

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE



Snohomish County

Planning & Development Services Department
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Updating Snohomish County's Comprehensive Plan **City and County Commissioners Discuss Comp Plan Policies**

Citizens are invited to hear representatives from Cities, Tribes and County Planning Commissions discuss policies and mitigation strategies for the Planning & Development Services Department (PDS) Preferred Alternative Future Land Use Map in a series of four area-specific workshops.

The discussion will cover economic development, surface water management, transportation, urban design standards, Fully-Contained Communities (FCC's), and other topics of interest to the Planning Commissions.

All four workshops will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

#1 - SOUTHWEST COUNTY

Wednesday, November 3

Participants: Snohomish County, Edmonds, Everett, Lynnwood, Mukilteo, Woodway and the Muckleshoot Tribe

Location: Chase Lake Elementary
21603-84th Ave. W., Edmonds

#2 - SOUTHEAST COUNTY

Thursday, November 4

Participants: Snohomish County, Gold Bar, Lake Stevens, Monroe, Sultan, and Snohomish

Location: Snohomish School District, Resource & Service Center
1601 Avenue D, Snohomish

#3 - SOUTHWEST COUNTY

Tuesday, November 9

Participants: Snohomish County, Bothell, Mill Creek, Mountlake Terrace, Brier, and Woodinville

Location: North Creek Presbyterian Church
621-164th St. SE, Mill Creek

#4 - NORTH COUNTY

Thursday, November 18

Participants: Snohomish County, Arlington, Darrington, Granite Falls, Marysville, Stanwood, Stillaguamish Tribe, Tulalip Tribes and Sauk Suiattle Tribe

Location: Cedarcrest Middle School
6400 – 88th St. NE, Marysville

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The meetings are a part of a series of public forums the County has conducted throughout its two-year effort to update the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan through 2025. The Update process has been conducted with extensive public input, discussion and coordination with local cities and tribes, stakeholders and guidance from the County Council and County Executive.

PDS's Preferred Alternative Future Land Use Map, coming about midway through the County's process of updating its 1995 Comprehensive Plan, was completed and released for public review on October 12th.

The updated Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan, slated for completion in 2005, will support projected population and employment growth through 2025. It will include any adjustments in land use, policy, transportation, funding and mitigation needed to accommodate the projected numbers of new residents and to maintain the overall direction of the existing Comp Plan, adopted in 1995.

Changes to the current plan will be made largely within existing urban areas through infill and land use changes in appropriate locations; a policy aligned with the Growth Management Act, which is a state law to curtail sprawl and conserve farmland and natural resources. Modest expansions of urban growth area boundaries are proposed in a few areas where urban services can be efficiently provided.

For more information on the Planning Commission Workshops 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.

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