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## "PUTTING PREMIUM ON THE VALUE OF ECOSYSTEMS SERVICES" OUR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE IN DAVAO CITY

#### OUTLINE

- Brief background of IDIS
- Davao City being promoted as green and sustainable city
- Environmental issues and concerns in the city
- Environmental policy advocacy
- Continuing Calls for Action

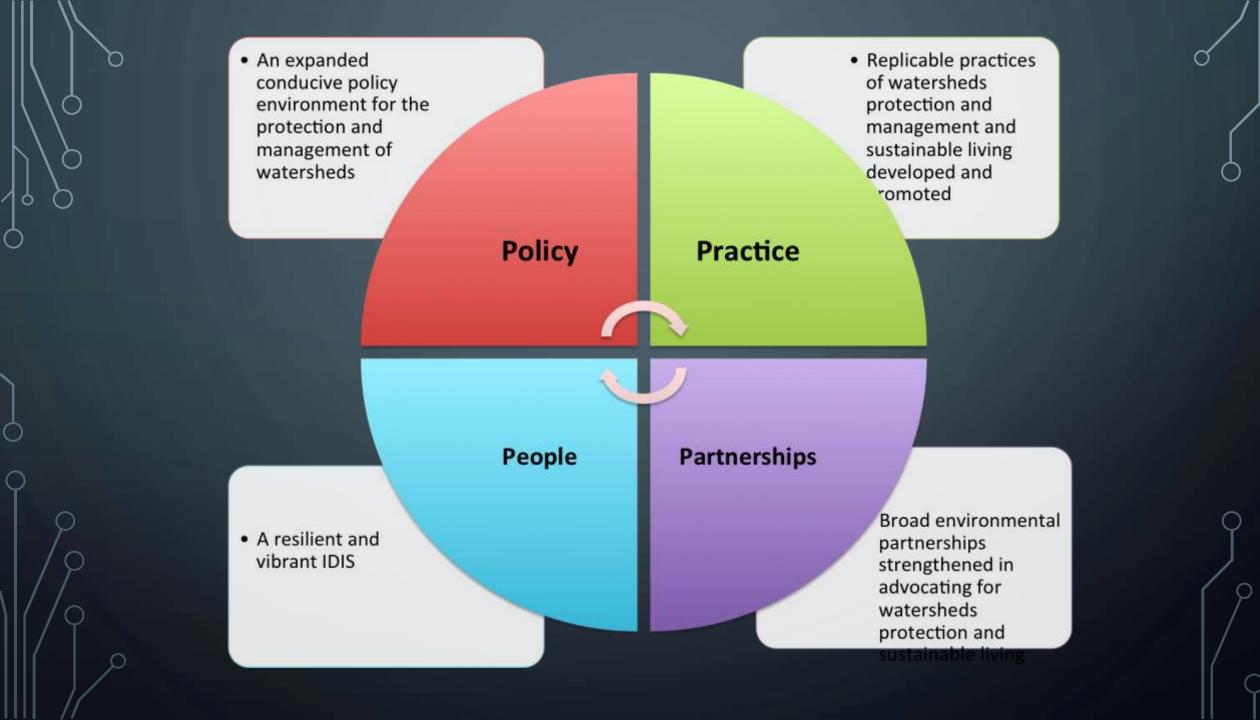


#### **IDIS VISION STATEMENT**

"All peoples are stakeholders who have the right to, and the duty to care for healthy watersheds".

#### **MISSION**

"IDIS advocates for the protection and management of life-sustaining watersheds, from ridge-to-reef, in South-Central Mindanao".



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Policy Advocacy – inside and outside

Watershed organizing

Capacity Building

**Multi-Media advocacy** 

Campaign Organizing

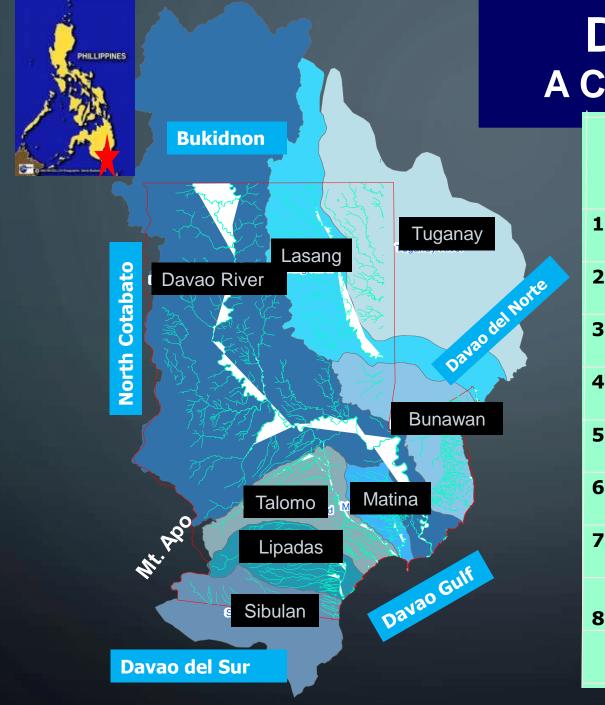
Research and popularization
Networking and partnership /coalition-building

**TARGET:** 



DECISION-MAKERS

# LIFE IS HERE DAVAQO City



### Davao City: A City of (8) Rivers

River	Area in Davao City (Has)	No. of Brgys
1. Davao River	121,385	113
2. Lasang River	29,132	8
3. Talomo River	21,578	26
4. Bunawan River	18,328	21
5. Tuganay River	18,120	2
6. Lipadas River	16,796	19
7. Sibulan River	10,782	5
8. Matina River	7,879	10
TOTAL	236,124	204

#### WHERE IS DAVAO CITY NOW?

- Cleanest and greenest highly urbanized
   City in the Philippines;
- Most culture-friendly City in the Philippines;
- The Philippines' most livable City;
- The most child-friendly City in the Philippines;

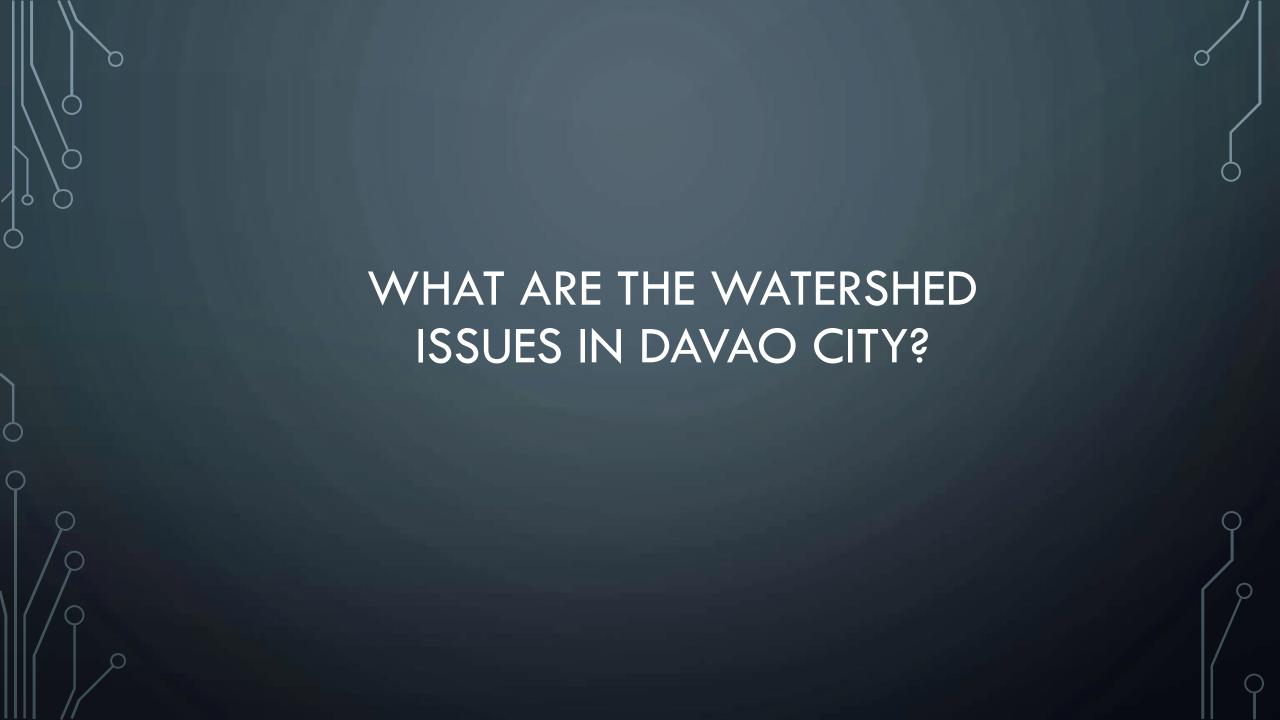
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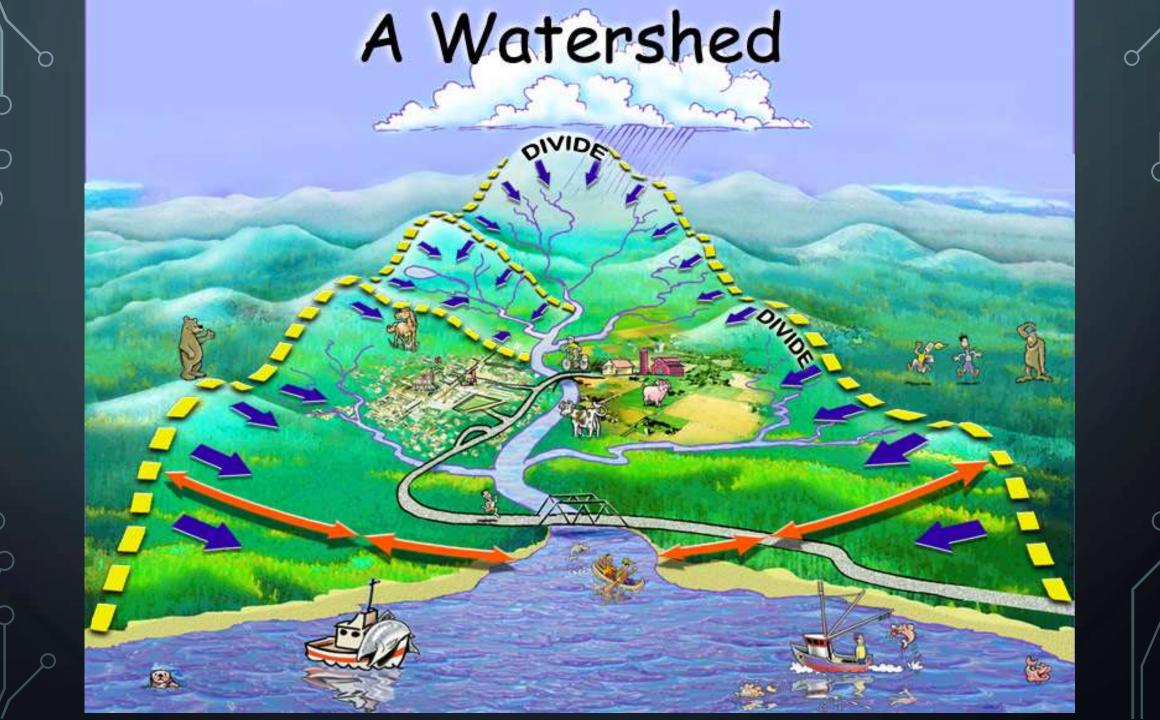
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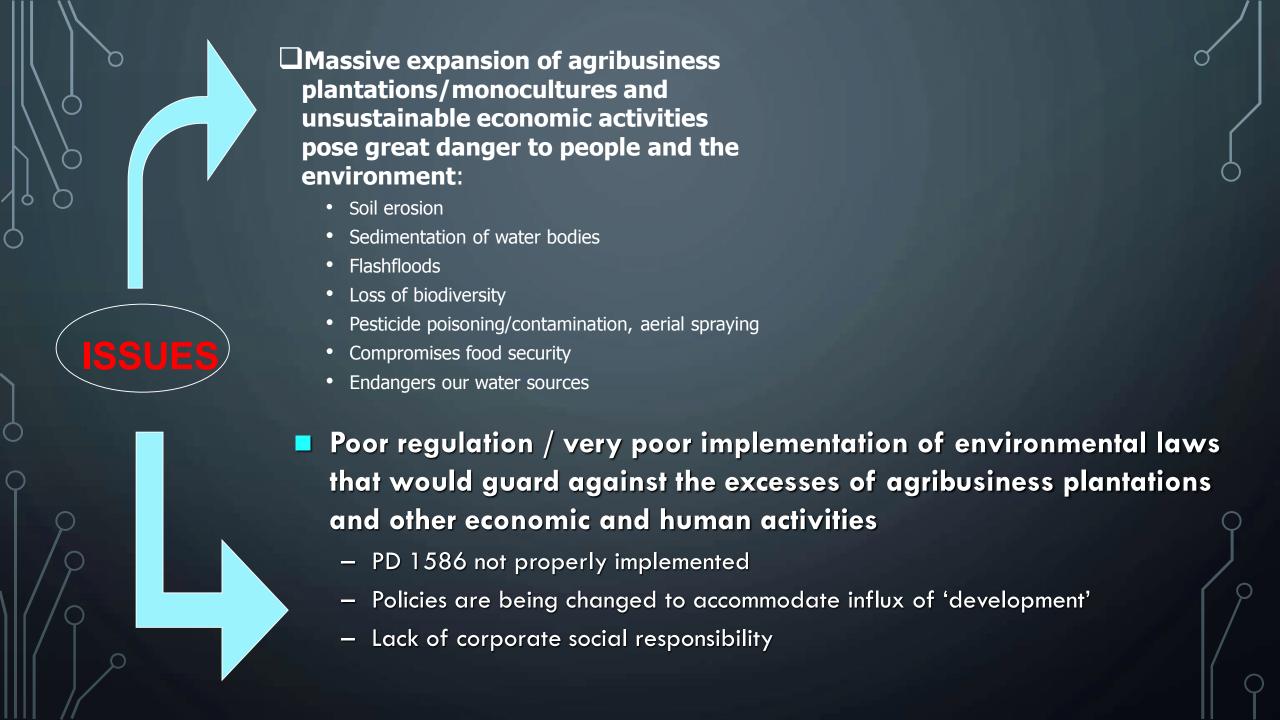
2<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Certificate of Recognition for Clean Air, Clean Water, and Clean Land 2014

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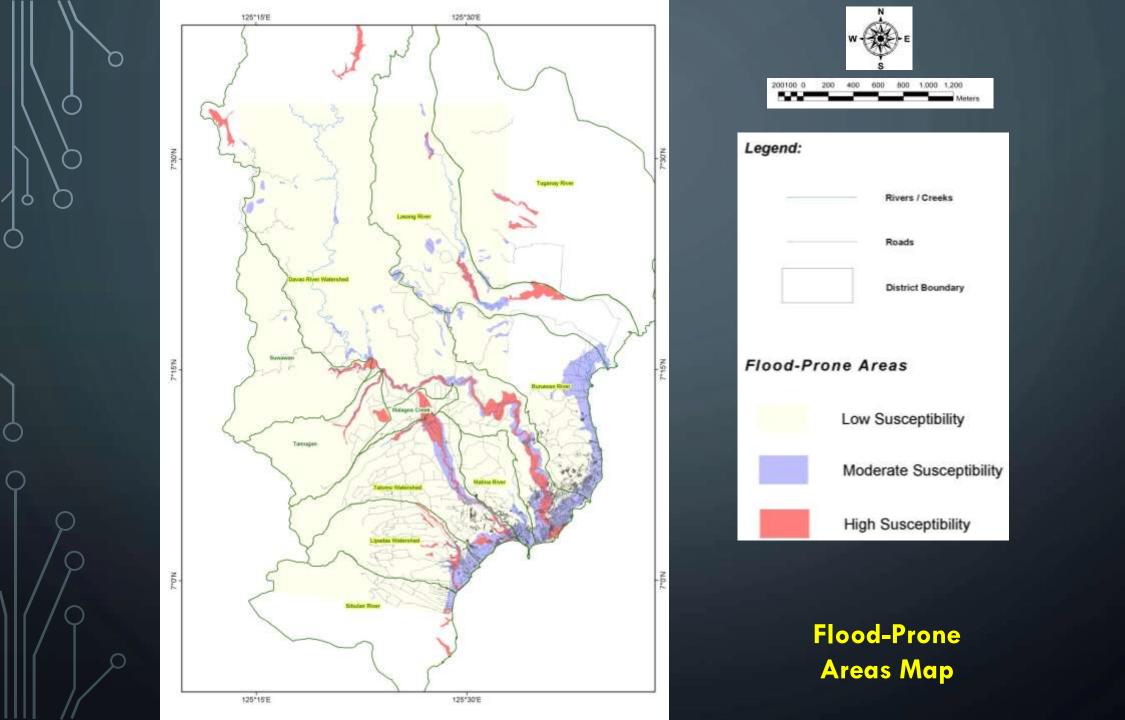
- Home of the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the Republic of the Philippines
  - Draws more investments and infrastructure projects;
  - In-migration of people in different parts of the country;

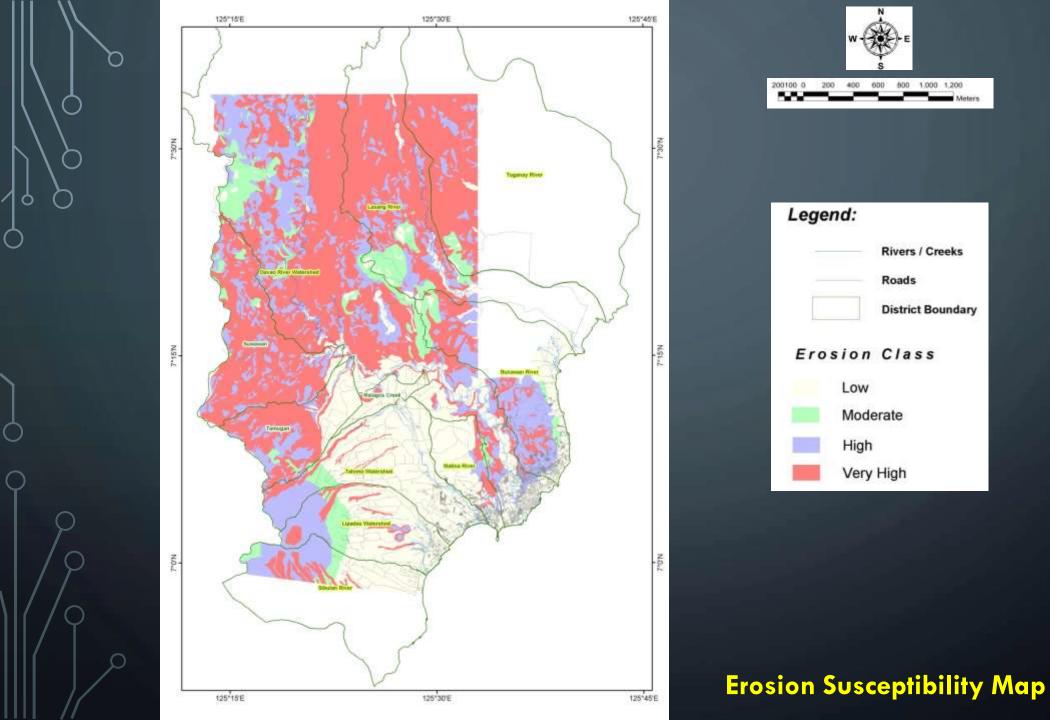


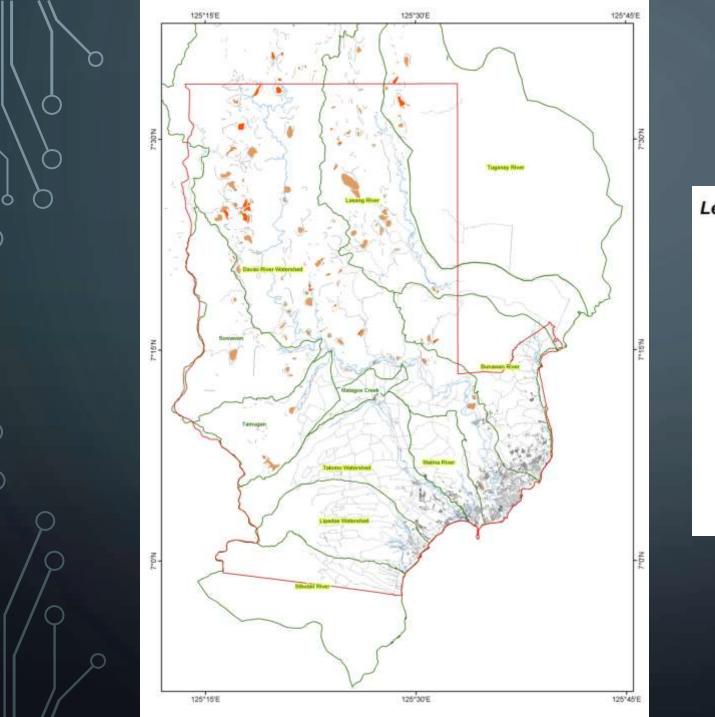


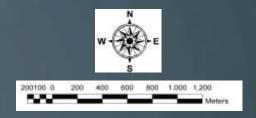






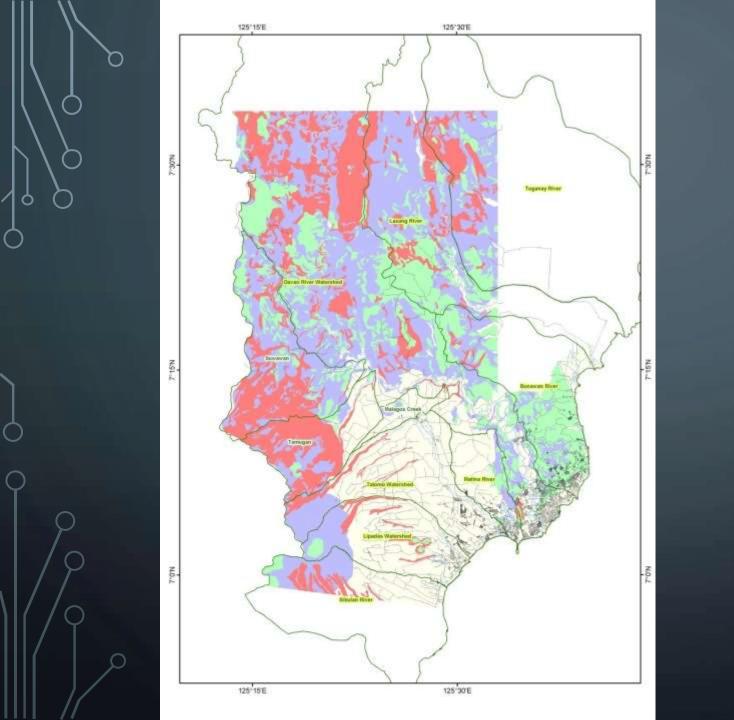


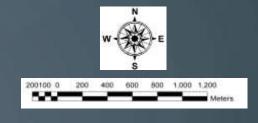






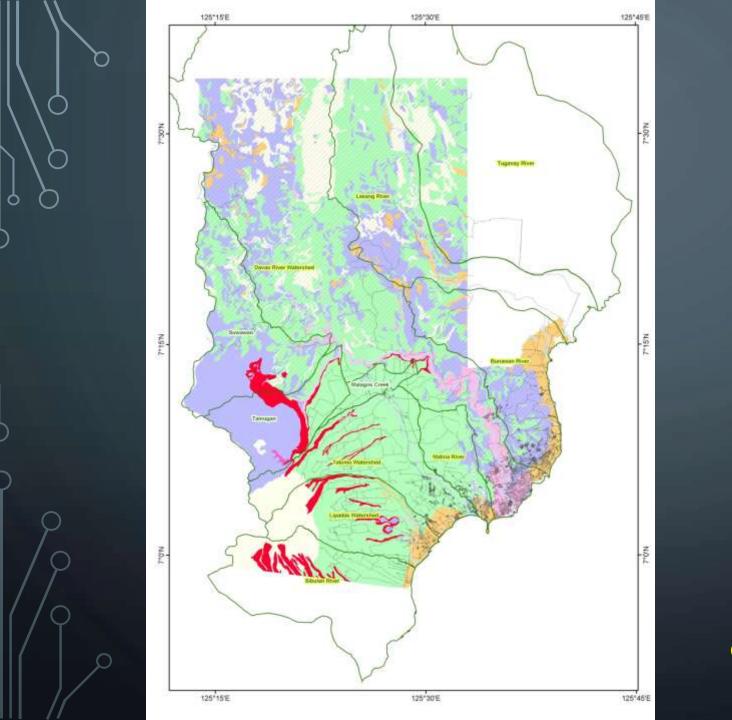
Landslide
Occurrence Map

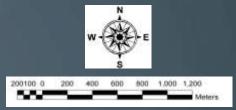






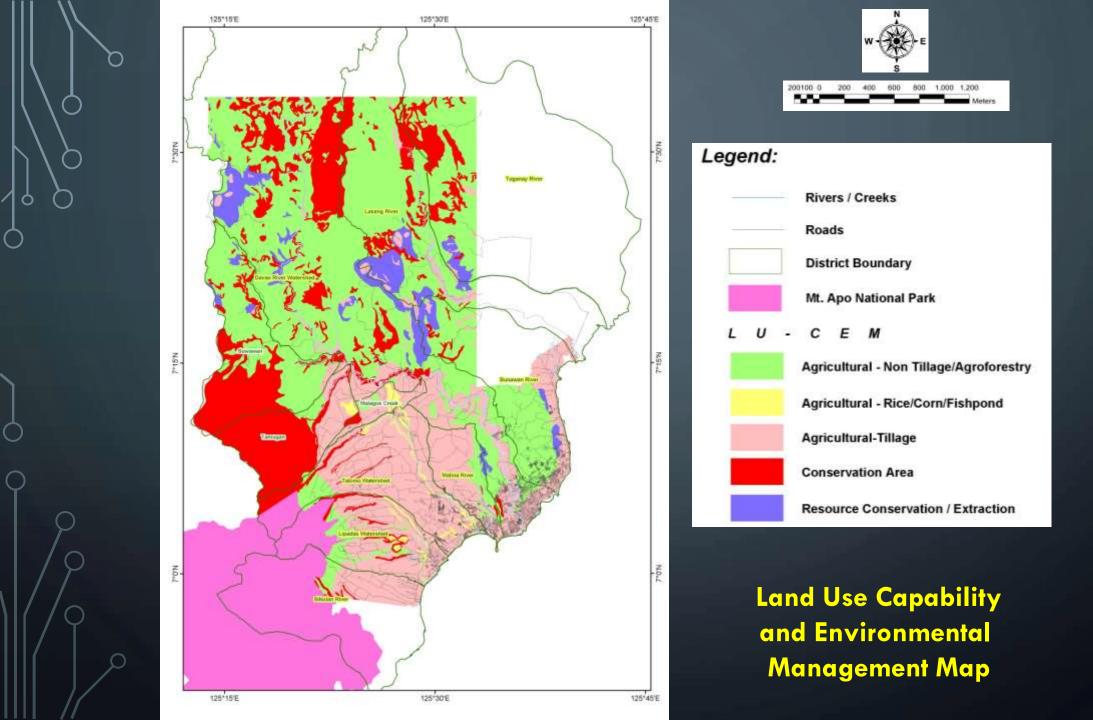
Landslide Susceptibility Map

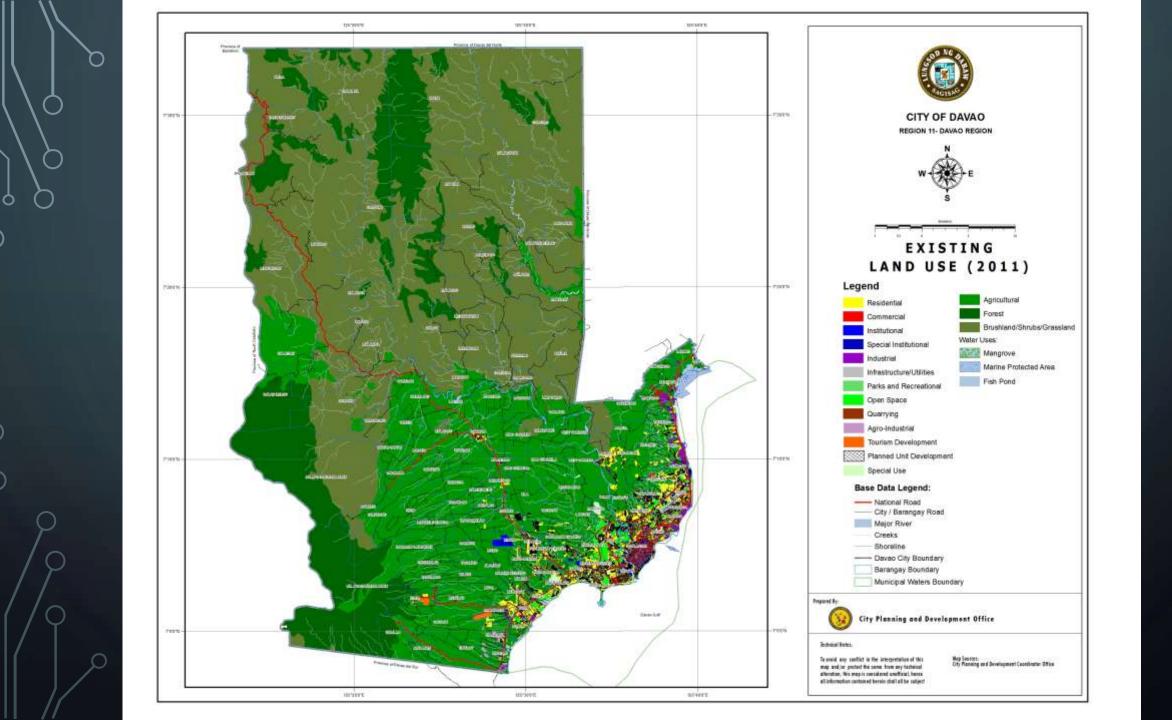


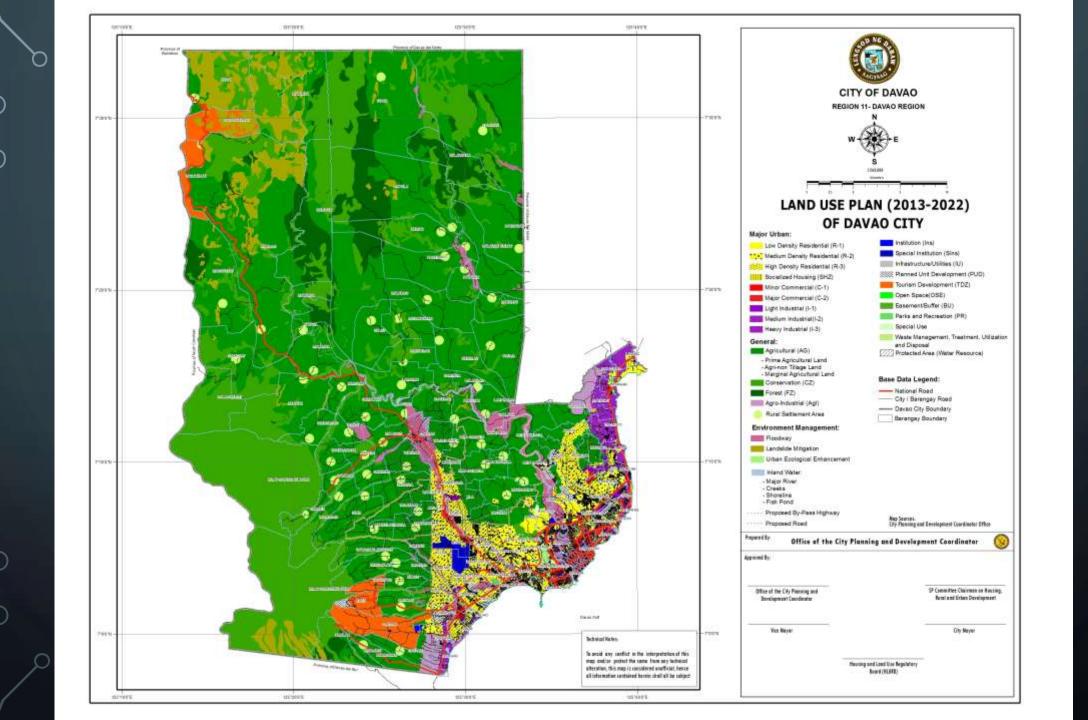


#### Legend: Rivers / Creeks Roads District Boundary Very low recharge potential for deep and shallow aquifer Low recharge potential for deep and shallow aquifer Moderate recharge potential for shallow aquifer Moderate recharge potential for very deep aquifer High recharge potential for shallow aquifer Very high recharge potential for shallow aquifer Very high recharge potential for deep and shallow aquifer Very high recharge potential for deep to very deep aquifer Very low recharge potential for undetermined aquifer Low recharge potential for undetermined aquifer Moderate recharge potential for undetermined aquifer High recharge potential for undetermined aquifer

Groundwater Recharge Potential Map







"NATURE PROVIDES INNUMERABLE SERVICES THAT UNDERPIN FOOD SECURITY, HUMAN WELL-BEING AND INDEED, THE GLOBAL ECONOMY. THESE SERVICES ARE RARELY VALUED IN TERMS THAT CAN BE ENTERED INTO ECONOMIC DEBATES WITHIN NATIONAL PLANNING PROCESSES AND, LACKING VISIBLE VALUE, THEY ARE OFTEN TRADED AWAY INAPPROPRIATELY. IF BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES ARE TO BE INCORPORATED INTO DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES, THEY MUST BE DESCRIBED IN TERMS THAT DECISION MAKERS CAN UNDERSTAND AND USE" (UNEP-WCMC).

• Ecosystems provide a variety of goods and services upon which people depend.

• Ecosystem goods include the "tangible, material products" of ecosystem processes—food, construction materials, medicinal plants—in addition to less tangible items like tourism and recreation.

- •Ecosystem services, on the other hand, are generally "improvements in the condition or location of things of value".
- •These include things like the maintenance of hydrological cycles, cleaning air and water, the maintenance of oxygen in the atmosphere, crop pollination and even things like beauty of landscape, etc.





"Watershed management" is the process of guiding and organizing land and other resource uses in a watershed to provide a desired goal and services without adversely affecting the watershed areas and water resources (Watershed Code, 2007).

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Watershed management, in its simplest terms means managing upstream activities and resources wisely so that downstream remains healthy.

#### POLICIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- WATERSHED CODE
- ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ORDINANCE
- WATER CODE
- RAIN WATER HARVESTING ORDINANCE
- AMENDED ZONING ORDINANCE AND COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN
- BICYCLE ORDINANCE
- BAN MINING ORDINANCE
- BAN AERIAL SPRAY ORDINANCE

#### POLICIES FOR LEGISLATION

- BAN AERIAL SPRAY **BILL** / **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER** BANNING AERIAL SPRAY (National)
- ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER STRENGTHENING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT SYSTEM / ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT BILL (National)
- Empowerment Ordinance (Local)
- Environment Code (for drafting)
- PERMEABLE PARKING SPACES
- ECONOMIC VALUATION



## RETAIN 10% ACES

REQUIREMENT in the Davao City Zoning Ordinance

City councilors and subdivision developers are taking away the provision on green spaces.

Let's stop this ecological-threatening move and ensure the establishment and protection of natural parks and urban forests. Let's continue to prove that indeed Life is really here in Davao City.





Join the Silent Protest

City Council Hearin Session Hall, Sanguniang Panglungso

Jan 26 2016 | 9:30 am

"Section 13. More Green Spaces: Fox projects which are of socio-economic and environmental significance and/or national interest with project area of one (1) hectare and above, the project proponent shall allocate ten percent (10%) of the total land area for more green spaces to be planted by trees and ornamental plants and/or to be developed for water pond purposes, in addition to open space already? required by law."



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SUBJECT: ORDINANCE NO. 0487-16, SERIES OF 2016 ENTITLED " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13, ART. XI OF ORDINANCE NO. 0546-13, SERIES OF 2013".

VETO MESSAGE No. February 19, 2016

Hon. Charito N. Santos Secretary Sanggunian

Jear Madam

I hereby return WITHOUT MY APPROVAL the subject Ordinance No 0487-16, Series of 2016. The subject measure is hereby VETOED pursuant to Section 55 (a) of Republic Act No. 7160 on the grounds that the ame is vague and ambiguous, prejudicial to public interest and an rise of legislative power in ultra vires.

avond question that the Sangguniang Panlung 7150 otherwise known as the L empowered under III its legislative powers Code to enact ordinance, which is mile legislative power can never be diluted by a mere ordinance. Sangguniang Panlungsod, on its own, may review and amend its enacted ordinance when the general welfare of the public is at stake

As Mayor of our beloved City, I am mandated to enforce and implement all laws and ordinance relative to the governance of the city

But for reasons below-mentioned, I am nonetheless particularly disturbed with the legal issues/dilemma resulting from the amendment introduced

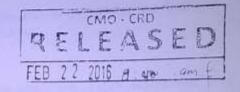
The amended section of the Ordinance now reads

SECTION 13 GREEN SPACE-For land development projects within the City of Davao which are of sociocondition of roads, streets, bridges, public buildings, and other public works under their control of supervision"

Thus, the amended measure unnecessarily makes the City Government of Davao liable for the damages that may arise from the negligence of homeowners association or their representatives. In such an event, the City will be forced to disburse public funds to cover the indemnity for damages resulting from acts of the homeowners associations or its representatives to which it has no control over

HENCE, THIS VETO

Let copies of this VETO MESSAGE be furnished all members of the August Body for information and guidance.



The fight is far from over and we need more people to support and participate.

The fight for Green Spaces is a Fight for a Better Quality of LIFE for ALL...



#### THE FOUR LAWS OF ECOLOGY

- 1) Everything is connected to everything else
- 2) Everything must go somewhere
- 3) Nature knows best
- 4) There is no such thing as a free lunch

