

# 2nd Annual Water Law in Eastern Washington Conference

Addressing Governor Ferguson's Housing  
Initiatives and Water Availability

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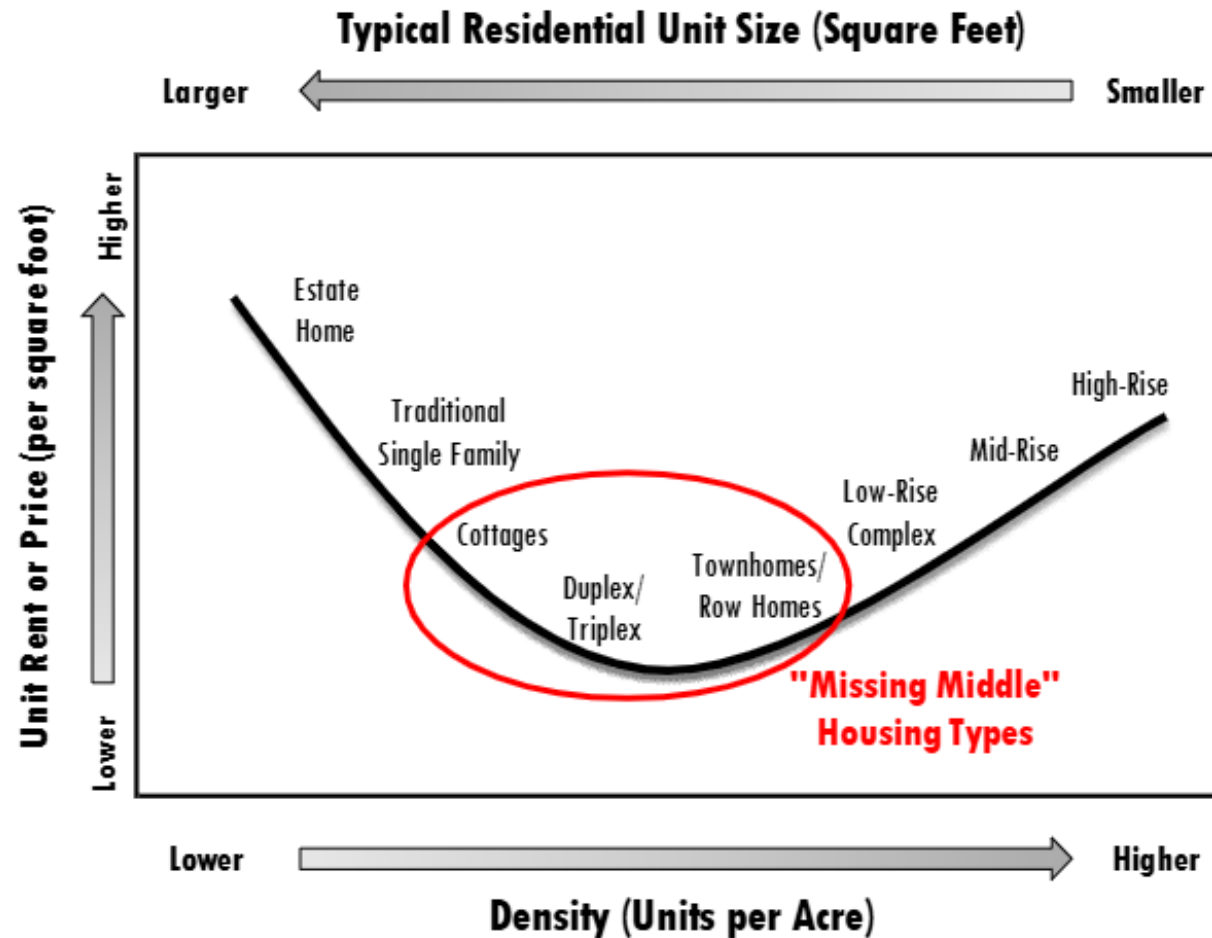
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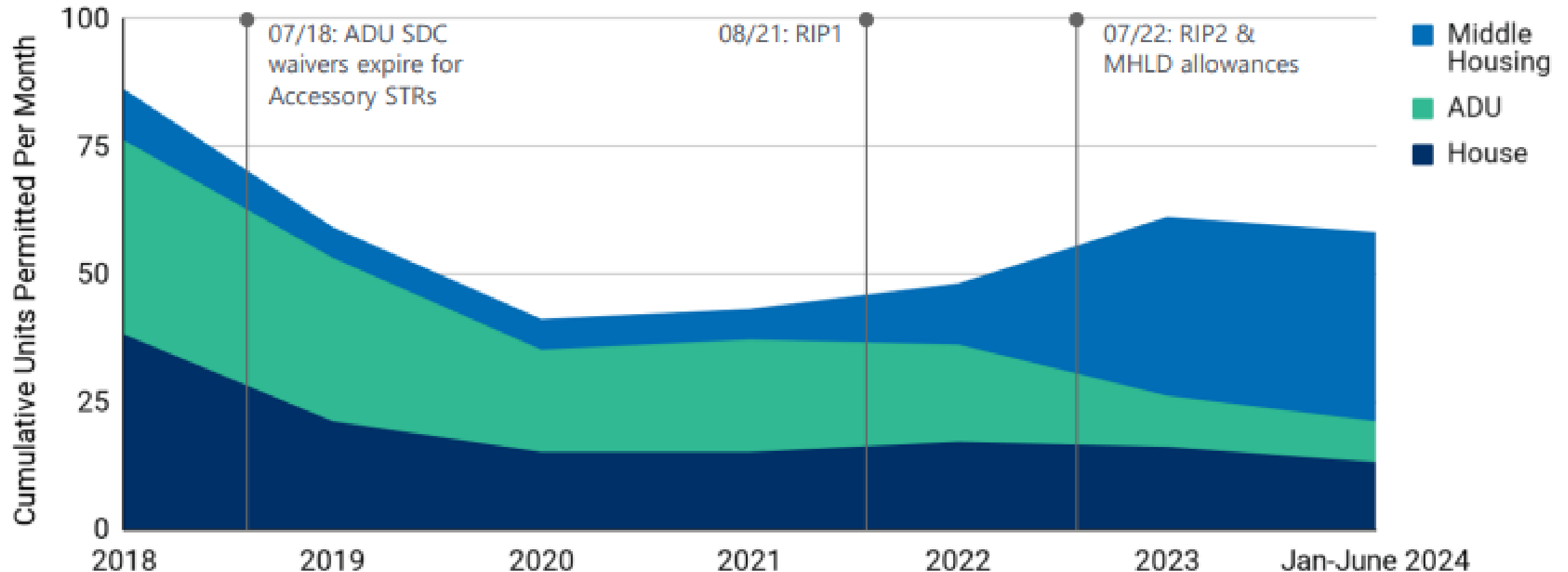
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# Overview



# Will the Market Respond?

Units permitted (per month) by housing type in SD zones



# What about the water?

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# Questions

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- **Question 1:** Do we have sufficient water legally and physically available to meet the projected population growth and the Governor's housing goals? Can we conserve our way to a million housing units? Where will we see the greatest challenges in meeting this goal?

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- **Question 2:** What are the top 1-2 water resources management-related policy tools needed to accommodate new growth and protect state state's water resources? At what level of government are these tools most needed (local/utility scale, state, other)?

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- **Question 3:** What is a fair way to distribute the cost of water infrastructure between rate payers and new connections? How do you properly assess the cost for a new connection?

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- **Question 4:** How should counties, cities, and water providers plan for reduced summer and fall stream flows and, in some areas, absolute reductions in available water in the face of growth?



# Thank you!

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