

Supplement to the 'How to Decide' Guidance Document

Countywide Planning Policies

1. Designate Urban Growth Areas as per RCW 36.70A.110
2. Promote contiguous and orderly development and provide urban services
3. Conduct joint County and City planning within Urban Growth Areas
4. Develop siting criteria for essential public facilities of County or Statewide significance
5. Develop countywide transportation facilities and strategies
6. Provide affordable housing
7. Promote countywide economic development
8. Recognize and maintain the unique character of rural areas
9. Conduct fiscal impact analysis for public capital facilities
10. Use the CPP as a framework, foundation, and to ensure consistency

Comprehensive Plan – Community Vision Statements

- Preserve the high quality of life.
- Strive for government efficiency.
- Support and encourage economic opportunities.
- Increase housing choices for all residents.
- Ensure that necessary transportation facilities and services are available to serve development at the time of occupancy and use.
- Balance urban uses and environmental protection.
- Protect and retain rural lifestyles.
- Protect and conserve agriculture, forest and mineral resource lands.
- Protect and conserve the environment, ecologically sensitive areas, and preclude development land uses which are incompatible with critical areas.
- Respect property rights.
- Encourage citizen participation and involvement.