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Notice of Availability

Including notice of written comment period and public hearing

Proposal Information

Publish date: March 6, 2025

Proposal name: Skagit County 2025 Countywide Planning Policy Update

Documents available: <https://skagitcounty.net/2025cpa>

Lead Agency: Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Contact Person: Robby Eckroth, AICP, Senior Planner

Publichearing Body: Skagit County Board of County Commissioners

Publichearing Date: March 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Written comment deadline: March 21, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Proposal Description

Updates to the Countywide Planning Policies (CPP) to bring the policies into consistency with new Growth Management Act requirements relating to housing, climate resilience, and greenhouse gas emissions reduction. The proposed CPP amendments will set the framework for the 2025 Skagit County Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update which is required to be consistent with Skagit County CPPs.

The following amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies are to be considered:

1. **Housing** - Update the CCPs to address recent legislative changes, such as HB 1220. In addition, consider amending the CCP's to address the following housing topics:
 - a. Add policy language aimed at significantly increasing housing production within existing UGAs in areas with good access to transit, jobs, and services.
 - b. Add policy language addressing the siting of publicly funded or subsidized housing, including permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, shelters, and housing for populations with special needs.
 - c. Add policy language addressing coordination with publicly funded housing authorities.
2. **Climate** - Review and update the CCP's to address recent legislative changes, such as HB 1181. GMA Goal 14 was adopted in 2023 Section 14: Climate Change and Resiliency.

This GMA goal requires that comprehensive plans address development regulations, and regional policies, plans and strategies under RCW 36.70A.201 and Chapter RCW 47.80 adapt to and mitigate the effects of a changing climate, support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and per capita vehicle miles traveled; prepare for climate impact scenarios; foster resiliency to climate impacts and natural hazards; protect and enhance environmental, economic, and human health and safety; and advance environmental justice. Proposed revisions presented to the Countywide Planning policies in the linked document address these new legislative requirements under GMA goal 14.

SEPA Threshold Determination

Skagit County determined on January 23, 2025, that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and issued a SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS). An environmental impact statement is not required under the State Environmental Policy Act, RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This determination was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency and is available upon request. Pursuant to SCC 16.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this legislative action.

How to Comment

Option 1: Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us with the proposal name (“Skagit County 2025 Countywide Planning Policy Update”) 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:

Skagit County Planning and Development Services
Comments on “Skagit County 2025 Countywide Planning Policy Update”
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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. 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.