

Snohomish County Food & Farming Center (FFC) Ordinance

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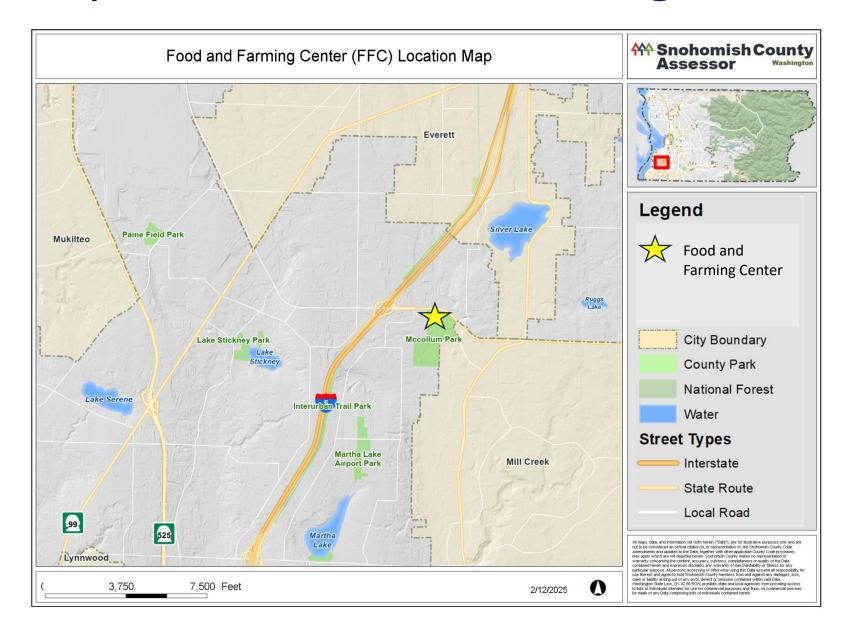


Agenda

- Overview of the Food and Farming Center (FFC)
- Overview of the FFC Ordinance
- Next Steps



Proposed Food and Farming Center Location





Project Vision

Food Processing, Aggregation, and Distribution Facility







Project Vision

Commercial Kitchen

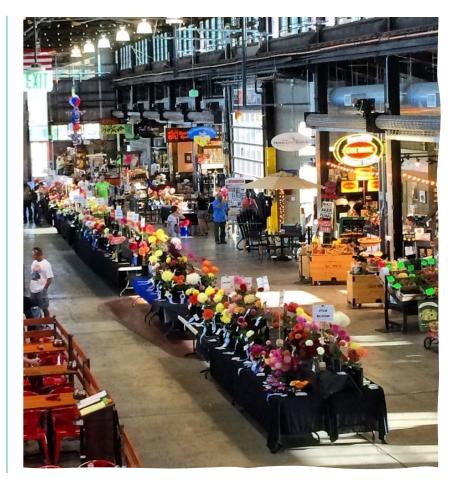






Project Vision

Year-round, Indoor Farmer's Market

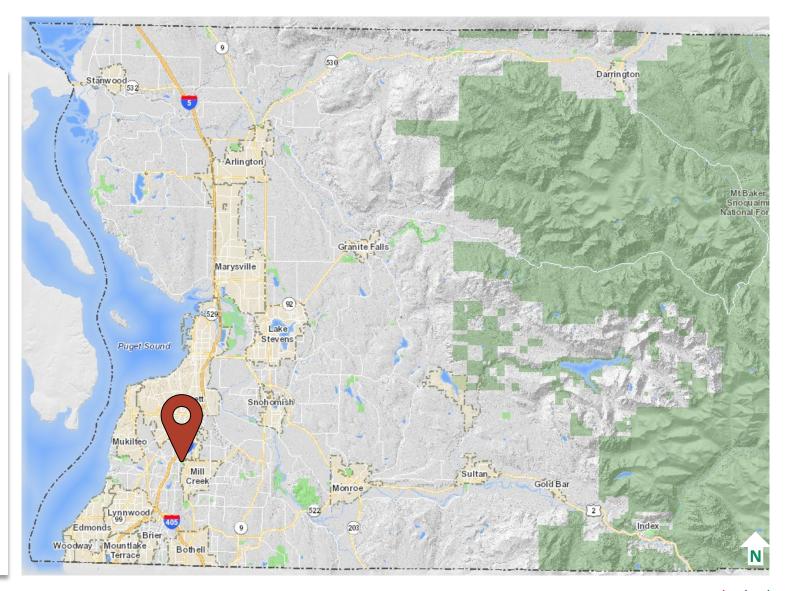






Project Location

- McCollum Park
- Owned by Snohomish County
- Great access to I-5
- Easily accessed from King County and Snohomish County residents, markets, and farmers
- Community Transit Park & Ride
- Near future Sound Transit light rail

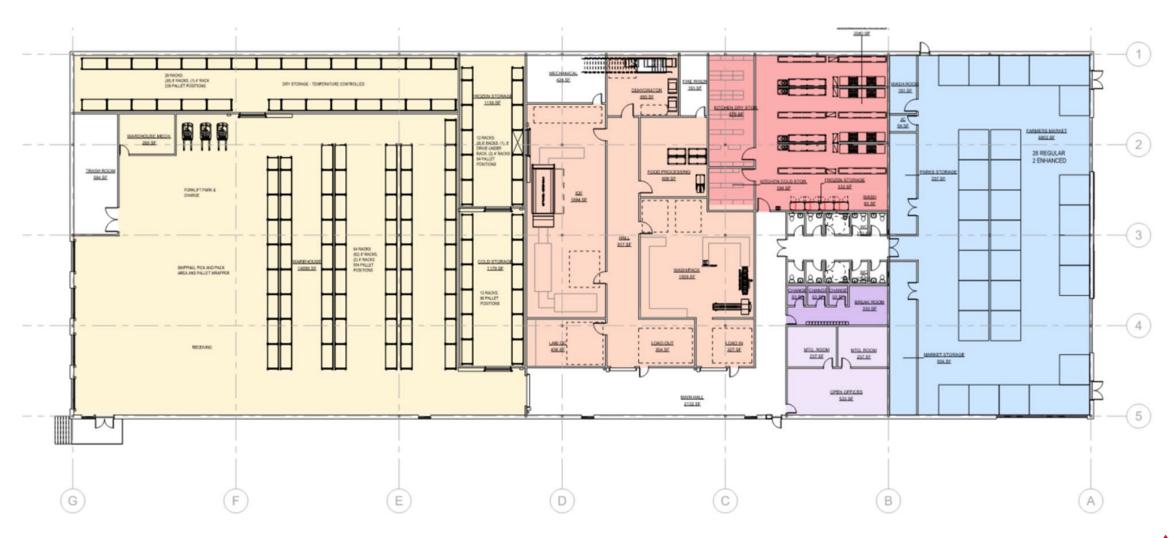




Site Location



FFC Program





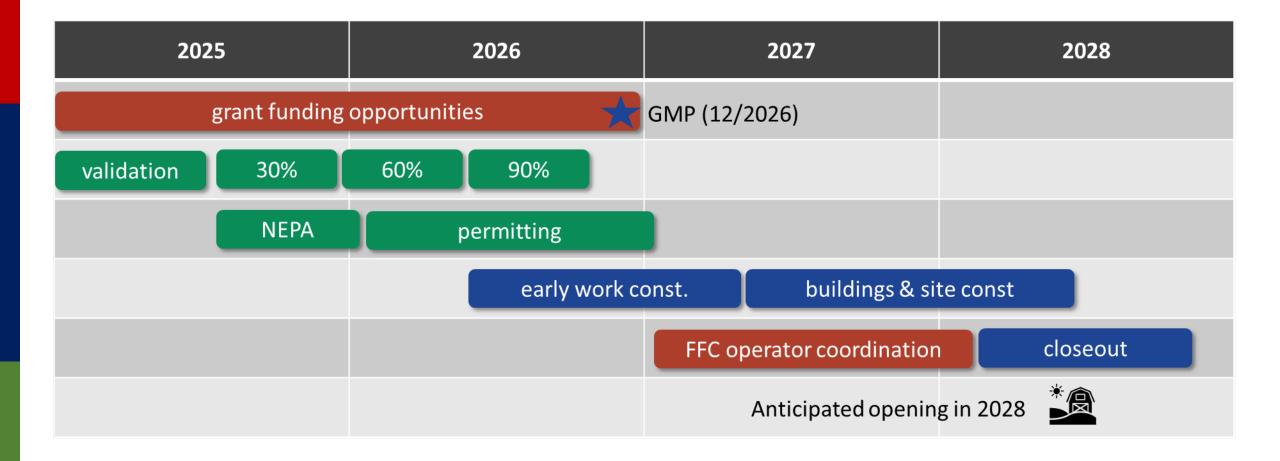








Schedule





Proposed Code Amendments- Definition

30.91F.455 Food and farming center.

"Food and farming center" means a facility that supports the regional farming and agricultural community in the production, processing, marketing, and distribution of food and agricultural products. Uses in a food and farming center can include but are not limited to cold storage, farm product packaging, farm product processing, farm stands, warehouses, commercial kitchens, educational and training spaces focused on food and agriculture, food banks, and community and recreational facilities."



Proposed Code Amendments- Urban Use Matrix

Amended Code Sections	Summary of Proposed Amendments
SCC 30.22.100- Urban Zone Categories Use Matrix	Proposed to add FFC as a permitted use for the MUC zone.
SCC 30.22.130 - Reference notes for use matrices	Reference note 105 is proposed to require that FFC's are only permitted on publicly owned sites over 5 acres.



Proposed Code Amendments- Farm Stands

Amended Code Sections	Summary of Proposed Amendments
SCC 30.28.039- Farm stands.	 Currently, the maximum size of farm stands is 5,000 square feet. Proposed amendments will allow for farm stand development on the same site as an FCC to be up to 40,000 square feet.



Next Steps

• A hearing for the ordinance is proposed for the General Legislative Session on July 16th.



Questions?

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