



Executive Summary – Planning Commission

Issue Title: Department of Community Development: Equestrian Facility Assessment

Meeting Date: February 3, 2026

Time Required: 30 Minutes

Attendees: Heather Cleveland, Senior Long Range Planner

Action Requested at this Meeting: Information Only

Background:

The Kitsap County Board of County Commissioners first identified regulation of equestrian facilities as a priority for 2025. However, initial work in 2025 showed that a more robust outreach and evaluative approach was needed, for which DCD did not have the staffing to accommodate. Kitsap County Board of County Commissioners postponed the effort in October 2025. In 2026, DCD is ready to provide focus and staffing needed to assess and present recommendations to the equine community, Planning Commission, and Board of County Commissioners.

Next Steps:

- February 26, 2026 – Presentation to DCD Leadership
- March 3, 2026 – Planning Commission Work Study
- March TBD – Board of County Commissioners Work Study

Attachments:

- Presentation

Reference:

- [Commercial Equestrian Assessment](#) Project Webpage (in progress)
- [Year of the Rural](#) Project Webpage