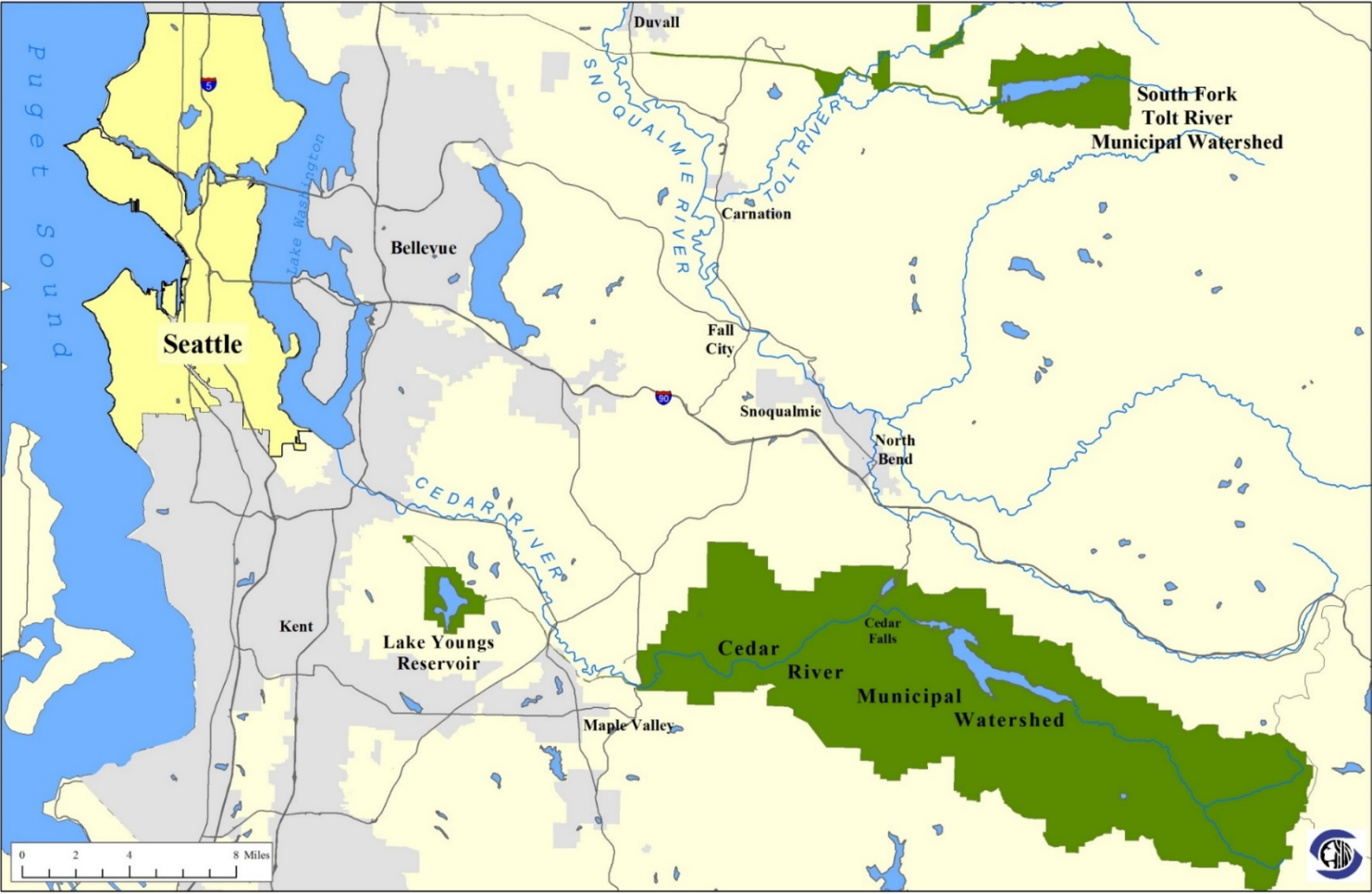


Extending Authority for Cedar River Watershed Ecological Thinning

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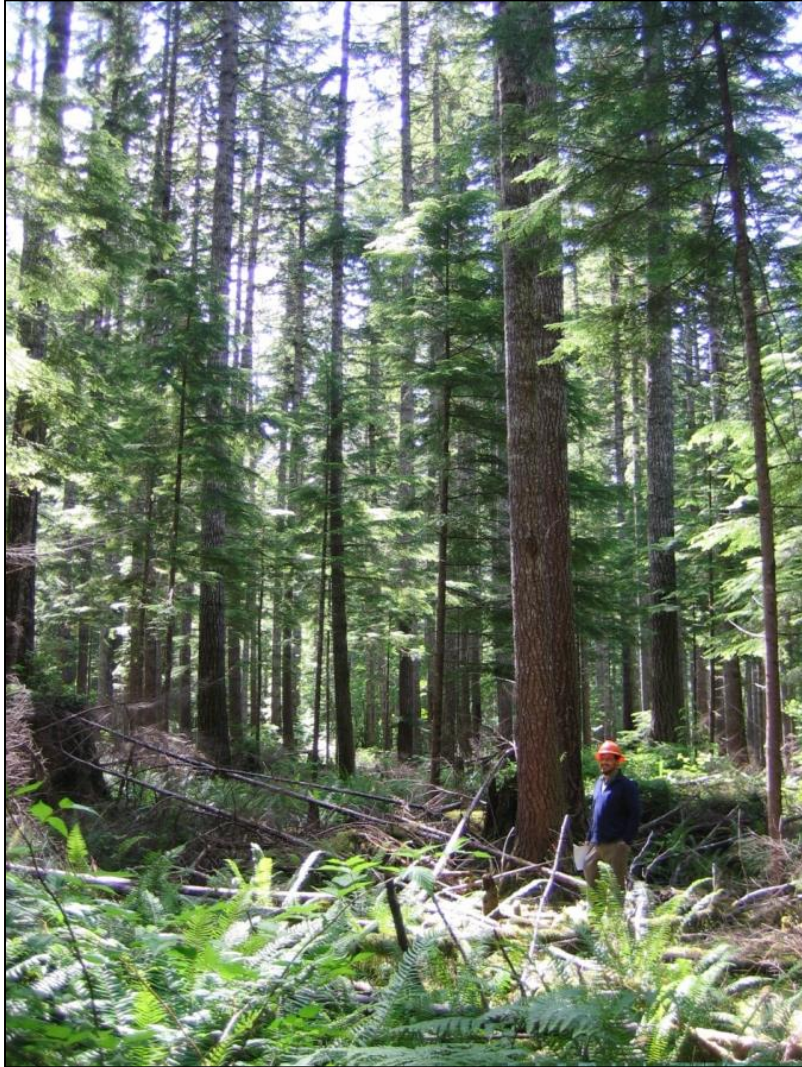
Seattle's Municipal Source Water System



Cedar River Watershed Habitat Conservation Plan

- Approved in 2000 to provide Incidental Take Permit for SPU to manage Cedar River water supply system
- Regulatory certainty for municipal water supply
- Long-term commitment to restore watershed ecosystems
- Upland Forest Restoration Program
- Strategies: Protection, thinning, and planting

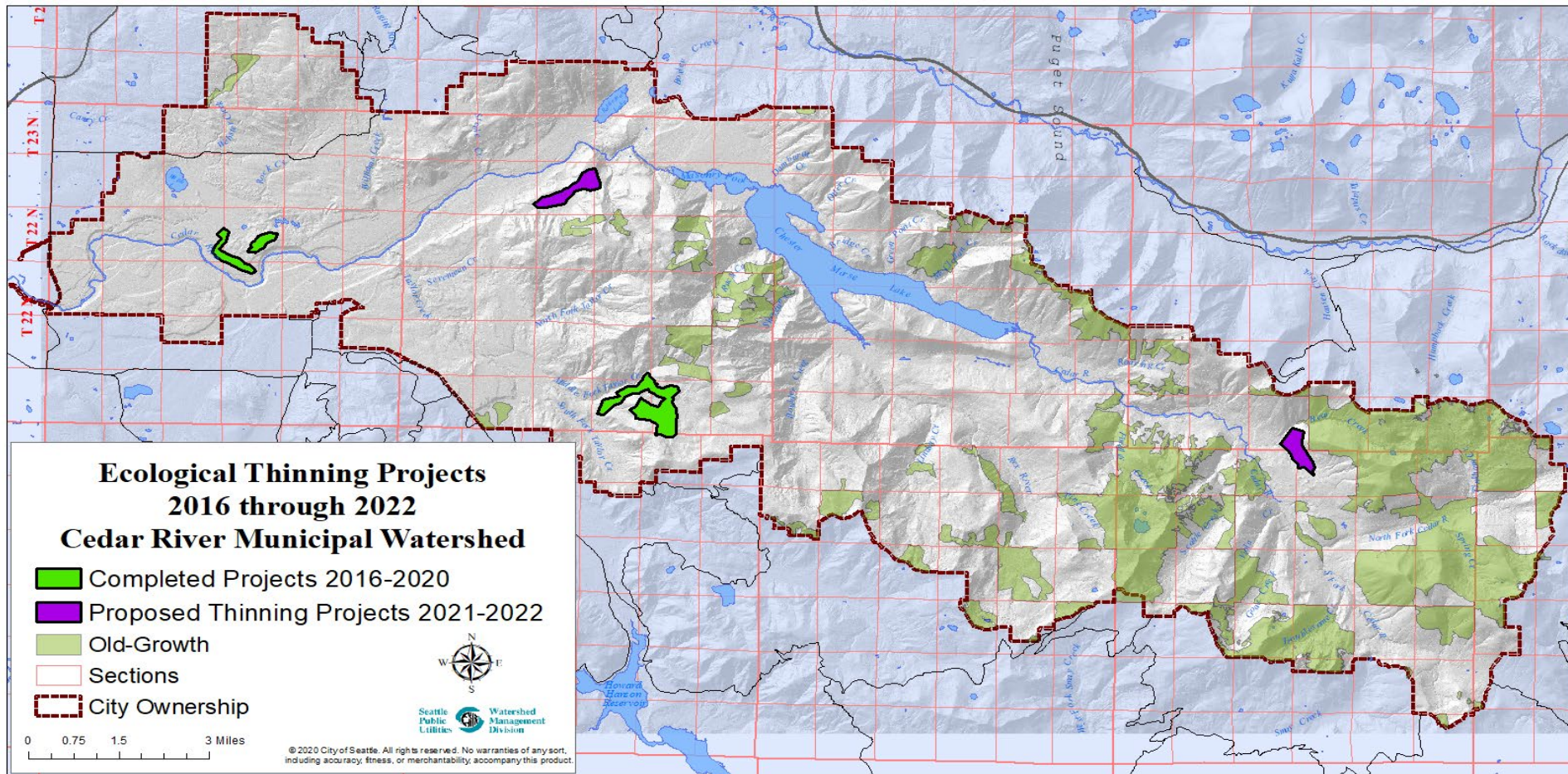
Benefits of Ecological Thinning Program



- Improve wildlife habitat
- Increase watershed resilience
- Meet regulatory commitments
- Sale of surplus logs offsets implementation cost

Cost and Revenue:

- Annual Program Cost: \$ 80,000 (Water Fund)
- Estimated Revenue from Surplus Log Sale: \$100,000 (Water Fund)



Opportunities

- Collaborate with Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
- Support local and regional economy
- Engage with stakeholders



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SPU requests Ordinance Authority to:

- Extend existing extend ecological thinning for two years (2021-2022)
- Sell up to 3 million board feet from 225 acres in the Cedar River Watershed
- Deposit net revenue to the Water Fund to offset costs of HCP implementation