



# Regional Growth Management

The Challenges of  
Collaborative and Mandatory  
Approaches

# Introductions

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# Overview

- ▶ Big picture
- ▶ Local examples of collaborative approach
  - Boulder City/County
  - Denver region (DRCOG)
- ▶ Observations and key principles

# Big picture

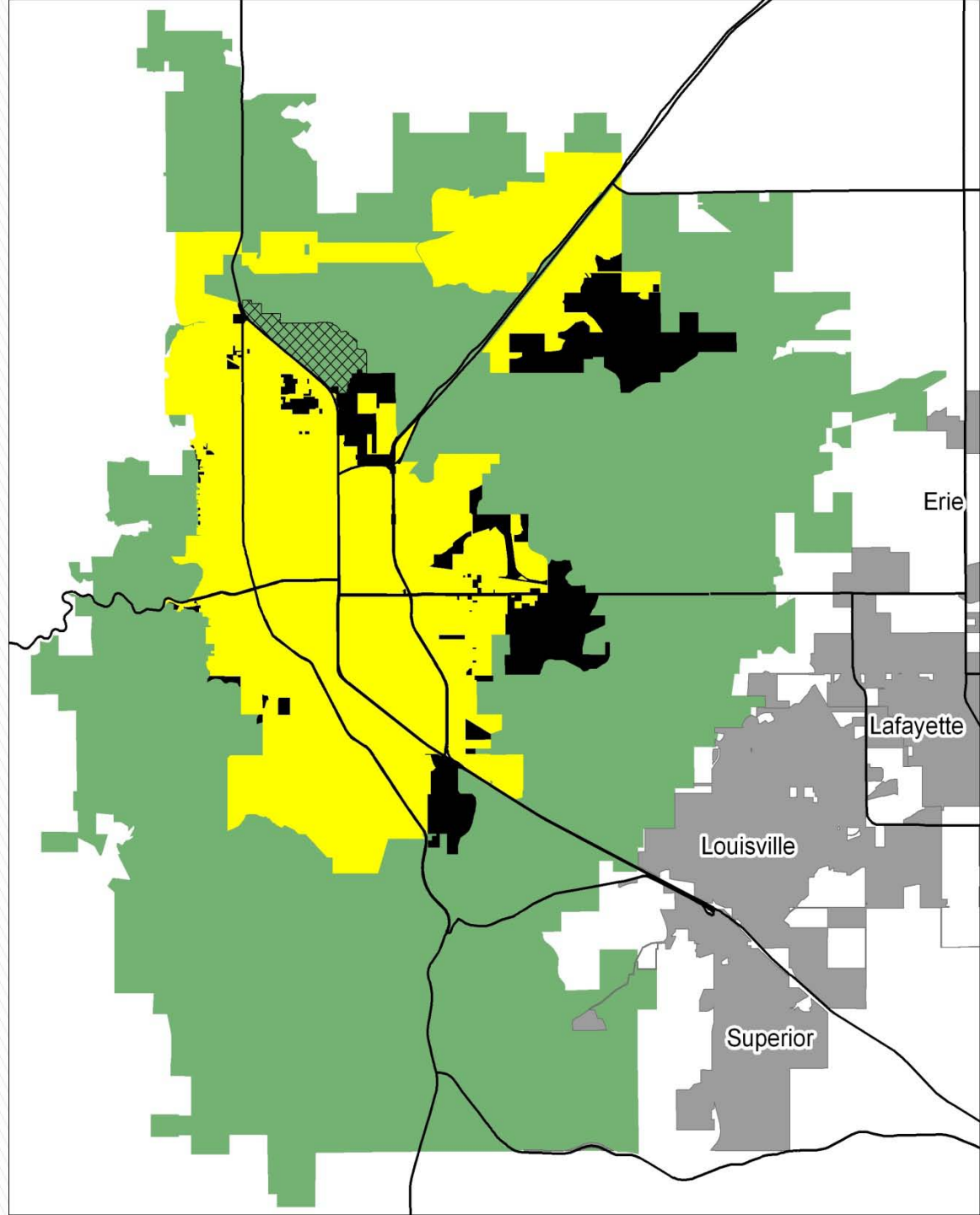
- ▶ Why regional growth management?
- ▶ Collaborative or “bottom-up” versus Mandatory or “top-down”
- ▶ Applicability in the Rocky Mountain West

# Boulder City/County

»» Boulder Valley Comprehensive  
Plan

# BVCP Planning Area

- ▶ **Area I:**  
City
- ▶ **Area II:**  
County
  - Eligible for annexation
- ▶ **Area III:**  
County
  - Not expected to annex

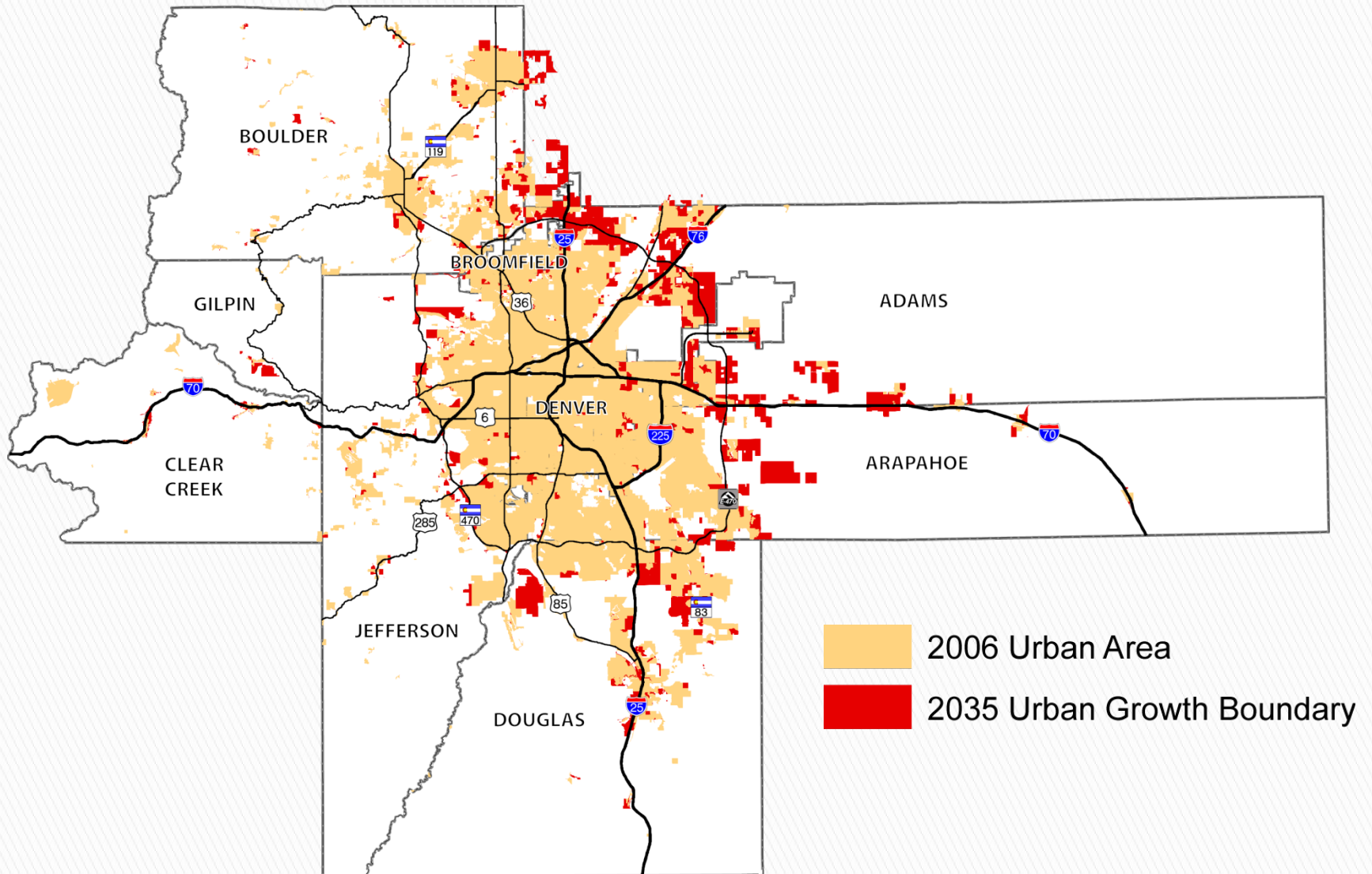


# Denver Region



DRCOG Urban Growth  
Boundary/Area

# DRCOG UGB/A





# Observations

»» Key principles

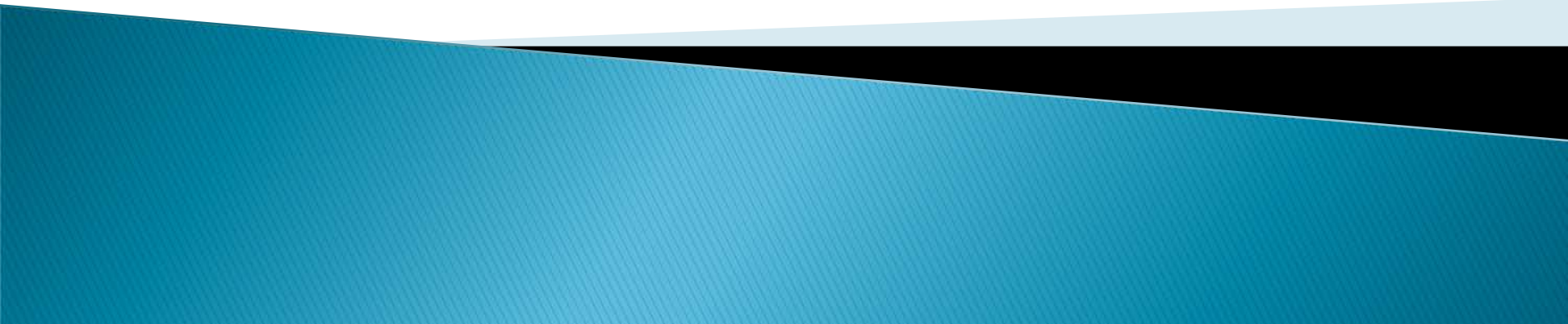


# Context is everything

Fit general policies to local conditions

# Growth management is dynamic

Adapt policies over time





# Regional thinking is not instinctive – it must be learned

Show the benefits of thinking and acting  
regionally



# Growth management politics raise other tensions

Build trust to overcome conflict