

Vancouver's Next Community Plans

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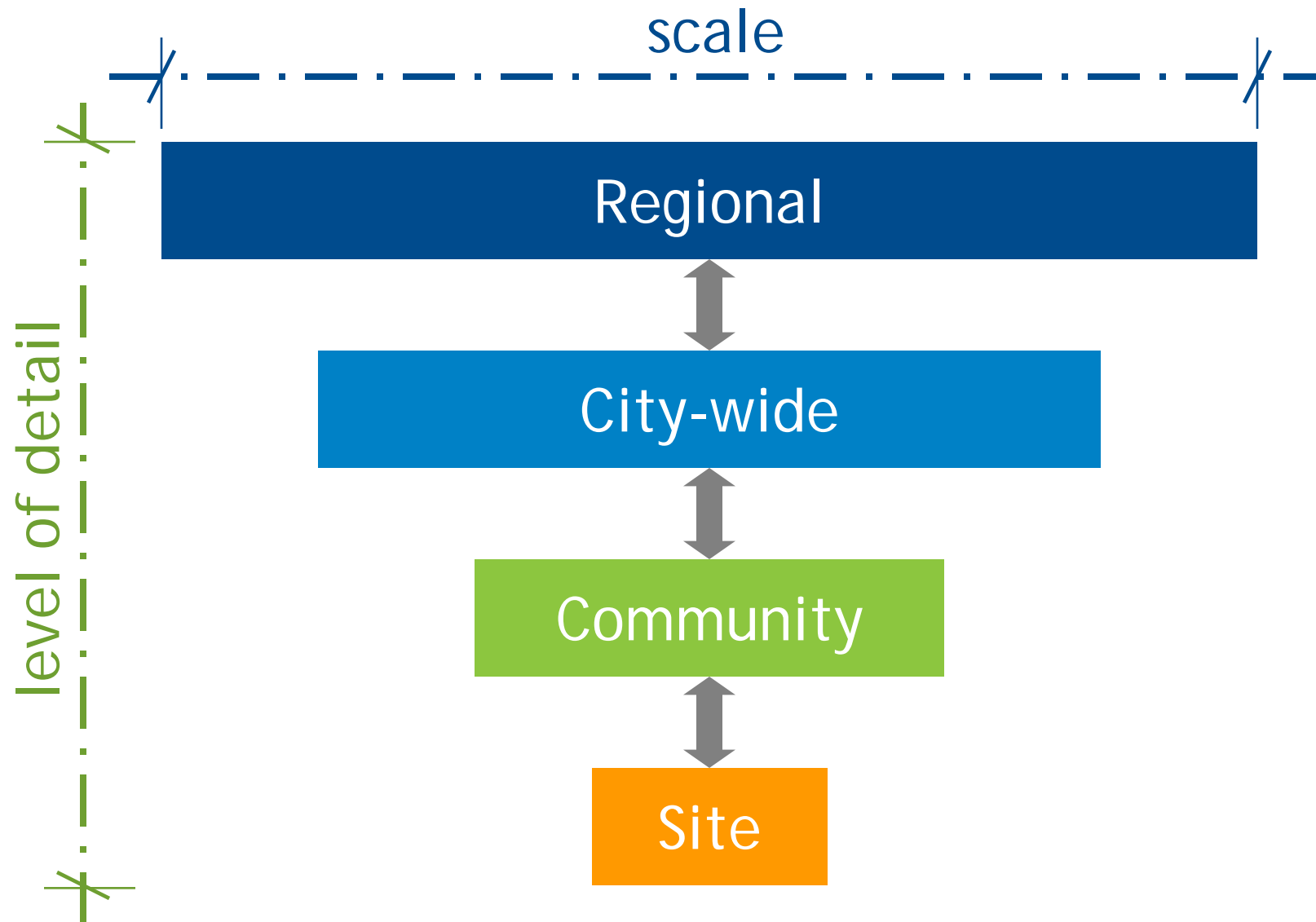




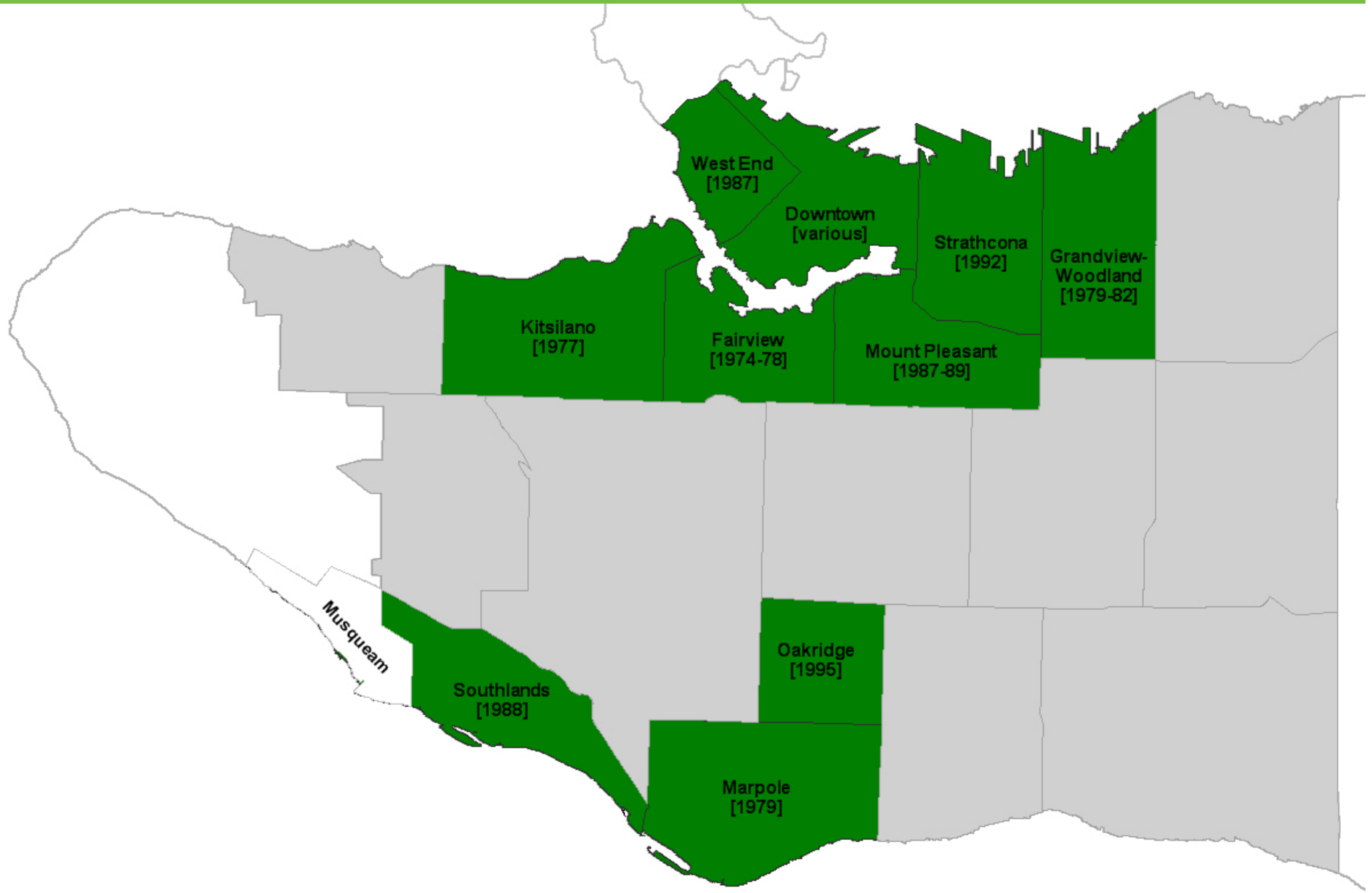
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- Background – hierarchy, history, priority areas
- Renewing our approach – four themes
- Resourcing and launching three Community Plans

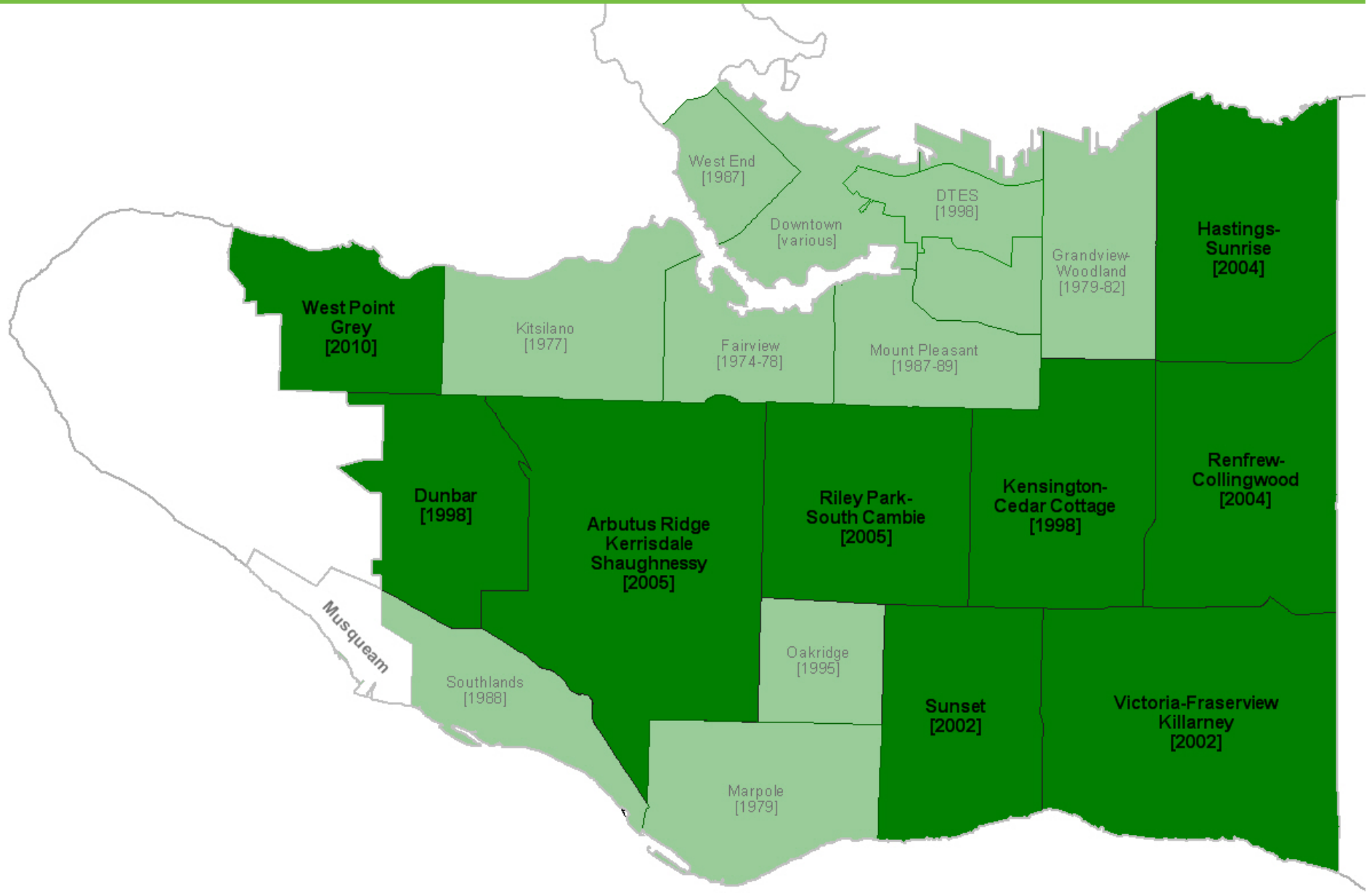
Planning at Multiple Scales



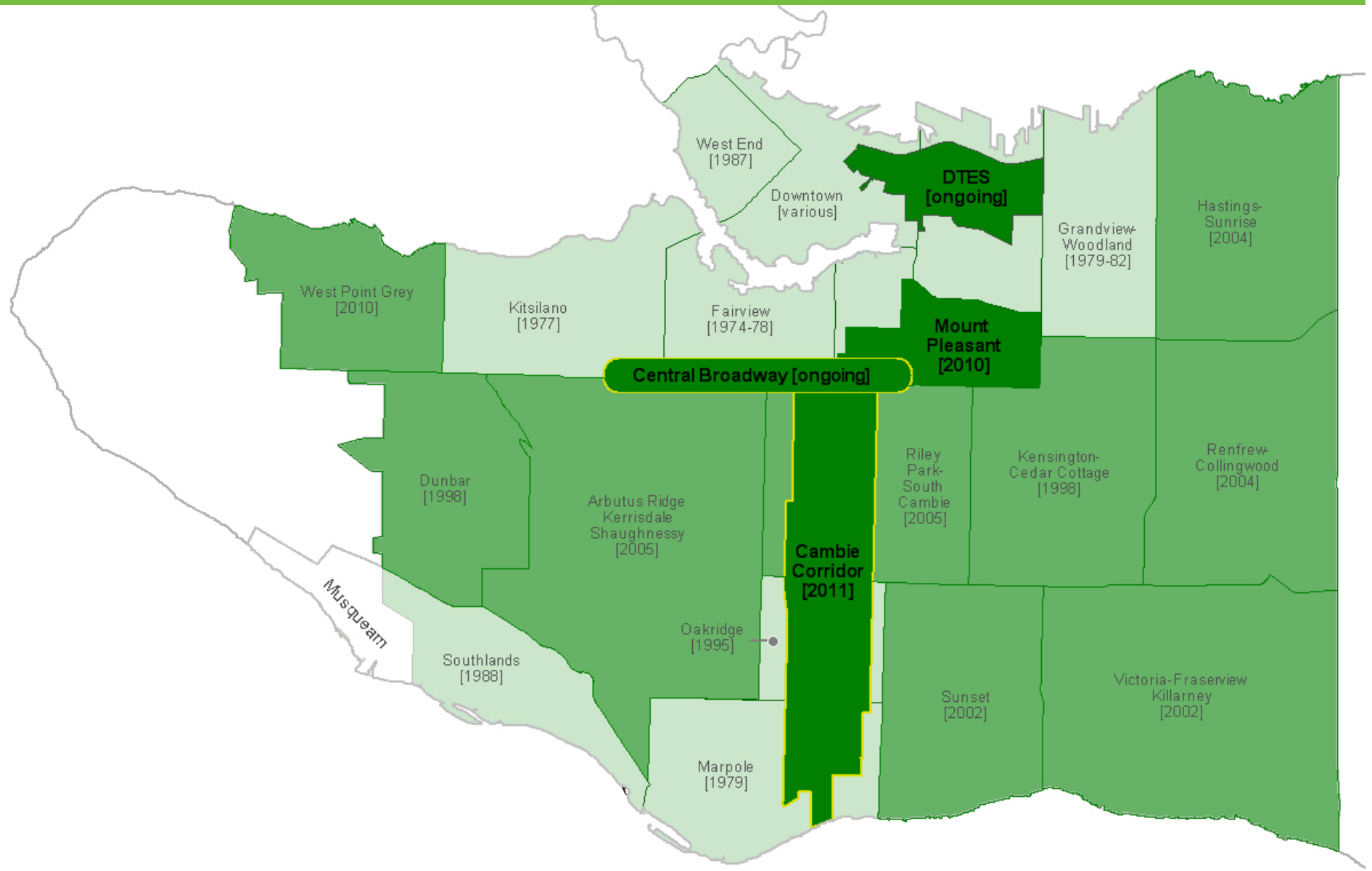
1974-1995: Local Area Plans



1995-2010: Visions



2007-Present: Mount Pleasant, Corridor Planning, Downtown East Side



- 1. Development Pressures**
- 2. Appropriate and Affordable Housing**
- 3. Traffic and Transportation**
- 4. Recreational and Social Services**
- 5. Community Cohesion**
- 6. Quality of Life**
- 7. Community Heritage and Character**

Priorities for an updated plan:

- 1. Grandview-Woodland**
- 2. Marpole**
- 3. West End**

Next in line: Fairview, Kitsilano



Renewing our Approach - Key Themes



Responding to the major challenges



Improving and diversifying public engagement



Addressing development pressures and amenity delivery



Quicker, more nimble processes



Responding to the major challenges

- Convergence of serious challenges e.g. climate change, housing affordability
- Tension between “top-down” and “bottom-up” planning



Responding to the major challenges

- Establish neighbourhood role in addressing major challenges
- Plans to support regional and city-wide policy objectives
- Enable distinct responses – city of diverse neighbourhoods
- Flexibility to adapt to future challenges – not a blueprint



Improving and diversifying public engagement

- Strong desire for more community involvement in planning
- Need to strengthen relationship between City Hall and neighbourhoods
- Need to broaden participation to reflect diversity of communities



Improving and diversifying public engagement

- More transparent communication about City objectives
- Bringing together diverse viewpoints
- Better outreach to under-represented demographics
- New techniques, but maintain face-to-face dialogue



Addressing development pressures and amenity delivery

- Increasing development pressures in established neighbourhoods as city grows and changes
- Plans can be too vague and/or dated
- Mismatch between needs and City's ability to deliver amenities and services



Addressing development pressures and amenity delivery

- Clear, resilient but flexible guidance on the key issues
- Coordinate plan-making with subsequent development processes
- Establish amenity priorities – not a wish-list
- Promote efficient delivery of services e.g. multi-use facilities



Quicker, more nimble processes

- Current processes too long
- High demand for planning, limited resources
- Increasing complexity of issues
- Achieving buy-in takes time

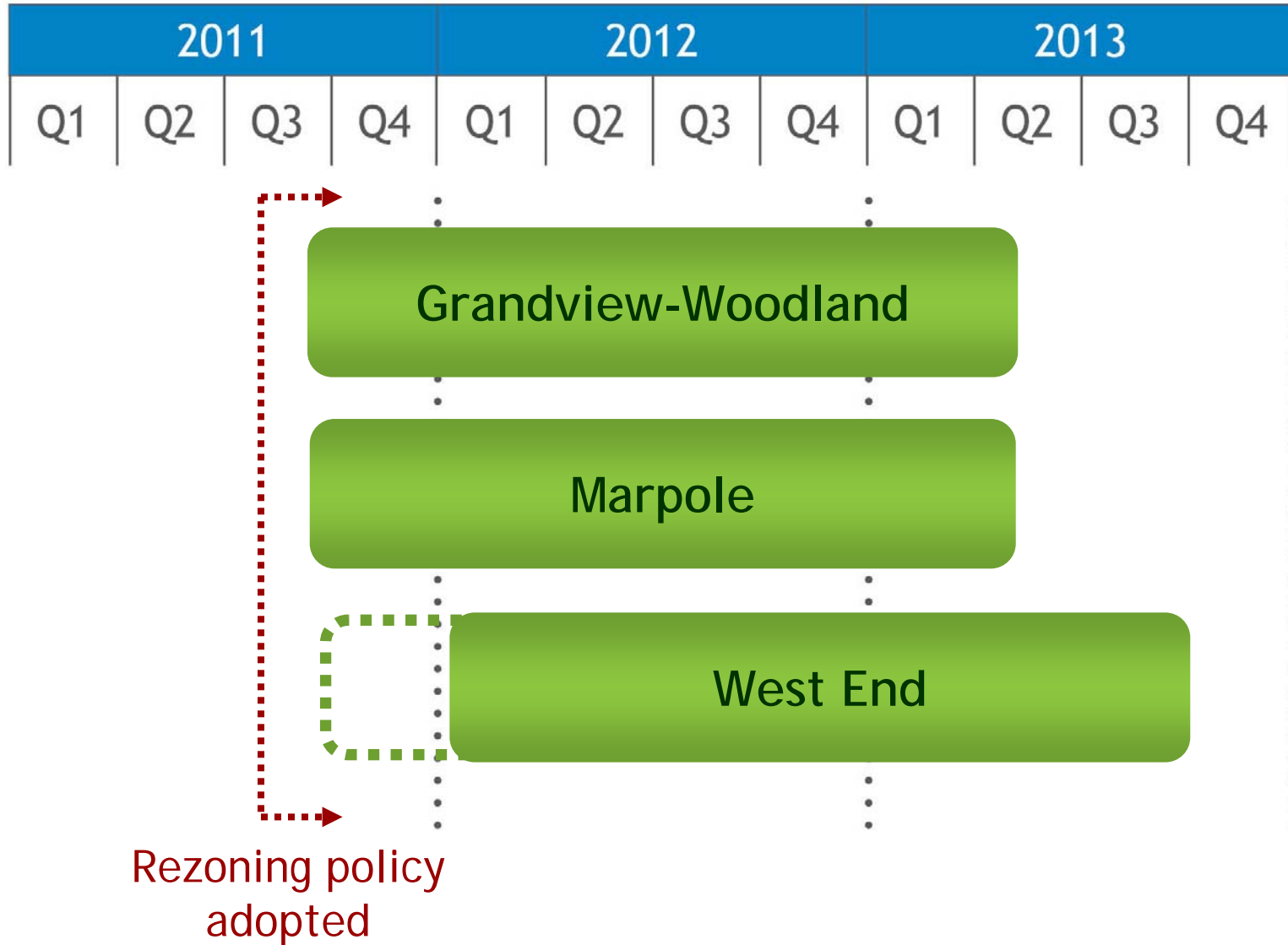


Quicker, more nimble processes

- Less linear, more integrated steps
- Focus on most pressing issues and areas
- Taking action while planning, where feasible

- During plan creation, new rezonings will be limited to:
 - Public or non-profit institutional, recreational or cultural uses
 - Social or supportive housing
 - Heritage retention
 - Neighbourhood housing demonstration projects
 - Minor ‘housekeeping’ amendments
 - Other projects if merited under exceptional circumstances

Community Plans: Launch



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