

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE



Snohomish County

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Updating Snohomish County's Comprehensive Plan **'Snohomish County 2025' Map To Be Presented At Open Houses**

Citizens are invited to catch a glimpse of the future as County planners present the Preferred Future Land Use Map at Open Houses in North and South County:

Thursday, October 14
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Lakewood Middle School
16800 – 16th Drive NE
Arlington

Wednesday, October 20
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Skyview Junior High School
21404 – 35th Avenue SE
Bothell

The Open Houses will be informal gatherings, where citizens may arrive any time between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. and visit information stations to learn about where and how the County plans to make room for its growing population. There will also be an information station featuring plans for transportation, surface water, utilities and parks.

A short presentation will be given by County planners at 7:00 p.m. describing the map, its evolution, and the next steps for completing the Comprehensive Plan Update.

The Preferred Future Land Use Map is a significant milestone in the County's process to update its 1995 Comprehensive Plan. The Update process has been conducted with extensive public input, discussion and coordination with local cities and tribes, and guidance from the County Council and County Executive. The updated Comprehensive Plan, slated for completion in 2005, supports projected population and employment growth through 2025. It will include any adjustments in land use, policy, transportation, funding and mitigation needed to support the projected numbers of new residents.

In response to fiscal considerations, changes to the current plan will be made largely within existing urban areas through infill and redevelopment in appropriate locations; a policy aligned with the Growth Management Act, a state law to curtail sprawl and preserve farmland and natural resources. Modest expansion of urban growth area boundaries is proposed in a few areas where urban services can be efficiently extended.

For more information on the Open Houses or for accommodations for persons with disabilities, please contact Ryan Hembree at (425) 388-3311, extension 2267. Persons with hearing impairments may call the County's text telephone line at 425-388-3700. For more information on the Comprehensive Plan Update, please contact project manager Michael Zelinski at (425) 388-3311 extension 2088, or check the project website at www.co.snohomish.wa.us/pds/10YearUpdate.htm.