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# What is Annexation?

A change in jurisdiction from one municipality to another

A change in which municipality provides services and collects taxation revenue

Will affect level of service provision to annexed lands

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# What Annexation is NOT

Does not change land ownership

Does not assume immediate development

Municipal District land use policies and designations continue to apply until changed by City Council

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# Why does The City annex land?

In response to the pressures of growth, it is City Council policy (Policy 1-1B, *The Calgary Plan*) to maintain at least a 30-year supply of developable lands within the city for all uses, to allow for the comprehensive planning of new areas, and to encourage choice and competition in the marketplace

Periodic annexations facilitate a continuous supply or source of raw developable land as development incrementally absorbs the planned and serviced land inventories

Annexation helps achieve Council's policy of managing growth within the UniCity framework, which means a single municipal council is responsible for all decisions relating to growth and change in the downtown, inner city and suburbs

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# What are the benefits of Annexation?

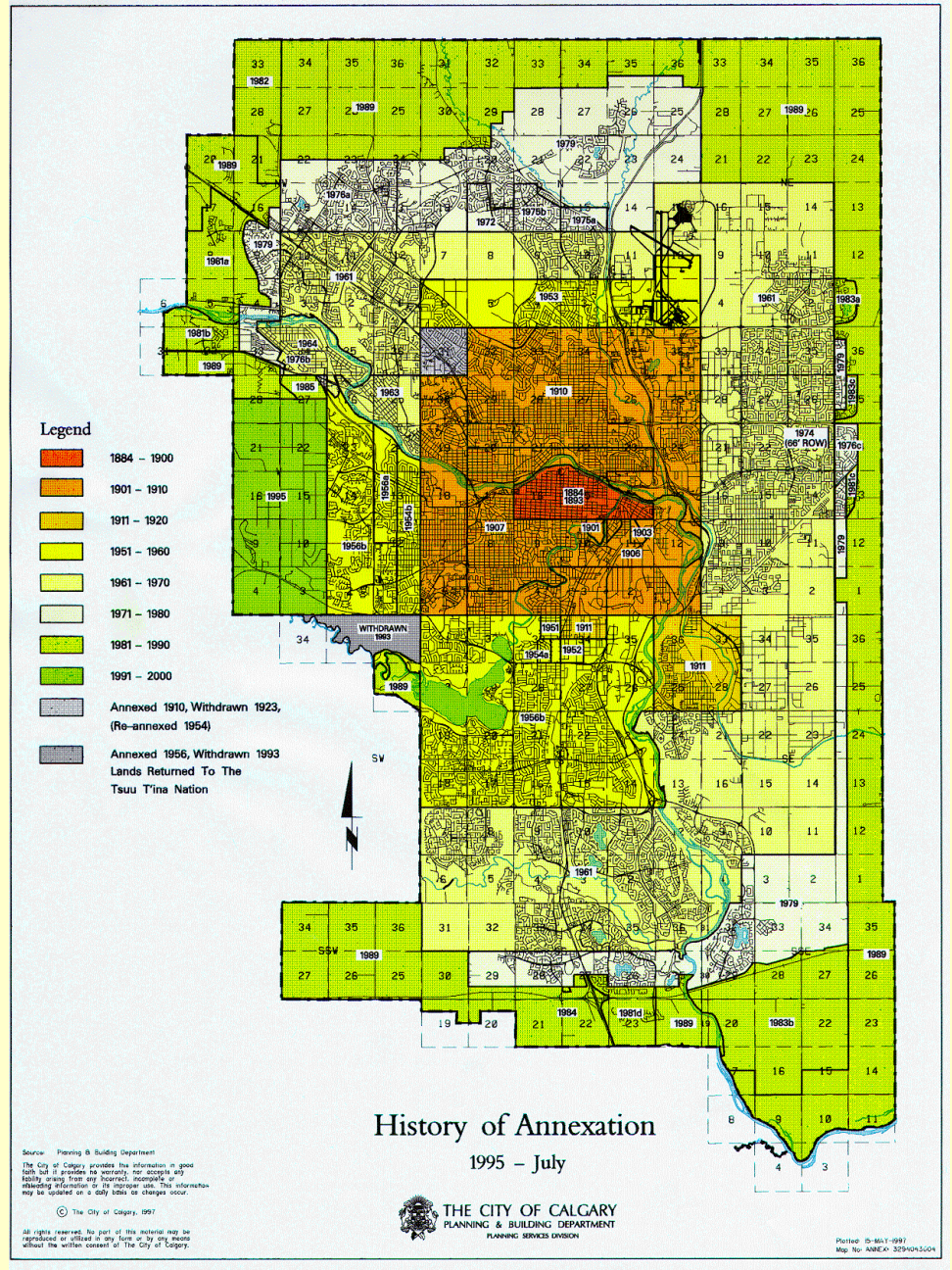
It ensures new urban development is comprehensively planned and serviced, and appropriately located

It helps ensure housing remains affordable through a healthy and competitive residential marketplace

It facilitates major servicing and transportation infrastructure planning and budgeting

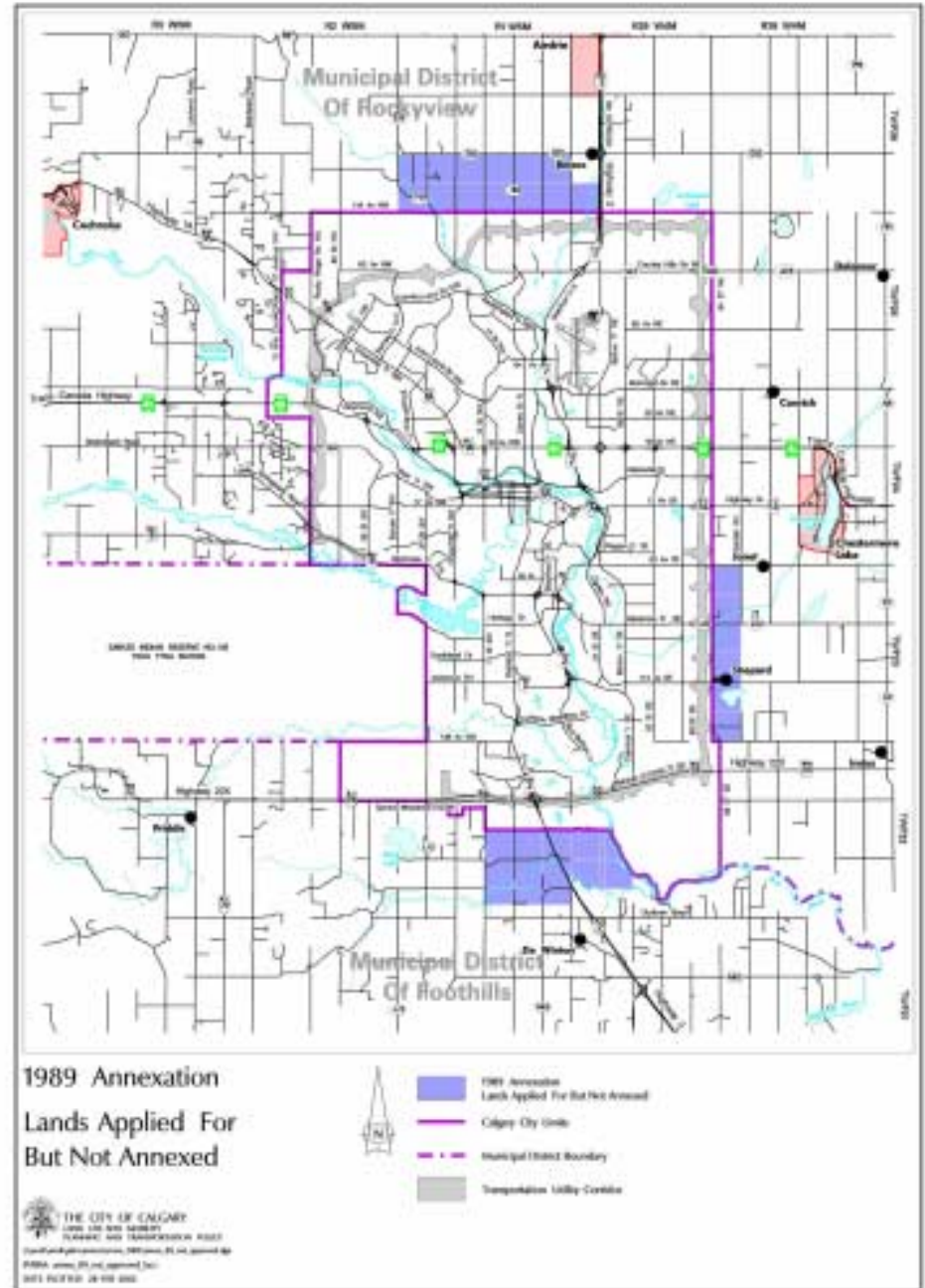
It provides a sense of long term stability in the Calgary region helping adjacent municipalities and landowners to plan with more certainty

# History of Annexation

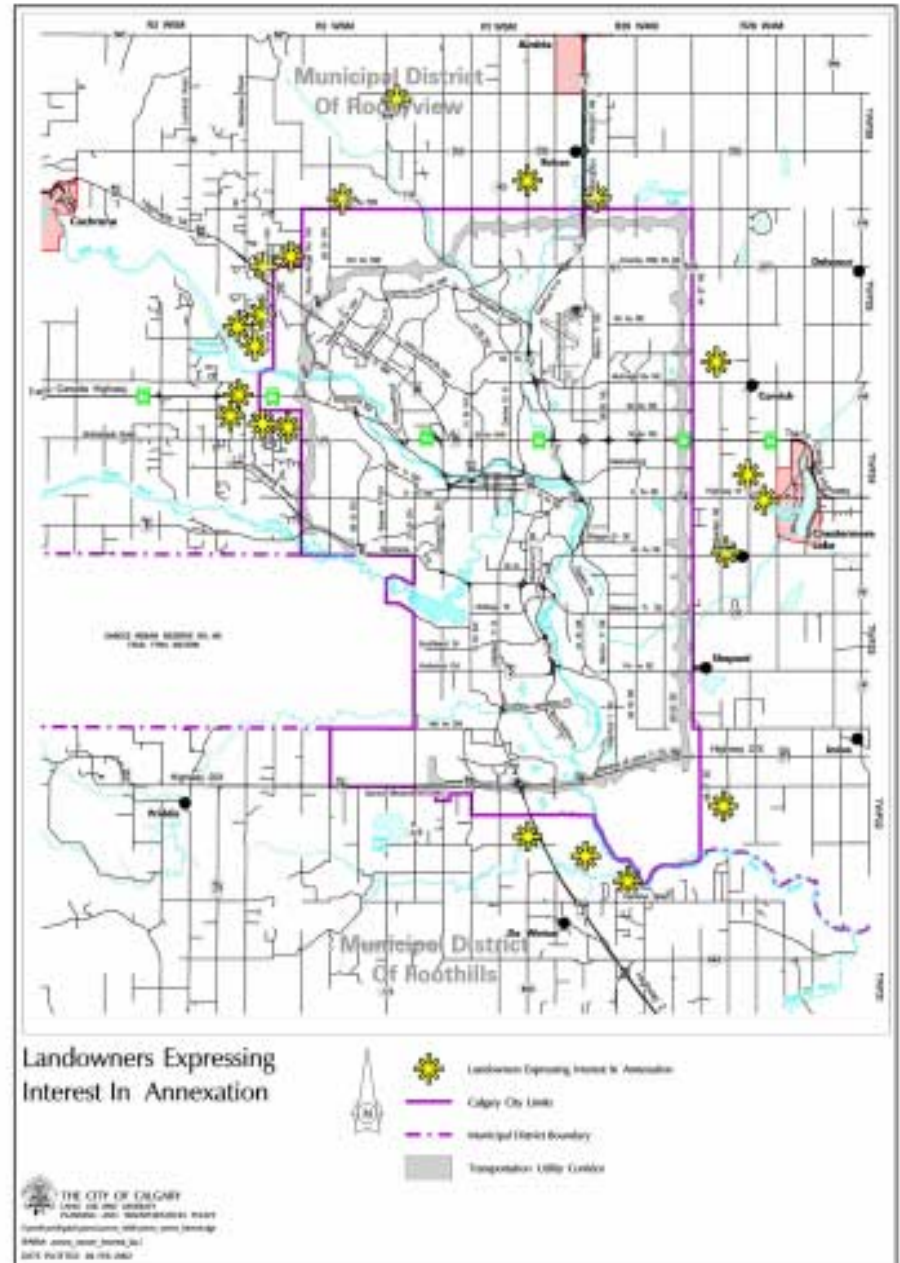




# 1989 Annexation Lands Applied For But Not Annexed

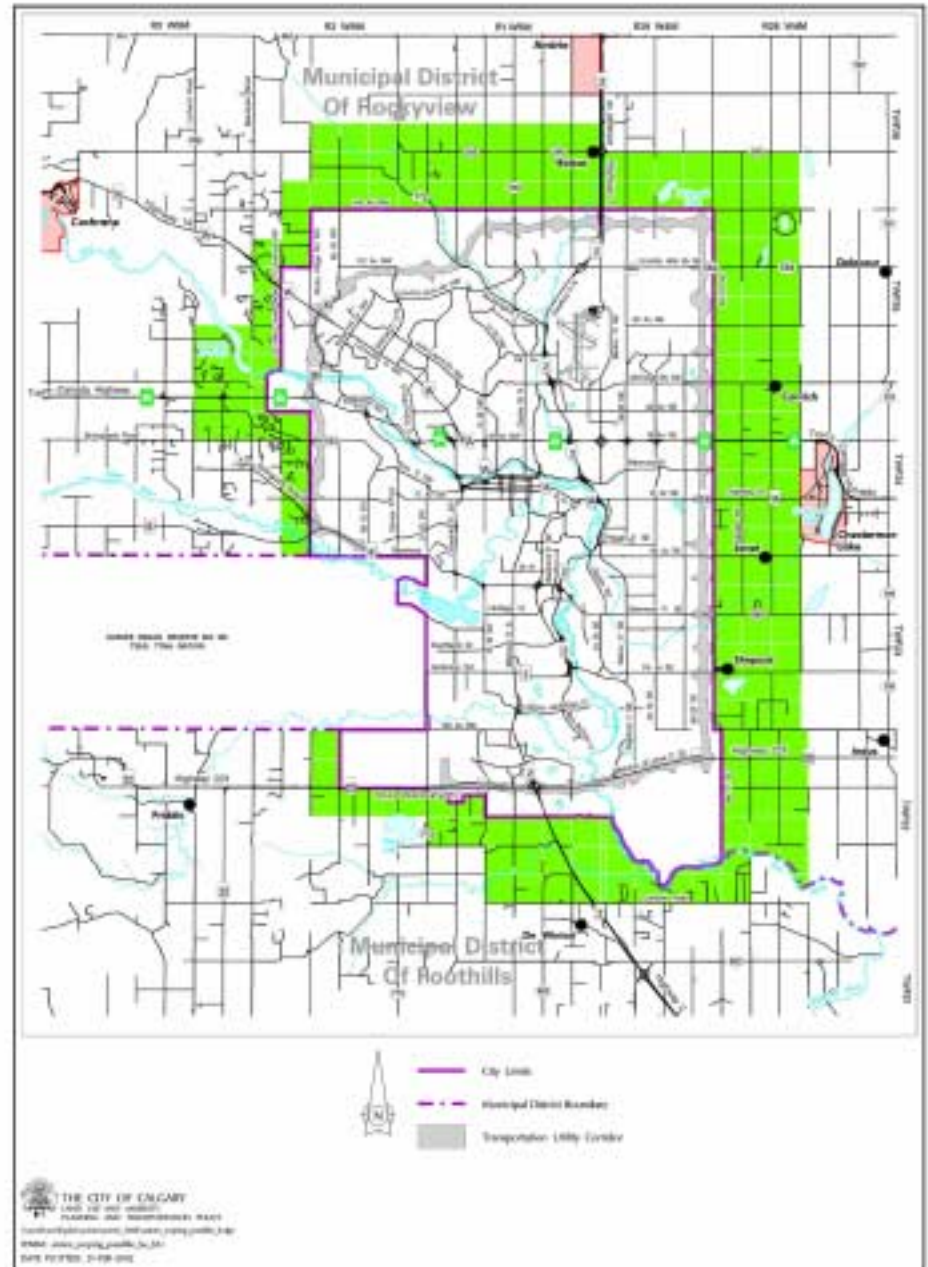


# Landowners Expressing Interest in Annexation



# The Annexation Process

- A study area has been defined and background studies completed (biophysical, agricultural, environmental and assessment / taxation analysis)





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# The Annexation Process (continued)

- Forecasting and growth analysis (30-year population and employment projections; land requirements identified)
- Consider an annexation boundary based on 3 categories of need: growth, strategic, opportunity
- Council approval of the boundary, negotiation team and process, assessment and taxation conditions and public consultation program
- Negotiate the annexation proposal and hold public open houses
- Come to an agreement on annexation, conduct a financial analysis, hold a public hearing, Council approval of the agreement, and submit the report to the Province
- Provincial review of the report including possible public hearing
- Municipal Government Board recommendation
- Provincial decision (we anticipate January 1, 2004)
- City of Calgary annexation implementation process

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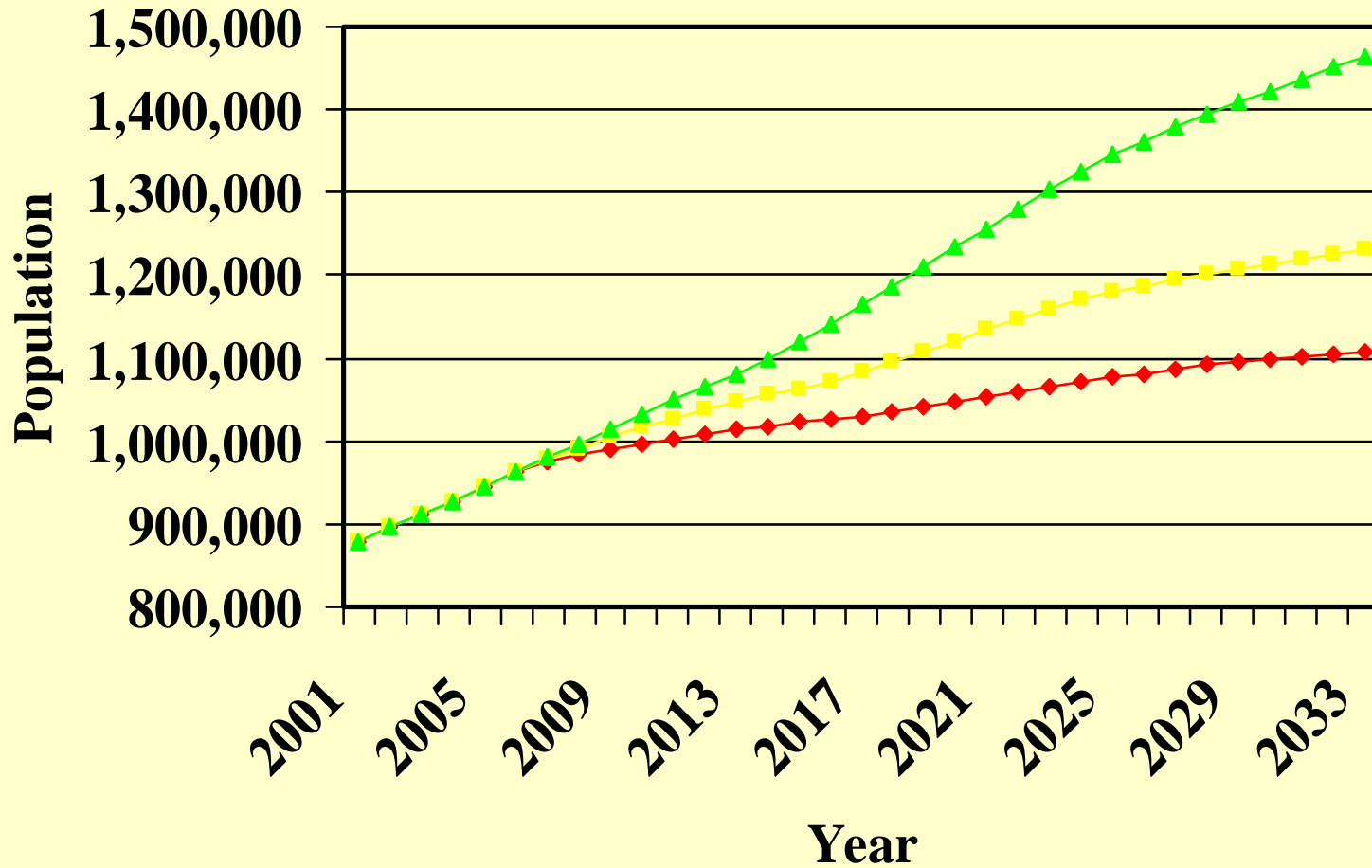
# Recent Trends Affecting Annexation

- New legislation environment (urban / rural blur; development potential)
- MD's of Rocky View / Foothills Area Structure Planning that rings the city
- A moderating growth rate
- Increasing strategic land needs
- Greater landowner interest in being annexed
- Greater emphasis on the protection of rangeland in the Calgary area (typically the poorest soils) in addition to protecting the higher class soils for agriculture
- Sour gas in the east and northeast remains a long term constraint
- Greater intermunicipal cooperation and regional initiatives
- Main growth corridors are to the north and south as expected, but opportunities exist to grow west and southeast

# Population of Calgary

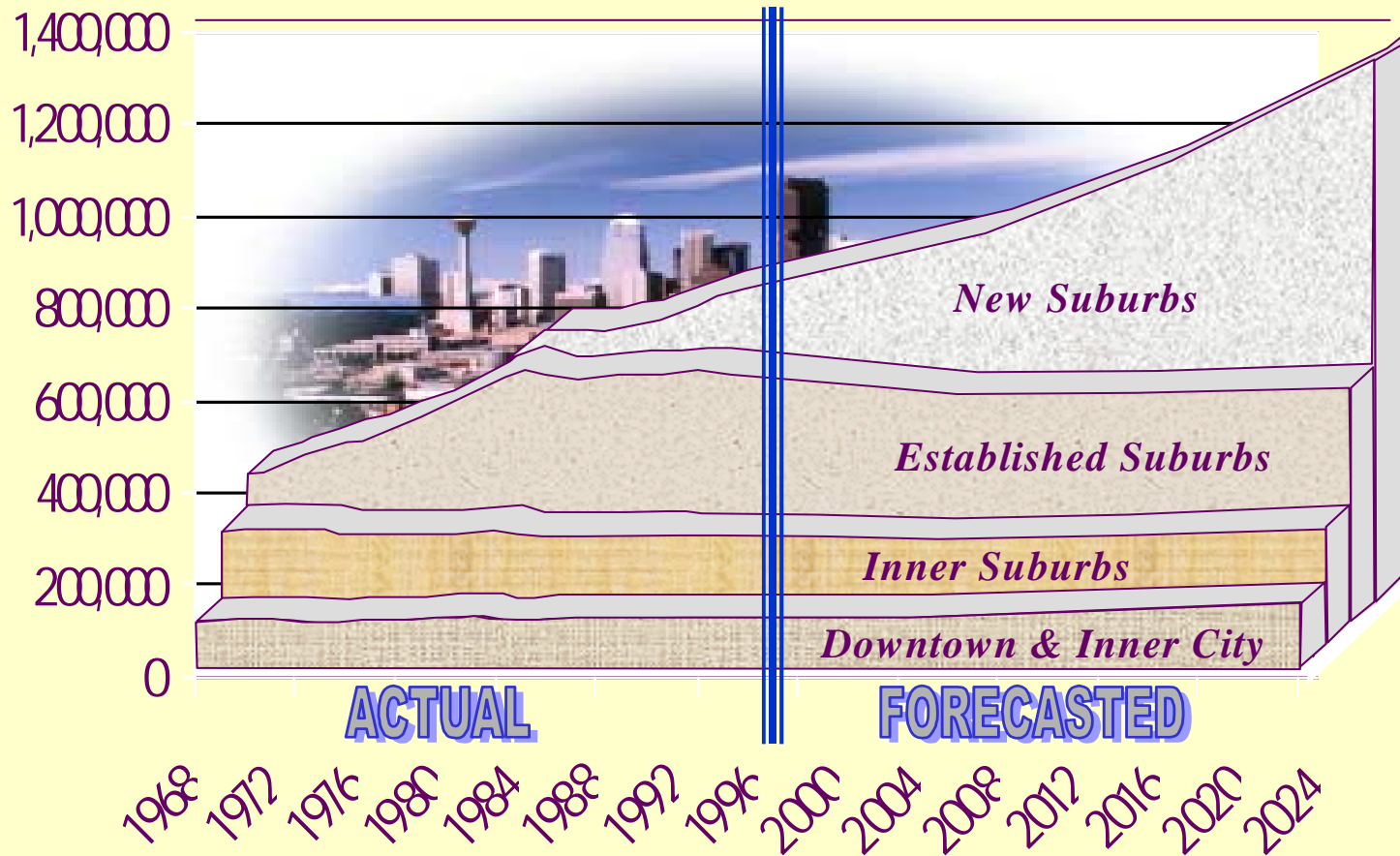
| Year | Civic Census | Population Increase |
|------|--------------|---------------------|
| 2001 | 876,519      | 15,770              |
| 2000 | 860,749      | 18,361              |
| 1999 | 842,388      | 23,054              |
| 1998 | 819,334      | 28,836              |
| 1997 | 790,498      | 23,439              |
| 1996 | 767,059      | 17,985              |
| 1995 | 749,053      | 10,889              |
| 1994 | 738,184      | 10,465              |
| 1993 | 729,719      | 10,586              |
| 1992 | 717,133      | 8,540               |
| 1991 | 708,593      | 15,708              |
| 1990 | 692,885      |                     |

# Population Forecasts





# ANTICIPATING A GROWING SUBURBAN POPULATION



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## Housing in Calgary - 2001

- Housing Starts -       7,559 single-detached  
                              3,790 multi-family  
                              11,349
- Affordable Multi-Family units (<\$120,000) is 30% of the market
- 500 rental units built

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source - CMHC

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## Ponder these questions:

- If The City of Calgary didn't annex land to accommodate growth, would growth and development in the Calgary region stop?
- Why not grow “up” instead of “out”?
- Doesn't annexation promote sprawl?