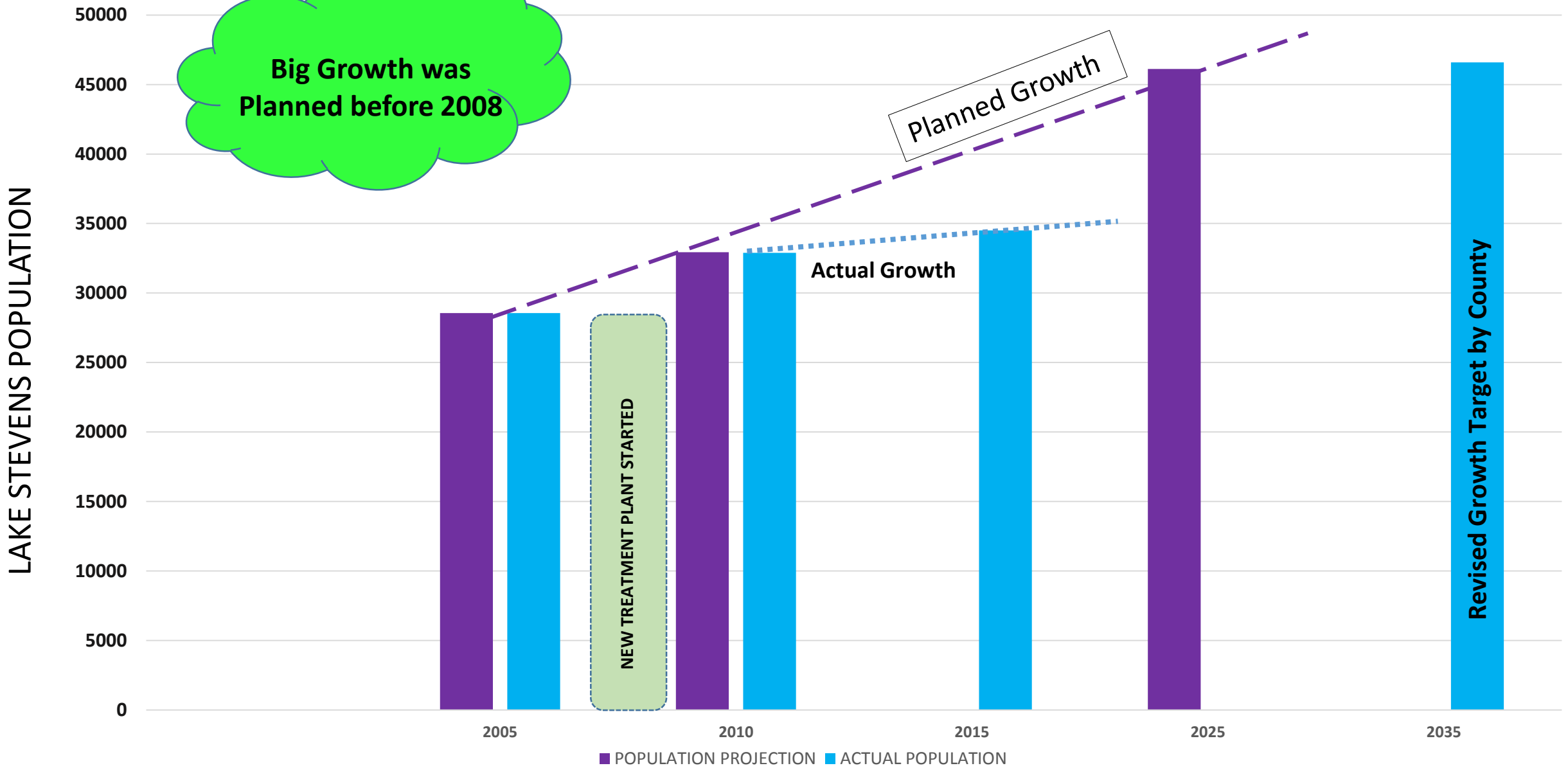
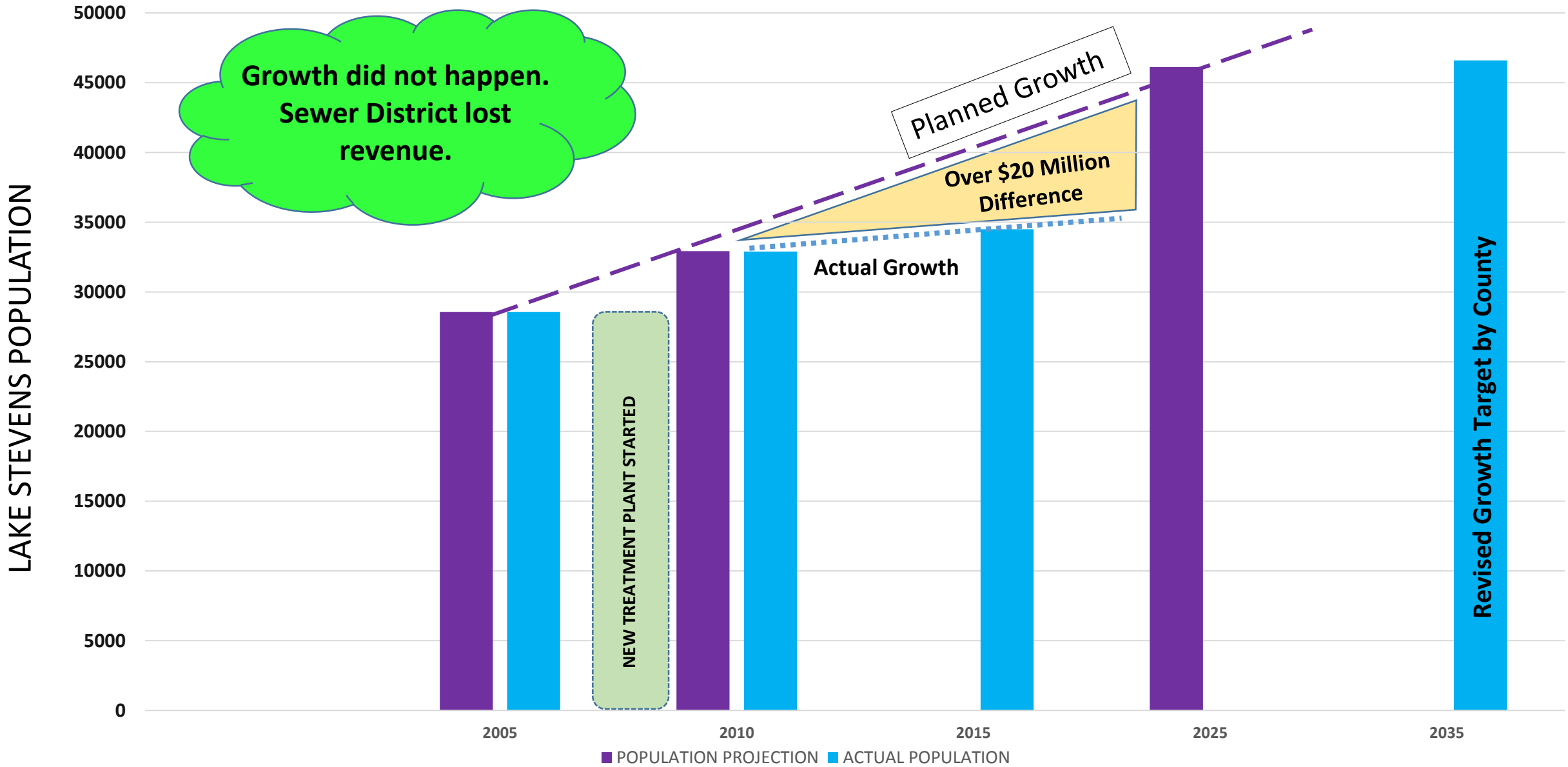


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Growth Forecasting versus Lake Stevens Sewer District (LSSD) rates:

- ✓ Lake Stevens Sewer District relies on accurate City & County planning and growth forecasts.
 - ✓ Such forecasts determine the proper size of capital investments and facilitate rate-setting.
 - ✓ Snohomish County planned on rapid growth = a Lake Stevens residential population of 45,000 by year 2025; with an employment base of approximately 7,000 jobs.
 - ✓ To accommodate this target, the District constructed a modern Wastewater Treatment Plant.
 - ✓ Monthly Rates were expected to be between \$65.00 and \$70.00 per month in 2012.
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- ✓ Treatment Plant construction was finished and placed in operation Spring 2012.
 - ✓ Housing and business/job growth in Lake Stevens did not materialize.
 - ✓ Therefore, the fixed costs of new Treatment Plant had to be spread to residential customers.
 - ✓ As a result, monthly sewer rates have risen up to \$86.00/month as of 2017.
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- ✓ Snohomish County and Lake Stevens revised their growth forecast adding 10 years to prior predictions.
 - ✓ Additionally, LSSD made cuts in programs to counteract the absence of over \$20 million in revenue.
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- ✓ **Rates are now stable. No more increases are necessary for the foreseeable future.**
 - ✓ A successful City economic & business growth plan must be realized for rates to be lowered.
 - ✓ Sewer rates are lower than Snohomish and Monroe; and becoming more competitive each year.
 - ✓ Nearby jurisdictions that need new Treatment systems intend to raise and their rates each year.