



**JEFFERSON COUNTY**  
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TO: Washington State Agencies and Other Interested Parties  
FROM: Jefferson County Department of Community Development (DCD)  
DATE: August 21, 2002  
SUBJECT: ***INTEGRATED GMA/SEPA STAFF REPORT & DSEIS***

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: DCD STAFF REPORT &  
DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY 2002 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT DOCKET**

Pursuant to the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Jefferson County as lead agency has prepared an integrated GMA/SEPA document in relation to the nineteen (19) proposed amendments to the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan that constitute the final docket of the 2002 annual Comprehensive Plan amendment cycle. Adoption of any Comprehensive Plan amendment and associated Unified Development Code (UDC) amendments on the 2002 docket would be a non-project action under SEPA, Chapter 43.21C RCW.

**Document Format:** The threshold Determination of Significance (DS) was issued in an integrated GMA/SEPA document on August 1, 2002, requiring the preparation of an EIS pursuant to RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). DCD prepared the EIS following WAC 197-11-442 and 197-11-620, which outline the contents of a non-project EIS and SEIS, respectively. The EIS supplements adopted environmental documents and is entitled the 2002 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket Department of Community Development (DCD) Staff Report and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS). The document essentially follows the "Plan/EIS document" format described in WAC 197-11-235(4) through (8) and combines environmental analysis with a Staff Report offering recommended action on each proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment.

**Integrated GMA/SEPA Public Comment Period:** The Jefferson County Planning Commission will accept oral testimony on the proposed Comprehensive Plan and associated UDC amendments during public hearings on August 21 and September 4 (and September 18, if necessary). DCD and the Planning Commission will accept written comments on the proposals until **4:30 PM, October 1, 2002**. Any comments submitted after October 1 will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for consideration in their legislative decision. The BOCC may hold a public hearing before taking action on the final docket (formal notice would appear in the newspaper of record). In the Final SEIS, DCD will address issues raised in the written comments submitted during the integrated GMA/SEPA comment period that are related to the content of the DSEIS and the potential environmental impacts of adopting any of the proposed amendments. All comments will be part of the case record, though SEPA-specific comments submitted after October 1 may or may not be addressed in the FSEIS. Written comments on the proposals may be submitted to DCD at 621 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend WA 98368 or via email to [planning@co.jefferson.wa.us](mailto:planning@co.jefferson.wa.us).

**Request for Information:** DCD is interested in obtaining relevant data and information from partner State agencies, Tribes, local organizations, and Jefferson County residents and landowners. If you are in possession of information that you believe would be useful to include or to incorporate by reference in a final Staff Report and FSEIS, please make arrangements with DCD for the provision of that information. DCD extends gratitude in advance for this service.

**Availability of Documents:** For more information or to inspect or request copies of the original applications for the proposed amendments, the adopted existing environmental documents or other related information, contact DCD Long-Range Planning at the mail or email addresses above, by phone at (360) 379-4450, or visit the 2002 Comprehensive Plan amendment cycle website, where meeting schedules and documents are posted in Portable Document Format (PDF), including the text of the 2002 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket DCD Staff Report and DSEIS. The URL for the website is: <http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment/Annual%20Comprehensive%20Plan%20Amendment%20Cycle%202002.htm>.

Thank you for participating in this process. We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

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