

Kitsap Agricultural Advisory Council

2026 Plan of Work

Potential/Proposed Activities and Topics

1. Track progress towards implementation of policies and strategies from Rural and Resource Lands Chapter components of the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan that affect agriculture or rural land use.
2. Regulations which affect agricultural activities, operations or production. Examples of code that might be reviewed and input provided include:
 - Agritourism - how agritourism can engage the public and enhance farm viability, while addressing potential impacts and clarifying ambiguities in existing code
 - Farm stand definition
 - Equestrian Code
3. County preparation and response to proposed legislation at the state level which affects agriculture in Kitsap County;
 - Create a legislative briefing for the BOCC on pending state legislation of importance to agriculture and farming in Kitsap County.
4. Review a Rural Lands Analysis
5. Provide input and recommendations for strategies to sustain farming:
 - Possible strategies might include a Working Lands & Agriculture Overlay
 - Inclusion of farmland/working lands in the Kitsap Natural Resource Asset Mapping Project
 - Inclusion of farm emergency planning and livestock evacuation protocols in the Climate Planning Grant and other Kitsap County Emergency Planning processes.
 - Farmland preservation strategies and activities
 - Buy local campaign
 - Seasonal proclamations (“Eat Local Month” “Farmers Market Month”)
6. Land use compatibility strategies to maintain harmonious coexistence between farms and neighboring uses, including mitigating development impact on agriculture as well as education for residents of rural areas in Kitsap
7. Provide guidance on customary and usual agricultural practices to advise Department of Community Development, Code Enforcement, Kitsap Public Health District or Kitsap Humane Society on complaints from the community related to agriculture, equestrian operations, development pressures, or regulatory ambiguity;
8. Other matters of agricultural policy which from time to time may be referred by the Board, or as may be raised by the Council.