



Executive Summary

Issue Title:	Year of the Rural Update
Meeting Date:	May 6, 2025
Time Required:	60 minutes
Attendees:	Heather Cleveland, Long Range Planner Diane Fish, Kitsap Conservation District

Action Requested At This Meeting:

- Information only

Background:

The 2024 Comprehensive Plan was adopted in December 2024. To allow for focus on the rural communities, lands, and specific topics impacting rural areas, the County is updating a Rural and Resources Lands Chapter. The policies in the Chapter will work in tandem with the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map.

The Chapter guides land use patterns and supports land use decisions for the unincorporated portions of Kitsap County outside of urban growth areas (UGAs).

The purpose of the Chapter is to define and provide policy direction to preserve and enhance the rural character of Kitsap County. The three deliverables for the Year of the Rural include:

- Rural and Resource Lands Chapter Update
- Rural Reclassification Requests – Recommendations
- Potential Code Updates

Agenda:

- Kitsap Conservation District – Farmland Preservation
- GMA
- Rural Definitions
- Project Timeline
- Rural Comp Plan Comments Summary & Survey Summary, [Year of the Rural](#)
 - Full summaries posted on project webpage
- Outreach Update
- Reclassification Requests, [Year of the Rural](#)

- Interactive map posted on the project webpage
- Chapter Update
- Code Updates

Attachment:

- Presentation