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Notice of Availability

including written comment period and public hearing

Proposal Information

Publish date:	February 6, 2025
Proposal name:	2025 Docket Request to Expand Anacortes Urban Growth Area to Include City Owned Properties for Recreational Purposes
Documents available:	https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/2025CPA.htm
Lead Agency:	Skagit County Planning & Development Services
Contact Person:	Robby Eckroth, Senior Planner
Public hearing body:	Skagit County Board of County Commissioners
Public hearing date:	February 25, 2025 at 3:30 P.M.
Written comment deadline:	February 21, 2025 at 4:30 P.M.

Proposal Description

The City of Anacortes has submitted a docket petition to expand its Urban Growth Area (UGA) as part of the 2025 Skagit County Periodic Comprehensive Plan update. The petition seeks to incorporate nine (9) city-owned parcels, totaling 107.24 acres, into the Anacortes UGA. The parcels include P20029 (20 acres), P60751 (3.04 acres), P60752 (5.74 acres), P60763 (5.74 acres), P60777 (2.86 acres), P19298 (20 acres), P19211 (0.54 acres), P19056 (40 acres) and P32547 (9.32 acres). The parcels are currently being used—and will continue to be used—for recreational purposes. One of the parcels (P32547) is also used for Anacortes Public Works soil storage in addition to a trail use. The city-owned parcels are all zoned Rural Reserve (RRv), with the exception of P32547, which is zoned Rural Resource – Natural Resource Lands (RRc-NRL).

The City is requesting that all of these parcels be zoned under the Anacortes UGA Urban Development District. Additionally, the City plans to apply a Parks zoning designation to the properties on the Anacortes Future Land Use map. Once annexed, these lands will be assigned the Parks zoning designation on the Anacortes Zoning map. These city-owned parcels will not be used to accommodate City population, housing, or employment growth targets and will only be used for recreational and city operational uses.

More information is available on the website above.

How to Comment

Option 1: Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us with the proposal name (“[Subject]”) in the subject line. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

Option 2: Paper comments must be printed on 8½x11 paper and mailed or delivered to:

Planning and Development Services
Comments on “[Subject]”
1800 Continental Place
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All comments must be received by the deadline referenced above and include your full name and mailing address. Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered.

Option 3: You may also comment in person. The Board of County Commissioners is hosting meetings in the Skagit County Commissioners’ Hearing Room at 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. If you wish to provide online testimony, please send an email to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us, with your name, phone number, and include a request to be added to the speakers list in the body of the email. Public hearing testimony is usually limited to three minutes, so written comments are preferred.

Anyone who plans to attend the public hearing and has special needs or disabilities should contact Planning and Development Services at (360) 416-1320 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange any special accommodations.

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