

Planning & Development Services (PDS)

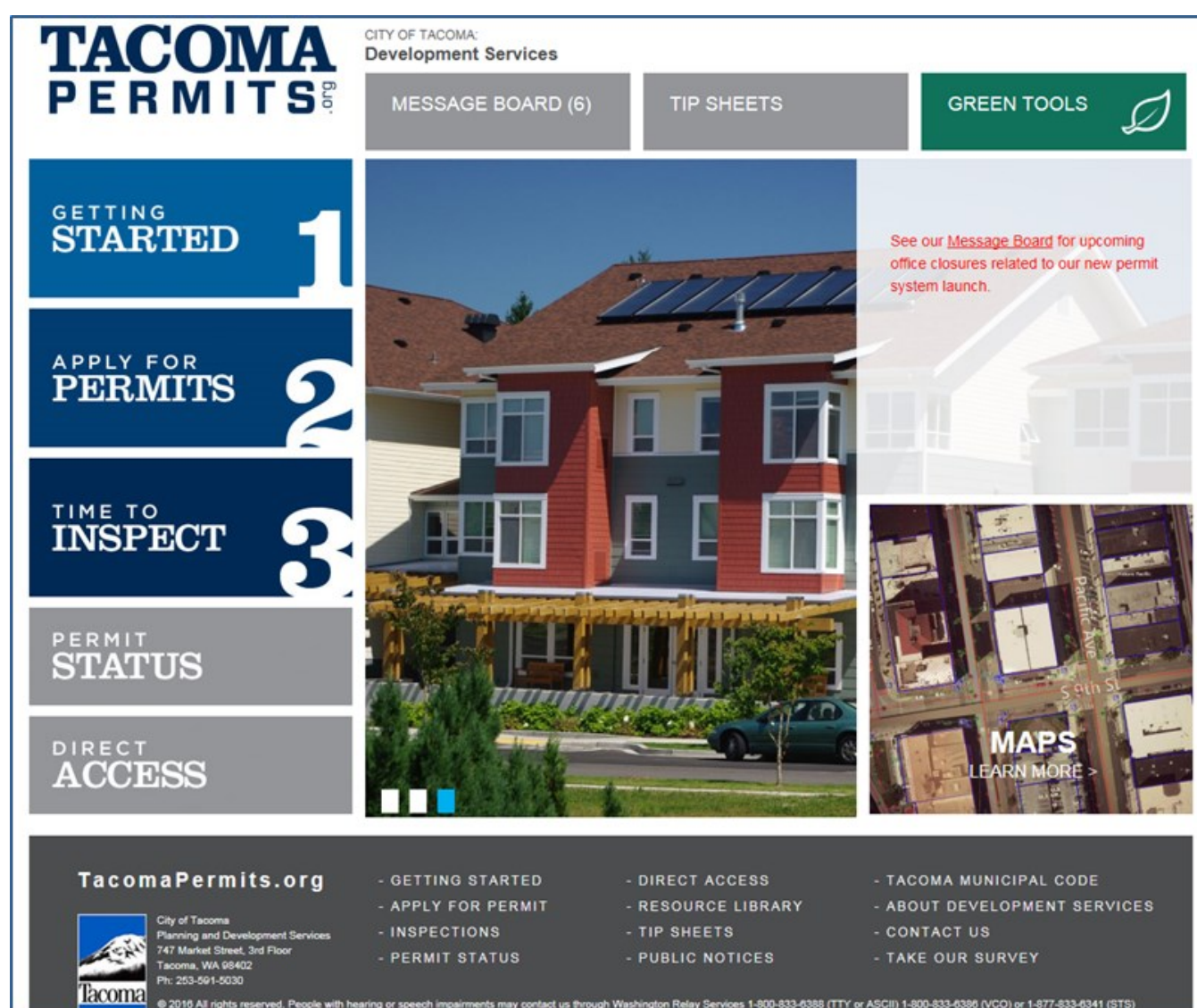
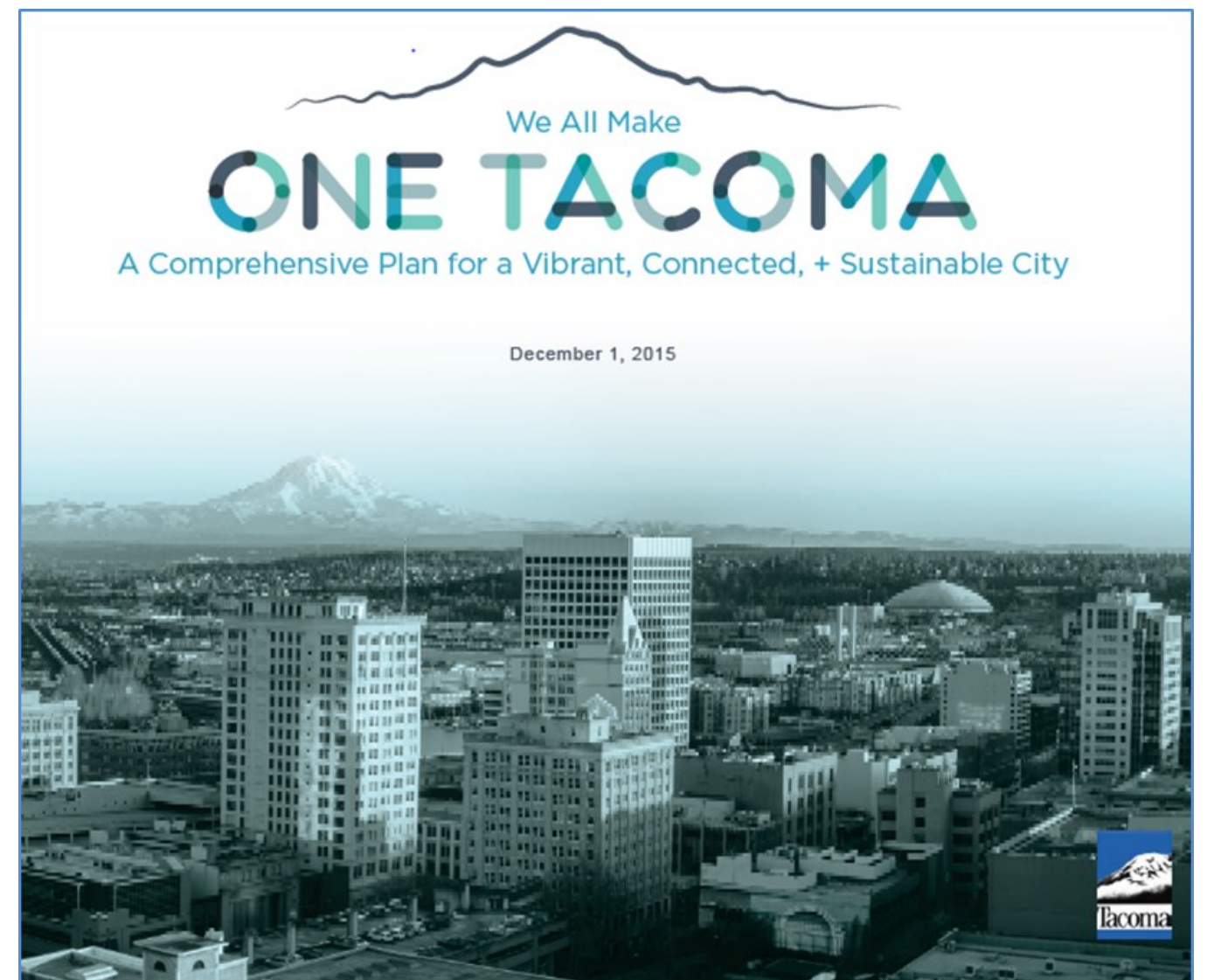
Our Mission

Partner with the community to build a livable, sustainable and safe City by providing strategic, timely, predictable, cost effective planning and development services with a culture focused on community engagement, customer service, creativity, accountability and continuous improvement.

The City of Tacoma's Planning and Development Services Department encompasses all aspects of building, land use, and site development.

Planning

Our Planning Division's goal is to guide community growth and development in a manner that protects environmental resources, enhances quality of life, promotes distinctive neighborhoods and a vibrant downtown, and involves citizens in the decisions that affect them. We conduct long-range, comprehensive planning activities pursuant to the State Growth Management Act and applicable federal, state, regional and local mandates. We work together with the community, City Council, and Planning Commission to develop and update the Comprehensive Plan, along with neighborhood and subarea plans, and associated regulations and implementation strategies that guide the future development of the built and natural environment of Tacoma.



Historic Preservation

The Historic Preservation Program provides support to the Landmarks Preservation Commission, which oversees design review for alterations to City Landmarks and buildings within historic districts, maintains the Tacoma Register of Historic Places, and reviews and approves financial incentives for projects involving historic buildings. Historic preservation supports the City's emphasis on economic development and sustainability through adaptive reuse of existing buildings, as well as provides tools for the enhancement of neighborhood livability and community identity.

Development Services

Development Services provides consultations, permit reviews, and inspections for residential, commercial, and industrial development within the City. Examples of permit reviews we conduct include new construction, additions, remodels, mechanical and plumbing, improvements in the right-of-way, and multiple types of land use permits.

Our services also reach beyond these areas to coordinate with Tacoma Public Utilities (Water, Power and Rail), Tacoma Fire, and other departments offering incentives, business assistance, and licensing. Our one-stop shop can help move your project forward with ease.

