



Lewis County 2045

Shaping the Future of Lewis County

Planning Commission Workshop

Lewis County 2045 Comprehensive Plan

January 2025



Introduction

January 28 Agenda – Project Overview, Existing Conditions Briefing

- Recap previous Planning Commission (PC) and Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) workshops
- Engagement results
- Overview of climate element requirements

Preliminary Draft Policies:

- Climate, resiliency, emergency preparedness
- Transportation and capital facilities
- Economic development
- Implementation – How will we get this done?

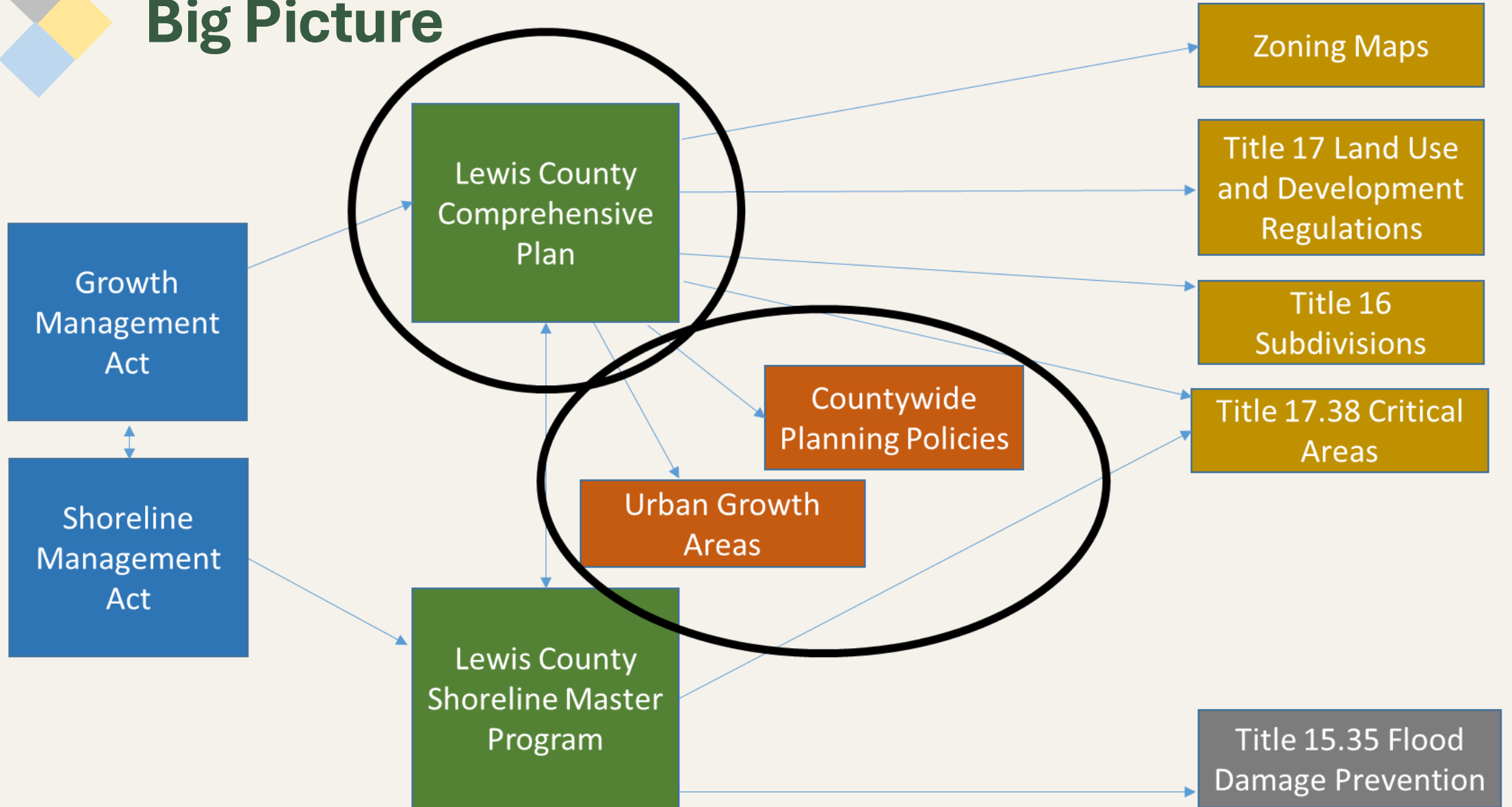


2025 Planning Commission Schedule

January	Workshop Comprehensive Plan – High Level Project	January 14, 2025
	Workshop Comprehensive Plan – Proposed Policy Changes & Implementation	January 28, 2025
February	Workshop Comprehensive Plan – Proposed Policy Changes & Implementation	February 11, 2025
	Workshop Onalaska Subarea Plan – Overview and Proposed Policies	February 25, 2025
March	Workshop Packwood Subarea Plan – Overview and Proposed Policies	March 11, 2025
	Hearing Onalaska Subarea Plan	March 25, 2025
April	Hearing Packwood Urban Growth Area (UGA)	April 8, 2025
	Hearing Comprehensive Plan	April 22, 2025
May	Workshop Development Regulations – Overview & Proposed Changes	May 13, 2025
	Workshop Development Regulations – Proposed Changes	May 27, 2025
June	Workshop Critical Areas – Overview and Proposed Changes	June 10, 2025
	Hearing Development Regulations	June 24, 2025
July	Hearing Critical Areas Ordinance	July 8, 2025



Big Picture





Recap of PC and BOCC Priorities



PC and BOCC Priorities

Land Use – Continue exploring how land use can bolster economic development and funding for infrastructure. Improving planning and permitting.

Rural Areas – Clearly establish rural character and rural land use designations.

Housing – Short-term rentals and funding mechanisms to support housing programs and infrastructure.

Transportation – Public transit expansion; continued focus on infrastructure improvements.

Capital Facilities & Utilities – Prioritize funding for communication systems.

Resource Lands – Emphasis on conservation.



PC and BOCC Priorities Continued

Economic Development – Explore ways to decrease light and other pollution with increase in tourism. Transition to green industries/green jobs. I-5 Corridor improvements. Expansion of energy industries.

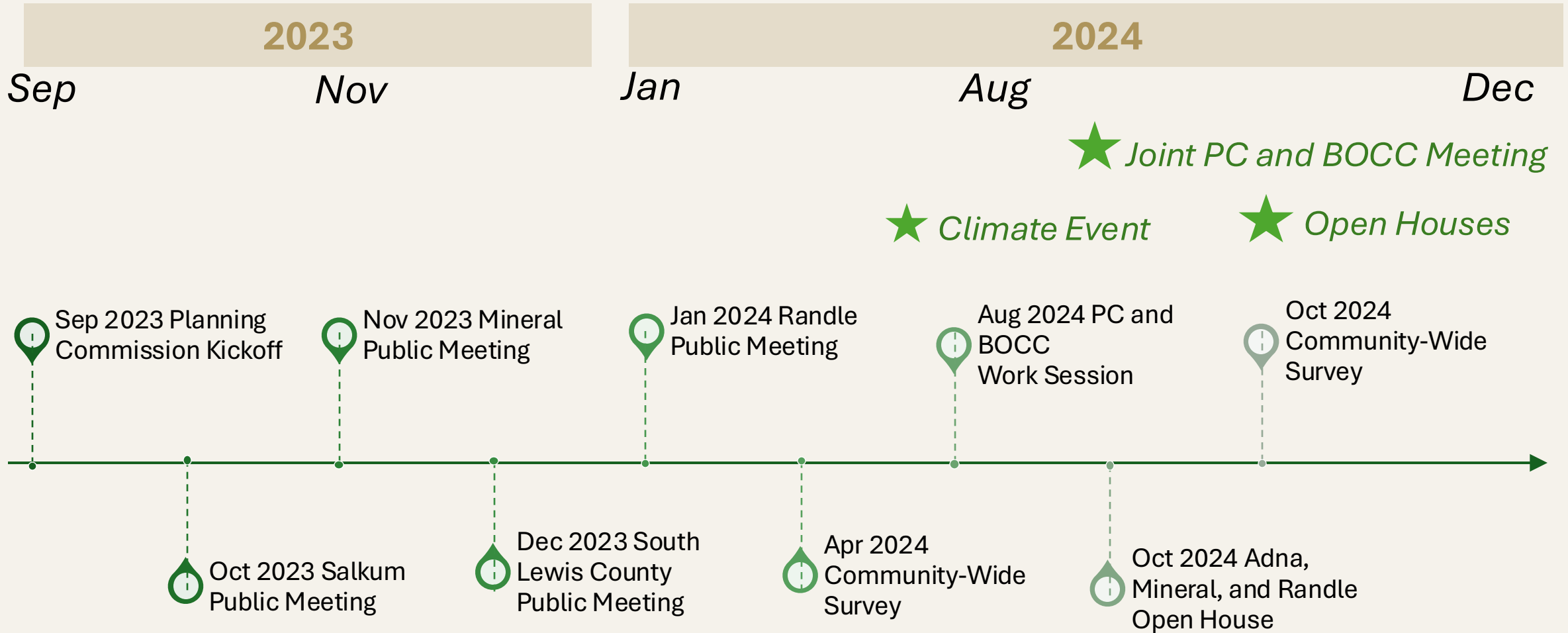
Climate & Resiliency – Clearly communicate and educate on critical areas and floodplains. Increase mitigation and planning for fire mitigation.



Community Engagement



Engagement Timeline





Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) and Climate & Resiliency



Climate & Resiliency Element

The Climate & Resiliency Element must establish specific goals, policies, and programs designed to:

- Identify, protect, and enhance natural areas to foster resiliency to climate impacts;
- Identify, protect, and enhance community resiliency to climate impacts; and
- Address natural hazards created or aggravated by climate, including sea level rise, landslides, flooding, drought, heat, smoke, wildfire, and other effects of changes to temperature and precipitation patterns.



Hazard Mitigation Plan Summary

Identify risks from hazards (should they occur) and prioritize strategies to reduce impacts.

- Address the Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA)
- Coordinate with partners to address hazards
- Create a risk assessment of County hazards
- Identify roles of partners between planning, funding, and mitigation
- Coordinate plans and programs to mitigate possible disaster impacts



Climate & Resiliency Analysis Findings Summary

Climate Memos A & B

Memos to the Planning Commission were provided on July 16, 2024.

Planning Commission workshop was held on July 23rd, 2024.

Available on webpage:

<https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/community-development/boards-commissions/lewis-county-planning-commission/>



Proposed Policy Revisions



Policy Revision Methodology

- Goals are a broad, long-term vision or desired outcome that a community, organization, or government wants to achieve.
- Policies are specific guidelines or principles that provide direction on how to achieve the overarching goals outlined in the plan, sometimes these are listed as actions.

Example:

Goal: Promote compact development patterns to preserve natural resources, reduce urban sprawl, and enhance community livability.

Policy: Allow compact developments and conservation subdivisions in rural areas.



Policy Revision Methodology

- Growth Management Act (GMA) – Recommendations to align policies with recent state legislative changes.
- Regional/Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) – Recommendations to align with policies with CPPs.
- Community Vision – Recommendations based on community feedback collected through engagement.
- County Vision – Recommendations to align policies with vision of BOCC, PC, Staff, and adopted County plans.
- Administrative Cleanup – Recommendations to make the policies clear, concise, and actionable. Clearly identify what is being implemented.



Policy Revision Methodology

- *Land Use Element*
- *Housing Element*
- ***Transportation Element***
- ***Capital Facilities and Utilities Element***
- ***Economic Development Element***
- ***Climate and Resiliency Element***



Climate & Resiliency Policies



Climate & Resiliency Element

The topics covered in the climate and resiliency element are...

- Hazard ready design
- Historical and cultural resources
- Emergency preparedness
- Evacuation systems
- Public health and wellbeing
- Governance/funding



Climate & Resiliency Element Goals and Policies Summaries (7 Total)

- **CR 1.0 Prepare buildings against potential hazards.** Fire resilience, utility improvements for subdivisions, improve existing utility infrastructure to buildings.
- **CR 2.0 Preserve historic and cultural resources against hazards.** Provide education and outreach, protect significant historic sites.
- **CR 3.0 Enhance emergency preparedness.** Map infrastructure vulnerable to hazards, provide education, outreach, signage, and establish communication systems.
- **CR 4.0 Evacuation systems.** Assess vulnerability, bolster infrastructure, seek funding for new projects.



Climate & Resiliency Element Goals (7 Total)

- **CR 5.0 Public health and wellbeing.** Prioritize hazard mitigation on vulnerable populations; work with property owners, schools, other groups, to protect from hazards.
- **CR 6.0 Governance.** Work on improving County staffing, funding, permitting, regulations, etc. to support this new element.
- **CR 7.0 Funding.** Work on building new sources of funding and exploring grants to support the new element and associated actions.



Transportation Policies



Transportation Element

The topics covered in the transportation element are...

- Safety
- Resilient transportation
- Coordinated systems
- Financially feasible
- Environmentally Sound
- Freight
- Airports
- Military routes
- Transit
- Signs and wayfinding
- Levels of service
- Roadway design



Revised Transportation Goals and Policies Summaries

- **T 2.0 Resilient.** Improve transportation system that minimizes impacts from flood, wildfire, and other natural hazards.
- **T 8.0 Airports.** Preserve existing airport infrastructure and its benefit to emergency services.
- **T 10.0 Rail.** Preserve and improve existing rail routes that minimize vulnerability and risk from hazards.
- **T 11.0 Multi-Modal Transportation.** Expand multi-modal options in limited areas of more intensive rural development (LAMIRDs) and UGAs.



Capital Facilities and Utilities



Capital Facilities and Utilities Element

The topics covered in the capital facilities and utilities element are...

- Coordination
- Concurrency and levels of service
- Financially feasible
- Energy and sustainability
- Environmentally sensitive
- County buildings and Facilities
- Parks
- Schools
- Water
- Sewer
- Stormwater
- Solid waste
- Electricity
- Gas
- Telecommunications
- Broadband
- Essential public facilities



New/Revised Capital Facilities Goals and Policies Summaries

- **CF 5.0 Energy and Sustainability.** Transitioning County facilities to energy efficient or electric. Retrofitting buildings, exploring ways to implement electric vehicles.
- **CF 7.0 County Buildings.** Continue efficiently using existing County buildings and focus County resources geographically.
- **CF 17.0 Broadband.** Strengthen coordination and funding allocation for continued broadband expansion.
- **CF 18.0 Fire Districts.** Continued coordination, data sharing and support between the fire districts and the County.



Economic Development



Economic Development Element

The topics covered in the economic development element are...

- Diverse employment base
- Resilient economic activities
- Natural resource industries
- Business retention and expansion
- Tourism
- Energy and sustainability
- Partnerships



New Economic Development Goals and Policies Summaries

- **ED 2.0 Resilient Economic Activities.** Infrastructure investments, support businesses in climate preparedness, transitioning industries, explore impacts of hazards to tourism industry.



Implementation



Implementation Example

Goal CR 1.0 Ensure that buildings and utilities are designed and built sustainably to reduce environmental impacts and remain resilient to extreme weather and other hazards.

Policy CR 1.2 Adopt fire-resilience standards for new and redeveloped sites in high-risk wildfire areas.

Policy CR 1.3 Design existing buildings for passive survivability to ensure that they will stay at a safe temperature for occupants if the power goes out.



Next Meeting:

**February 11 – Goals, Policies, and
Maps**

Land Use and Housing Elements



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Questions?

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Reference Slides



2023-2024 Engagement Recap



Continued Public Participation

Continuous public participation is required for updating the Comprehensive Plan. (RCW 3670A.140, WAC 365-196-600)

A final community engagement report is included in the Comprehensive Plan and provides summaries for:

- Public meetings
- Open houses
- Community-wide surveys
- Pop-up events
- Climate related engagement

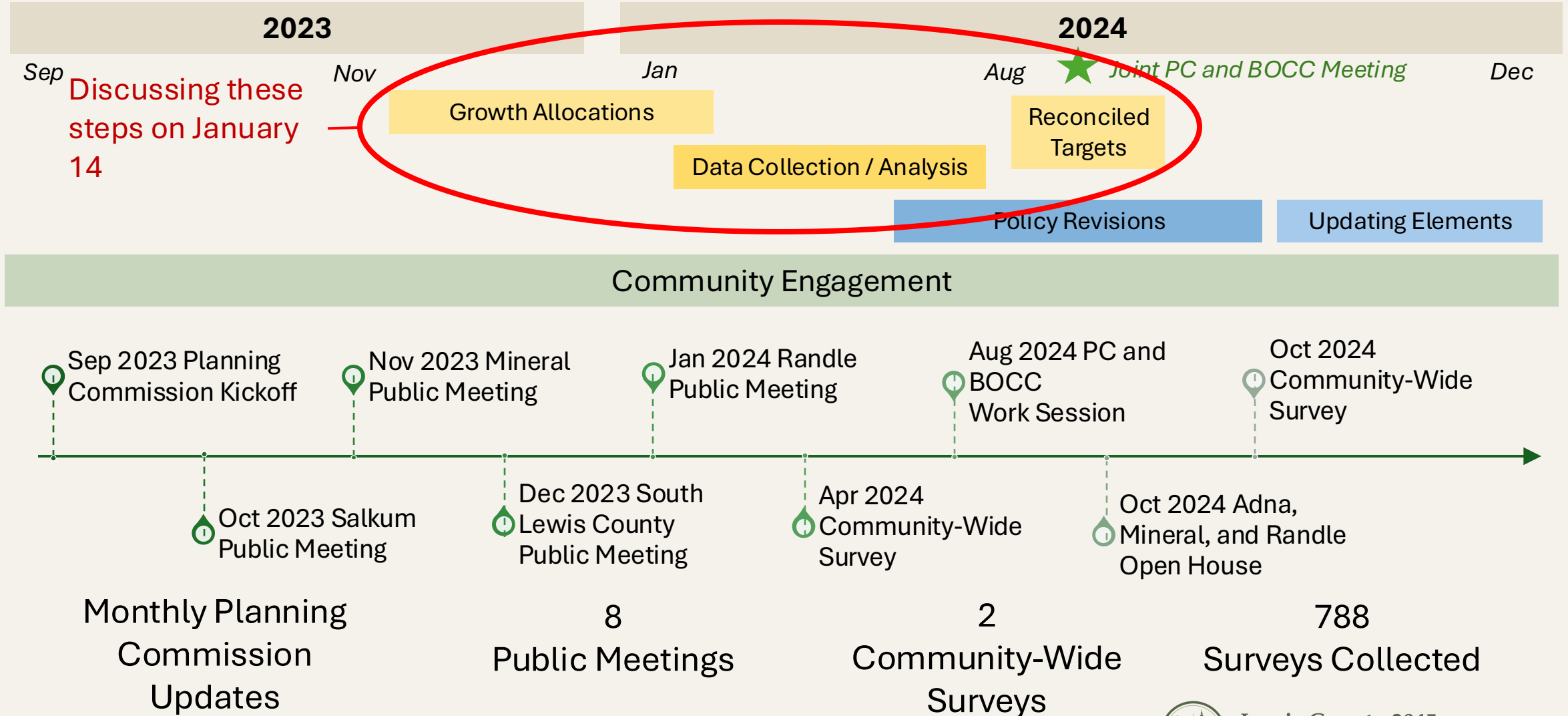


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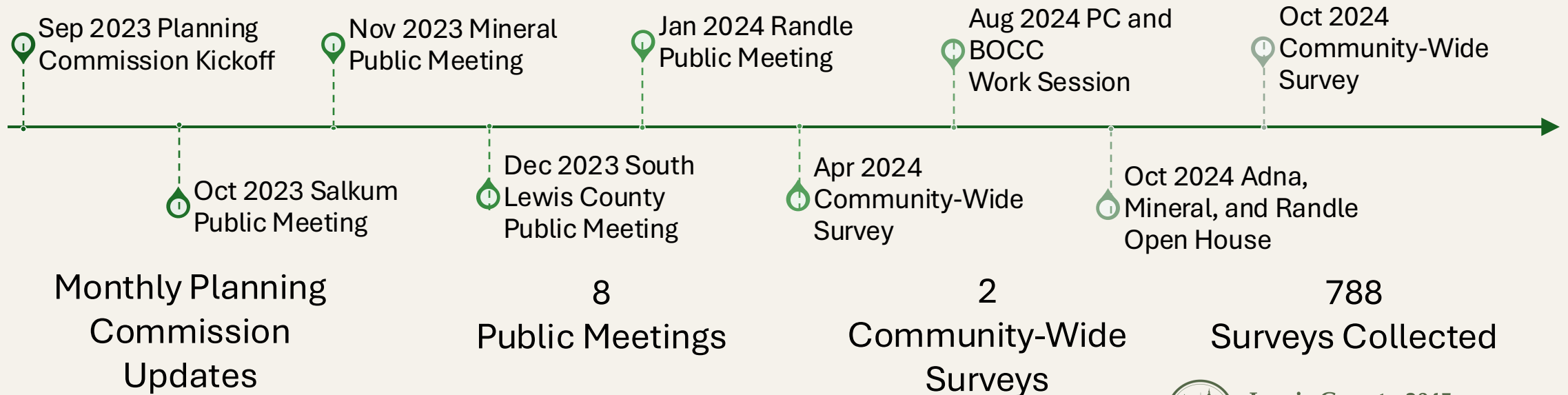
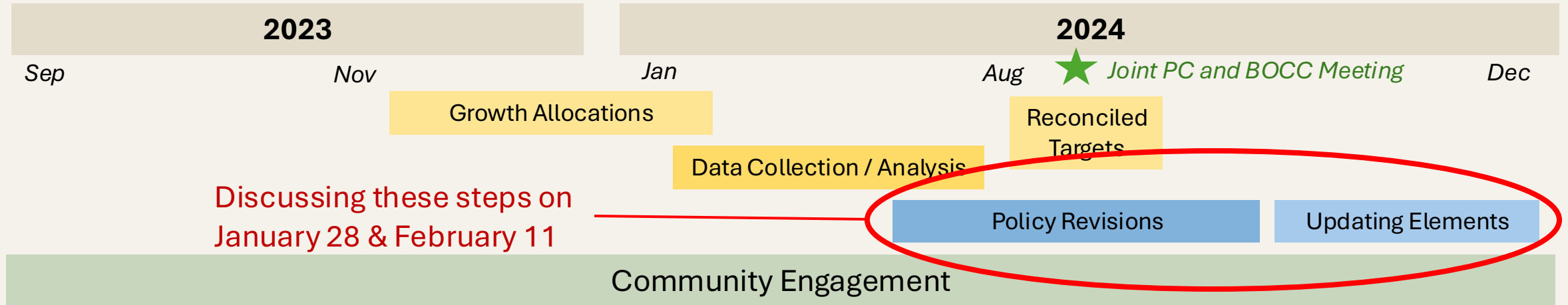


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February 11 Agenda – Project Overview, Existing Conditions Briefing

- Engagement results related to land use (UGA, rural, natural resource lands) and housing
- Summary of land use and housing analysis
- Updates to draft land use, urban growth areas, rural, and natural resource lands
- Updates to housing policies
- Updates to the economic development policies
- Implementation – How will we get this done?