

Chapter 4.4

Landslide/Mudslide Hazard Profile

Hazard Type

LANDSLIDE/
MUDSLIDEProbability of
Occurrence

HIGH

Vulnerability

LOW

Risk

MODERATE

Introduction

People build homes on hilltops, marine bluffs, and tops of river banks to acquire stunning views of the mountains, Puget Sound, and rivers or lakes below. However, people located on or near the edge of slopes may knowingly or unknowingly live within a landslide hazard area. Western Washington landscapes provide ample evidence that the surface of the earth is constantly rearranging from the forces of nature and the impacts of human activity.

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) reports that landslides cause between 25 and 50 deaths each year in the United States, on average. The USGS also conservatively estimates that landslides cause between \$2 and \$4 billion in losses per year (2010 estimates).¹ The Washington State Growth Management Act requires counties and cities to enforce Critical Areas Ordinances that limit development and redevelopment around geologically hazardous areas such as steep slopes or other landforms prone to landslide hazards. To protect property owners from both physical harm and property damage, a geologic assessment is required when an owner applies for a building permit within or adjacent to an area

potentially at risk for landslides or mudslides. Development regulations provide additional safeguards. However, significant residential development, roads, and utilities preceded current ordinances and regulations. Therefore, nearly the entire marine shoreline of Thurston County is dotted with residences and roads and other infrastructure that do not meet current standards.

Landslides occur on an almost annual basis. The high probability of their occurrence combined with their destructive, but localized impacts, results in an overall moderate risk rating.

Hazard Identification

Landslides are the movement of rock, soil, or other debris, down a slope. In general, the term landslide includes a wide range of ground movement, such as rock falls, deep failure of slopes, and shallow debris flows.

Mudflows (or debris flows) are flows of rock, earth, and other debris saturated with water. They develop when water rapidly saturates the

ground from precipitation or a sudden influx of water that destabilizes the ground. As materials give way to gravity and move down a slope, a flowing river of mud or “slurry” can reach avalanche speeds and grow as it picks up trees, rocks, and other materials along the way.

Landslides occur naturally from heavy rain or snow storms, earthquakes, and volcanoes. However, a land form’s stability can be compromised by human activity such as construction of buildings or other infrastructure, logging, and mining. Landforms and slopes fail, resulting in landslide, from a variety of factors including:

- Erosion caused by rivers, glaciers, or ocean waves
- Earthquake induced stressors
- Volcanic eruptions
- Load – Weight of rain/snow, fills, vegetation, stockpiling of rock or ore from waste piles or from man-made structures
- Hydrologic factors – Rain, high water tables, little or no ground cover, and numerous freeze/thaw cycles
- Human activity can drastically modify landforms and groundwater conditions – development activities with poor drainage control, cutting, filling, and grading along roads, and logging practices that remove timber from steep slopes
- Increase of lateral pressures – Hydraulic pressures, tree roots, crystallization, swelling of clay soil
- Regional tilting – Geological movements

It is difficult to predict precisely when and where a landslide will occur, however most Puget Sound marine shoreline landslides occur during the wet season, typically from October through April, peaking December through February. The USGS has researched past shoreline landslides and rainfall levels in the Seattle area to identify when such landslides are likely to occur. One measure is a formula called the “precipitation threshold.” The cumulative precipitation threshold measures precipitation over the previous 18 days and indicates when the ground is saturated enough to be susceptible to landslides. Between 3.5 and 5.3 inches exceeds this threshold. Between 1978 and 2003, 85 percent of Seattle area landslides occurred when this threshold was met or exceeded. By comparing recent and forecast rainfall levels, emergency management staff could notify media and at risk communities when to anticipate and take precautions for a potential landslide. The model was developed principally for the east Puget Sound area from Tacoma to Everett, but the USGS states that the threshold can serve as preliminary guidance for other Puget Sound Counties including the northern section of Thurston County.²

The Washington State Department of Ecology Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program summarizes where slides are likely to occur along marine shorelines (used with permission)³:

Where Landslide Occur	Factors
Sites of previous landslides	Large, deep-seated slides tend to be a reactivation of existing landslide complexes. Slope stability maps can provide an excellent indication of unstable areas. A competent geological analysis can usually provide an estimate of stability of problem areas on a site. It cannot reliably provide a probability of failure or an exact map of the area to be affected.
Steep slopes	Steep slopes are typically found along shorelines where centuries of wave or river currents have eroded the toe of the slope. Most steep slopes around Puget Sound have experienced sliding in the past one or two hundred years.
Benches	Relatively level benches on an otherwise steep slope often indicate areas of past slope movement.
Sites where drainage is causing a problem	Landslides are often triggered by the failure of drainage systems. Large amounts of water flowing from driveways, roof areas, roads and other impermeable surfaces can cause slides.
Sites where certain geologic conditions exist	Landslides occur where certain combinations of soils are present. When layers of sand and gravel lie above less permeable silt and clay layers, groundwater can accumulate and zones of weakness can develop. In Puget Sound, this combination is common and widespread. Glacial outwash, often Esperance Sand or gravel overlies the fine-grained Lawton Clay or Whidbey formation.

Despite the difficulty in predicting landslides, the environment provides visual indicators of where the earth is moving. Discovering sites of prehistoric landslides is difficult, as telltale signs are often obscured by vegetation or human development. The Washington State Department of Ecology also provides warning signs of earth movement (used with permission)⁴:

Environment	Warning Signs
Landscape	Head scarps or steep cliffs at the top of a slope Benches, scarps, and large cracks Exposed clays uplifted on the beach Hummocky and uneven terrain Trees or large blocks of clay partially buried in beach, not just drift logs
Roads, Utilities, Buildings	Sagging or taut utility lines Separation of foundation from sill plate Growing cracks in walls and window corners Broken or leaking water or sewer lines Doors not closing properly Significant cracking of concrete slabs and pavement
Vegetation	Tilted trees Curved trees Split trunks and stretched roots Large clusters of trees of similar age (often Alder)
Water	Small ponds on otherwise sloping terrain Disrupted natural drainage Unusually heavy or muddy seepage Unusual increase or decrease in flow from springs

Severity

There is no standard approach to measure the severity of a landslide. Severity can be measured in total cost of damages, impacts to transportation or utility systems, displaced households, or in terms of injuries and fatalities. The landslides on Steamboat Island Peninsula in winter 1998-1999 – the most damaging landslide recorded in Thurston County’s history – cost \$24 million in damages and response and recovery costs. This slow-moving landslide caused no serious injuries or deaths, but many residents in the densely developed Carlyon Beach community lost their homes. This incident did not impact the region’s residents outside the affected area, but Thurston County staff, other emergency management personnel, and local area residents were significantly challenged.

The severity of a landslide can also be measured in terms of its size and composition: from a thin mass of soil a few yards wide to deep-seated bedrock slides miles across. The travel rate of a landslide can range from a few inches per month to many feet per second depending on the slope, type of material, and amount of saturation with water.

Impacts

The impacts of landslide hazards in Thurston County are numerous. While no deaths have occurred from a landslide in Thurston County, such events can injure or kill people caught in the path of rapid moving earth. In January 1997, a family of four on Bainbridge Island was buried and killed by 2,000 cubic feet of earth. The fast moving landslide slammed into



the back of their home in the early morning hours while the family was still in bed.⁵ On March 22, 2014 a tremendous debris-avalanche flow landslide killed 43 people and buried nearly 40 homes and structures near Oso, Washington.

Past landslides highlight the fact that homeowners often lack insurance covering landslide hazards. Many Thurston County residents have lost their homes due to the damaging effects of landslides, which can render properties unstable and permanently uninhabitable. Rebuilding onsite is often not an option, resulting in immense financial loss for some homeowners. People suffer great mental stress from losing both their home and their property. Small business owners also face similar financial losses and mental stress.

Landslides can physically damage or destroy almost any infrastructure including buildings, utilities, streets, rail lines, bridges, and tunnels. Communities at large can face transportation disruptions from the loss of critical travel corridors, like U.S. Highway 101, resulting in lengthy detours. Public health and safety can be compromised from loss of energy, communications, water, and uncontrolled wastewater discharge.

Local governments, public works, building inspectors, and other safety officials can become overwhelmed if a landslide hazard impacts a significant portion of the community. Landslide events necessitate monitoring. Buildings and other infrastructure must be

inspected to determine whether they are safe for occupancy or use. If a building is deemed unsafe, law enforcement personnel may need to increase patrols to decrease the risk of theft, criminal trespassing, or simply owners seeking to retrieve their belongings or inventory.

Probability of Occurrence

A review of local newspaper media, internet sources, Department of Natural Resources landslide data, and Federal Disaster Declarations for Thurston County suggest that the incidences of landslides are concurrent with winter storms, flooding, and earthquakes. Heavy precipitation triggers most of the region's landslides. The Carlyon Beach/Hunter Point landslide represents a large scale, but infrequent, event for the region. Many smaller landslides regularly block roads with debris or wash out transportation facilities and rupture utility pipes. Between 1997 and 2007, seven Federal Disaster Declarations were declared and all included landslides around the greater south Puget Sound Region (the 1998-1999 winter landslides did not receive a Federal Disaster declaration). Destructive landslides have a high probability of occurrence and are certain to reoccur within a 25-year period.

Effects of Climate Change on Landslides/Mudslides

Research and climate forecasts offer evidence that long-term climate change will have a measurable impact on the frequency of landslides. The University of Washington Climate Impacts Group published a detailed report on the state of science on climate change and its effects within the region titled, "State of Knowledge: Climate Change in the Puget Sound." The report identifies several factors that will influence flooding for communities around the Puget Sound.

Air temperatures are increasing in the Puget Sound Region. They are projected to warm rapidly during the 21st century. By mid-century, warming will be outside of the range of historical variations. Warming is projected for all seasons, but will be greatest for summer. As a result of warmer winters, watersheds will become increasingly rain dominant and streamflow is projected to peak earlier in winter and decrease in spring and summer. Winter streamflow is projected to increase by 28 to 34 percent on average by the 2080s. For the Thurston County planning area, excess saturation of soils during warmer and wetter winters will make steep and unstable slopes vulnerable to landslides and mudslides.

Overall annual precipitation levels are forecast to remain the same, but there will be greater seasonal variation. Summers will become drier and winters will be wetter. The frequency of the region's peak 24-hour rain events is expected to more than triple by the end of the 21st century. Such heavy storms are also expected to become more intense, with greater rainfall occurring in shorter periods of time. The region's risk for landslides could change from moderate to high due to the effects of more intense winter storms.

Landslide Historical Occurrences and Impacts

Several landslides have impacted Washington State and the Thurston County region over the last several decades. These events highlight the severity, costs, and the region's vulnerabilities to landslide hazards. Previous landslide events offer an indication of the types of losses that local communities are likely to experience in the future.

March 22, 2014 Federal Disaster 4168: Washington Flooding and Mudslides, Oso or “SR530 Landslide,” Snohomish County, Washington

On March 22, a large landslide occurred two miles east of the community of Oso in Snohomish County along State Route 530. Higher than normal rainfall and other factors contributed to the collapse of a portion of an unstable slope, north of the Stillaguamish River, generating a massive debris-avalanche flow that crossed the river and covered nearly one half square mile. The landslide killed 43 people and buried over 40 homes and other structures in a rural neighborhood known as Steelhead Haven.

This tragic event is notable because the landslide was much larger, traveled much further, and had a greater destructive force than others previously experienced at or near the site. The USGS states that the area overrun by the landslide moved 18 million tons of sand, till, and clay – enough material to cover approximately 600 football fields 10 feet deep. The landslide was believed to have reached an average speed of 40 miles per hour.⁶ Thurston County Emergency Managers, and countless other citizens and local, state, and federal personnel assisted Snohomish County during the recovery efforts.



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There is still much to learn about the Oso Landslide, as to why landslides happen and how they behave, particularly for this landslide's high mobility – likely caused by excessive soil saturation.

December 1-7, 2007 Federal Disaster 1734: Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides

On December 3, an estimated 97 households were isolated by a complete washout of Cedar Flats Road in northwestern Thurston County. Washington State Department of Natural Resources' landslide reconnaissance found that heavy "...warm rains rapidly melted snow on the ground in Capitol State Forest, saturating soils that began to slide. Three landslides on the tributary to Swift Creek triggered three debris flows, carrying debris and sediment into Swift Creek and creating a hyper concentrated flow. By 8:30 a.m., debris appeared to have clogged the culverts where Swift Creek flows under Cedar Flats Road."⁷ The clogged culverts impeded creek flow and forced the surrounding embankment under the road to wash out. By the following day, the McLane Fire Department shuttled residents who needed to move in and out on a footpath and logging road. By Thursday, the County Road Department opened a temporary one-and-a-half-mile detour route that served residents for several months until a temporary bridge was constructed. The emergency detour route construction cost nearly \$135,000 and construction of the temporary and new bridge cost \$891,000.

On December 3, a mudslide on Kennedy Creek Road in northwestern Thurston County destroyed the Ranch House BBQ restaurant and surrounding structures. Damage was estimated at \$1 million. The owners received a \$914,000 Small Business Administration loan to rebuild. Slides also caused at least two homes to be tagged as uninhabitable off Sunset Beach Road.

February 28, 2001, Federal Disaster 1361: Nisqually Earthquake

The 2001 Nisqually Earthquake resulted in a landslide that wiped out the northbound lanes of U.S. Highway 101 near Mud Bay in northwest Thurston County. This landslide caused nearly \$1 million in damages. Area commuters were forced to use a 30-mile detour through the town of McCleary, causing two and one-half-mile backups through the small Grays Harbor County community.

Winter 1998 – 1999, South Puget Sound Landslides

Sixty-two inches of rain fell between November 1998 and March 1999. Several landslides occurred during this time along several south Puget Sound shorelines in north Thurston County. Landslides in Sunrise Beach, Sunset Beach, Gravelly Beach, Carlyon Beach, and Hunter Point forced many families out of their homes. County inspectors initially condemned or deemed 55 homes uninhabitable. In the end, 39 homes were condemned and 113 properties had their values significantly reduced or zeroed

by the Thurston County Assessor's Office. The northeastern corner of Carlyon Beach was the hardest hit area with 37 homes declared unsafe for habitation. This landslide occurred on relatively flat to gentle sloping ground. Pencil cracks in driveways slowly expanded from inches to several feet causing slumping and subsidence, destroying the foundations of many residents' homes. Geologists determined that the landslide – likely caused by heavy winter rains – was a reactivation of an ancient slide. The 66-acre slide caused substantial damage to the private community which maintains its own streets and water treatment system.⁸

The landslides resulted in \$15 million in uninsured losses to homeowners and businesses and \$9.5 million in costs to county government.⁹ Despite declarations of emergency and requests for federal aid from both Thurston County and Washington State Governor Gary Locke, no Federal Disaster Declaration was issued, however Federal Small Business Administration loans were provided to some families to rebuild new homes. While some families had their mortgages dismissed, others were less fortunate.

The landslide hazard persists for the Carlyon Beach/Hunter Point area although movement has ceased. Thurston County has subsequently identified 54 parcels in this area as a designated landslide hazard area. The County's Critical Areas Ordinance prohibits substantial improvements to these properties.

December 1996 to March 1997 Rainstorms

Following the December 1996 and March 1997 rain storms, sections of the coastal bluff near Hunter Point across from Squaxin Island slid a few feet resulting in two residences being declared unsafe to occupy. These storms also caused a slide south of the City of Rainier which threatened a section of the Northwest Pipeline and the disruption of natural gas distribution. A 26-inch diameter line was shut down, but gas was diverted to another line.

February 1996, Federal Disaster 1100: Flooding

On February 8, Nisqually River flooding and groundwater under heavy pressure from near record rains caused a 70-foot deep, 50-foot long, and 40-foot wide landslide. Nearly 100 dump trucks of material disappeared into the river in the Nisqually Pines neighborhood on Thuja Avenue west of Yelm. Although no homes were destroyed, the landslide threatened area residences. Thurston County declared seven homes unsafe for occupancy.¹⁰

On February 10, heavy rains caused a mudslide on the steep slope below Capitol Way, just west of Carlyon Avenue. It broke two sewer lines that served nearly two-thirds of Tumwater and the Olympia Brewing Company. The mudslide also tore out 50 feet of Burlington Northern rail line. It is possible that the pipes leaked prior to heavy rains and contributed to the weakening of the slope. Before repair, the damaged pipes leaked

over five million gallons of untreated waste water into Capitol Lake. Public health notices were posted around the lake to warn residents not to touch lake waters and Tumwater residents were asked to curtail their water use until the line was repaired. Emergency repairs took nearly two weeks and cost nearly \$1 million.¹¹

The February floods caused nearly \$2.5 million in damages to Thurston County roads. Heavy rains triggered a landslide on a steep slope over Flumerfelt Road, southwest of Bucoda, closing the road for several months. A Burlington Northern railroad tunnel collapsed onto Durgin Road SE and a 20-foot-wide by 100-foot-deep pothole closed Old Pacific Highway just before the Nisqually River bridge.

Landslide Hazard Exposure Analysis

Delineation of Landslide Hazard Area

For the purposes of the landslide hazard risk analysis, the landslide hazard area has been defined as those parcels in the county on which slopes of 40 percent or more occur. Slope was calculated using LIDAR (light detection and ranging) data using grid analysis tools within a geographic information system. In addition, Washington State Department



of Natural Resource's known and historic mapped landslide database is included. This geographical delineation was then related to parcel data that was used to estimate the region's population, employment, and the assets that fall into the hazard area. Approximately 1.1 percent of Thurston County's total land area is characterized with having slopes of 40 percent or steeper. This delineation likely understates the hazard for the marine shoreline and overstates the hazard zone for areas outside of the marine shoreline. Map 4.4.1 shows the landslide hazard area for Thurston County.

Communities Most Vulnerable to Landslides

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources Division of Geology and Earth Resources has mapped shallow and deep seated landslide occurrences and landslide landforms along the entire Thurston County marine shoreline zone and the shorelines of Capitol Lake. Though useful, the data is not a comprehensive summary of all landslide events and hazards. Geologists mapped data based on interpretation of aerial photos, LIDAR data, topography, and field visits. This information is useful as a reconnaissance-level screening tool, but is no substitute for site-specific geological evaluation of local conditions.

Coarse GIS analysis suggests that virtually the entire marine shoreline of Thurston County is moderate to highly vulnerable to landslides (Map 4.4.1), especially where bluffs are located.^{12, 13} The steep slopes around Capitol Lake in downtown Olympia are also

vulnerable in an area with moderate residential development densities. Approximately 3,017 parcels along Thurston County's shoreline have experienced some form of landslide activity, either before or after properties were developed. Over 6,000 parcels along Thurston County's shoreline or creeks draining to the inlets have a moderate to high landslide hazard rating. In many instances, only a portion of a parcel is at risk, but in some areas, entire parcels are potentially vulnerable.

Thurston County and the cities each have similar but varying definitions for landslide hazard areas in their Critical Areas Ordinance. The permit assistance centers within each community can help a property owner or developer to identify potential hazard areas. The permitting process addresses each site on a case by case basis. Thurston County defines a landslide hazard area as:

"Landslide hazard areas" means those areas which are potentially subject to risk of landslide due to a combination of geologic, topographic, and/or hydrologic factors; and where the vertical height is fifteen feet or more, excluding those wholly manmade slopes created under the design and inspection of a geotechnical professional. The following areas, at a minimum, are subject to landslide hazards:

- A. Any area with a combination of:
 1. Slopes of fifteen percent or steeper, and

2. Impermeable subsurface material (typically silt and clay), frequently interbedded with granular soils (predominantly sand and gravel), and
 3. Springs or seeping groundwater during the wet season;
- B. Slopes of forty percent or greater;
 - C. Any areas located on a landslide feature which has shown movement during the Holocene Epoch (post glacial) or which is underlain by mass wastage debris from that period;
 - D. Known hazard areas, such as areas of historic failures, including areas of unstable, old and recent landslides. Appendix B Appendix B
 - E. Breaks between landslide hazard areas shall be considered part of the landslide hazard area under the following condition: The length of the break is twice the height or less than the height of the slope below or above the break, whichever is greater; and the combined height is fifteen feet or more. When this condition is present, the upper and lower landslide hazard areas and the break shall be combined into one landslide hazard area.

In general, landslide hazards occur throughout the county, especially along the marine shoreline of northern Thurston County including the Nisqually bluffs.

Population and Employment in the Hazard Area

As of 2015, approximately 12,600 residents (4.7 percent) live in areas with 40 percent slopes or steeper. By 2040, the number of residents within this area is forecast to reach 18,800 residents. Presently, approximately 6,500 employees (4.9 percent) work within the hazard area. Tables 4.4.3 through 4.4.6 summarize estimates of the region's population and employment in the landslide hazard area. These tables assess an aspect of current and future vulnerability by providing data on the number of people living and working within the hazard area as compared to total population, by jurisdiction, in the years 2015 (2014 for employment) and 2040.

Residential Dwellings in the Hazard Area

In 2015, nearly 5,400 or 4.7 percent of residential dwelling units were in the landslide hazard area. By 2040, the number of dwelling units in the hazard area is expected to reach 8,300. Tables 4.4.7 and 4.4.8 show estimates of the region's dwelling units in the landslide hazard area in the years 2015 and 2040.

Inventory of Assets and Dollar Value in the Hazard Area

No detailed landslide hazard scenario analysis of potential losses was conducted during the planning process. Countywide, an estimated \$861 million in assets is in the landslide hazard area. Estimates of the region's structures and their contents in the landslide hazard area is summarized in tables 4.4.9 and 4.4.10. To determine potential dollar losses, these tables provide an estimate of the number of existing structures which may be potentially affected by the hazard, as well as an estimate of structure and building contents value.

Essential Facilities and Infrastructure in Hazard Area

Based on the community impacts which historical occurrences of natural hazards caused, landslides destroy or damage facilities that may be critical for responding to the disaster and for maintaining a safe environment and public order. This includes communications installations, electrical generating and transmission facilities, water storage, purification, and pumping facilities, sewage treatment facilities, hospitals and health care clinics, and police stations. In addition, landslides and mudslides can seriously disrupt the transportation network; bridges can be knocked out, and roads and highways damaged or blocked by debris, further isolating resources. In a major disaster, almost all surface means of transportation within a community may be disrupted, particularly in the initial stages of the hazard event.

Specific information on the location and type of facilities is maintained by Thurston County Emergency Management. Table 4.4.11 lists the type and number of essential facilities located in the landslide hazard area.

Summary Assessment

Frequently triggered by heavy rains and almost guaranteed to occur with destructive earthquakes, landslides are assigned a high probability of occurrence. Although there are exceptions, such as the Carlyon Beach landslide, landslides tend to occur in isolated, sparsely developed areas threatening individual structures and remote sections of the transportation, energy, and communications infrastructure suggesting low vulnerability. Because of the high probability of occurrence and the trend to more frequent landslides, the region has assigned a moderate risk rating.

Summary Risk Assessment for Landslides/Mudslides in the Thurston Region

Probability of Occurrence	Vulnerability	Risk
High	Low	Moderate

Table 4.4.1: Landslide Hazard Area by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction		Landslide Hazard Area		
		Total Acres	In Hazard Area Acres	%
Bucoda	Total	380	55	14.6%
Lacey	City	10,778	338	3.1%
	UGA	10,416	428	4.1%
	Total	21,193	766	3.6%
Olympia	City	12,089	1,090	9.0%
	UGA	3,887	180	4.6%
	Total	15,976	1,270	7.9%
Rainier	City	1,105	53	4.8%
	UGA	320	18	5.6%
	Total	1,425	71	5.0%
Tenino	City	922	75	8.2%
	UGA	65	10	14.7%
	Total	987	85	8.6%
Tumwater	City	11,354	693	6.1%
	UGA	2,875	145	5.0%
	Total	14,229	837	5.9%
Yelm	City	3,634	155	4.3%
	UGA	2,396	41	1.7%
	Total	6,030	196	3.3%
Grand Mound UGA	Total	983	47	4.8%
Chehalis Reservation ¹	Total	833	16	2.0%
Nisqually Reservation ¹	Total	2,147	175	8.2%
Total Cities		40,261	2,460	6.1%
Total UGAs²		20,943	869	4.2%
Total Reservations¹		2,979	192	6.4%
Rural Unincorporated County³		322,865	886	0.3%
Thurston County Total		387,047	4,406	1.1%

Explanations: Landslide Hazard includes areas with a 40% slope or greater.

1. Data are for the Thurston County portion of reservation only.

2. Urban Growth Area (UGA): Unincorporated area designated to be annexed into city limits over 20 years to accommodate urban growth.

3. Rural unincorporated county is the portion of the unincorporated county that lies outside UGA and Reservation boundaries.

Table 4.4.2: Landslide Hazard Area by Special District

Jurisdiction	Landslide Hazard Area		
	Total Acres	In Hazard Area Acres	%
Fire Protection Districts			
1,11 West Thurston Reg. Fire Authority	100,131	15,625	15.6%
2, 4 S.E. Thurston Reg. Fire Authority	56,030	3,638	6.5%
3 Lacey	36,820	2,313	6.3%
5, 9 McLane-Black Lake	51,828	19,218	37.1%
6 East Olympia	19,677	1,036	5.3%
8 South Bay	20,974	1,170	5.6%
12 Tenino	19,914	1,695	8.5%
13 Griffin	14,864	2,545	17.1%
16 Gibson Valley	18,038	4,378	24.3%
17 Bald Hills	13,926	2,004	14.4%
School Districts			
Centralia ¹	12,851	2,927	22.8%
Griffin	21,355	5,248	24.6%
North Thurston	47,081	2,787	5.9%
Olympia	49,894	12,383	24.8%
Rainier	35,550	7,271	20.5%
Rochester ¹	55,061	10,384	18.9%
Tenino	70,500	11,092	15.7%
Tumwater	73,845	13,202	17.9%
Yelm ¹	104,853	23,235	22.2%
Other Districts			
Intercity Transit	63,130	2,619	4.1%
LOTT Clean Water Alliance ²	15,875	755	4.8%
Port of Olympia	387,047	4,406	1.1%
Thurston County PUD	387,047	4,406	1.1%

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2. Includes the sewered area.

Table 4.4.3: Landslide Hazard Area, Population by Jurisdiction, 2015 and 2040

Jurisdiction		2015 Population Estimate			2040 Population Forecast		
		Total	In Hazard Area	%	Total	In Hazard Area	%
		#	#	%	#	#	%
Bucoda	Total	565	20	3.5%	1,215	110	9.1%
Lacey	City	46,230	550	1.2%	55,160	870	1.6%
	UGA	33,980	1,170	3.4%	59,030	1,650	2.8%
	Total	80,210	1,720	2.1%	114,190	2,520	2.2%
Olympia	City	51,020	2,770	5.4%	71,840	3,670	5.1%
	UGA	11,920	300	2.5%	16,770	610	3.6%
	Total	62,940	3,070	4.9%	88,610	4,280	4.8%
Rainier	City	1,880	40	2.1%	2,810	90	3.2%
	UGA	110	0	0.0%	640	15	2.3%
	Total	1,990	40	2.0%	3,450	105	3.0%
Tenino	City	1,730	20	1.2%	3,675	340	9.3%
	UGA	15	0	0.0%	110	20	18.2%
	Total	1,745	20	1.1%	3,785	360	9.5%
Tumwater	City	22,370	1,660	7.4%	37,350	2,510	6.7%
	UGA	3,270	30	0.9%	8,960	370	4.1%
	Total	25,640	1,690	6.6%	46,310	2,880	6.2%
Yelm	City	8,170	90	1.1%	25,080	830	3.3%
	UGA	1,420	10	0.7%	5,690	60	1.1%
	Total	9,590	100	1.0%	30,770	890	2.9%
Grand Mound UGA	Total	1,285	5	0.4%	1,990	0	0.0%
Chehalis Reservation ¹	Total	70	0	0.0%	190	10	5.3%
Nisqually Reservation ¹	Total	605	15	2.5%	705	20	2.8%
Total Cities		131,970	5,150	3.9%	197,120	8,420	4.3%
Total UGAs²		52,000	1,520	2.9%	93,190	2,720	2.9%
Total Reservations¹		670	20	3.0%	890	30	3.4%
Rural Unincorporated County³		82,770	5,880	7.1%	102,470	7,640	7.5%
Thurston County Total		267,400	12,600	4.7%	393,700	18,800	4.8%

Source: Thurston Regional Planning Council Population Forecast, 2015

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Table 4.4.4: Landslide Hazard Area, Population by Special District, 2015 and 2040

Jurisdiction	2015 Population Estimate			2040 Population Forecast		
	Total #	In Hazard Area #	%	Total #	In Hazard Area #	%
Fire Protection Districts						
1,11 West Thurston	22,010	600	2.7%	31,120	980	3.1%
2, 4 S.E. Thurston	24,650	470	1.9%	50,770	1,470	2.9%
3 Lacey	91,660	2,370	2.6%	128,070	3,370	2.6%
5, 9 McLane-Black Lake	15,890	1,810	11.4%	20,770	2,580	12.4%
6 East Olympia	11,140	350	3.1%	14,810	540	3.6%
8 South Bay	11,820	890	7.5%	15,380	1,040	6.8%
12 Tenino	6,230	170	2.7%	9,530	620	6.5%
13 Griffin	5,060	830	16.4%	5,700	910	16.0%
16 Gibson Valley	590	90	15.3%	1,130	240	21.2%
17 Bald Hills	4,090	500	12.2%	5,440	670	12.3%
School Districts						
Centralia ¹	490	80	16.3%	1,180	260	22.0%
Griffin	5,950	1,240	20.8%	6,710	1,370	20.4%
North Thurston	99,300	2,550	2.6%	138,340	3,530	2.6%
Olympia	66,140	4,400	6.7%	87,700	5,720	6.5%
Rainier	5,210	180	3.5%	13,800	840	6.1%
Rochester ¹	14,060	380	2.7%	18,080	690	3.8%
Tenino	9,850	410	4.2%	15,510	1,040	6.7%
Tumwater	39,500	2,220	5.6%	63,820	3,640	5.7%
Yelm ¹	26,900	1,120	4.2%	48,530	1,700	3.5%
Other Districts						
Intercity Transit	176,450	6,980	4.0%	269,860	10,810	4.0%
LOTT Clean Water Alliance ²	120,960	5,040	4.2%	249,110	9,680	3.9%
Port of Olympia	267,400	12,600	4.7%	393,700	18,800	4.8%
Thurston County PUD	267,400	12,600	4.7%	393,700	18,800	4.8%

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2. Includes the sewerage area for 2015 and the Lacey-Olympia-Tumwater Urban Area for 2040.

Table 4.4.5: Landslide Hazard Area, Employment by Jurisdiction, 2014 and 2040

Jurisdiction		2014 Employment Estimate			2040 Employment Forecast		
		Total #	In Hazard Area #	%	Total #	In Hazard Area #	%
Bucoda	Total	90	0	0.0%	200	10	5.0%
Lacey	City	25,610	530	2.1%	41,180	760	1.8%
	UGA	5,620	200	3.6%	8,520	260	3.1%
	Total	31,230	730	2.3%	49,700	1,020	2.1%
Olympia	City	53,350	3,790	7.1%	74,950	5,340	7.1%
	UGA	1,800	50	2.8%	2,230	70	3.1%
	Total	55,150	3,840	7.0%	77,180	5,410	7.0%
Rainier	City	455	5	1.1%	690	10	1.4%
	UGA	25	0	0.0%	80	0	0.0%
	Total	480	5	1.0%	770	10	1.3%
Tenino	City	870	10	1.1%	1,505	30	2.0%
	UGA	0	0	-	5	0	0.0%
	Total	870	10	1.1%	1,510	30	2.0%
Tumwater	City	22,350	710	3.2%	33,720	1,090	3.2%
	UGA	760	20	2.6%	1,420	40	2.8%
	Total	23,110	730	3.2%	35,140	1,130	3.2%
Yelm	City	3,830	20	0.5%	11,490	380	3.3%
	UGA	430	10	2.3%	670	10	1.5%
	Total	4,260	30	0.7%	12,160	390	3.2%
Grand Mound UGA	Total	1,115	10	0.9%	1,375	10	0.7%
Chehalis Reservation ¹	Total	760	60	7.9%	1,550	140	9.0%
Nisqually Reservation ¹	Total	975	90	9.2%	1,865	220	11.8%
Total Cities		106,560	5,070	4.8%	163,730	7,620	4.7%
Total UGAs²		9,740	270	2.8%	14,300	380	2.7%
Total Reservations¹		1,740	150	8.6%	3,410	360	10.6%
Rural Unincorporated County³		15,880	1,030	6.5%	18,270	1,190	6.5%
Thurston County Total		133,900	6,500	4.9%	199,700	9,500	4.8%

Source: Thurston Regional Planning Council Population Forecast, 2015

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Table 4.4.6: Landslide Hazard Area, Employment by Special District, 2014 and 2040

Jurisdiction	2014 Employment Estimate			2040 Employment Forecast		
	Total #	In Hazard Area #	%	Total #	In Hazard Area #	%
Fire Protection Districts						
1, 11 West Thurston	6,290	190	3.0%	8,480	300	3.5%
2, 4 S.E. Thurston	6,710	90	1.3%	15,170	470	3.1%
3 Lacey	34,540	970	2.8%	54,170	1,410	2.6%
5, 9 McLane-Black Lake	3,630	340	9.4%	4,350	400	9.2%
6 East Olympia	1,960	90	4.6%	2,350	110	4.7%
8 South Bay	1,830	110	6.0%	2,250	110	4.9%
12 Tenino	1,500	50	3.3%	2,210	80	3.6%
13 Griffin	990	120	12.1%	1,060	130	12.3%
16 Gibson Valley	150	20	13.3%	180	30	16.7%
17 Bald Hills	470	40	8.5%	570	50	8.8%
School Districts						
Centralia ¹	120	20	16.7%	170	30	17.6%
Griffin	1,110	170	15.3%	1,190	180	15.1%
North Thurston	42,280	1,080	2.6%	66,290	1,490	2.2%
Olympia	48,850	3,950	8.1%	65,910	5,440	8.3%
Rainier	980	30	3.1%	1,860	90	4.8%
Rochester ¹	4,630	150	3.2%	6,230	260	4.2%
Tenino	2,340	90	3.8%	3,320	140	4.2%
Tumwater	25,670	780	3.0%	38,080	1,200	3.2%
Yelm ¹	7,850	230	2.9%	16,580	690	4.2%
Other Districts						
Intercity Transit	115,570	5,530	4.8%	176,500	8,280	4.7%
LOTT Clean Water Alliance ²	91,010	4,610	5.1%	162,020	7,560	4.7%
Port of Olympia	133,900	6,500	4.9%	199,700	9,500	4.8%
Thurston County PUD	133,900	6,500	4.9%	199,700	9,500	4.8%

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Table 4.4.7: Landslide Hazard Area, Residential Dwellings by Jurisdiction, 2015 and 2040

Jurisdiction		2015 Dwelling Estimate			2040 Dwelling Forecast		
		Total	In Hazard Area	%	Total	In Hazard Area	%
		#	#	%	#	#	%
Bucoda	Total	245	10	4.1%	535	50	9.3%
Lacey	City	19,840	230	1.2%	24,400	360	1.5%
	UGA	13,500	470	3.5%	23,930	660	2.8%
	Total	33,340	700	2.1%	48,330	1,020	2.1%
Olympia	City	24,170	1,260	5.2%	35,610	1,750	4.9%
	UGA	4,850	130	2.7%	7,100	280	3.9%
	Total	29,020	1,390	4.8%	42,710	2,030	4.8%
Rainier	City	775	15	1.9%	1,140	35	3.1%
	UGA	50	0	0.0%	290	5	1.7%
	Total	825	15	1.8%	1,430	40	2.8%
Tenino	City	755	10	1.3%	1,855	200	10.8%
	UGA	5	0	0.0%	40	10	25.0%
	Total	760	10	1.3%	1,895	210	11.1%
Tumwater	City	9,970	760	7.6%	16,870	1,210	7.2%
	UGA	1,420	20	1.4%	3,820	170	4.5%
	Total	11,390	780	6.8%	20,690	1,380	6.7%
Yelm	City	3,000	30	1.0%	9,820	330	3.4%
	UGA	550	0	0.0%	2,280	20	0.9%
	Total	3,550	30	0.8%	12,100	350	2.9%
Grand Mound UGA	Total	415	0	0.0%	740	0	0.0%
Chehalis Reservation ¹	Total	20	0	0.0%	65	0	0.0%
Nisqually Reservation ¹	Total	200	10	5.0%	255	10	3.9%
Total Cities		58,760	2,310	3.9%	90,230	3,930	4.4%
Total UGAs²		20,790	620	3.0%	38,190	1,150	3.0%
Total Reservations¹		220	10	4.5%	320	10	3.1%
Rural Unincorporated County³		34,250	2,480	7.2%	41,730	3,190	7.6%
Thurston County Total		114,000	5,400	4.7%	170,500	8,300	4.9%

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Table 4.4.8: Landslide Hazard Area, Residential Dwellings by Special District, 2015 and 2040

Jurisdiction	2015 Dwelling Estimate			2040 Dwelling Forecast		
	Total #	In Hazard Area #	%	Total #	In Hazard Area #	%
Fire Protection Districts						
1,11 West Thurston	8,480	170	2.0%	11,930	300	2.5%
2, 4 S.E. Thurston	9,800	190	1.9%	20,190	590	2.9%
3 Lacey	38,120	960	2.5%	54,160	1,390	2.6%
5, 9 McLane-Black Lake	6,490	790	12.2%	8,670	1,140	13.1%
6 East Olympia	4,510	140	3.1%	6,010	220	3.7%
8 South Bay	4,940	380	7.7%	6,370	440	6.9%
12 Tenino	2,580	70	2.7%	4,200	310	7.4%
13 Griffin	2,580	420	16.3%	2,910	460	15.8%
16 Gibson Valley	240	40	16.7%	440	90	20.5%
17 Bald Hills	1,770	220	12.4%	2,370	290	12.2%
School Districts						
Centralia ¹	200	30	15.0%	470	100	21.3%
Griffin	3,030	620	20.5%	3,430	700	20.4%
North Thurston	41,820	1,030	2.5%	59,460	1,460	2.5%
Olympia	29,690	1,950	6.6%	41,150	2,630	6.4%
Rainier	2,190	70	3.2%	5,690	350	6.2%
Rochester ¹	5,260	80	1.5%	6,670	180	2.7%
Tenino	4,130	170	4.1%	6,720	490	7.3%
Tumwater	16,940	990	5.8%	27,630	1,680	6.1%
Yelm ¹	10,790	470	4.4%	19,260	700	3.6%
Other Districts						
Intercity Transit	76,200	3,030	4.0%	119,200	4,840	4.1%
LOTT Clean Water Alliance ²	53,760	2,215	4.1%	111,730	4,430	4.0%
Port of Olympia	114,000	5,400	4.7%	170,500	8,300	4.9%
Thurston County PUD	114,000	5,400	4.7%	170,500	8,300	4.9%

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Table 4.4.9: Landslide Hazard Area, Valuation of Buildings and Contents by Jurisdiction, 2014

Jurisdiction		Residential			Commercial/Industrial			Government/Institutional		
		Total	In Hazard Area		Total	In Hazard Area		Total	In Hazard Area	
		Mil. \$	Mil. \$	%	Mil. \$	Mil. \$	%	Mil. \$	Mil. \$	%
Bucoda	Total	12	1	8.3%	1	0	0.0%	3	0	0.0%
Lacey	City	2,394	37	1.5%	914	21	2.3%	602	5	0.8%
	UGA	1,715	82	4.8%	69	2	2.9%	273	8	2.9%
	Total	4,109	119	2.9%	983	23	2.3%	875	13	1.5%
Olympia	City	2,695	160	5.9%	1,199	55	4.6%	1,941	125	6.4%
	UGA	785	28	3.6%	27	0	0.0%	26	0	0.0%
	Total	3,480	188	5.4%	1,226	55	4.5%	1,967	125	6.4%
Rainier	City	76	2	2.6%	5	0	0.0%	30	0	0.0%
	UGA	5	0	0.0%	0	0	-	1	0	0.0%
	Total	81	2	2.5%	5	0	0.0%	31	0	0.0%
Tenino	City	50	1	2.0%	12	0	0.0%	67	0	0.0%
	UGA	1	0	0.0%	0	0	-	0	0	-
	Total	51	1	2.0%	12	0	0.0%	67	0	0.0%
Tumwater	City	1,209	104	8.6%	528	16	3.0%	556	5	0.9%
	UGA	130	1	0.8%	13	0	0.0%	7	0	0.0%
	Total	1,339	105	7.8%	541	16	3.0%	563	5	0.9%
Yelm	City	357	4	1.1%	105	0	0.0%	140	0	0.0%
	UGA	49	1	2.0%	6	0	0.0%	13	0	0.0%
	Total	406	5	1.2%	111	0	0.0%	153	0	0.0%
Grand Mound UGA		34	0	0.0%	13	0	0.0%	5	0	0.0%
Chehalis Reservation ¹		1	0	0.0%	4	0	0.0%	0	0	-
Nisqually Reservation. ¹		16	0	0.0%	3	0	0.0%	0	0	-
Total Cities		6,793	309	4.5%	2,763	92	3.3%	3,338	135	4.0%
Total UGAs²		2,719	112	4.1%	128	2	1.6%	325	9	2.8%
Total Reservations¹		17	0	0.0%	6	0	0.0%	0	0	-
Rural Unincorp. County³		4,977	440	8.8%	113	7	6.2%	1,033	7	0.7%
Thurston County Total		14,506	861	5.9%	3,010	102	3.4%	4,696	150	3.2%

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Table 4.4.10: Landslide Hazard Area, Valuation of Buildings and Contents by Special District, 2014

Jurisdiction	Residential			Commercial/Industrial			Government/Institutional		
	Total	In Hazard Area		Total	In Hazard Area		Total	In Hazard Area	
	Mil. \$	Mil. \$	%	Mil. \$	Mil. \$	%	Mil. \$	Mil. \$	%
Fire Protection Districts									
1,11 West Thurston	979	25	2.6%	57	1	1.8%	216	3	1.4%
2, 4 S.E. Thurston	1,073	23	2.1%	133	1	0.8%	202	1	0.5%
3 Lacey	4,823	171	3.5%	1,008	23	2.3%	896	14	1.6%
5, 9 McLane-Black Lake	1,121	165	14.7%	31	1	3.2%	676	3	0.4%
6 East Olympia	743	24	3.2%	14	0	0.0%	49	0	0.0%
8 South Bay	939	78	8.3%	13	2	15.4%	47	0	0.0%
12 Tenino	277	8	2.9%	17	0	0.0%	73	0	0.0%
13 Griffin	430	76	17.7%	3	0	0.0%	26	0	0.0%
16 Gibson Valley	20	4	20.0%	0	0	-	1	0	0.0%
17 Bald Hills	176	22	12.5%	6	2	33.3%	7	0	0.0%
School Districts									
Centralia ¹	17	3	17.6%	0	0	-	1	0	0.0%
Griffin	498	104	20.9%	3	0	0.0%	26	0	0.0%
North Thurston	5,394	187	3.5%	1,292	31	2.4%	969	14	1.4%
Olympia	3,990	325	8.1%	960	50	5.2%	2,344	127	5.4%
Rainier	241	9	3.7%	11	1	9.1%	34	0	0.0%
Rochester ¹	539	9	1.7%	42	1	2.4%	187	3	1.6%
Tenino	462	21	4.5%	21	0	0.0%	81	1	1.2%
Tumwater	2,155	143	6.6%	546	17	3.1%	877	5	0.6%
Yelm ¹	1,208	60	5.0%	135	2	1.5%	176	1	0.6%
Other Districts									
Intercity Transit	9,247	442	4.8%	2,865	95	3.3%	4,172	143	3.4%
LOTT Clean Water Alliance ²	6,724	322	4.8%	2,498	86	3.4%	2,443	140	5.7%
Port of Olympia	14,506	861	5.9%	3,010	102	3.4%	4,696	150	3.2%
Thurston County PUD	14,506	861	5.9%	3,010	102	3.4%	4,696	150	3.2%

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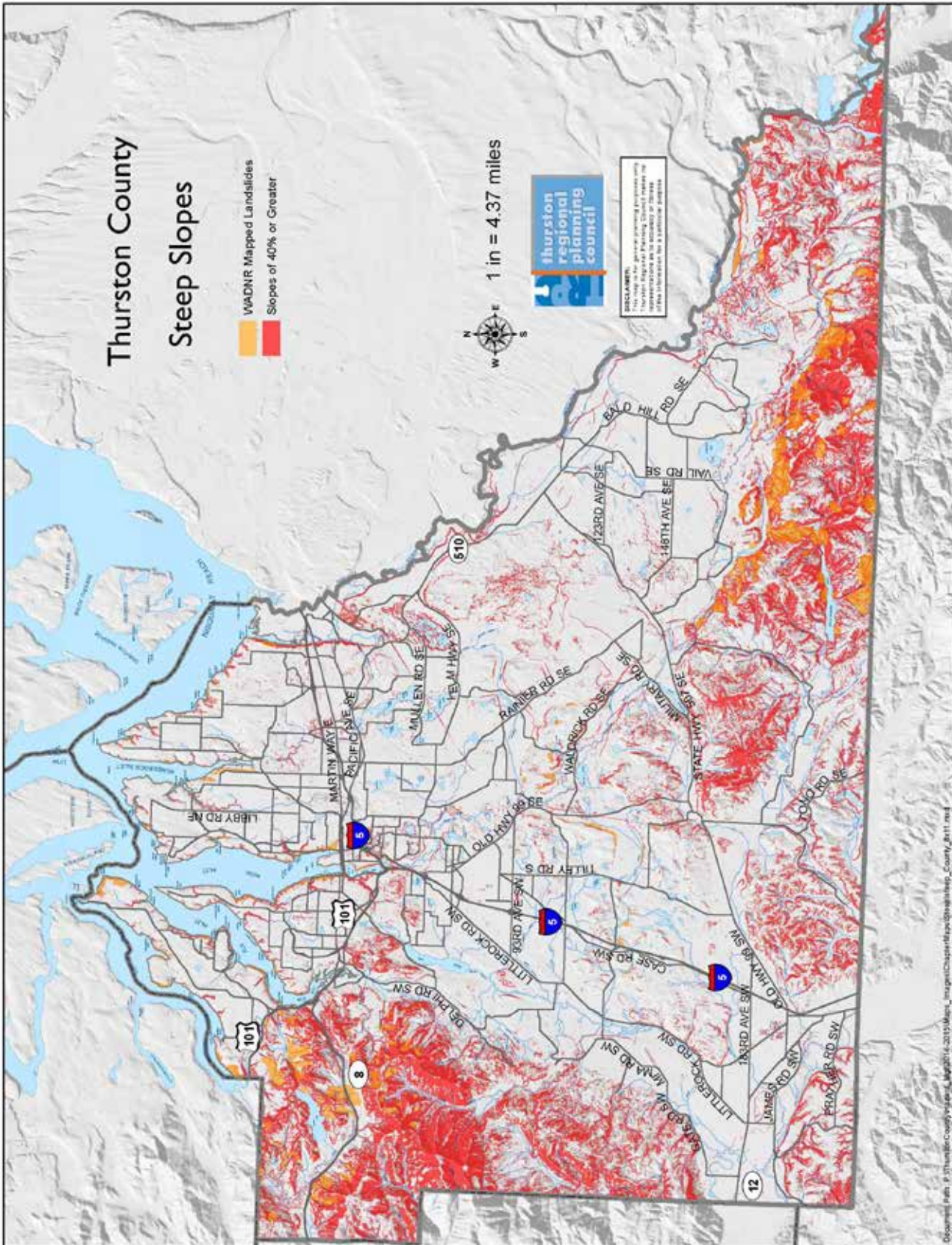
2. Includes the sewerage area.

Table 4.4.11: Essential Facilities in the Landslide Hazard Area

Facility Type	Total		In Hazard Area	
	#	#	#	%
Medical Care				
Adult Family Home	124	1	1	0.8%
Assisted Living	14	0	0	0.0%
Dentist	110	1	1	0.9%
Dialysis Center	3	0	0	0.0%
Funeral Home	6	0	0	0.0%
Hospital	2	0	0	0.0%
Nursing Home	7	1	1	14.3%
Pharmacy	42	0	0	0.0%
Primary Care	91	0	0	0.0%
Urgent Care	6	0	0	0.0%
Government				
Court Services	3	0	0	0.0%
Cultural Significance	2	0	0	0.0%
Detention/Corrections	1	0	0	0.0%
Fairgrounds	35	0	0	0.0%
Fire Service	53	0	0	0.0%
Government Services	56	3	3	5.4%
Health and Human Services	2	0	0	0.0%
Law and Justice	4	0	0	0.0%
Law Enforcement	8	0	0	0.0%
Port Facilities	35	0	0	0.0%
Public Education	344	0	0	0.0%
Public Higher Education	52	0	0	0.0%
Public Works	33	0	0	0.0%
Solid Waste	20	0	0	0.0%
Transit	4	0	0	0.0%
Utilities	238	7	7	2.9%
Transportation (Centerline Miles)				
Roads	2,210	113	113	5.1%
Intercity Transit Routes	157	5	5	3.2%
Rural Transit Routes	96	6	6	6.5%

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Map 4.4.1: Steep Slopes



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