



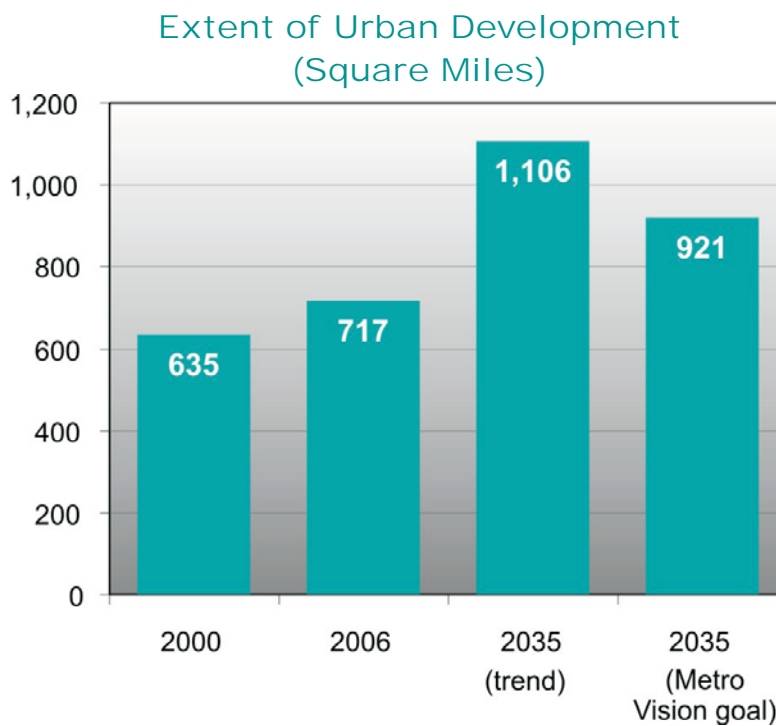
Urban Area Consumption

Goal: Ensure that urban development occurs within a defined urban growth boundary/area (UGB/A) to promote an orderly, compact and efficient pattern of future development.

Policy: Accommodate our region's growth to 2035 within an urbanized area of no more than 921 square miles.

Measure: Expansion of the urbanized area. The numbers below reflect DRCOG's new method of mapping the urban area and therefore are not directly comparable to the previous indicators report.

Conclusions: In 2006, the urban area was 717 square miles. To meet the 921-square mile goal in 2035, our region must develop an average of no more than seven square miles of urban land per year. Between 2000 and 2006, however, our region added 82 square miles of urban development, an average of nearly 14 square miles per year.



If this trend continues, the urbanized area will exceed the 921-square-mile goal by 2022, and reach 1,106 square miles by 2035.

Action Steps: To meet the goal for urban area consumption, our region can take the following actions:

- Avoid urban development outside the region's UGB/A.
- Provide only transportation facilities and services consistent with the UGB/A.
- Provide only water and wastewater services consistent with the UGB/A.