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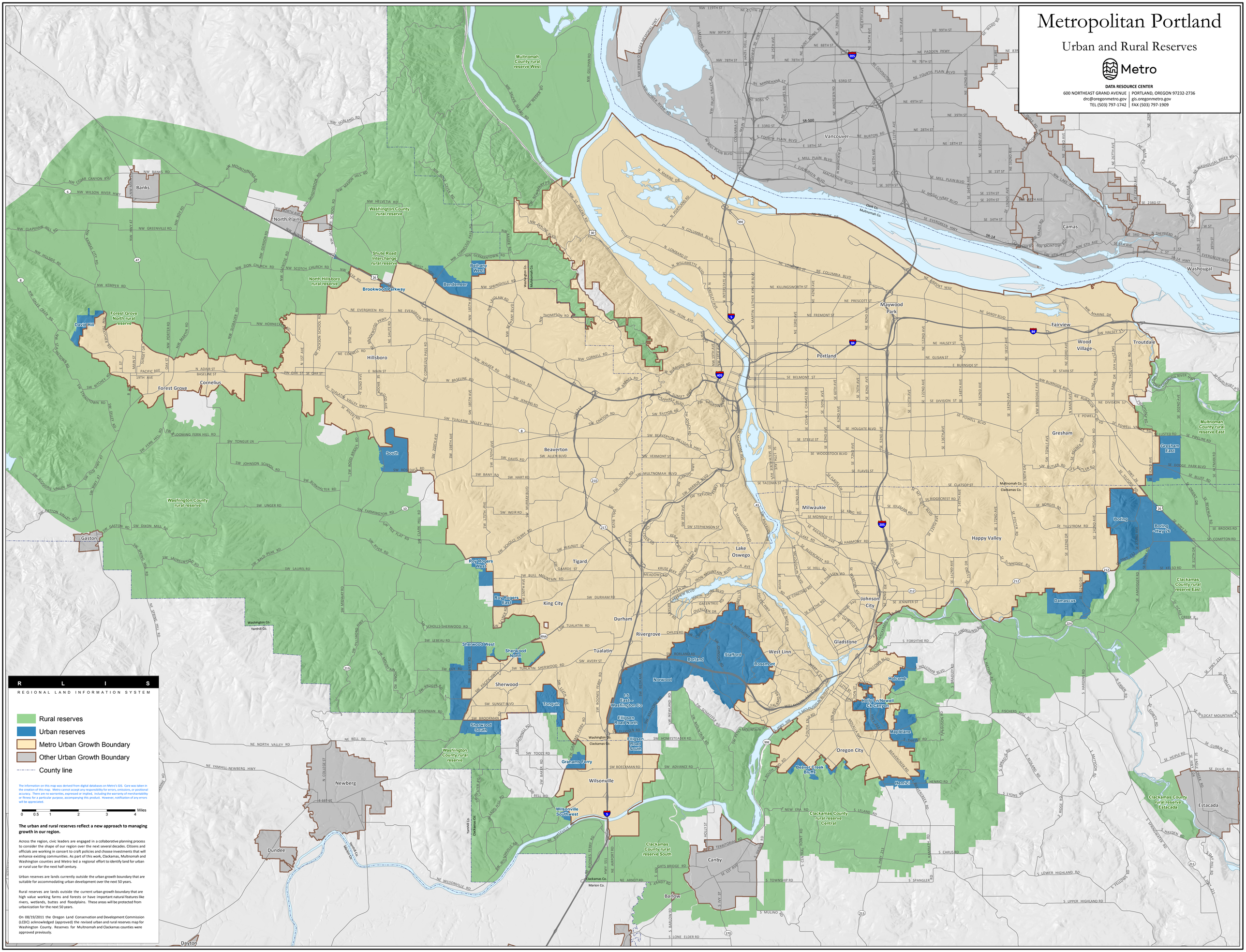

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REGIONAL LAND INFORMATION SYSTEM

- Rural reserves
- Urban reserves
- Metro Urban Growth Boundary
- Other Urban Growth Boundary
- County line

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The urban and rural reserves reflect a new approach to managing growth in our region.

Across the region, civic leaders are engaged in a collaborative planning process to consider the shape of our region over the next several decades. Citizens and officials are working in concert to craft policies and choose investments that will enhance existing communities. As part of this work, Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties and Metro led a regional effort to identify land for urban or rural use for the next half century.

Urban reserves are lands currently outside the urban growth boundary that are suitable for accommodating urban development over the next 50 years.

Rural reserves are lands outside the current urban growth boundary that are high value working farms and forests or have important natural features like rivers, wetlands, buttes and floodplains. These areas will be protected from urbanization for the next 50 years.

On 08/19/2011 the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) acknowledged (approved) the revised urban and rural reserves map for Washington County. Reserves for Multnomah and Clackamas counties were approved previously.

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