

Planning Commission Deliberations

Countywide Planning Policies Update

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Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs)

- A countywide planning policy (CPP) is a written policy statement or statements used solely for establishing a countywide framework from which county and city comprehensive plans are developed and adopted as required in [RCW 36.70A.210](#).
- CPPs ensure that city and county comprehensive plans are consistent as required in [RCW 36.70A.100](#).



Supporting Documents can be found at:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningCommission/PCminutes.htm>

Background

- Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) Technical Advisory Committee drafted Countywide Planning Policy (CPP) amendments to be considered by the SCOG Steering Committee.
- June 20, 2024, SCOG Steering Committee forwarded amendments to member jurisdictions for public comment and to solicit input from city-town councils and Board of County Commissioners.



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Proposed Amendments - Housing

Housing – Proposed updates CCPs address recent legislative changes, such as HB 1220. In addition, proposed amendments CCP's address the following housing topics:

- Add policy language aimed at significantly increasing housing production within existing UGAs in areas with good access to transit, jobs, and services.
- 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.
- Add policy language addressing coordination with publicly funded housing authorities.



Note: Growth Allocation in Appendix A will likely be revised through SCOG reconciliation process.

Proposed Amendments - Housing

~~INITIAL~~ **FINAL** 2045 HOUSING ALLOCATIONS IN SKAGIT COUNTY

Urban Growth Areas	Allocation of Net New Housing Needed (2020-2045)									
	0-30% AMI*		31-50% AMI		51-80% AMI	81-100% AMI	101-120% AMI	Above 120% AMI		Total
Anacortes	924 943	943 592	592 604	422	226	201	577 546	546		2,942
Burlington	893 911	911 572	572 584	408	218	194	558 528	528		2,843
Mount Vernon	1,627 1,659	1,659 1,042	1,042 1,064	743	398	353	1,016 963	963		5,180
Sedro-Woolley	831 848	848 523	523 544	380	203	180	519 491	491		2,646
Concrete	34 35		22	15	8	7	21 20	20		107
Hamilton		0	0	0	0	0		0		0
La Conner	39 40	40 25	25 26	18	10	8	24 22	22		124
Lyman		0	0	0	0	0		0		0
Bayview Ridge		0	0	0	0	0		0		0
Swinomish	37 38		24	17	9	8	23 22	22		118
UGAs Subtotal	4,285 4,474	4,474 2,811	2,811 2,868	2,003	1,072	951	2,728 2,592	2,592		13,960
Rural (outside UGAs)	89 0	0 57	57 0	501	268	238	2,337 2,483	2,483		3,490
Grand Total	4,474	2,868	2,504	1,340	1,189	5,075				17,450

Notes:

1. Figures may vary from Skagit County Population, Housing and Employment Growth Allocations Methodology findings due to rounding.
2. UGA is "Urban Growth Area".
3. AMI is "Area Median Income".
4. Emergency housing needs are documented in the Skagit County Population, Housing and Employment Growth Allocations Methodology.
5. Allocations for the Swinomish Urban Growth Area provided for informational purposes only. Skagit County did not conduct a land capacity analysis for this UGA due to jurisdictional challenges on tribal lands.

* 0-30% AMI includes permanent supportive housing and non-permanent supportive housing.



Proposed Amendments - Climate

Climate – Proposed updates to the CCP’s 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, 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.
- Proposed revisions presented to the CPPs address these new legislative requirements under GMA goal 14.



Public Comments

- **Received 1 Public Comment**
- Futurewise commented on the following:
 - Recommend that proposed policy 4.2 be rewritten so that affordable housing targets are not allocated to areas outside urban growth areas.
 - Supports proposed policy 1.11. The climate impact analysis will help ensure that the comprehensive plan and development regulations remain in compliance with RCW 36.70A.020(14) and RCW 36.70A.070(9).
 - Strongly supports the policies under “14. Climate Change and Resiliency.”



Next Steps

- **December** – SCOG Growth Management Act Steering Committee makes recommendation to BoCC.
- **2025** – BoCC will take possible action.

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