

KITSAP COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Kitsap County
August 18, 2022



MEETING FLOW

Gripping Presentation on:

- Why is a Comprehensive Plan important?
- What is in it?
- What are the steps in the update?
- How you can be involved?

Introductions

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INTERACTION

Question and Answer

Staff will work to answer throughout the meeting

Survey Questions

Here is a sample question

How long have you lived in Kitsap County?



WHY IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPORTANT?

Directs County actions on:

- Growth
- Infrastructure
- Environmental protection
- Housing choices
- Many others

Does not apply to Tribal lands

And it is required by state statute.



QUESTION

What is Kitsap's most attractive quality?



GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT

14 goals to “balance”

- Urban Growth
- Reduce Sprawl
- Transportation
- Housing
- Economic Development
- Property Rights
- Permits
- Resource Lands
- Open Space/Recreation
- Environment
- Citizen Participation
- Public Facilities/Services
- Historic Preservation
- Shorelines

No priority order. Balancing based on “local circumstances”.

GMA'S CORE CONCEPTS

Three main types of land: Urban, Rural and Resource

- **Urban:** Growth focused. Dense housing, shopping, jobs
- **Rural:** Protected from growth. Large properties, rural jobs, limited commercial.
- **Resource:** Protected from all development. Timber, agriculture, mining.

Urban services (sewer, sidewalks, multi-family housing) limited to urban boundaries (UGAs).

Urban services generally prohibited in rural and resource lands (sewer).



KITSAP'S GMA HISTORY

Complicated based on pre-GMA development:

- Many small lots (less than 5 acres) in rural areas including dense housing developments. “Urban sprawl”.
- Lower density development in urban areas without access to urban services (sewer).
- Heavily subdivided shorelines
- Undesignated resource lands
- Strong public interest in maintaining these historic development patterns.

Invalid plans. Three different plans in the 1990's.



GMA TODAY IN KITSAP

Urban Areas: Cities, City-adjacent, Silverdale, Kingston. Generally, 5 homes per acre minimum development. Predominantly single-family development.

Rural Areas: 5, 10 and 20 acre property sizes. Limited existing denser communities (Manchester, Suquamish, Keyport and rural job areas).

Resource Lands: Timber limited to state lands. No commercial agriculture, mining limited to existing gravel and other pits.



QUESTION

What is the most pressing issue for Kitsap in the next 20 years?



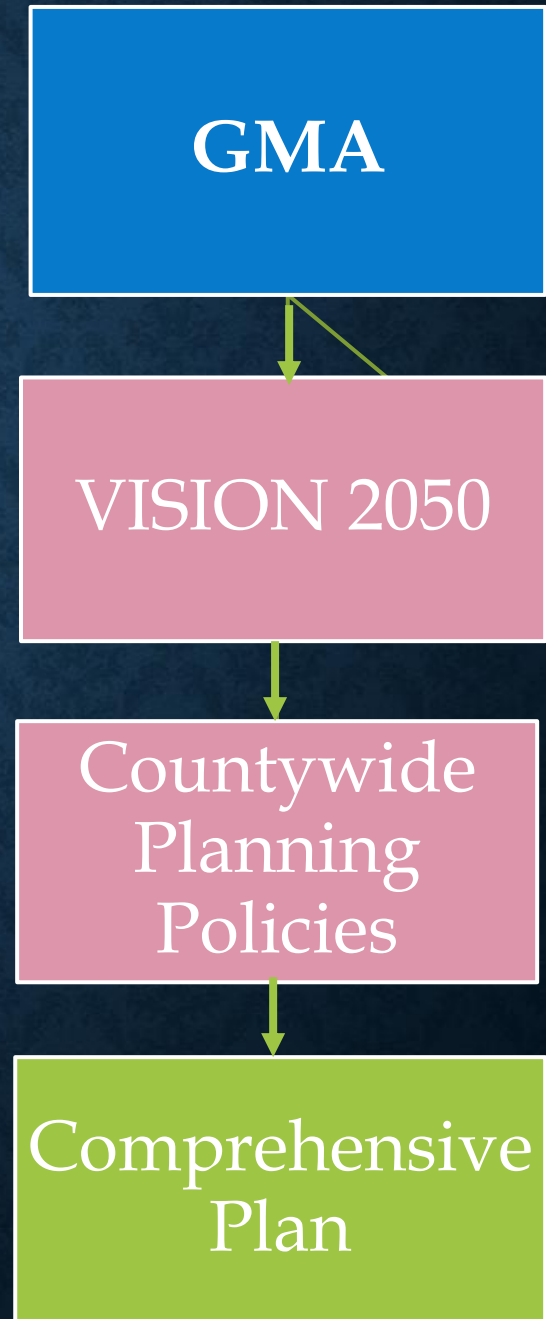
REGIONAL PLANS

VISION 2050 - Puget Sound Regional Council

VISION 2050 guides planning in Kitsap, Snohomish, King and Pierce Counties.
Establishes population and employment targets

Countywide Planning Policies - Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council

Guiding document for County and city planning and local transportation funding.
GMA requires consistency.



WHAT IS IN A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

Mission and Vision

“Kitsap County government exists to protect and promote the safety, health and welfare of our citizens in an efficient, accessible and effective manner.”

Tweaked in each update but foundationally the same since 2006.

Effective and Efficient County Services - County government continuously assesses its purpose, promotes and rewards innovation and improvement, fosters employee development and uses effective methods and technologies to produce significant positive results and lasting benefits for citizens.

Thriving Local Economy - A well-educated workforce and strategic investment in county infrastructure prompt businesses to expand or locate in Kitsap County, creating well-paying jobs and enhancing our quality of life.

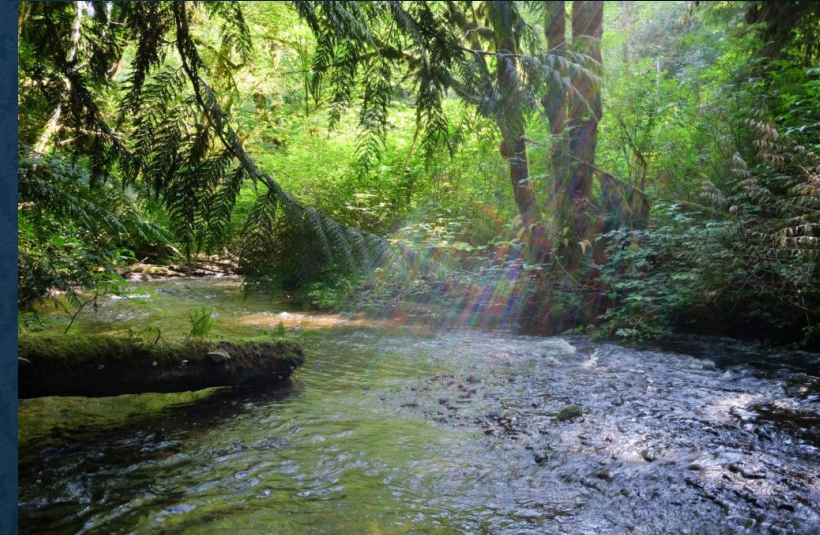
Safe and Healthy Communities - People are protected and secure, care about their neighborhoods and are proud of where they live, work and play.

Inclusive Government - County government conducts all activities in a manner that encourages citizen involvement, enhances public trust and promotes understanding.

Protected Natural Resources and Systems - Education, land use planning and coordinated efforts assure that the forests, clean air and water that Kitsap is known for are sustained for the benefit of current and future generations.

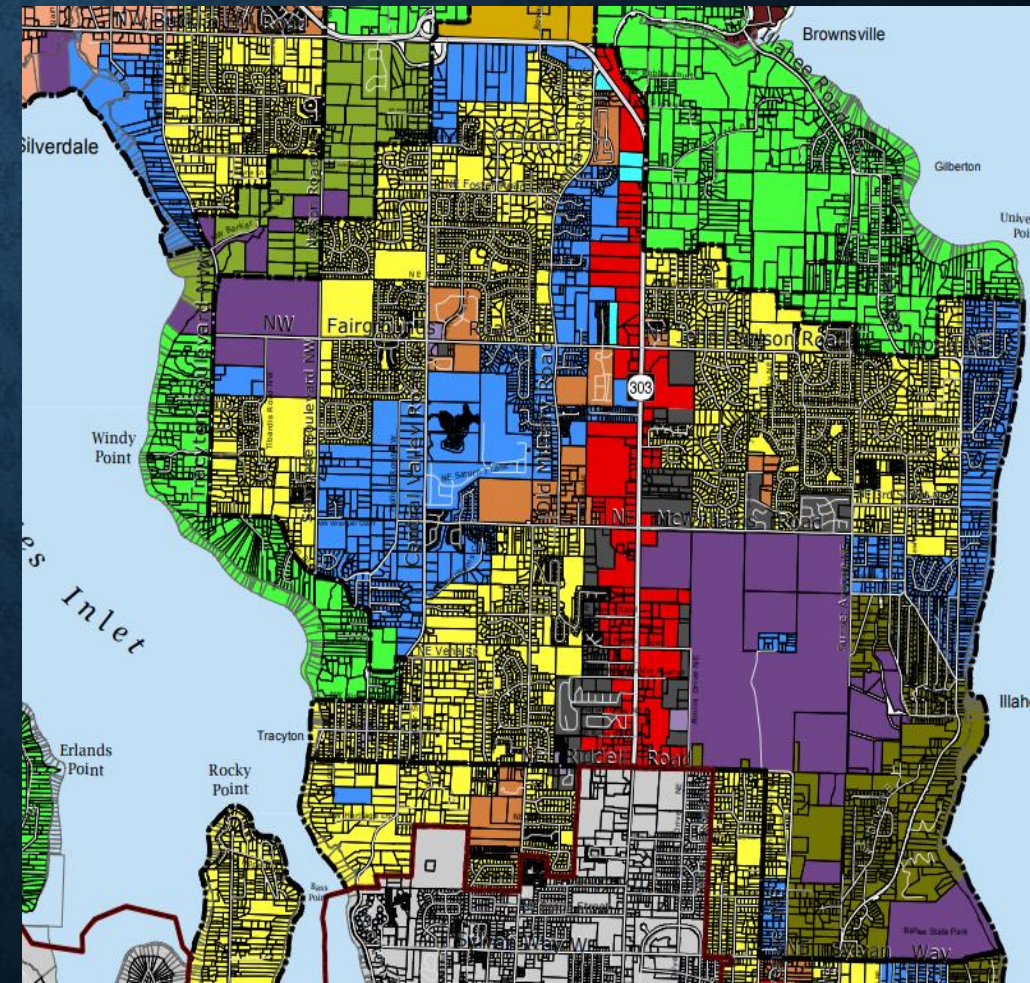
WHAT IS IN A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

- **Land Use (Zoning and UGA Sizing)**
- **Economic Development – (Employment)**
- **Environment (Critical Areas and Shorelines)**
- **Transportation (Roads and Transit)**
- **Parks, Recreation and Open Space**
- **Capital Facilities (Utilities, Buildings, Services)**
- **Housing and Human Services**
- **Sub-Area/Neighborhood Plans**



LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **Accommodating Growth Through 2044**
People and Jobs. Where and How?
- **Urban Growth Areas (UGAs)**
Size and Make Up (Residential, Commercial, Industrial)
- **Rural Zoning**
Lot Sizes and Allowed Uses
- **Location of Resource lands**
Timber and Mineral Resources



QUESTION

Kitsap has an adequate number of family wage jobs locally or easy access to them elsewhere?



ENVIRONMENT

- **Protecting Critical Areas**
Wetlands, streams, slopes, aquifer recharge
- **Frequently Flooded Areas**
FEMA certification of new construction and infrastructure
- **Preserving Open Space**
Acquisition priorities and incentives
- **Shoreline Management**
Protection of resources, allowed uses and strategies
- **Climate Change – Added Emphasis**
Greenhouse gas emissions, sea level rise, wildfire prevention.



QUESTION

How important is addressing climate change over the next 20 years at a local level?



HOUSING

- **Addressing Homelessness**

Provide services to help the homeless find safe and secure shelter and long-term housing

- **Equal Access to Housing**

Remove barriers to housing access

- **Affordable Housing - Added Emphasis**

Ensure adequate housing options for low-income residents

- **Integrate Housing with Services and Transportation**

Develop housing options in urban areas with adequate support services



QUESTION

If more available, how likely would you be to use public transit to travel to work, shopping or other activities versus driving a vehicle?



TRANSPORTATION

- **Address Traffic Needs of Growth**
Road improvements meeting Levels of Service
- **Diversify options for transportation**
More opportunities for bikers and pedestrians
- **Increase Safety of Roadways**
Design for safe usage by multiple users
- **Encourage Transit Availability**
Within communities not just between them
- **Ensure Adequate Funding for Maintenance and Capital Projects**
Federal, state and local funding



QUESTION

If more available, how likely would you be to bicycle or walk to work, shopping or other activities versus driving a vehicle?



SUB-AREA PLANS

Specific Planning Goals and Policies

Urban Centers

- Silverdale
- Kingston

Rural Communities

- Suquamish
- Manchester
- Keyport



RELATED DOCUMENTS

Development Regulations

Code requirements to implement goals and policies.

Environmental Impact Statement

Assesses environmental impacts of proposed zoning map and growth projections.

Capital Facilities Plan

Assesses utility, service and facility needs of proposed Comprehensive Plan.



GROWTH

2020-2044 Targets Based on VISION 2050

- **Population**
70,747 new residents
- **Employment**
46,023 new jobs
- **Focused Growth in Cities, Silverdale and Kingston**
- **Targets**
Demand Side of Growth Equation
- **Land Capacity**
Supply Side. Urban Areas Must Have Zoning Capable of Accepting this Growth



COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICY POPULATION TARGETS

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>2020 Population (Census)</u>	<u>2020-2044 Population Growth</u>	<u>2044 Population Target</u>
<u>Metropolitan Cities</u>			
<u>Bremerton</u>	<u>43,505</u>	<u>20,252</u>	<u>63,757</u>
<u>Bremerton UGA</u>	<u>10,105</u>	<u>2,762</u>	<u>12,867</u>
<u>Core City</u>			
<u>Silverdale</u>	<u>19,675</u>	<u>9,896</u>	<u>29,571</u>
<u>High-Capacity Transit Communities</u>			
<u>Bainbridge Island</u>	<u>24,852</u>	<u>4,524</u>	<u>29,376</u>
<u>Kingston</u>	<u>2,435</u>	<u>3,200</u>	<u>5,635</u>
<u>Port Orchard</u>	<u>15,587</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>26,087</u>
<u>Port Orchard UGA</u>	<u>15,370</u>	<u>3,552</u>	<u>18,922</u>
<u>Poulsbo</u>	<u>11,975</u>	<u>4,581</u>	<u>16,556</u>
<u>Poulsbo UGA</u>	<u>528</u>	<u>1,065</u>	<u>1,593</u>
<u>Urban Unincorporated</u>			
<u>Central Kitsap UGA</u>	<u>24,741</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>29,741</u>
<u>Rural Areas</u>			
<u>Rural</u>	<u>106,865</u>	<u>5,415</u>	<u>112,280</u>

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

- Housing out of reach of more citizens each year – rentals or ownership.
- Kitsap's housing supply very single-family detached-home focused.
- A majority of current homes have more bedrooms than occupants.
- Housing likely will not get cheaper (market, regulation, etc.).
- How can we incentivize housing types and sizes to control costs and provide housing for multiple income-ranges.



QUESTION

**If taxes had to be raised to address a community need,
which would you support most?**



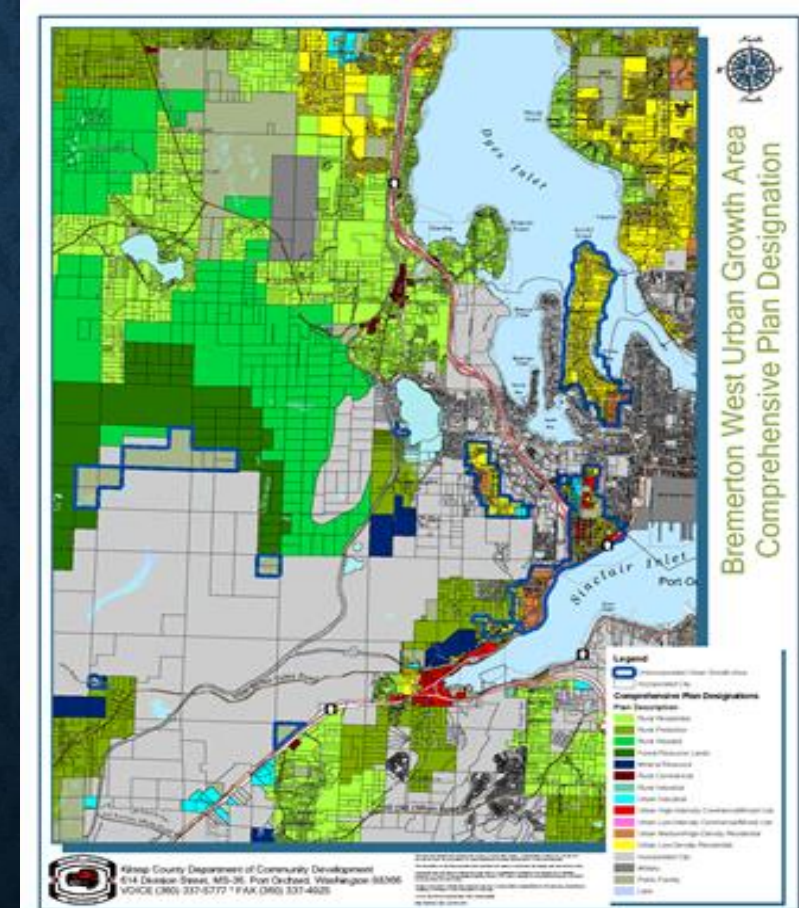
UPDATE PROCESS

- Review of current Comprehensive Plan goals and polices and county code regulations.
- **Public outreach and comment**
- Develop three alternative zoning maps for environmental review (EIS)
- **Public outreach and comment**
- Board approval of alternatives (**Hearing**)



UPDATE PROCESS

- Draft EIS is developed showing impacts of each alternative
- Draft EIS, Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations are released.
- **Public outreach and comment**
- Preferred alternative, goals and polices and County Code are approved (**Hearing**)
- Final EIS, Revised Comprehensive Plan, Development Regulation and Capital Facilities Plan are released.
- Board considers documents and maps (**Hearing**)
- Board approval



UPDATE SCHEDULE

- Update is Due No Later than December 31, 2024
- Current Schedule Targets August 2024 to Allow for the Unexpected

Preliminary Alternatives Selected	Draft EIS, Comp Plan and Regulations Released	Preferred Alternative Selected	Final EIS, Comp Plan, Capital Facilities Plan and Regulations Released	Board Approval of Final Documents
March 2023	Sept 2023	Dec 2023	March 2024	Aug 2024

LEGEND	Document Release	Board Hearings
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PUBLIC OUTREACH

Combination of In-Person and Virtual

- Zoom and open houses
- Community meetings and web-based info, surveys, comments and polls.
- Public hearings

Sub-Areas


- Community Council involvement is key to local input.



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2024 Comprehensive Plan Update



Comprehensive Plan Update
Growing for a better tomorrow

Comprehensive Plan Update Kick-Off Meeting

Kitsap County will be holding a virtual public meeting to discuss the upcoming update to the Comprehensive Plan. **Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 6 p.m.** [Click here to join the Zoom meeting.](#)

The meeting will present core plan requirements, emerging issues, the update process, key milestones, and ways for the public to participate and provide feedback at various stages.

Why is the Comprehensive Plan Being Updated?



Kitsap County's Comprehensive Plan includes a 20-year blueprint for local policies, planning and capital facility investment and it is required by Washington State's Growth Management Act (GMA) to be updated periodically.

This is an opportunity to revise population and employment growth targets with the most up to date data, review existing goals and policies, write new policies that reflect the priorities of communities in unincorporated Kitsap County, and confirm that all federal, state, and local requirements are met.

Upcoming Events

Aug. 18, 6 p.m., Comprehensive Plan Update Kick-off Public Meeting.
See details and the link to join this public meeting on the left.

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RECLASSIFICATION REQUESTS

Property or Text Changes

Zoning, goals and policies or zoning code.

Examples: UGA expansions, commercial to residential uses or vice versa, code changes to increase housing opportunities or reduce costs.

Submission Period

June 6 to September 15, 2022

Meetings with Staff Available

To be Considered with Plan Alternatives and Drafts



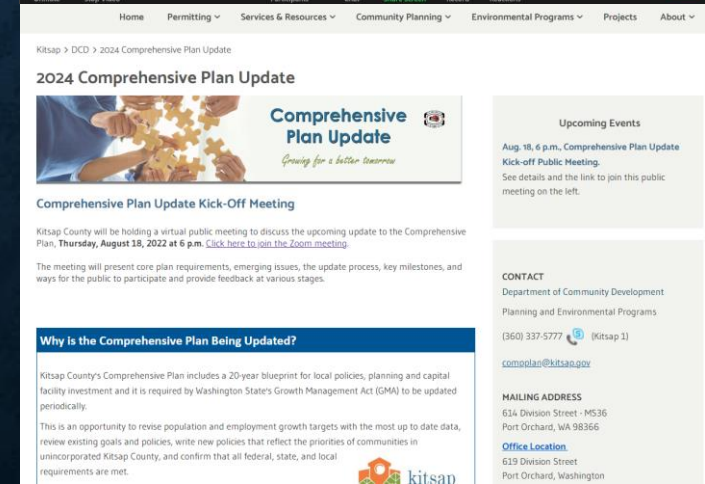
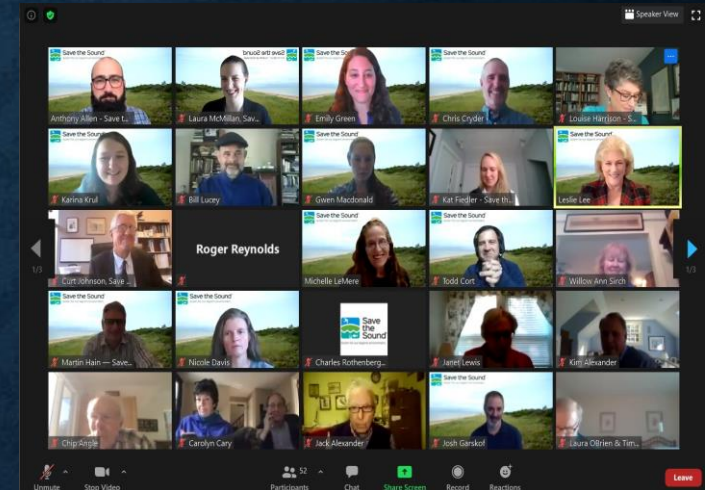
UPCOMING MEETINGS

Virtual Workshops (Zoom)

- Land Use and Economic Development (9/13 6PM)
- Housing (9/27 6PM)
- Environment and Climate Change (10/11 6PM)
- Silverdale Regional Center (10/19 6PM)
- Transportation and Capital Facilities (10/25 6PM)

Community Plans

- Kingston Sub-Committee underway.



QUESTION

What is your preferred method of participating in the Comprehensive Plan update?



MORE INFORMATION

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