

ORDINANCE NO.

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AN ORDINANCE continuing the designation of urban growth areas on an interim basis for purposes of implementing SHB 2929, the Growth Management Act, on an emergency basis, repealing Ordinance 9849 Section 1 and K.C.C. 20.12.450, adding a new section to K.C.C. Chapter 20.12.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

King County is experiencing rapid growth, both in its cities and in unincorporated King County. The development pressure has had and will continue to have enormous impacts on the ability of the county and its cities to provide necessary services to new development, particularly those areas not designated for urban growth by the 1985 Comprehensive Plan and the Community Plans for subareas of the county.

The 1990 Washington State Legislature approved SHB 2929 (1990 Wash. Laws 17) which mandates that certain counties designate urban growth areas. In accordance with this act, urban growth should be located first in areas already characterized by urban growth that have sufficient existing public services and facilities to serve development, and second in areas already characterized by urban growth that will be served by a combination of existing and proposed services and facilities. In accordance with this act, urban services should not be provided in rural areas. SHB 2929 calls for the county to work with cities to determine what areas of the county should be designated for urban growth.

RESHB 1025 (The 1991 Growth Management Act) called for a countywide planning process to address a number of issues, including the urban growth area designation. Such designations must be completed by July 1, 1993. King County and its cities are now engaged in that process. Criteria for urban area designations are being developed to guide the final designation.

When the 1985 King County Comprehensive Plan was adopted, the cities were consulted and participated in establishing urban areas. The 1985 King County Comprehensive Plan designated areas as urban, transitional and rural. The Community Plans, adopted by the council, further implement these area designations for each community planning area. For each community plan adopted pursuant to the 1985 King County Comprehensive Plan, the cities affected were also active participants.

Annexation proposals currently under consideration include areas both within and outside designated urban areas as specified by the comprehensive plan and the community plans. RCW 35.13.005 specifically prohibits the annexation of territory beyond an urban growth area. Annexation or incorporation of areas not designated for urban growth has the potential for exacerbating growth related problems. The council

1 finds that an emergency exists with regard to the  
2 proposed annexation of areas not designated for urban  
3 growth. Significant annexations are proposed outside  
4 rural activity expansion areas which would adversely  
5 affect the designations of urban growth areas under RCW  
6 36.70A.110. Annexations in areas not designated for  
7 urban growth violate the Growth Management Act and are  
8 contrary to the goals of reducing sprawl and  
9 encouraging development in urban areas where adequate  
10 public services and facilities exist or can be provided  
11 in an efficient manner. Without this ordinance, the  
12 ability of King County and the cities to designate  
13 appropriate urban growth areas will be precluded.

14 Since the adoption of Ordinance 9849 established the  
15 interim urban growth areas for a one year period, the  
16 Soos Creek and Tahoma/Raven Heights Planning Areas have  
17 been reviewed, and the urban and rural area  
18 designations revised. The attached maps reflect the  
19 changes. In order to provide the opportunity to  
20 formally finalize the designation of urban growth areas  
21 in compliance with SHB 2929 and to ensure annexations  
22 of urban areas only, an interim designation of urban  
23 growth areas is necessary to preserve the county's  
24 planning options and ensure that annexations do not  
25 occur which would be in conflict with the urban growth  
26 area and the Growth Management Act.

27 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

28 SECTION 1. Ordinance 9849 Section 1 and K.C.C. 20.12.450  
29 are each hereby repealed.

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SECTION 2. There is hereby added to K.C.C. 20.12  
a new section to read as follows:

Designation of Urban Growth Areas on an interim basis for  
purposes of implementing the 1990 Growth Management Act.

The areas designated as urban by the 1985 King County  
Comprehensive Plan as implemented by the adopted community  
plans policies and maps and the rural activity expansion areas  
for those plans adopted since 1985 and as shown on Attachments  
1, 2 and 3 are the urban growth areas for King County for  
purposes of evaluating potential annexations and implementing  
the Growth Management Act pending adoption of urban growth  
areas as required by R.C.W. 36.70A.110. These designations  
shall remain in effect for twelve months from the effective  
date of this ordinance or until the King County council  
designates urban growth areas and amends the King County  
comprehensive plan in accordance with Section 4 of the Growth  
Management Act (R.C.W. 36.70A.040), whichever occurs first.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 24<sup>th</sup> day  
of February, 1992  
PASSED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1992

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Chair

ATTEST:

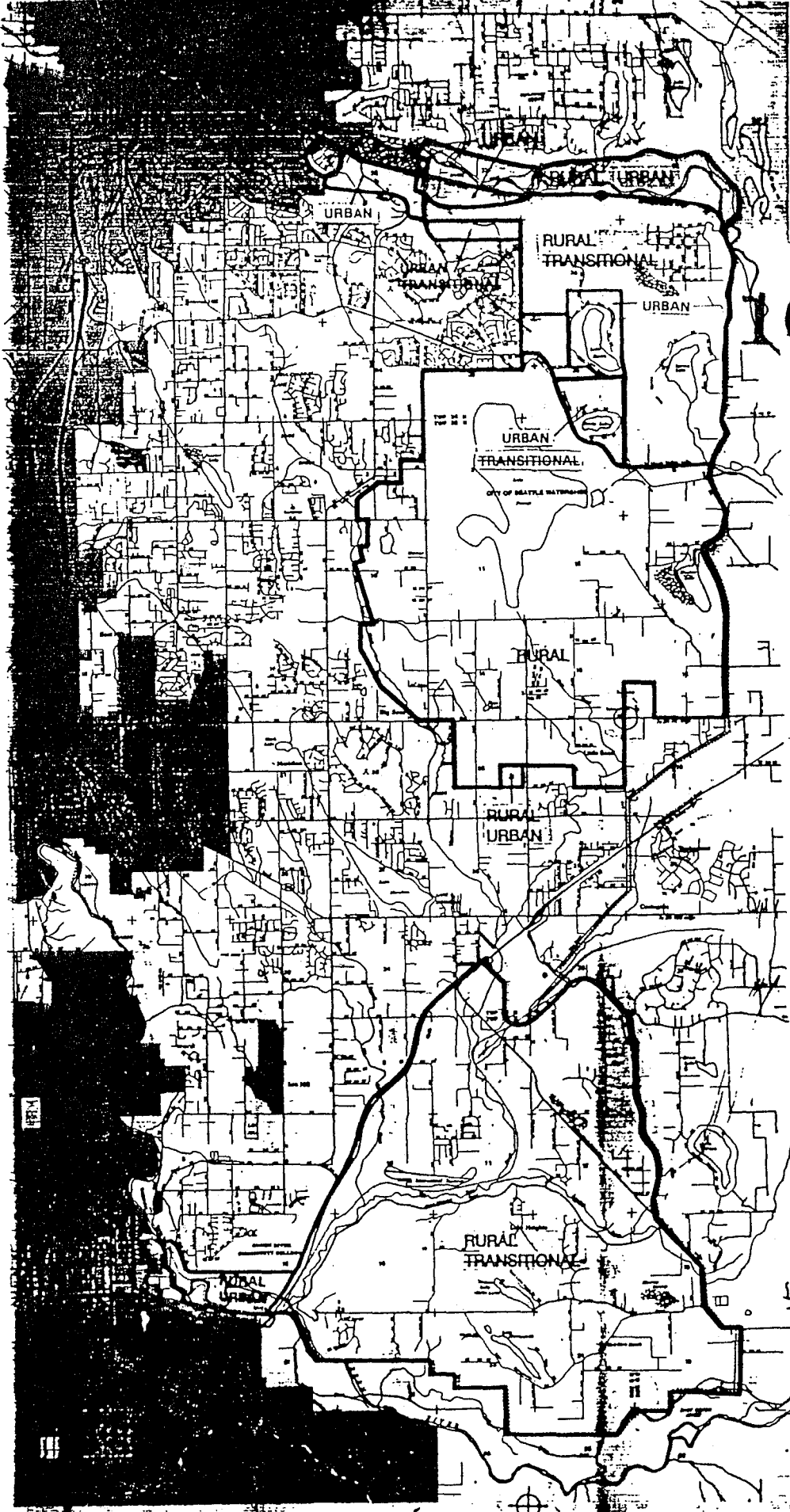
Gerald A. Peters  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1992.

Jim Hill  
King County Executive

Adopted Changes  
To King County  
Comprehensive  
Plan Map

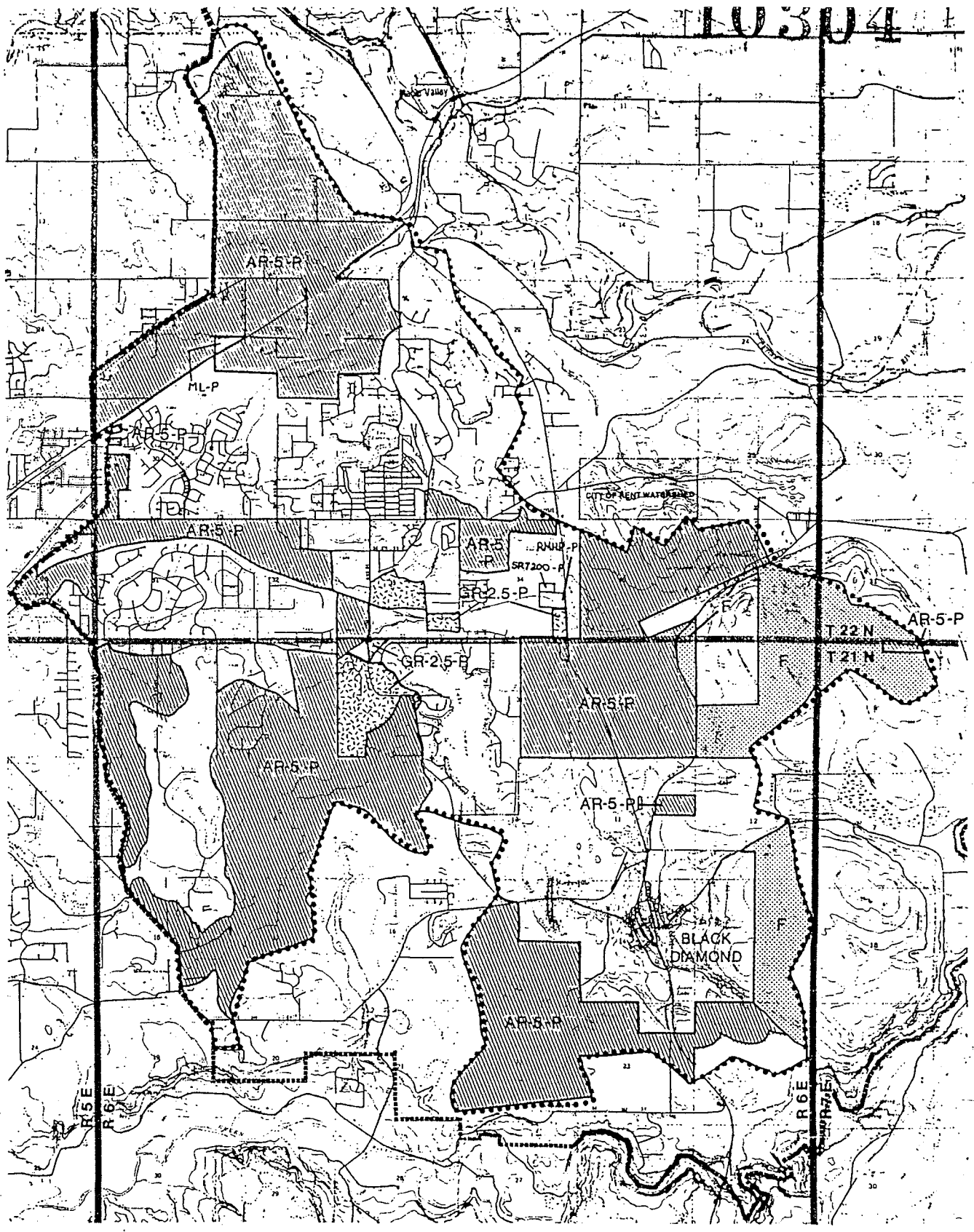
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Soos Creek Community Plan  
and Area Zoning Update 1991



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**Soos Creek**  
Community Plan and  
Area Zoning  
Final Draft Environmental  
Impact Statement

King County Planning and  
Community Development Dept  
Updated 1991



**King County Council Panel  
Recommended Tahoma/  
Raven Heights Plan  
Amendment Area Zoning**

**Residential:**

-  AR - 5 - P Single Family/Rural  
1 Unit per 5 acres
-  GR-2.5-P Single Family/Reserve  
1 Unit per 2.5 acre cluster

**Resource:**

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Note: P-suffix conditions are listed in Area Zoning.

Unshaded: Zoning remains unchanged; P-suffix conditions have been added.

Contact: King County Planning and Community Development Division for Area Zoning detail maps

Executive Proposed Tahoma/Raven Heights Communities Plan Amendment 1991

..... Study Area Boundary

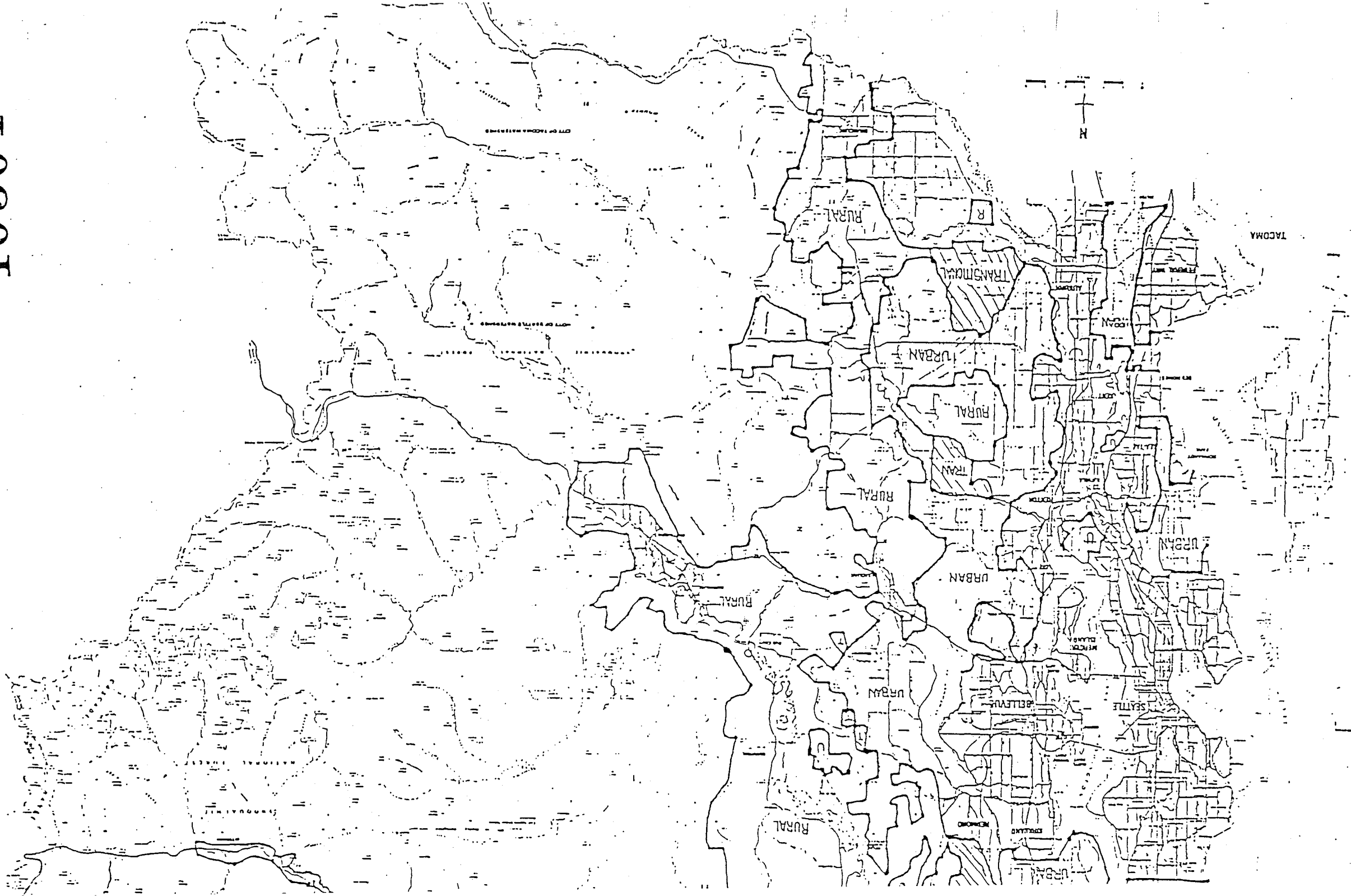
Tahoma / Raven Heights Communities Plan Amendment Study Area



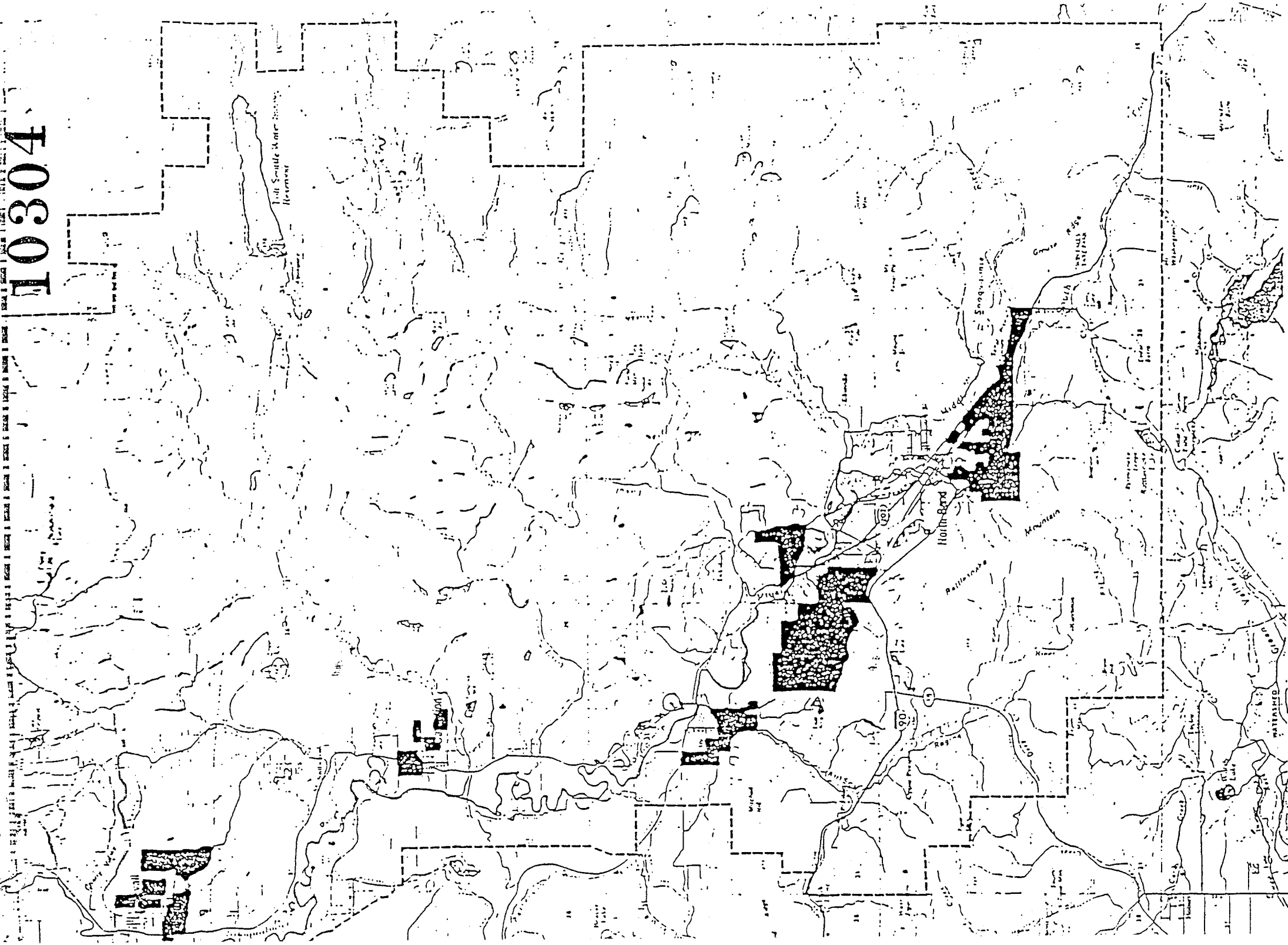
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SNOQUALMIE EXPANSION AREA



# Snoqualmie Valley

Community Plan and  
Area Zoning  
Proposes

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ENUMCLAW EXPANSION AREA



# Enumclaw

Community Plan  
Profile



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