



KITSAP COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE & REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

Proposal: Kitsap County 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update

Proponent/Lead Agency: Kitsap County Department of Community Development

Location: Unincorporated Kitsap County

Deadline for Comments: December 8, 2022

Description of Proposal:

The proposal is to perform the periodic update of the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan as required by the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA).

The Comprehensive Plan is the centerpiece of planning for unincorporated Kitsap County. It expresses the community's vision of itself and the community it aspires to become. The Comprehensive Plan provides the framework and policy direction for managing land use and development during the 20-year planning period.

The periodic update is an opportunity for the County to update the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations to:

- Reflect the most recent population and employment growth targets
- Respond to changes in the community
- Review existing policies
- Write new policies that reflect the priorities of communities in unincorporated Kitsap County
- Confirm that local, state, and federal requirements are met

For this periodic update, key focus areas are anticipated to include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- Housing affordability
- Regional centers framework, including the Silverdale Sub Area Plan
- Climate change
- Equity and displacement

The periodic update must be completed by December 2024. The County's most recent periodic update was completed in 2016.

Determination:

The Kitsap County Department of Community Development has determined that this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement is required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c) and will be prepared.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):

The EIS is a document that will provide information about the Comprehensive Plan Update to all interested groups and individuals. The EIS will include information on potential alternatives, existing environmental conditions, potential significant environmental impacts, and potential measures to mitigate impacts. The process of developing the EIS will provide opportunities for the public, agencies, and tribes to participate in developing and analyzing information. Preparation of the EIS is anticipated to assist with the development of the Comprehensive Plan Update and the decision-making process.

EIS Alternatives:

The EIS will evaluate three different planning alternatives. Alternatives will include one "no-action" alternative and two alternatives to accommodate anticipated growth. Ultimately, a "preferred alternative" will be selected as the public process progresses.

EIS Elements of the Environment:

The lead agency has identified the following areas for potential discussion in the EIS:

- Earth (eg, soils, erosion)
- Air quality/Climate
- Water resources
- Plants and animals
- Environmental health
- Land and shoreline use
- Historical and cultural preservation
- Plans and policies
- Population/Employment
- Housing
- Transportation
- Public services and utilities

EIS Scoping:

Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. You may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and licenses or other approvals that may be required.

*****The deadline for scoping comments is December 8, 2022*****

Scoping comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- Via email at: compplan@kitsap.gov
- Via mail at:
Department of Community Development
Planning and Environmental Programs
614 Division Street, MS-36
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Further Information:

The County maintains a website for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update. The website includes a variety of information about the project, including ways to get involved. The website can be found at the following web address:

https://www.kitsapgov.com/dcd/Pages/ComprehensivePlanUpdate_2024.aspx

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