



Summer Planning Academy **HANDBOOK**



Puget Sound Regional Council



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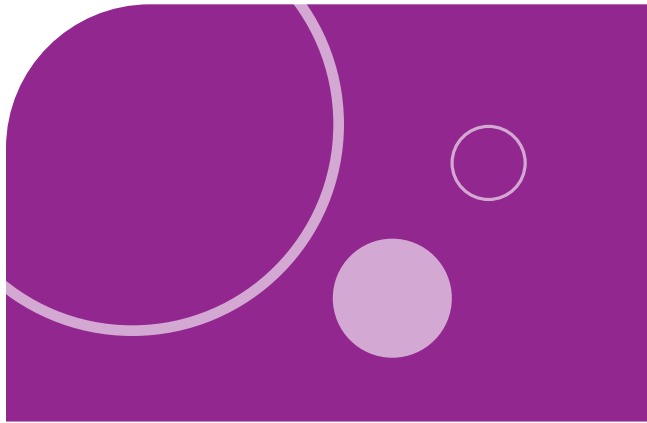
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Welcome!

Congratulations on being a member of the first Summer Planning Academy!

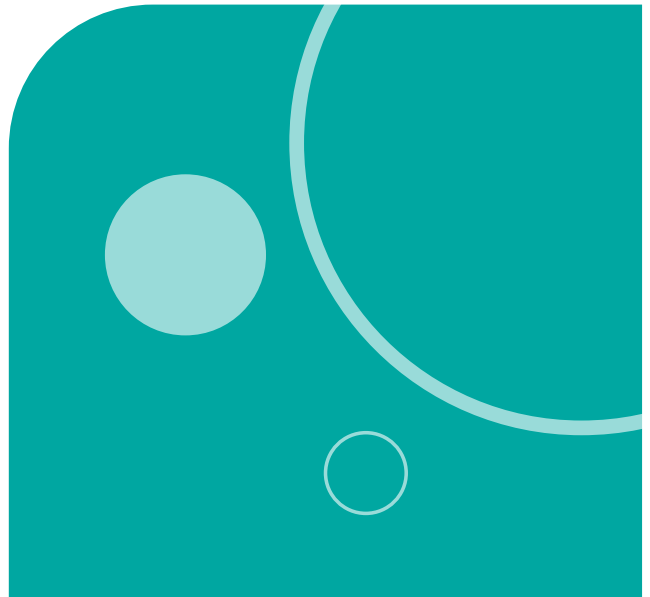
SPA is a leadership development opportunity offered free of charge to students interested in planning a better future for our region. SPA introduces students to planning topics through engaging sessions, activities, and site visits led by regional planning experts at PSRC, colleagues from partner agencies, and leaders from the community. The program encourages students to think creatively about how better planning can help people lead better lives. SPA can also help young people map out the required steps toward a career in the planning field.

About Puget Sound Regional Council

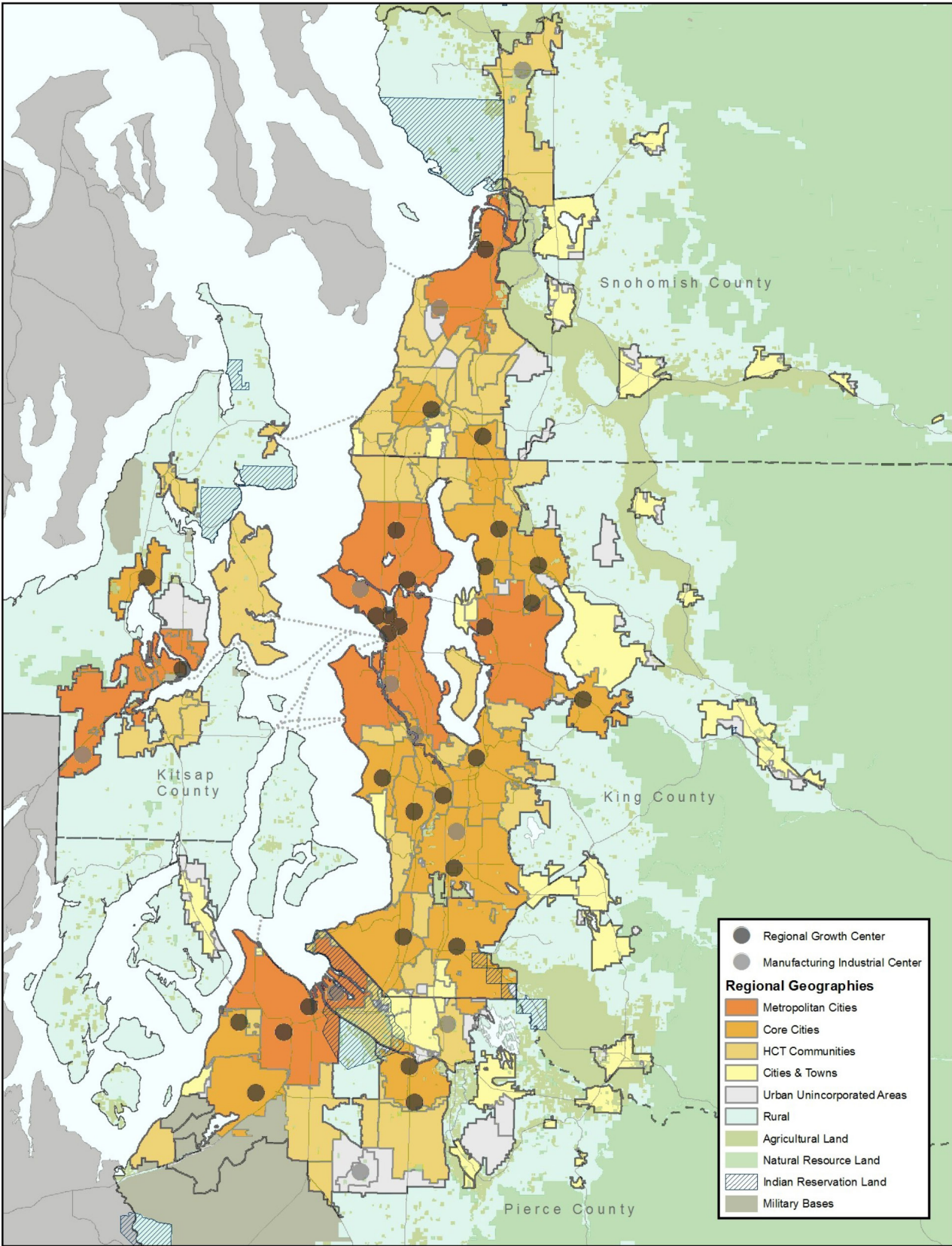
PSRC develops policies and coordinates decisions about regional growth, transportation and economic development planning within King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties. PSRC is composed of nearly 100 members, including the four counties, cities and towns, ports, state and local transportation agencies and Tribal governments within the region.

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Map of the Central Puget Sound Region





Day 1

MPO Basics

July 21, 2023

SCHEDULE

10:00 AM

Program Overview

10:15 AM

Welcome to SPA with
Executive Director Josh Brown

10:30 AM

Staff Introductions

10:45 AM

Icebreakers

11:30 AM

Lunch

12:15 PM

Presentation: What is an MPO?

1:00 PM

Scavenger Hunt in Capitol Hill

QUESTIONS FOR THE DAY

Please answer these questions before the session:

1. What are you looking forward to the most about the program?

2. What does MPO stand for?

These questions are for after the session:

1. What is the role of an MPO?

2. What are the four counties PSRC serves?



Day 2 Transit

July 28, 2023

SCHEDULE

10:00 AM

Introduction to Transit Planning

10:30 AM

Panel Discussion (Part One)

11:30 AM

Lunch

12:15 PM

Panel Discussion (Part Two)

1:30 PM

Colman Dock Tour

2:00 PM

King Street Station

QUESTIONS FOR THE DAY

Please answer these questions before the session:

1. What mode of transportation did you, or will you take to PSRC?

2. How do you get to school or work?

3. How do you get to other social activities?

These questions are for after the session:

1. Which planned transportation project excites you the most?

2. Fast forward to 2050, how would you travel?



Day 3 Environment

August 4, 2023

SCHEDULE

10:00 AM

Introduction to Environmental Planning

10:15 AM

Panel on Puget Sound Recovery

11:00 AM

Discussion & Activity

11:30 AM

Lunch

12:15 PM

Seattle Waterfront Tour

1:30 PM

Climate Change Panel

2:15 PM

Discussion & Activity

QUESTIONS FOR THE DAY

Please answer these questions before the session:

1. What is your favorite natural space near where you live? Why is it your favorite?

2. What type of work do you think environmental planning includes?

3. What are some places where you think better environmental planning work is needed?

These questions are for after the session:

1. What is something new you learned about environmental planning?

2. What are some ways that planners help to improve ecosystem conditions?

3. How can planners integrate equity and environmental justice into environmental planning work?



Day 4 Housing and Equity

August 11, 2023

SCHEDULE

10:00 AM

Introduction to Housing & Equity

10:40 AM

Redlining Heritage Trail Tour

12:30 PM

Lunch

1:15 PM

Panel and Interactive Activity

2:00 PM

Closing Ceremony with Mayor Erickson

QUESTIONS FOR THE DAY

Please answer these questions before the session:

1. What do you think are considerations people make when looking for housing? (e.g. location close to family or school, cost)

2. What do you think can make it difficult to find housing?

3. What kinds of housing do you see in the neighborhood you live in? (e.g. standalone houses, apartment buildings, duplexes, tiny homes)

These questions are for after the session:

1. What do you think will be important to you for future housing? (e.g. after high school, in your 30s, 60s?)

2. What opportunities do you see for future career paths that advance racial equity?
