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Census & Addresses: A Growing Challenge

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- 1.9 million population
 - 14th largest US County
 - Seattle is state's largest city and county seat
- Larger than Rhode Island
 - Puget Sound to Cascade Mountains
 - Rich farmland
 - Harvested timber
 - Active Puget Sound salmon runs





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- King County is economically diverse



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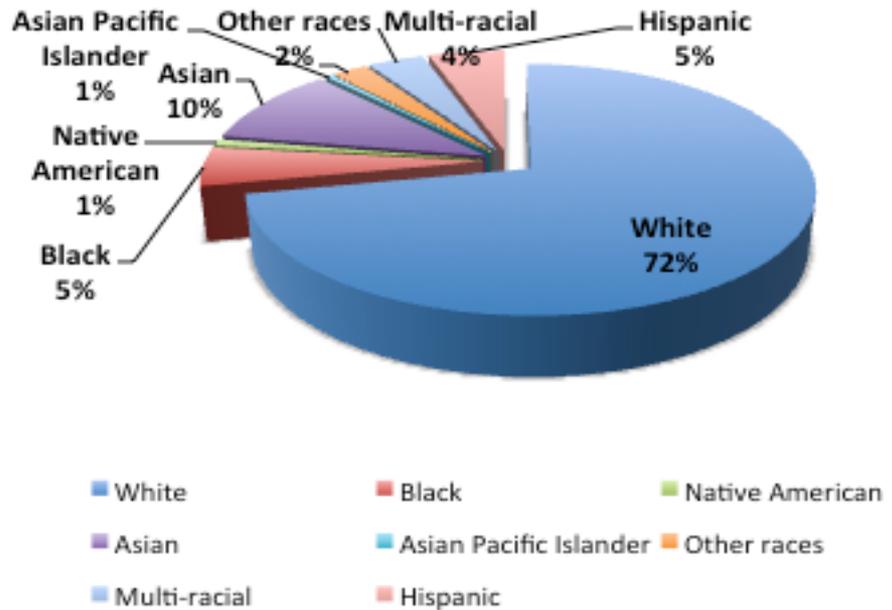


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King County is racially diverse

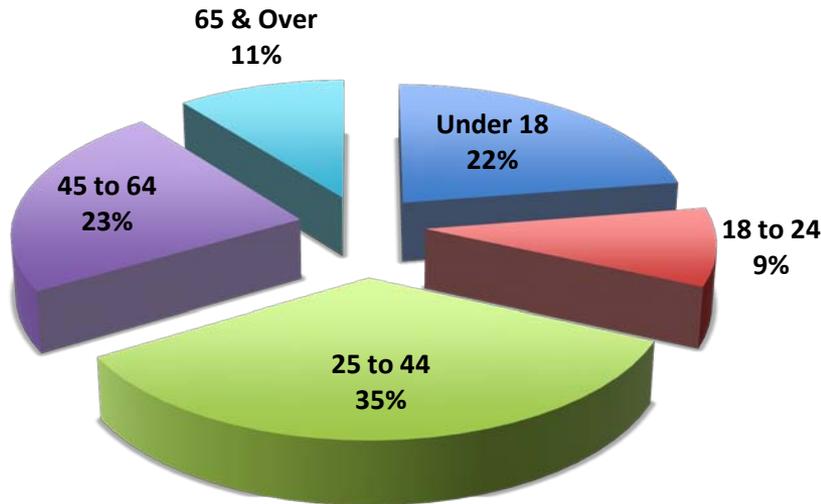


Students attending a college prep meeting in Seattle



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King County is a “young”



A King County Metro bus passes the striking Seattle Public Library

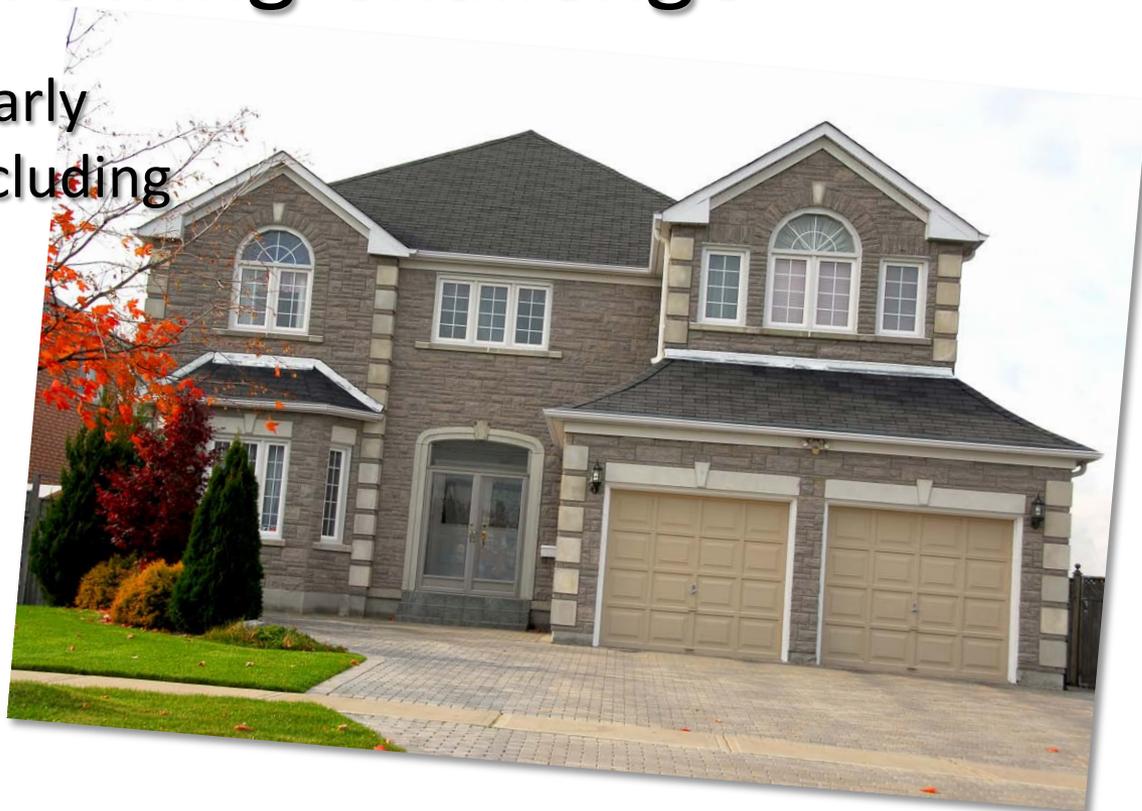


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King County has nearly
700,000 parcels, including

- Homes
- Condos
- Apartments
- Farms
- Forest
- Commercial



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Each of the nearly 700,000 tax accounts can be linked to one or more addresses



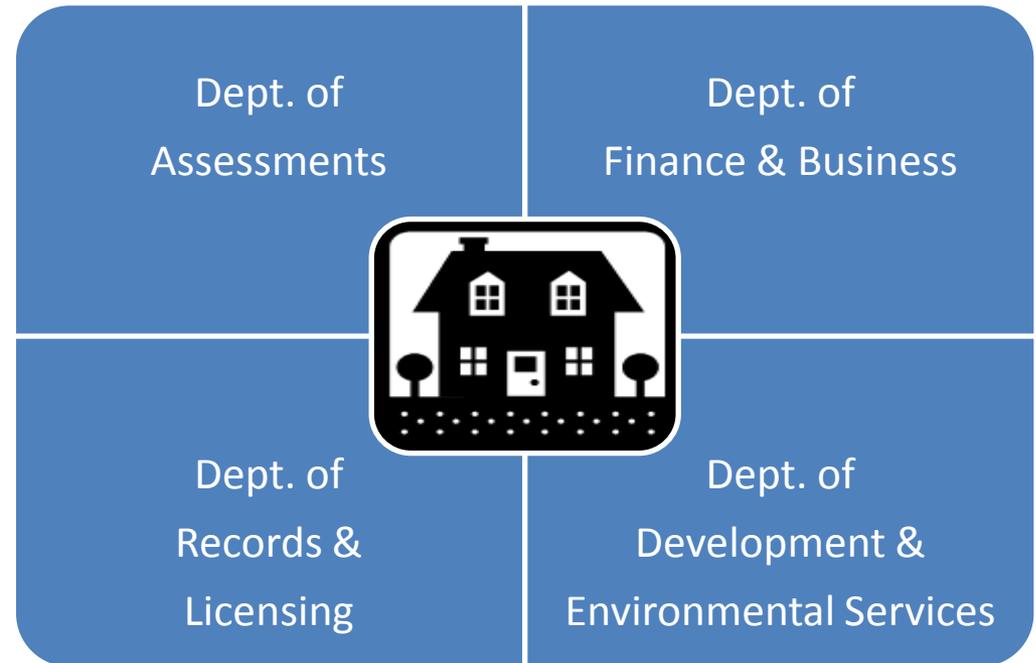
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For King
County, the
question boils
down to *who
pays the taxes?*



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This is complicated
by multiple
agencies collecting
addresses

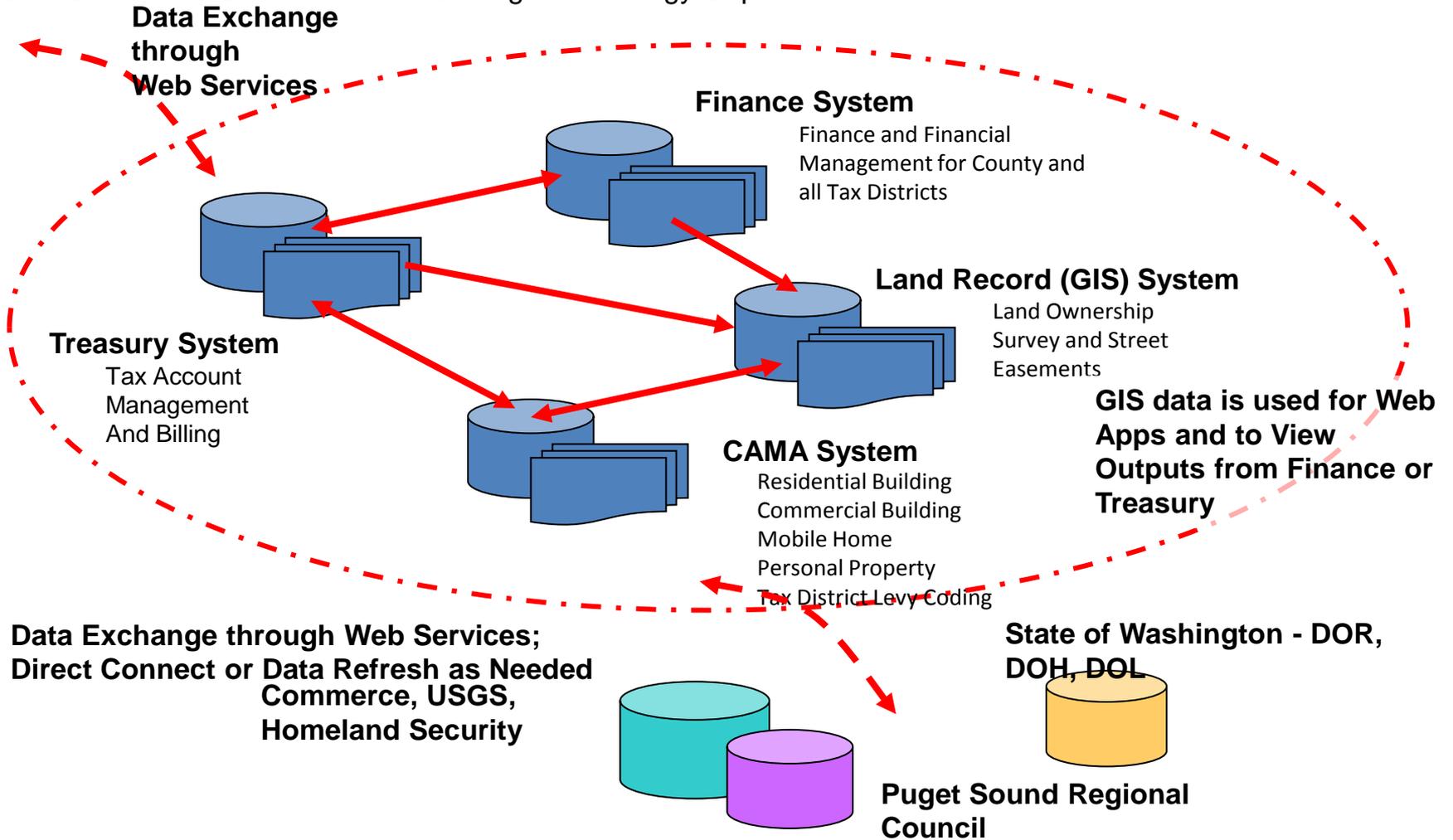


County Assessor Data Flow



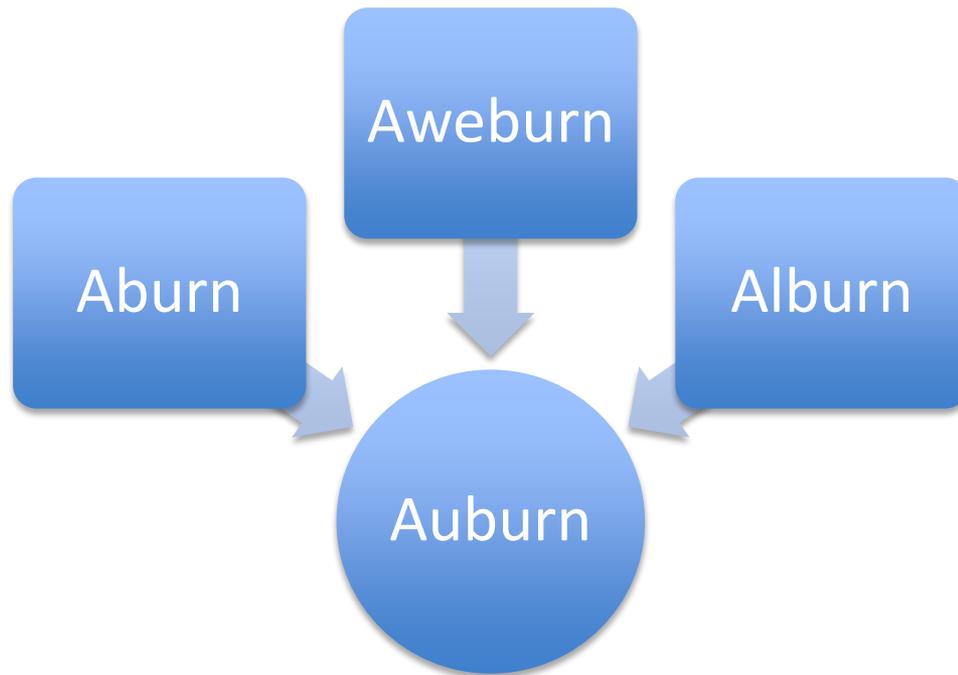
Existing Architecture

- Mainframe Computing (Legacy PBS)
- SQL Server and Oracle Databases Bridge Technology Gap



Assessments maintains all land record and tax ID data in geo-enabled data systems.

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Data consistency is
a problem with
multiple points of
information
collection



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Bad Addresses cost additional money in postage
– especially at 50¢ a ‘blow back’ card



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Bad Addresses make it harder to get accurate information to taxpayers and timely payment



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But increasingly, public and private sector stakeholders depend upon accurate address & GIS data



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The Challenge for Federal and Local Governments

- Updates, changes from 40 different addressing authorities plus USPS
- E-911 daily updates from 39 addressing authorities updates the address point layer in KCGIS
- Future coordination between participant agencies (better)
- Quicker updates to address point layer
- Budget fewer staff resources assigned to data maintenance
- Closing of Census Regional Offices (close working relationship with local staff)
- 660,000 + land parcels & Situs addresses
- Need for enhanced address search within King County growing

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The Best Practices for Local Governments

- FGDC & USPS Publication compliant
- Data maintained stored , using sound database design
- USPS updates processed monthly
- LUCA & BAS participation



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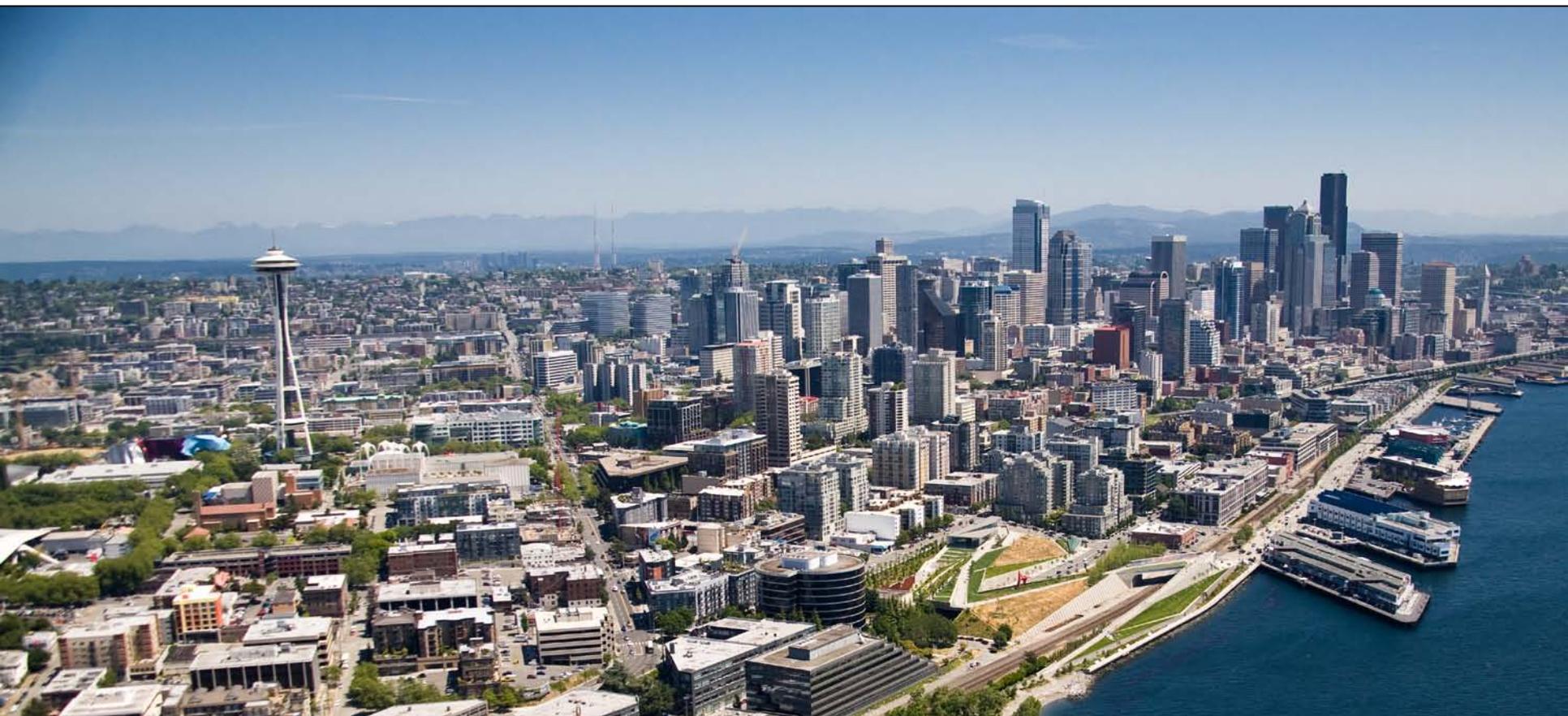
Current Data Sharing Practices for King County



- Addressing Workgroup participation
- Consortium style agreement (no formal MOU or MOA)
- All data shared among stakeholder agencies



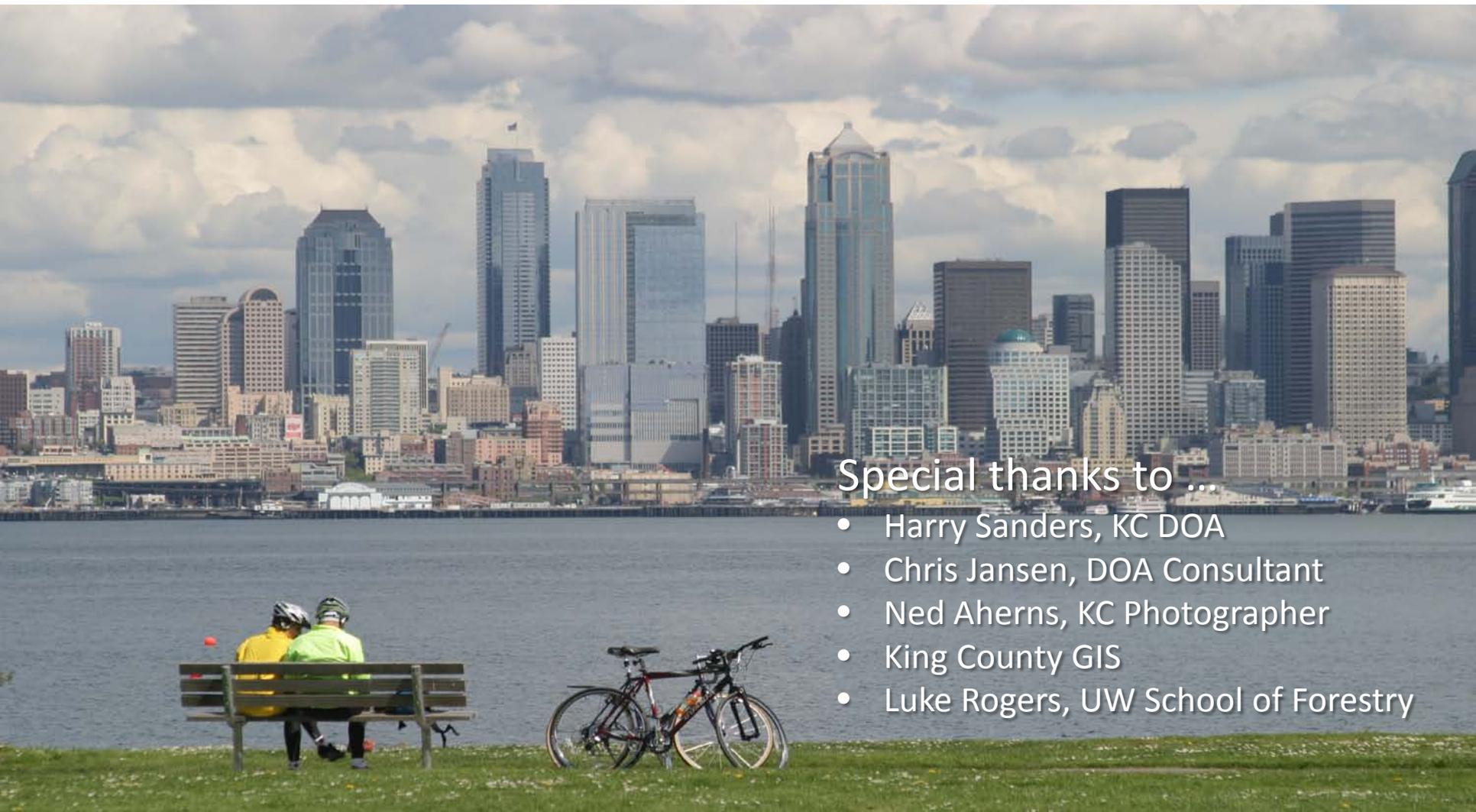
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