

Kitsap County Year of the Rural Project - Deliberations Matrix

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Deliverable	#	Topic	Summary of Issue	Staff Recommendation	Planning Commission Recommendation	Board Direction
Chapter	1	Wildlife Corridors and Habitat Connectivity	Add wildlife corridor and habitat connectivity to the chapter with specificity to identify and map corridors, identify key species of concern, and link corridors to allow movement of species.	Goal: Protect and enhance wildlife corridors and habitat connectivity in Kitsap County to support biodiversity, allow species movement, and maintain healthy ecosystems while balancing rural character and land use needs. Policy: Identify and prioritize wildlife corridors and habitat areas using best available science and regional coordination. Policy: Collaborate with state, tribal, regional, and local partners to support long-term habitat connectivity. Policy: Develop and adopt a Wildlife Corridor Plan that identifies, prioritizes, and protects critical wildlife corridors and habitat connections across Kitsap County. Strategy: Conduct a countywide inventory of wildlife corridors using the Rural Lands Analysis and other mapping tools. Strategy: Identify key species of concern and document their habitat needs.		
Chapter	2	Forestry - Advisory Council	Include community members and various interest groups.	Agree - included in the draft proposal		
Chapter	3	Agriculture - Advisory Council	Include community members and various interest groups.	Agree - assessing the draft proposal.		
Chapter	4	Rural Walkability and Bikeability	Add strategies - connections and safety is important.	Strategies are not feasible at this time. Will need to create future strategies in concert with KC PW.		
Chapter	5	Climate Change Element	Use best available science and avoid clear cutting.	To be better understood (esp in a local context) and discussed with future potential Forestry Advisory Council.		
Chapter	6	Tribal Lands	Acknowledge Tribal Lands and acreage.	In progress. Using Assessor data to compile Tribal Land data.		
Chapter	7	Cluster Development	Cluster development is an urban development tool.	The intent is not to encourage it but to explore it. Staff agrees with the concern but acknowledges its a tool for rural development described in GMA.		
Chapter	8	Water Resources	Add policy under Rural Environment "Identify and protect natural areas contributing to aquifer recharge."	Add policy under "Identify and protect natural areas contributing to aquifer recharge."		
Chapter	9	Rural Data Analysis	Assess rural zoning designations from 1998 to current designations.	Will consider in the Rural Lands Analysis.		
Chapter	10	Equestrian Facility	Equestrian activity part of rural character and economy while recognizing impact on neighbors.	Add under Rural Business: Goal: Develop regulations that support equine activities as part of the rural economy and lifestyle while maintaining rural character and compatibility with neighbors. Policy: Support equestrian businesses as integral components of the rural economy, rural character, and rural lifestyle, providing opportunities for rural entrepreneurship and community engagement. Policy: Ensure equestrian facilities and businesses are designed, sited, and operated to maintain rural character, minimize impacts, and ensure compatibility with neighboring properties.		
Code - Child Care	11	Hours of Outdoor Noise	Suggest revising from "9 am to 7 pm" to "7 am to 7 pm" for outdoor noise because children can't be quiet until 9 am.	Make code consistent with noise code by referencing KCC 10.28 (7am to 10pm). https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/KitsapCounty/#!/html/Kitsap10/Kitsap1028.htm		
Code - Child Care	12	Language	Suggest revising "Family Day Care" to "Family Child Care" or "Family Home Early Learning Program" because the industry is trying to move away from "daycare" as it historically connotes a perceived lower level of provider education and quality care.	No change. Will use state classifications.		
Code - Agriculture	13	Agriculture Building Exemption	Conflict with ICC Building Code and KCC Title 14	Remove proposed change. Defer to Agriculture Advisory Council.		
Code - Agriculture	14	Notice	Updating existing code as it is not in practice but uncertain if the proposal can move forward.	Remove proposed change. Will consider outreach options as part of the Agricultural Advisory Council.		
Reclass - Skrobot	15	Intensification; Demonstration of Unmet Needs	Further intensification concern; did not demonstrate an unmet need for additional rural commercial or industrial land.	See Reclass Report recommendation summary. Tentative approval.		
Reclass - Moran	16	Code Compliance; Critical Areas	On-going code compliance but property owner is cooperative; critical areas	See Reclass Report recommendation summary. Update to tentative conditional approval to include northern parcel.		
Reclass - Stokes & Campbell	17	Critical Areas; Previous Denials; Change in Circumstances	Properties significantly encumbered by critical areas. Three previous denials. Concern for a lack of change in circumstances.	See Reclass Report recommendation summary. Tentative approval.		
SEPA	18	Related to Reclassification Requests	Suquamish Tribe comments imply that site-specific reclassification requests are subject to project level SEPA process.	No change. Reclassification requests were assessed at the programmatic level in the DEIS and FEIS for the 2024 Comp Plan and are incorporated by reference.		