

DEVELOPING INTEGRATED AND SUSTAINABLE SETTLEMENTS

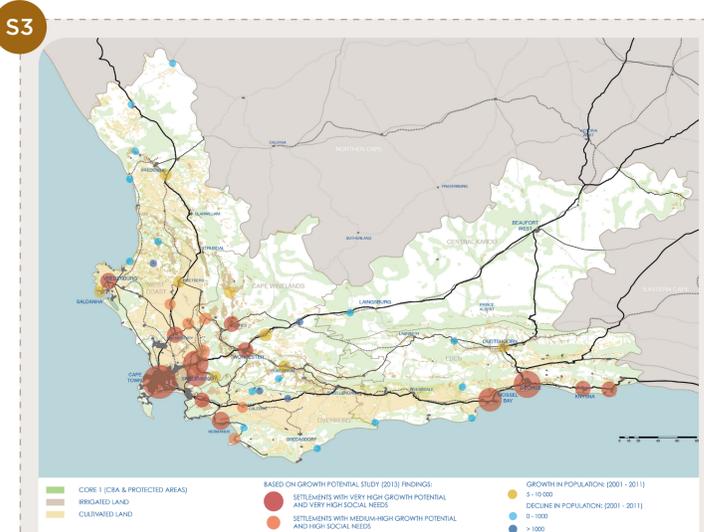
The WCG's Provincial Strategic Plan comprises five Provincial Strategic Goals (PSG) as the vision of how Province aim to improve the lives of citizens. The PSDF serves as a framework to deliver on the PSG's and focuses on spatial transitions for growing the economy, building better environmental resilience and pursuing better inclusivity.

As a transversal instrument the PSDF embraces the concept of sustainable and integrated human settlements. The PSDF promotes an integrated approach to housing delivery through deliberate settlement-level strategies, actions and collaborative arrangements that align housing with transport, land-use, economic and infrastructure decisions within a long-term vision of a more integrated urban future.

The development of housing projects on poorly located land will be stopped. OneCape 2040 proposes "sustainably upgrade the built environment to directly respond to community needs through shifting from a focus on housing to one on accessible and integrated service delivery".

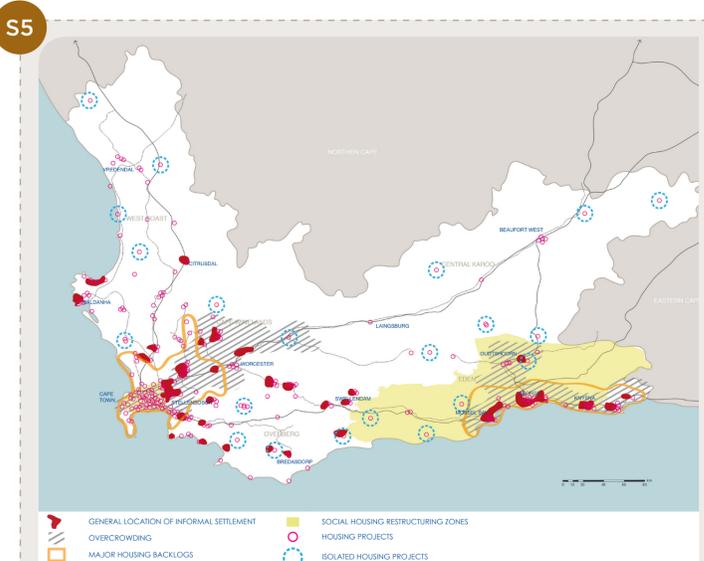
S1 The Western Cape's unique sense of place and identity underpins its economy in numerous ways and requires appropriate responses to the heritage, cultural and scenic assets of the Province. The PSDF promotes smart growth ensuring the efficient use of land and infrastructure, by containing urban sprawl.

S2 The extent to which communities in the Western Cape are "trapped in space" (unable to engage meaningfully with the economy and to access services and amenities) is evident in the Provincial Land Transportation Framework which indicates that, outside metropolitan areas, 48 to 57% of people rely on non-motorised transport, or put in another way, cannot afford taxi fare. The PSDF is unambiguous about the the necessity for more compact and connected human settlements. The PSDF makes the case that it can no longer be business as usual, and accordingly introduces strategies and programmes for systematically changing where and how human settlements are configured and built.

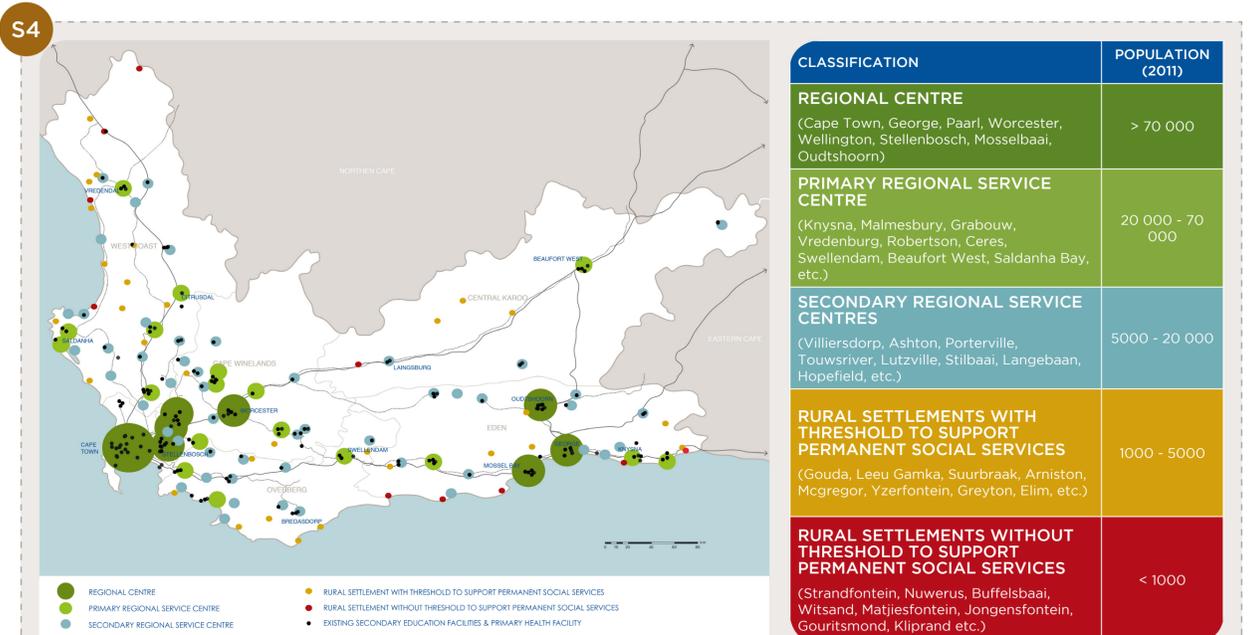


The lack of integration, compaction and densification in urban areas in the Western Cape has serious negative consequences for municipal finances, for household livelihoods, for the environment and for the economy.

The PSDF provides principles to guide municipalities towards more efficient and sustainable growth patterns.



Current delivery models are unsustainable - low densities and high land prices make decent housing in good locations unaffordable. The PSDF places less emphasis on delivering completed state-assisted houses, and more emphasis on incrementally developing human settlements in partnership with other government departments, communities and the private sector.



The transformation of the Province's spatial environment is highly dependent on the improvement of adequate and appropriate facility provision. In line with the need to promote compact settlements and to reduce the need for motorised travel, multifunctionality of facilities and public service spaces must be promoted and aligned with complementary land uses.

The PSDF emphasises the notion of clustering as well as ease of access as locational criteria for the placement of social services.