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## **Snohomish County's new Comprehensive Plan now in effect**

The Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan, which serves as the guide for development in the County, was recently updated through the year 2025. The updated Plan is effective Wednesday, Feb. 1, and replaces the 1995 Plan as the reference point for new development applications.

In keeping with the Planning & Development Services (“PDS”) Department commitment to full access to documents and efficient customer service, PDS will have hard copies and CDs available for purchase or review in the reception area on the fourth floor of the County Administration Building – West, 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett. The updated Plan is also available for review in libraries and city halls throughout the County as well as on the County's website.

The Plan consists of five sections, four of which may be purchased separately at this time:

- The General Policy Plan, consisting of goals and policies, serves as a guide to the County's growth and development from the present through 2025.
- The Future Land Use Map (included with the General Policy Plan) shows in map format land uses and densities, urban growth area boundaries, and urban, rural, commercial agricultural and timber lands adequate for the expected population through 2025. Zoning and development regulations implement these designations.
- The Transportation Element describes the County's transportation system and provides policy direction for the development of roads and other transportation to serve the needs of the forecasted 2025 population.

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- The Capital Facilities Plan contains an inventory of the County's public facilities, establishes level of service standards necessary to support development and prioritizes facilities needed to support the forecasted 2025 population.
- The Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan has been modified to adopt the population forecasts, but further modifications will be taking place in 2006, with an updated version available by January 2007 (available through the Parks Department).

The Washington State Growth Management Act ("GMA") requires cities and counties planning under GMA to complete a thorough review of their comprehensive plans every ten years. Less extensive revisions are allowed on an annual basis, through a process known as "docketing." For more information on the docket process, please contact Steve Skorney at 425.388.3311 x2207.

For more information on the 10 Year Update project, please contact the Long Range Planning Office at 425.388.3311 or view the project website at: [http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/PDS/Divisions/LR\\_Planning/Projects\\_Programs/10\\_Year\\_Update/](http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/PDS/Divisions/LR_Planning/Projects_Programs/10_Year_Update/).

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