



SKAGIT COUNTY 2025 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Critical Areas Ordinance Update BoCC Public Hearing



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Critical Areas Ordinance

Pursuant to WAC 365-196-485, counties and cities are required to designate critical areas and adopt development regulations to protect them.

Critical areas include the following areas and ecosystems:

- Wetlands
- Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas (CARAs)
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas (FWCHAs)
- Frequently Flooded Areas (FFAs)
- Geologically Hazardous Areas



Critical Areas Ordinance Update Process & Engagement

- Planning Commission Work Session April 22nd
- Comment Period Held April 21 – May 8th
- Planning Commission Public Hearing May 6
- Planning Commission Recommendation on June 17
- Board of County Commissioners Work Session July 7



2nd Draft Critical Areas Ordinance and Supporting Documents

- Visit the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update Website:
<https://skagitcounty.net/2025cpa>
- Documents available on the website:
 - 2nd Draft Critical Areas Ordinance
 - Staff Reports
 - Other Supporting Documents



Next Steps

Board of County Commissioners to take possible action on both items August 4, 2025 at 10:00 AM.



How to Comment

- **Public comment period opened July 10, 2025, and closes July 28, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.**
- Three options for commenting: mailing, emailing, or providing testimony during today's hearing.
 - Mail to 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA
 - Email to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us
- Please provide your full name and address for any submitted comments



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