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Notice of Availability

including written comment period and public hearing

Proposal Information

Publish date:	February 13, 2025
Proposal name:	2025 Skagit County Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update
Documents available:	www.skagitcounty.net/2025CPA
Lead Agency:	Skagit County Planning & Development Services
Contact Person:	Robby Eckroth, Senior Planner
Public hearing body:	Skagit County Planning Commission (PC)
PC Public hearing date:	March 11, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. March 12, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. (continued if needed)
PC Deliberations & Recommendation date:	April 8, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. April 15, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. (continued if needed)
Written comment deadline:	March 13, 2025 at 4:30 P.M.

Proposal Description

Skagit County is conducting its periodic review and update of its Comprehensive Plan, Land Use/Zoning map, and Development Regulations pursuant to the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), RCW 36.70A.130(5). This non-project legislative action proposes plan, map and code amendments to address GMA requirements and consistency measures and to address local circumstances. The proposal is required under the Growth Management Act. Applicable sections of the Growth Management Act include, but are not limited to, RCW 36.70A.130, 36.70A.070, 36.70A.035, 36.70A.040, 36.70A.095, 36.70A.096, 36.70A.140. Below is a summary of the amendments:

- **Consistency with recent changes to State laws:** The proposal revises all goals and policies of the previously adopted 2016 Comprehensive Plan to be compliant with recent changes to state laws governing Comprehensive Plans including:
 - A new Climate Element, Resiliency Sub-element, and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Sub-element required by RCW 36.70A.070 and RCW 36.70A.095.
 - Revisions to the Housing Element to accommodate housing at all income levels based on the 20-year population forecasts required by RCW 36.70A.070, RCW 43.62.035.

- **Consistency with recent changes to Regional Countywide Planning Policies:** The proposal revises all goals and policies to adequately address recent changes to regional Countywide Planning Policies including the updates to the County’s 20-year population, housing, and employment projections.
- **Consistency with recently collected community engagement results or other public participation completed by the County:** The proposal would incorporate recent community engagement collected by the County to ensure policies promote the community’s collective future goals.
- **Update the Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element and supporting documents, including:** the transportation inventory, land use assumptions, travel forecasts, Level of Service (LOS) standards, current and future transportation needs, and a transportation financial plan.
- **Consistency with the recently adopted Capital Facilities Plan:** The proposal would revise the entire Comprehensive Plan document to ensure consistency with the recently adopted Capital Facilities Plan.
- **Updates to data:** Revisions to demographic, geographic, environmental, housing, transportation, and economic data necessary for inventory and assessment of Skagit County’s land use, services, and facilities.

The following amendments to the Skagit County Comprehensive Land Use/Zoning Map are proposed:

- *[Pending Docketing by the Board of County Commissioners on February 25]* 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 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 and to remove the Natural Resource Designation from parcel P32547. 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 linked 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:

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Comments on “[Subject]”
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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: Planning Commission is hosting meetings in the Skagit County Commissioners’ Hearing Room at 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. You may also comment in person or via Zoom. If you wish to provide verbal 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.

To view the live stream on Skagit21: <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/TV21>

You may also attend the meeting remotely through your telephone or from your computer, tablet or smartphone with this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89244005472?pwd=L056TEpTc1J4YmUwT25pYjBITG1vdz09>

or by calling: 1 (253) 215-8782 (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 892 4400 5472 Passcode: 0982730

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