

Department of Community Development

Year of the Rural – Project and
Public Process Briefing

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KitsapCounty



Agenda

Project Overview

Growth Management Act (GMA)

2024 Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan

Outreach Overview

Rural and Resource Lands Chapter

Proposed Code Updates

Reclassification Requests

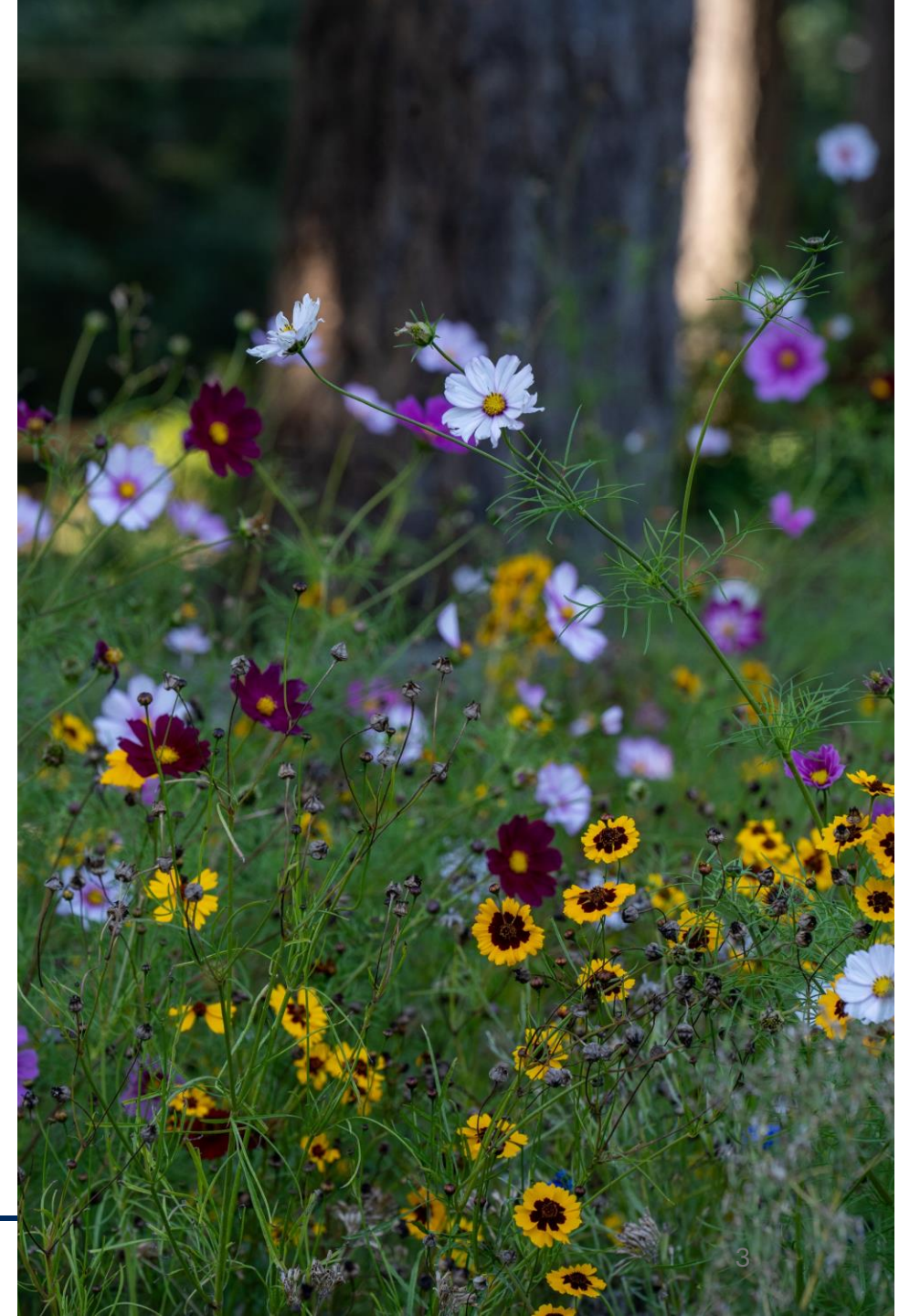
What's next?

Project Webpage



Project Overview

- ✓ Charter & Community Engagement Plan
- ✓ Deliverables: Rural and Resource Lands Chapter Update, Potential Code Updates, Reclassification Request Recommendations
- ✓ Outreach & Engagement
- ✓ Research and Gap Analysis
- ✓ Data Analysis and Mapping



Growth Management Act (GMA)

Planning Goals

Mandatory Elements – Rural Element

Three Main Types of Lands

- Is there a fourth type of land?

Tiered Planning

- Vision 2050 & Multi County Planning Policies
- Countywide Planning Policies
- Local Comprehensive Plans

Kitsap County's History

Today in Kitsap County



2024 Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan

Introduction

Chapter 1 Land Use

New! Rural and Resource Lands

Chapter 2 Economic Development

Chapter 3 Environment

Chapter 4 Housing

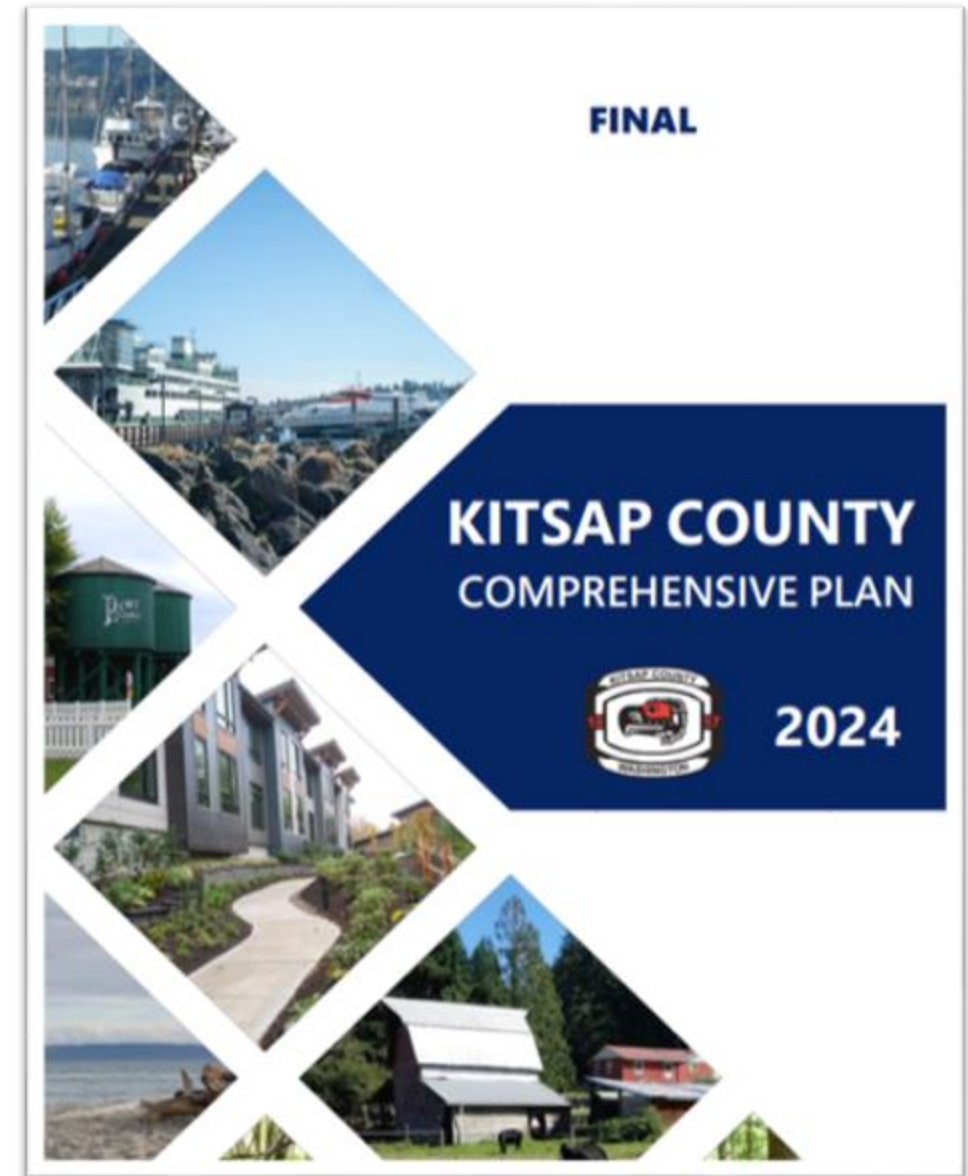
Chapter 5 Transportation

Chapter 6 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

Chapter 7 Capital Facilities and Utilities

Chapter 8 Climate Change

Subarea and Neighborhood Plans



2024 Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan

Table 11. Preferred Alternative Capacity Relative to Projected Housing Need

Income Level (% AMI)	Projected Housing Need	Zone Categories Serving These Needs	Aggregated Housing Needs ¹	Total Capacity	Capacity Surplus (Deficit)
0-30% PSH	1,214	Low-Rise Multifamily, Mid-Rise Multifamily, ADUs	7,747 (non-pipeline) + 607 (pipeline) = 8,354	6,187 (non-pipeline) + 607 (pipeline) + 381 ADU = 7,175	(1,179)
0-30% Non-PSH	2,768				
31-50%	2,376				
51-80%	1,996				
81-100%	1,028	Moderate Density	2,040	1,874	(166)
101-120%	1,012				
>120%	4,103	Low Density	2,342 (non-pipeline) + 1,761 (pipeline) = 4,103	2,418 (non-pipeline) + 1,761 (pipeline) = 4,179	76
Total	14,497		12,129 (non-pipeline) + 2,368 (pipeline) = 14,497	13,228 (including 2,368 pipeline units and 381 ADUs)	(1,269)

Source: Facet 2024, incorporated into this plan as Appendix A

Table 1. Estimated Population Growth Targets 2022

UGA	Census Population 2020	CPP Targeted Growth 2020-2044	Adjusted Growth 2022-2044
Bremerton	10,105	2,762	2,544
Silverdale	19,675	9,896	9,442
Kingston	2,435	3,200	3,121
Poulsbo	528	1,065	1,054
Port Orchard	15,370	3,552	3,486
Central Kitsap	24,741	5,000	4,787
Rural	106,865	5,415	4,391
Total	179,719	30,890	28,825

Sources: Targets from the Countywide Planning Policies and extrapolated based upon historic growth patterns.

Table 2. Estimated Employment Growth Targets 2022-2044

UGA	Census Employment 2020	CPP Targeted Growth 2020-2044	Adjusted Growth 2022-2044
Bremerton	1,401	2,434	2,454
Silverdale	13,281	11,416	11,023
Kingston	1,077	1,400	1,343
Poulsbo	78	97	103
Port Orchard	2,683	1,500	1,429
Central Kitsap	3,985	1,470	1,380
Rural	22,896	2,301	2,150
Total	45,401	20,618	19,882

Sources: Targets from the Countywide Planning Policies and extrapolated based upon historic growth patterns.

Outreach Overview

Review and Summarize Rural Comp Plan Public Comments

Surveys

- Survey 1.0 – Feb/March
- Survey 2.0 – June/July

Presentations, Interviews, Meetings

- Agriculture Working Group
- Kitsap County Child Care Task Force
- Kingston Rotary
- Tribal Coordination Meeting(s)
- Kitsap Rural Business Coalition
- Great Peninsula Conservancy
- Gravel Pit Owner; Washington Department of Natural Resources
- Kitsap Environmental Coalition
- Kitsap County – Parks Forester and Emergency Management
- DCD: Current Planning, Building & Fire Safety, Environmental Programs

Workshops

Community Advisory Council Presentations

Open House

Public Comment

Public Testimony



Workshop Comment:
“Forestry requires access
to mills or onsite milling.
What provisions are adding
small scale industrial
zoning to Rural Wooded?”

Rural and Resource Lands Chapter

Vision

Rural Character

Intent

GMA and Regional Coordination

Other Applicable State Laws

Relationships to Other Elements

Background of Chapter

Key Terms

Rural Land Use Zoning Designations

Limited Areas of More Intensive Rural Development (LAMIRDs)

Resource Lands and Working Lands

Goals, Policies, and Strategies



Goals, Policies, and Strategies

Rural Development

Resource Lands and Working Lands

Rural Business

Rural Services and Infrastructure

Rural Environment

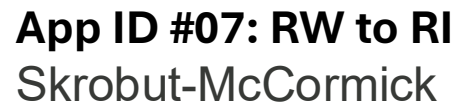


Proposed Code Updates

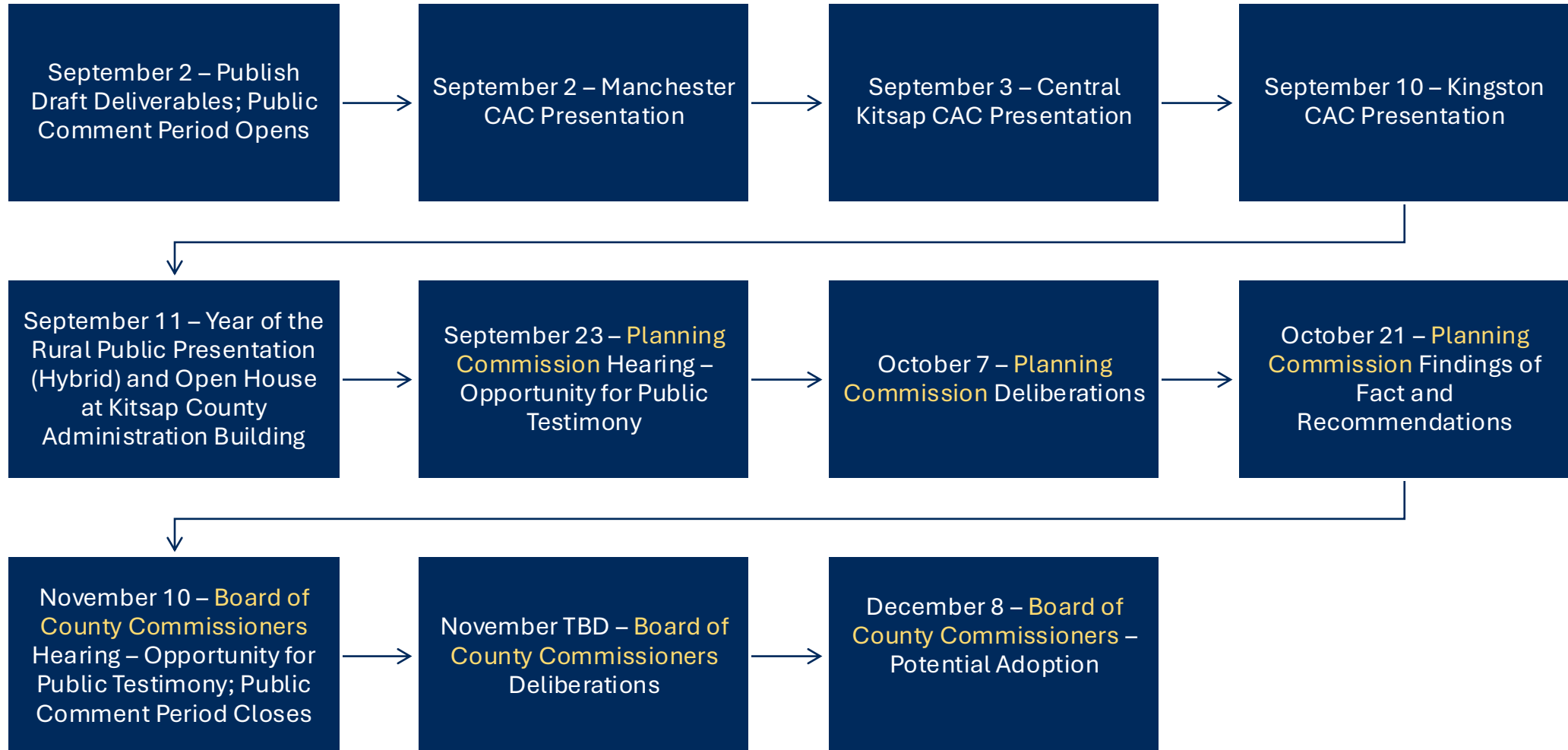
- **Actively Evaluating**
 - Childcare
 - Horse Boarding
 - Agriculture
- Future
 - Boundary Line Adjustments
 - Battery Energy Storage Systems – Moratorium
 - Reclassification Request Process
 - Events
 - Rural Lands Analysis
 - In-Home Business
 - Mobile Home Park Preservation



Rural Commercial and Rural Industrial



What's Next?





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Public Process

Draft documents will be published to the project webpage Tuesday, Sept 2.

We welcome your feedback!



**Tues
Sept 2**

Comment Period Begins

Tuesday, Sept 2 - Monday, Nov 10
(through Sept 23 for Planning Commission)
Comment form on the project webpage



**Thurs
Sept 11**

Presentation and Open House

5:00pm - Presentation (Hybrid)
6:00pm - Open House (In-Person)
More info on the project webpage



**Tues
Sept 23**

Planning Commission Hearing

5:30pm - Virtual and In-person
More info on the project webpage



**Mon
Nov 10**

Board of County Commissioners Hearing

5:30pm - Virtual and In-person
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For more project details and updates about these events, please visit our project webpage using the QR code or web address kcowa.us/yearoftherural



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New Draft Documents

- **New!** [2025 Draft Rural and Resource Lands Chapter](#)
- **New!** [2025 Draft Reclassification Staff Report](#)
- **New!** [2025 Agriculture Draft Code](#)
- **New!** [2025 Child Care Draft Code](#)
- **New!** [2025 Horse Facilities Draft Code](#)

Provide Your Feedback - Deliverables Comment Form

Kitsap County is seeking public input on the draft Rural Resource Lands Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan, proposed updates to rural development codes, and site-specific reclassification requests. Your comments are an important part of the review process! The information you provide will help guide the County in refining policies, regulations, and map changes to better reflect community priorities.

[Please use this form](#) to share your perspectives, concerns, or suggestions regarding these proposals.

Comment period: September 2 - November 10, 2025

Comments through September 23 will be shared with the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners; comments after September 23 will be shared with the Board of County Commissioners.

[Deliverables Comment form](#)

Common Questions We're Hearing

Is the code retroactive?

Upcoming Meetings

Project Presentation (Hybrid) and Open House (In-Person)

Thursday, Sept 11, 5:00 pm

Hybrid Presentation 5:00 pm-6:00 pm

In-Person Open House 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Virtual: Link and Passcode coming soon

In-person: Kitsap County
Administration Building, 619 Division
Street, Port Orchard, Commissioner's Chambers

Planning Commission

- **Hearing** - Tuesday, Sept 23, 5:30 pm
- **Deliberations** - Tuesday, Oct 7, 5:30 pm
- **Findings of Fact and Recommendations** -
Tuesday, Oct 21, 5:30 pm

In-person: Kitsap County
Administration Building, 619 Division
Street, Port Orchard, Commissioner's Chambers



Thank you!

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