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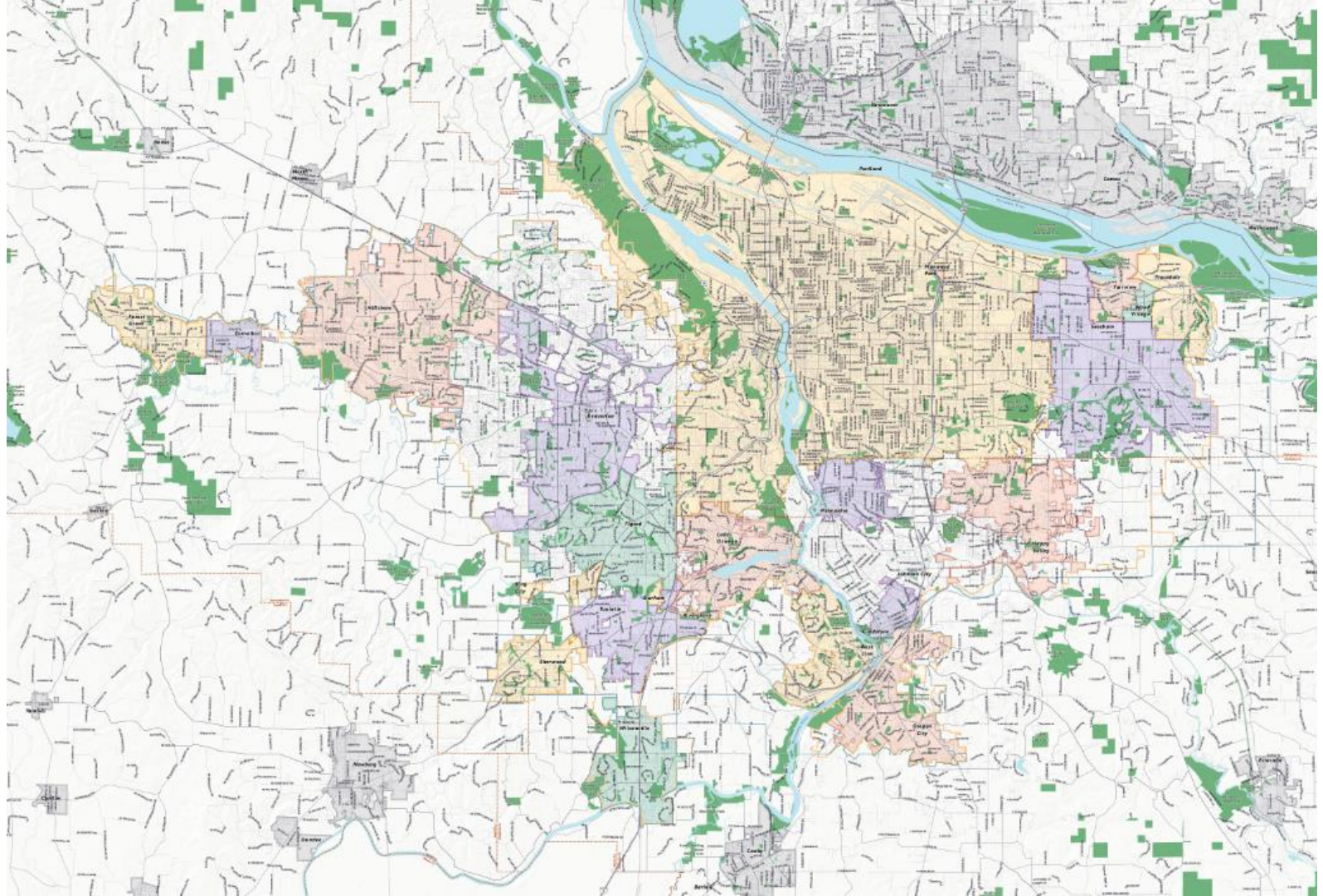
Metro: An Introduction

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What is Metro?

- Regional government
- Governing body is directly elected –
Council President, 6 Councilors and
Auditor
- Overlaps 3 counties and 24 cities
- Serves over 1.7 million people



How does Metro work?

- Metro has a home rule charter
- Original Metropolitan Service District was authorized in state law
- Charter was last amended in 2003
- Currently uses Council-Manager form of government

Brief history of Metro



1978 – “Reorganize Metropolitan Service District, Abolish CRAG”

What does Metro do?

- Regional land use and transportation planning
- Solid waste management
- Visitor venues (Zoo, convention center, etc.)
- Regional parks and natural areas
- Affordable housing and homelessness services

Questions?

Resources

- [Oregonmetro.gov](https://www.oregonmetro.gov)
- [A History of Metro](#)
- [Local and Regional Governments](#) in Oregon
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