




ENVISION
Skagit
2060

Preserving our heritage, shaping our future

Skagit County is home to a large and extremely diverse **agricultural community**, farming some of the world's best agricultural soils.





Skagit County contains Puget Sound's **best remaining salmon runs**, where salmon spawn and rear in the region's largest and ecologically most important river system.

Forests cover 76% of the county, ranging from national park and wilderness areas to industrial forests and small rural forestlands.



Marine shorelines extend 275 miles in Skagit County, including in Padilla Bay, the largest contiguous bed of eelgrass between southern California and Alaska.





Skagit County is made up of a **growing and diverse population**, living in four cities, four towns, rural areas, and three Indian reservations.

A changing landscape

A long wooden pier extends into a body of water under a blue sky. The pier is supported by numerous wooden posts and has a metal railing on the right side. The water is calm, reflecting the sky and the pier. In the background, there are hills and a small town. The sky is clear with a few wispy clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

Many qualities attract people to Skagit County, including the beauty, bounty, and connection to nature.

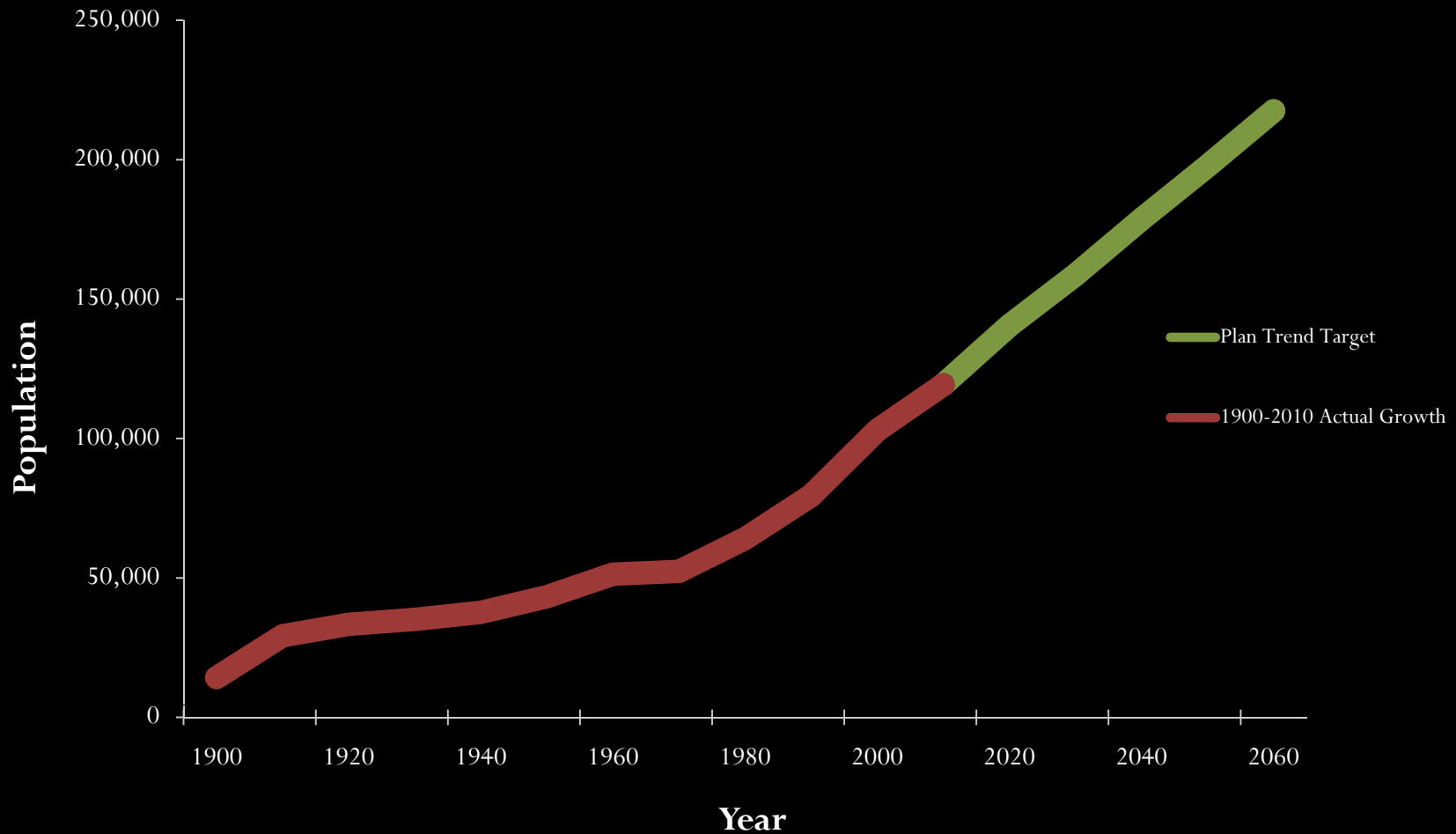
These qualities are at risk, however, as more and more people make their way toward this rural valley.

Population Growth

Skagit County's population has more than **doubled** since 1960
— from **51,000** to **120,000**.

Skagit County's current population is projected to increase 100,000 by 2060.

Skagit County Population Growth (1900-2060)



Where will we locate new
businesses and jobs?



New public facilities
infrastructure?



Schools?

Health care?

Transportation?

Public safety?

Recreation?



Where will the
growing population go?

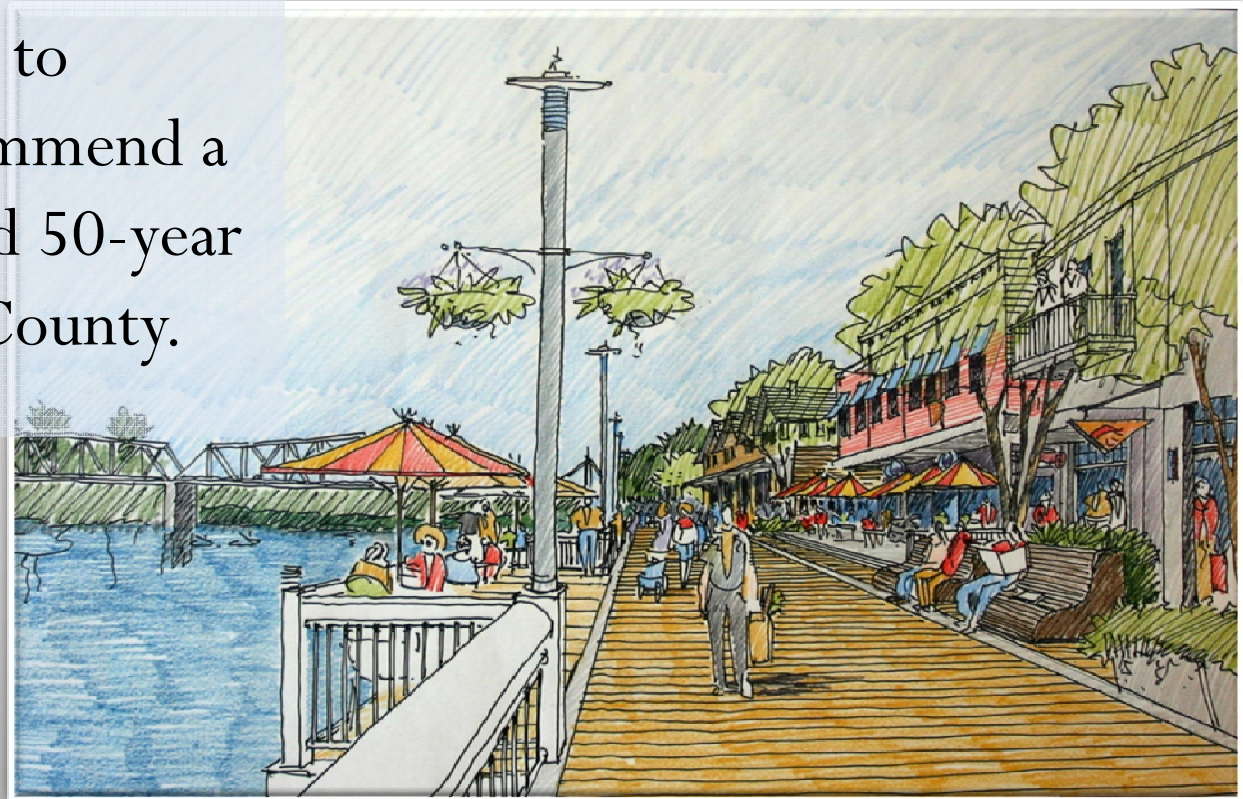
And with what
consequences
for the things that
Skagit residents love?



Envision Skagit 2060 covers many topics, but
these two questions are at the heart of its purpose.

What is Envision Skagit 2060?

Envision Skagit 2060 is a project that works with local Skagitonians to develop and recommend a broadly-supported 50-year vision for Skagit County.



Envision Skagit 2060 seeks to...

- Protect the Skagit and Samish River watersheds' many environmental values
- Maintain our highly productive natural resource industries
- Accommodate population growth in livable, walkable, and economically vibrant communities



What is the project's objective?

The project will ultimately recommend changes to Skagit County's and other jurisdictions' plans and policies, addressing:

- Land use planning
- Community and economic development
- Environmental protection
- Natural resource conservation

Envision Skagit 2060 Process

PHASE 1 2009 - 2010

- Define alternative scenarios and indicators
- Steering Committee and Technical Committee

PHASE 2 2010 - 2011

- Develop community vision and recommendations for future
- Citizen Committee

PHASE 3 2011 - 2012

- Consider Implementation of Vision and Recommendation
- County, cities and towns, tribes, community-based organizations

Public outreach, engagement, input

The Citizen Committee

Envision Skagit 2060's Citizen Committee helps to provide and ensure broad public engagement in the project.



The End Result

The Citizen Committee will share their final recommendations with elected officials from the County, cities, towns, tribes, and other implementing bodies in Skagit County who will further shape the recommendations and consider their implementation.

Get Involved!

Join us in our upcoming:

- Public Workshops
- Visioning Sessions
- Community Meetings

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