

News Release



Snohomish County Council

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*Updating Snohomish County’s Comprehensive Plan*

**Council to Hold Public Hearings on  
Planning Commission’s Recommendations for 10 Year Update**

The Snohomish County Council will be considering the Planning Commission’s Recommendations on the 10-Year Update to the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan, a requirement of the state Growth Management Act (GMA). The County Council will accept testimony from citizens in a series of Public Hearings scheduled during the first week in October.

Each county planning under the state Growth Management Act is required to conduct a 10-year review of its comprehensive plan to evaluate the ability of the plan to accommodate growth in population and employment projected for the succeeding 20 year period, based upon growth management population projections issued by the state Office of Financial Management (RCW 36.70A.110 (2)). Within the context of the 10 year review, all aspects of the Comprehensive Plan are reviewed for their consistency with the proposed changes in land use to accommodate growth.

The hearings will mark the culmination of nearly three years of effort by the county working together with cities, tribes, organizations and citizens to develop a community-supported plan update for accommodating the expected growth in population and employment through 2025.

All hearings will be held in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Public Meeting Room, East Administration Building, 3000 Rockefeller in Everett.

The hearings will focus on specific geographic areas, on the dates and times as follows:

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>UGA Emphasis</b>
<b>Monday, Oct. 3</b> 1:30 -5:00 p.m. and 6:30 – 10:00 p.m.	Arlington, Marysville, Stanwood, Granite Falls Lake Stevens, Darrington
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 4</b> 9:00 a.m.– Noon and 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Bothell, Brier, Edmonds, Everett, Lynnwood, Mill Creek, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo, Woodway
<b>Wednesday , Oct. 5</b> 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 – 10:00 p.m.	Monroe, Snohomish, Sultan, Maltby, Gold Bar
<b>Thursday, Oct. 6</b> 5:00 p.m.– 10:00 p.m.	Bothell, Brier, Edmonds, Everett, Lynnwood, Mill Creek, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo, Woodway

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Each hearing will begin with the Council receiving public testimony relating to Future Land Use Map changes and rezones for the geographic areas of focus, as noted above. Testimony regarding policy issues will be taken later during each of the hearings.

Those who are unable to attend the hearing appropriate to their community will be allowed to testify at any of the hearings, after testimony on the subject area has been completed.

Written testimony is encouraged, and may be mailed to the Office of the Snohomish County Council, 3000 Rockefeller, MS-609, Everett, WA 98201, faxed to (425) 388-3496 or emailed to [county.council@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:county.council@co.snohomish.wa.us).

During the hearings, the Council will consider recommendations concerning 25 proposed ordinances which would amend different provisions in the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan and/or portions of the implementing code. There are multiple versions of a few ordinances, which incorporate approaches recommended by the Planning Commission, the Council or Executive Aaron Reardon.

The proposed ordinances under consideration relate to the following plan elements and/or sections of county code: General Policy Plan, Transportation Element, Capital Facilities Plan, Parks Plan, Areawide Rezones (which includes rezones within rural areas), Agricultural Lands (Planning Commission version), Agricultural Lands (Executive version), Mineral Lands policies and regulations, Development Phasing Overlay Sunset in Lake Stevens Urban Growth Area (UGA), Planned Residential Developments in Lake Stevens UGA, Site Plans in the General Commercial Zone, Snohomish County Code Chapter 30.66 B (Planning Commission version), Snohomish County Code Chapter 30.66B (Executive version), Urban Centers, Arlington UGA, Gold Bar UGA (Council version), Granite Falls UGA, Lake Stevens UGA, Maltby UGA, Marysville UGA, Monroe UGA, Snohomish UGA, Southwest UGA, Stanwood UGA and Sultan UGA.

Copies of the proposed ordinances may be obtained by calling the Office of the County Council at 425-388-3494, 1-800-562-4367 extension 3493 (TDD 425-388-3700), or through email at [county.council@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:county.council@co.snohomish.wa.us). Copies may be picked up at the Council Office on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor of the County Administration Building East, 3000 Rockefeller in Everett.

For more information on the 10 Year Update project (including the Planning Commission's Recommended Draft Comprehensive Plan, all maps and informational materials), please view the 10 Year Update project website, accessible from the main page of the county's website, [www.co.snohomish.wa.us](http://www.co.snohomish.wa.us), or contact the Long Range Planning Office at (425) 388-3311.

For more information on the Hearings or to arrange reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities, please contact Sheila McCallister at 425-388-3494, 1-800-562-4367, ext. 3493 or TDD 425-388-3700.

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