

Watershed Protection Ordinance (WPO): Summary of Proposed Ordinance Elements

**Introducing proposed code changes for
the Watershed Protection Ordinance to
kick off the second round of
Stakeholder meetings.**

December 5, 2012

Council Resolution

- 1. Creek Protection**
- 2. Floodplain Protection**
- 3. Development Patterns & Greenways**
- 4. Improved Stormwater Controls**
- 5. Mitigation Options**
- 6. Simplify Regulations & Maintain Opportunity**
- 7. Coordinate with Regional Partners**

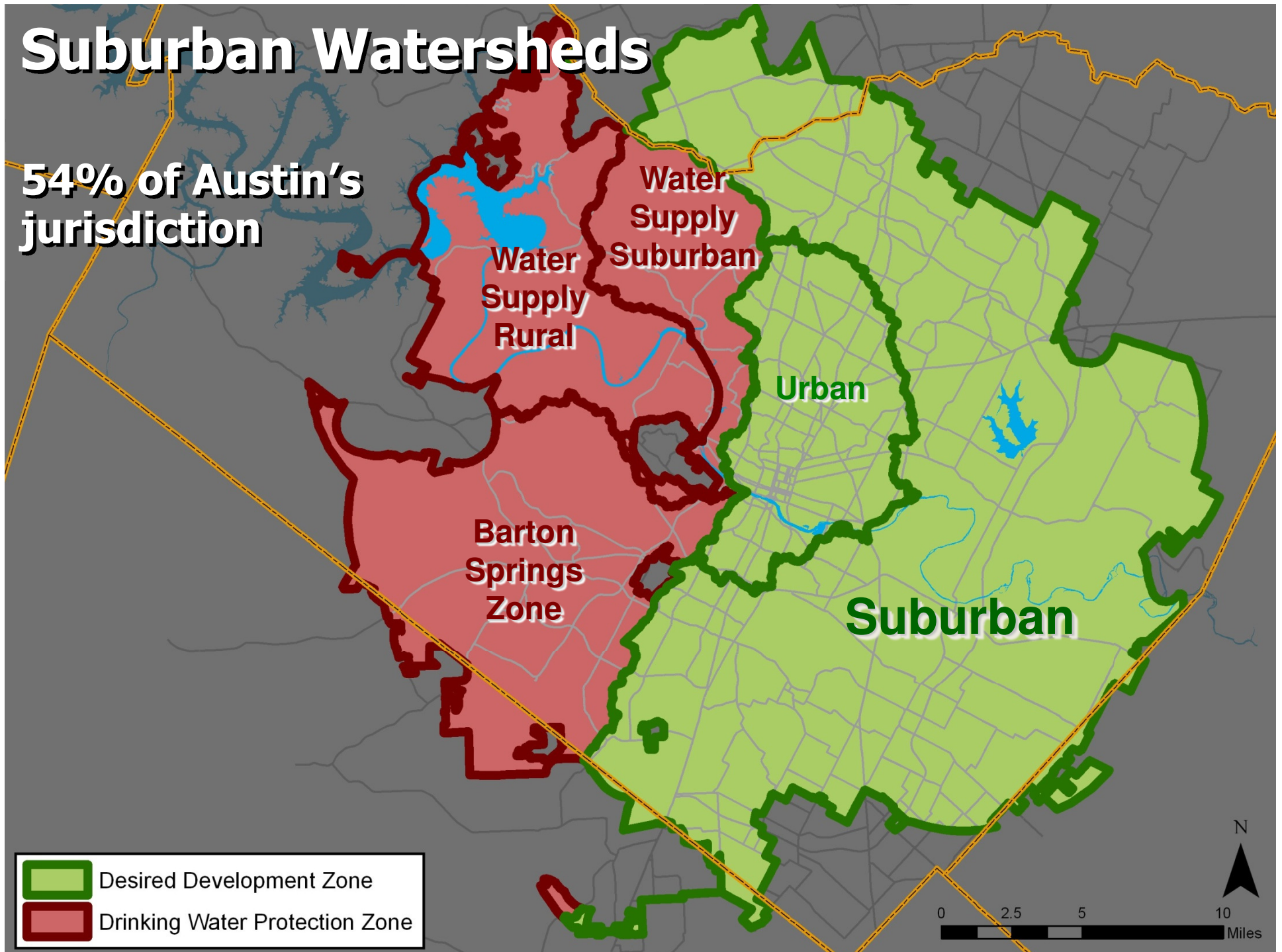
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Anticipated Benefits

- **Bring best of watershed science into code**
- **Improved stream buffers, especially in east**
- **Restoration of natural floodplain function**
- **Sustainable maintenance of waterways**
- **Complements trail & greenway system**
- **Simpler buffer & site rules**
- **Majority of properties maintain existing development potential & increase flexibility**

Suburban Watersheds

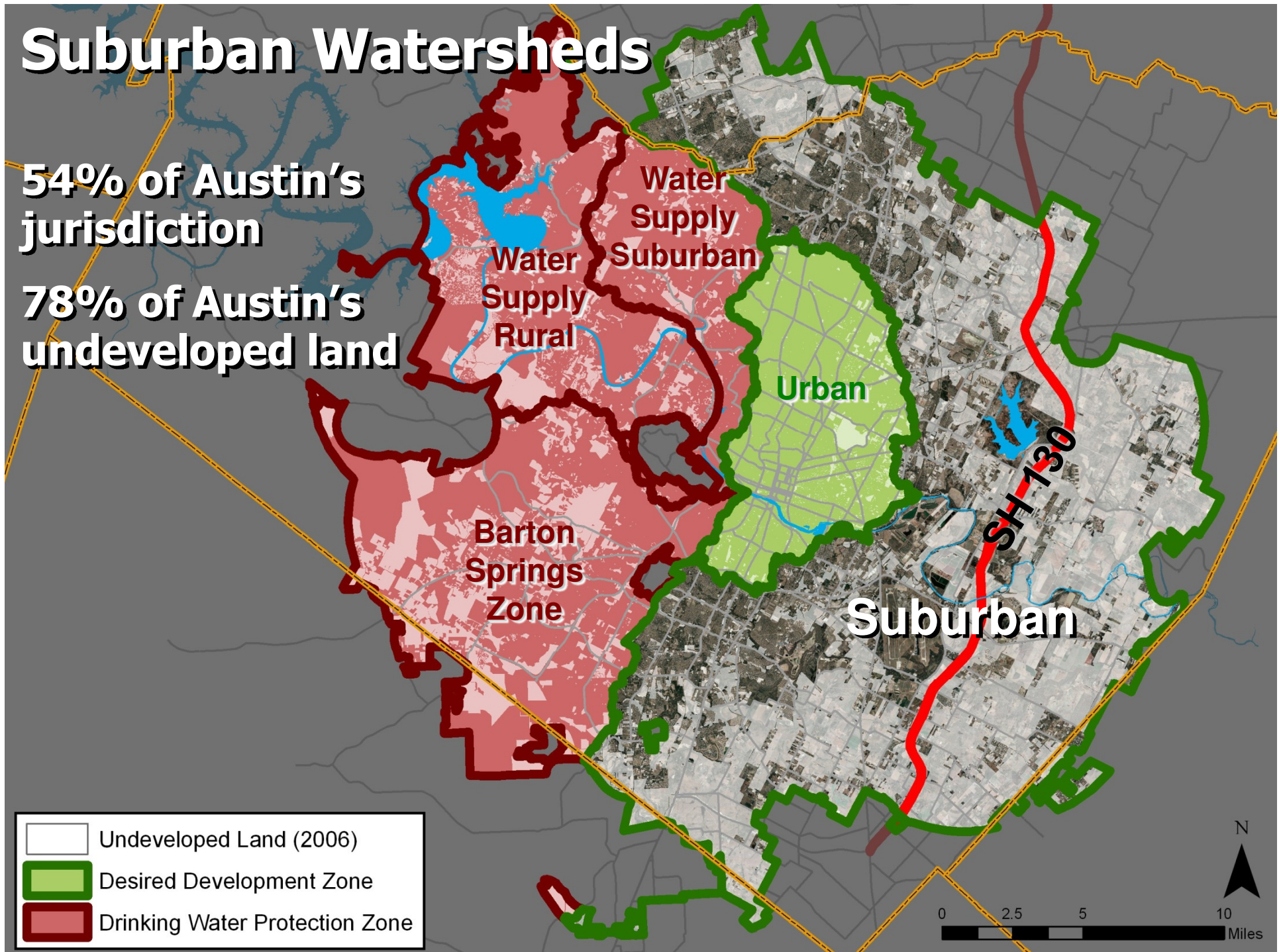
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Nearly 1 in 6 acres in 100-year floodplain

Water Supply Suburban 4%

Water Supply Rural 5%

Urban 6%

Barton Springs Zone 9%

Suburban 16%

