

Comprehensive Plan Remand

Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing
May 11, 2026



Remand Timeline

- **December 2024** - County adopts the 2024 Comprehensive Plan.
- **Jan/Feb 2025** - Comprehensive Plan is appealed.
- **August 8, 2025** - GMHB issues Decision and Order and remands Plan.
- **August 28, 2025** - PSRC issues Conditional Certification Report.
- **November 19, 2025** - GMHB extends compliance deadline to June 30, 2026.
- **June 30, 2026** - Compliance deadline.

GMHB Remand Issues

- Land Capacity Analysis (LCA) did not identify sufficient land capacity for housing for all income groups, particularly those within 0-80% Area Median Income (AMI).
- Land Use Element did not identify multimodal emergency and evacuation routes.
- Land Use Element did not adopt tools to reduce wildfire risks and protect the public.

PSRC Certification Issues

- GMHB remand issues must be resolved.
- LCA did not demonstrate adequate employment capacity for all UGAs.
- Transportation Element did not include policy for air quality standards and

Capacity for Housing – Proposed Adjustment to All UGAs

- **Issue:** The plan did not identify sufficient land capacity for housing for all income groups, specifically those within 0-80% AMI.
- **Proposed Adjustment:** reduction to future roads/rights-of-way for under-utilized/redevelopable properties from 20% to 5%.
- **Role of Roads:** Under-utilized/redevelopable lands in urban areas may already be served by established road networks.
- **Result:** Reveals capacity for **354 single-family units** and **1052 multi-family units** which exceeds capacity targets for each income group.

Capacity for Housing – Table 5.4

Original Table 5.4 Housing Element Technical Analysis - Page 17

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)

Adjusted Table 5.4 Housing Element Technical Analysis - Page 17 (with Roads/ROW Reduction from 20% to 5%)

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	8,354	8,379 (7,998 + 381 ADU units = 8,379)	25
0-30% Non-PSH	2,768				
31-50%	2,376				
51-80%	1,996				
81-100%	1,028	Moderate Density	2,040	2,361	321
101-120%	1,012				
>120%	4,103	Low Density	4,103	4,746	643
Total	14,497		12,129 (non-pipeline) + 2,368 (pipeline) = 14,497	15,487 (including 2,368 pipeline units and 381 ADUs)	992

Capacity for Employment – Proposed Adjustment All UGAs

Issue: Deficit of employment capacity countywide and in most urban unincorporated areas.

Proposed Adjustments:

- Reduction to future roads/ROW for under-utilized/redevelopable properties from 20% to 5% (same adjustment made for housing capacity).
- Series of UGA-specific adjustments to the Kingston, Port Orchard, and Poulsbo UGAs.

Result: Surplus employment capacity in the Silverdale (+165), Central Kitsap (+71), Bremerton (+1,583), Kingston (+82), Port Orchard (+95), and Poulsbo (+1) UGAs.

Capacity for Employment – Table 4

Original Table 4. Comparison of Employment Growth Targets

UGA	ADJUSTED GROWTH 2022-2044	LAND CAPACITY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE	GROWTH TO LAND CAPACITY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE 2022-2024
BREMERTON	2,454	3,922	1,468
SILVERDALE	11,023	10,391	(632)
KINGSTON	1,343	801	(542)
POULSBO	103	90	(13)
PORT ORCHARD	1,429	1,106	(323)
CENTRAL KITSAP	1,380	1,276	(104)
RURAL	2,150	2,150	0
TOTAL	19,882	19,736	(146)

Adjusted Table 4. Comparison of Employment Growth Targets

UGA	ADJUSTED GROWTH 2022-2044	LAND CAPACITY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE	GROWTH TO LAND CAPACITY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE 2022-2024
BREMERTON	2,454	4,037	1,583
SILVERDALE	11,023	11,188	165
KINGSTON	1,343	1,425	82
POULSBO	103	104	1
PORT ORCHARD	1,429	1,524	95
CENTRAL KITSAP	1,380	1,451	71
RURAL	2,150	2,150	0
TOTAL	19,882	21,879	1,997

Multimodal Emergency and Evacuation Routes

- **Issues:** Land Use Element did not identify multimodal emergency and evacuation routes or adopt planning tools to reduce wildfire risks and protect the public.
- **Proposed Amendment:** Addition of new goals and policies to the Land Use and Transportation elements to protect residents, property, and critical facilities from wildfire and other hazards through land use planning, hazard mitigation, and coordinated emergency management.

Transportation Element

- **Issue:** Transportation Element did not include policy to ensure air quality standards are met and greenhouse gas emissions are reduced.
- **Proposed Amendment:** Add goal, policies, and strategies to the Transportation Element to protect public health and the environment through reduction of air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions caused by modes of transportation.

Summary

GMHB

- Addressing housing capacity issues with LCA adjustment to Roads/ROW allocation in all UGAs.
- Addressing multimodal emergency/evacuation routes and wildfire risk concerns with proposed text amendments.

PSRC

- Addressing employment condition with LCA adjustment to Roads/ROW allocation in all UGAs, along with UGA-specific adjustments.
- Addressing air quality standards and emission reduction condition with proposed text amendments.

Next Steps

June 8, 2026: Adoption of Ordinance

July 2026: Send compliance report to GMHB, PSRC and Commerce; issue Notice of Adoption

July-August 2026: Comprehensive Plan will be updated to include the amendments



Thank You

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