

**Kitsap Agricultural Advisory Council  
2026 Plan of Work**

2026 Topics	Priority Level	Comments
<b>Tier 1 - High Priority</b>		
1. Regulations which affect agricultural activities, operations or production.	High	
2. Agritourism - Assess how agritourism and agricultural events can engage the public and enhance farm viability, while addressing potential impacts and clarifying ambiguities and definitions in existing code.	High	
<b>Tier 2 - Moderate Priority</b>		
3. Review Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO)	Moderate	
4. 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	Moderate	
5. County preparation and response to proposed legislation at the state level which affects agriculture in Kitsap County;	Moderate	Create a legislative briefing for the BOCC on pending state legislation of importance to agriculture and farming in Kitsap County.
6. Review a Rural Lands Analysis	Moderate	DCD will update as needed
<b>Tier 3 - Low Priority</b>		
7. Track progress towards implementation of policies and strategies from Rural and Resource Lands Chapter components of the Kitsap County	Low	

Comprehensive Plan that affect agriculture or rural land use.		
<b>Emergent – Prioritize as Appropriate</b>		
Other matters of agricultural policy which from time to time may be referred by the Board, or as may be raised by the Council.		<p>Possible topics to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working Lands &amp; Agriculture Overlay</li> <li>• Inclusion of farmland/working lands in the Kitsap Natural Resource Asset Mapping Project</li> <li>• Inclusion of farm emergency planning and livestock evacuation protocols in Kitsap County Emergency Planning processes.</li> <li>• Farmland preservation strategies and activities</li> <li>• Buy local campaign</li> <li>• Seasonal proclamations (“Eat Local Month” “Farmers Market Month”)</li> </ul>

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