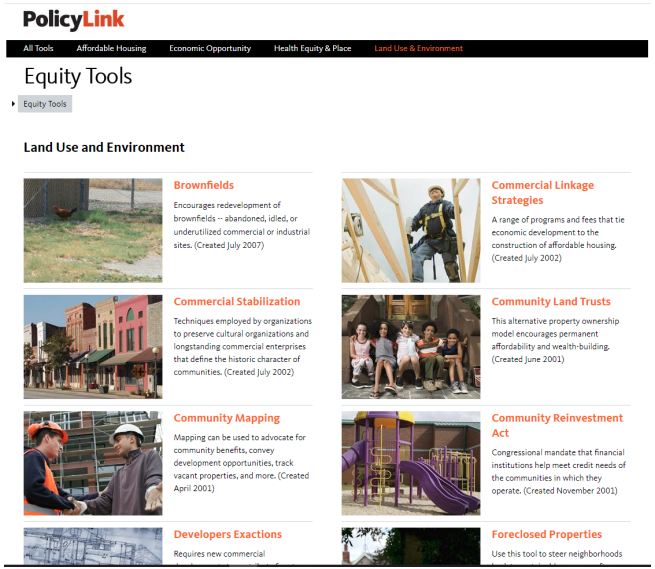
Data: Equity Tracker, Displacement Risk and Opportunity mapping

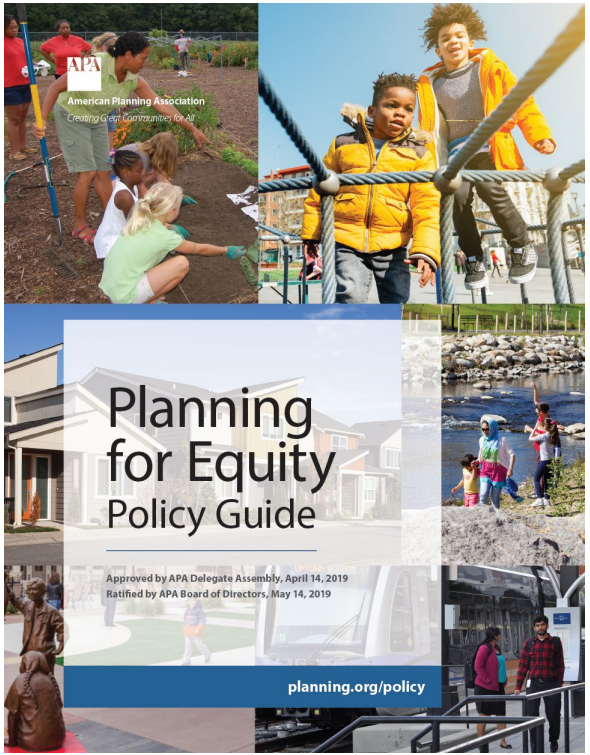
Public Participation: Equitable Engagement Guidance

Equity Planning Guidance: Policies to recognize and address barriers

Existing Resources







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May EAC Meeting Feedback

- Importance of community representation and hearing from people often excluded from the planning process
- Resources to make it straightforward to center equity in planning, and the value of best practices and case studies.
- Equity beyond comprehensive planning, including transit planning

Needs Identified by Local Planners

“How should we practically implement equity/social justice into our comprehensive plan?”

“Examples of how equity has been or could be integrated into each element would be useful (including implementation strategies)”

“Provide specific guidance and training on how to incorporate the ideas and strategies within into the comprehensive plans”

Planning Guidance by VISION Policy Area

Regional Collaboration

- Prioritize access to opportunity to address past inequities

Environment, Climate Change

- Prioritize reduction of impacts to vulnerable populations

Growth + Development Patterns

- Inclusive engagement
- Health disparities

Housing

- Residential displacement

Economy

- Commercial displacement, barriers for economically disadvantaged communities

Transportation

- Mobility choices, racial and social equity as a core objective

Public Services

- Equitable access to services

Planning Guidance - Content

Policy by chapter - Equity-related items from the comp plan checklist

- Background
- Highlight external planning resources
- Provide examples (especially local ones) where available
- Relevant data resources

Example: Residential Displacement

Identify potential physical, economic, and cultural displacement of low-income households and marginalized populations and work with communities to develop anti-displacement strategies in when planning for growth (MPP-H-12, H-Action-6)

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External Planning Resources:

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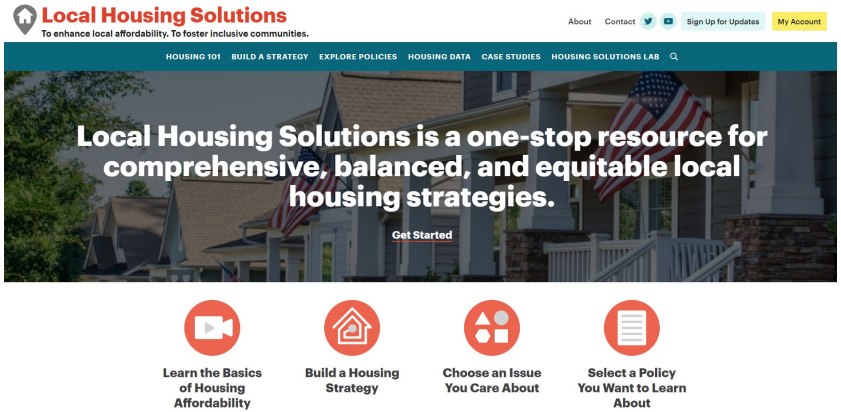
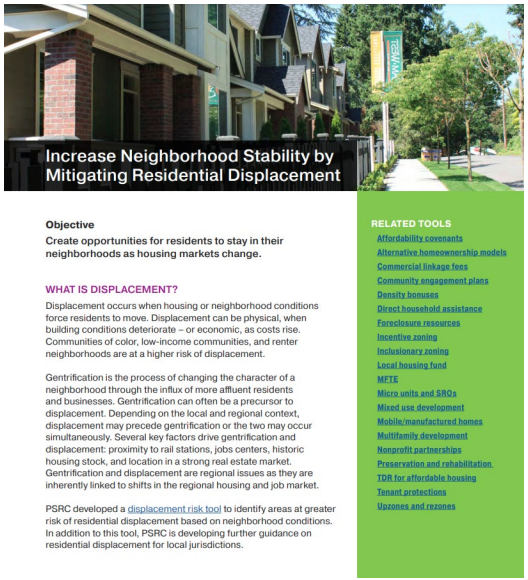
- Local Housing Solutions





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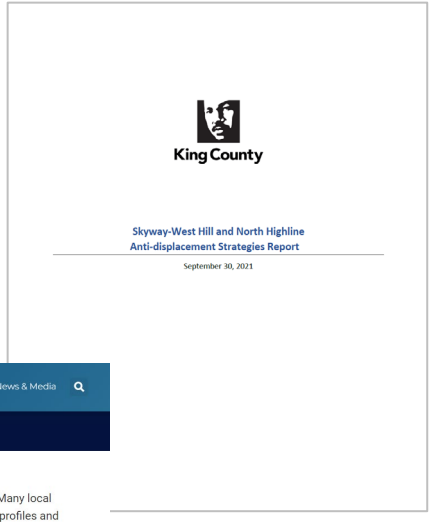
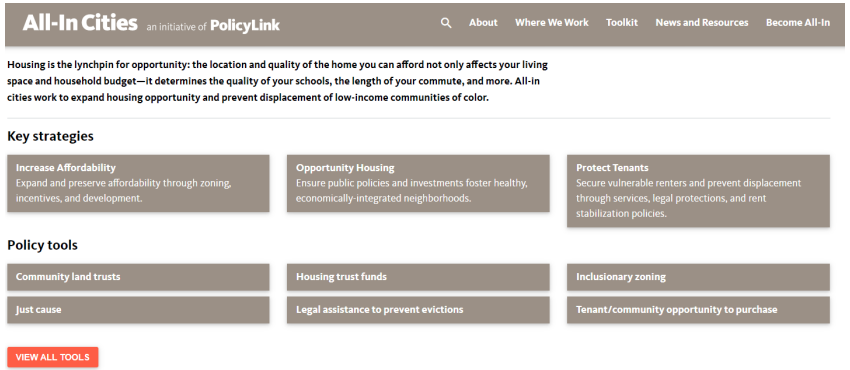
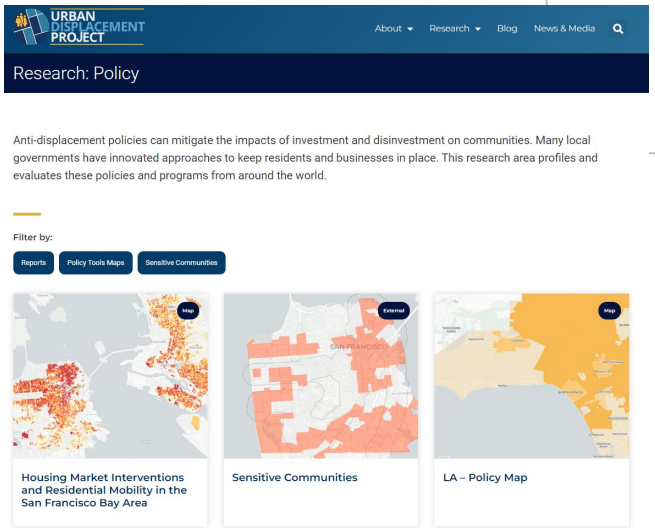
External Planning Resources (cont.):

- Urban Displacement Project
- All-In-Cities Policy Toolkit
- King County Anti-Displacement Strategies Report







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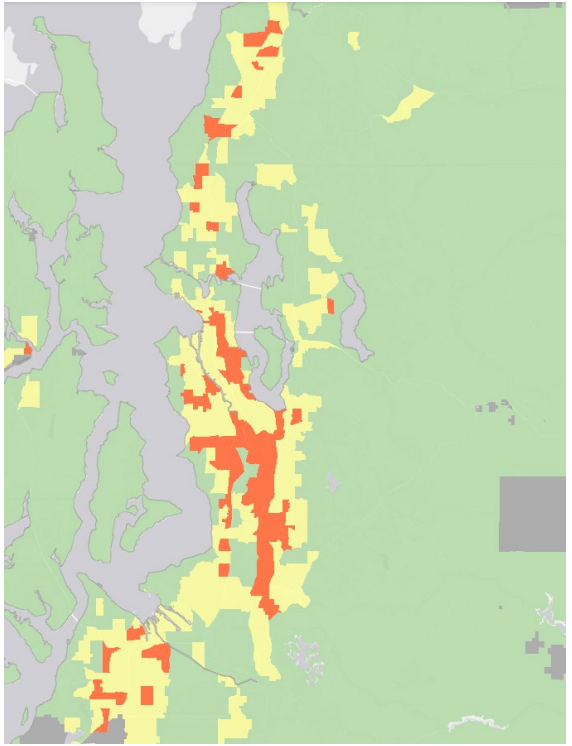
Data Resources:

- PSRC Displacement Risk mapping
- Commerce Displacement Risk methodology (forthcoming)
- Community focus groups + discussion



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Questions

- Do you know of existing resources or examples we should explore?
- Thinking about how you live, work, and get around in your community, do you see any examples of inequity that could be addressed through planning?
- Do you have any additional feedback on this suggested approach to the Equity Planning Guidance?

Next Steps

Phase I: Comprehensive Planning Guidance

- Develop draft materials + share with committee
- Fall 2022 publication
- Passport to 2044 webinar series

Phase II: Additional Planning Resources

- Identify focus areas and timeline for additional guidance

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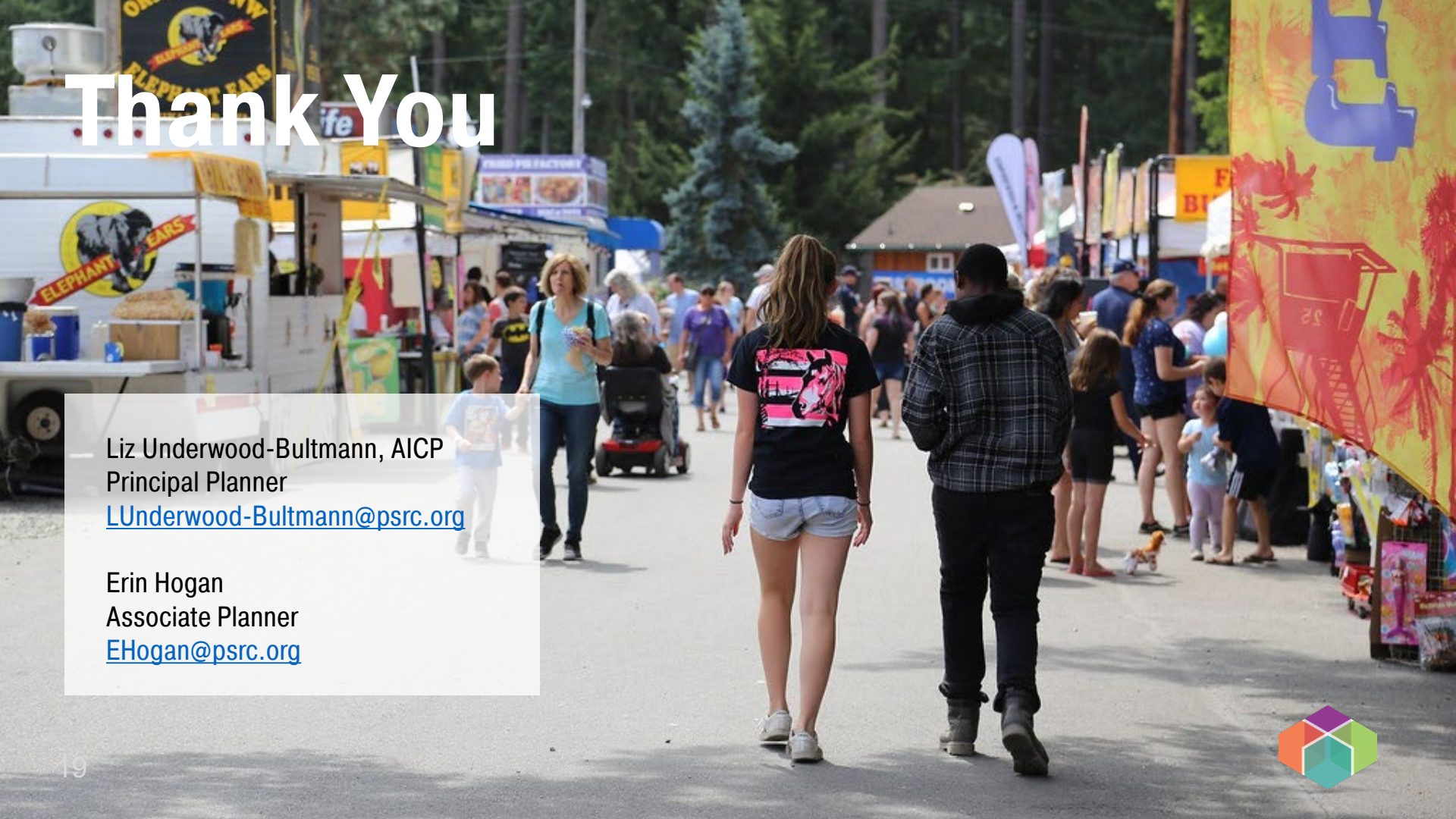

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