



Purpose of a Critical Areas Ordinance Update

01

Align the CAO with applicable Best Available Science and state laws and guidelines in effect at the time of the review;

02

Assure consistency of the CAO with the County's comprehensive plan and development regulations; and

03

Provide clarifications to improve usability and predictability of the CAO for applicants and reviewers.



Public Participation Plan Elements



Public engagement opportunities



Public comment



Working groups & community consultations



Inclusive outreach



Timeline and key milestones



Best Available Science (BAS)

- GMA Requirement
- Based on WAC Criteria: Peer review, methods, logical conclusions, quantitative analysis, context, references
- Describes "functions and values". Looks at any BAS since last update in 2017.
- Literature review informs "Gap and Consistency Analysis" document
- Consider local applicability & implementation
- Currently available for public review



Gap and Consistency Analysis

- Required Changes for consistency with state law and guidelines
- Recommended Changes based on Best Available Science review and evaluation of current code
- Discretionary Changes based on need for improvement or clarity in various code sections

Draft code amendments will be available for public review in early 2024.



PHASE 1

PHASE 2

PHASE 3

BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE & INITIATE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Develop outreach and engagement materials
- · Launch website
- Distribute surveys
- Project kick-off public presentation
- Identify members for Working Groups

TECHNICAL CAO DEVELOPMENT

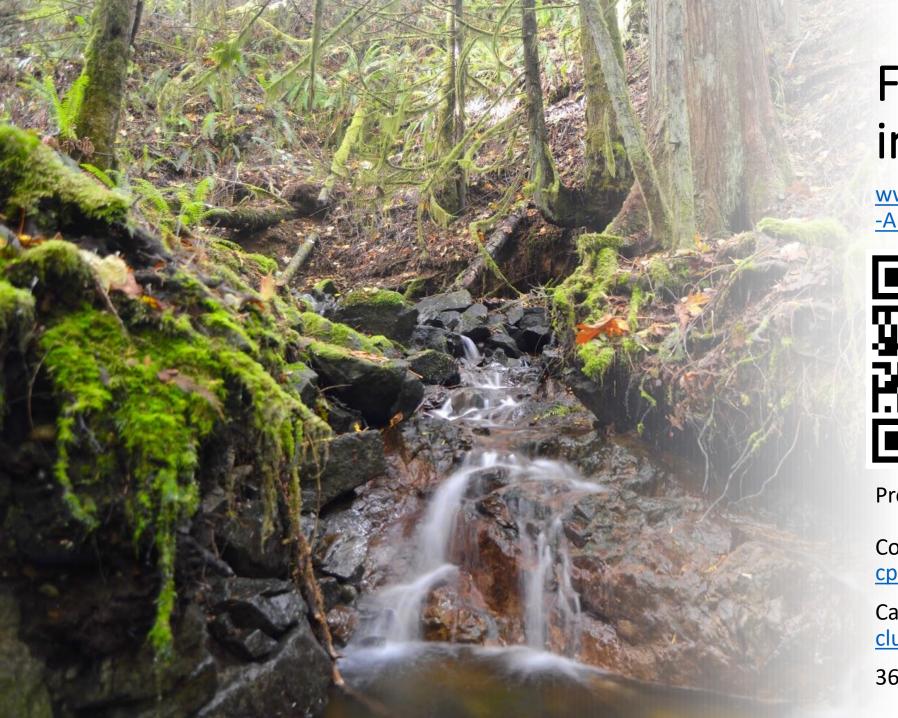
- Hold virtual public meetings
 & in-person Open House
- Hold Working Group meetings and provide summary documents
- Consultation meetings with community groups as needed/requested
- Briefings and/or work studies with Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners
- Briefing with Board of County Commissioners

April 2023 - December 2023

REVIEW & ADOPTION PROCESS

- Planning Commission public hearing to receive public comments on final draft plan and make recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners
- Board of County
 Commissioners public
 hearing to receive public
 comments and make final
 decision to adopt, deny or
 modify final draft plan

January 2024 - June 2024



For more information:

www.kitsapgov.com/dcd/Pages/Critical -Areas-Ordinance-Update-2024.aspx



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