



KITSAP COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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PROGRAMMATIC DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) and INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Description of Proposal: The 2024 Comprehensive Plan, adopted in accordance with the Washington State Growth Management Act, chapter 36.70A RCW, amended the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map, Capital Facilities Plans, and Title 16 (Land Division and Development), Title 17 (Zoning), and Title 18 (Environment) of the Kitsap County Code.

On August 8, 2025, the Comprehensive Plan was remanded by the Growth Management Hearings Board (GMHB), regarding concerns about lack of wildfire planning/evacuation routes and inconsistent housing targets. On August 28, 2025, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) issued a conditional certification of the Comprehensive Plan, requesting amendments to air quality policies and employment targets. The PSRC also required the County to comply with the issues in the GMHB's remand order. The County must comply with the GMHB's Order by February 4, 2026, and with PSRC's certification requirements by June 30, 2026. Revisions to the goals, policies and strategies in the Land Use and Transportation elements have been proposed to satisfy the issues identified by the GMHB and PSRC.

Proponent: Kitsap County Dept of Community Development

Lead Agency: Kitsap County

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Unincorporated Kitsap County

The lead agency for this programmatic proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment, as the suggested amendments to the Comp Plan and associated development code will act to better guide rural development and reduce barriers, while the requested Land Use Reclassification Requests will evaluate rural employment opportunities. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed programmatic environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This programmatic DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and is not appealable; the lead agency will not further act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by November 25, 2025.

This SEPA DNS also specifically incorporates, by reference, the DEIS and FEIS adopted with the 2024 Comprehensive Plan by Ordinance 637-2024 *Relating to Growth Management, Amending the Comprehensive Plan and Map, Capital Facilities Plan, and amendments to Title 16 (Land Division and Development), Title 17 (Zoning), and Title 18 (Environment)*.

Responsible Official: Scott Diener

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DATE: November 10, 2025

Signature:

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