



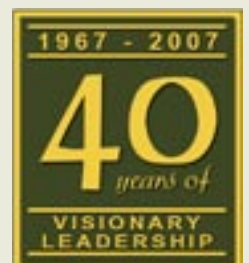
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The Buildable Lands Report supplies valuable information on which future policy decisions may be based. For this reason, Thurston Regional Planning Council convened a Buildable Lands Sounding Board in 2006 which is made up of key stakeholders, including planning staff from local jurisdictions, members of local planning commissions, and representatives from the environmental and development communities.

Representatives from the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation and the Nisqually Indian Tribe were invited to participate and received all correspondence.

The Sounding Board was tasked with providing input to TRPC staff on the development of assumptions that go into building the Buildable Lands Report. They also provided TRPC staff with key data on building permits, subdivision trends, projects in the development pipeline, and conducted a thorough review of maps and data reports.

Much of their work built on that of the Population and Employment Forecast Advisory Committee, which was convened in 2004 and 2005 to provide input into the assumptions that went into developing the regional and local area population and employment forecasts.

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