

2024 Comprehensive Plan *Update*



Snohomish County

Planning for a resilient, vibrant, and inclusive future

Possible Additions to the Scope of the Policy Review for the 2024 Update

July 20, 2021

Snohomish County Council

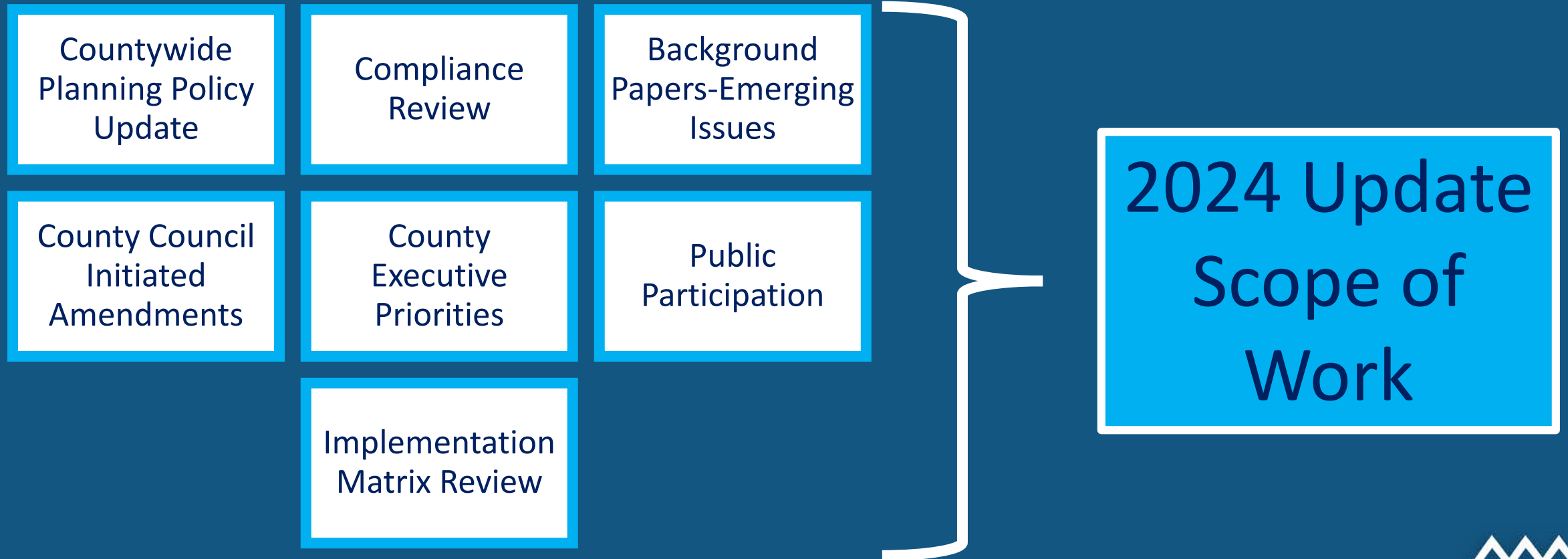
Overview

1. Recap Process and Timeline for Policy Review
2. Baseline scope of work for Policy Review
3. Possible discretionary additions to Policy Review - Details
4. Remaining Project Scope and SEPA Alternatives Discussion Schedule

Policy Review Process



Sources of Policy Changes



Baseline Scope of Work for Policy Review

Baseline

- Amendments as a result of the CPPs changes
- Compliance Review (awaiting Commerce Checklist)
- Amendments from Implementation Matrix Work
- Housekeeping (date changes, references to Vision 2040, etc.)
- Amendments to the Capital Facilities Element, Transportation Element and Parks and Recreation Element corresponding to 2044 plan horizon

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Baseline: Countywide Planning Policy Areas of Emphasis

- Climate Change
- Social Justice/Equity
- Tribal Coordination
- Annexations
- Missing Middle Housing
- Open Space
- Affordable Housing
- Displacement

COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES
FOR
SNOHOMISH COUNTY

ADOPTED JUNE 1, 2011
AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 11-011; EFFECTIVE DATE: JUNE 24, 2011

AMENDMENTS:

JUNE 1, 2011 (AMENDED ORD. NO. 11-021) EFF. DATE JUNE 24, 2011

JUNE 8, 2011 (AMENDED ORD. NO. 11-015) EFF. DATE JUNE 24, 2011

OCTOBER 17, 2012 (ORD. NO. 12-070) EFF. DATE NOVEMBER 10, 2012
(APPENDIX A MAP CHANGE ONLY)

JUNE 12, 2013 (AMENDED ORD. NO. 13-032) EFF. DATE JUNE 30, 2013
(APPENDIX A AND APPENDIX B CHANGES ONLY)

APRIL 16, 2014 (ORD. NO. 14-006) EFF. DATE APRIL 27, 2014
(APPENDIX B CHANGES ONLY)

JUNE 4, 2014 (ORD. NO. 14-031) EFF. DATE JUNE 16, 2014

OCTOBER 12, 2016 (AMENDED ORD. NO. 16-078)
EFF. DATE NOVEMBER 10, 2016

NOTE: This is an unofficial compilation of the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs). The official text of the CPPs can be found in the ordinances adopting and amending the CPPs and those ordinances will control in the event of a disparity between the ordinance and this unofficial compilation.



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Possible Additions Beyond the Baseline

Possible Additions	Policy Topic	Add to Scope?
	Urban Tree Canopy	
	Ag Preservation (Increased policy emphasis)	
	Open Space (Increased policy emphasis beyond baseline)	
	Broadband	
	Hazard Mitigation (Increased policy emphasis beyond baseline)	
	Resilience (Increased policy emphasis beyond baseline)	
	Rural/Urban Edges	
	Others?	

Urban Tree Canopy

Baseline

- Continue existing regulations and monitoring reports

Possible Discretionary Addition

- Consider Council-Initiated Amendments
 - New policies
 - Changes in regulations
 - New programs for urban forest management
- Impacts for capacity estimates for land use alternatives



Ag Preservation

Baseline

- Continue implementation of existing policies to preserve and expand farm industry

Possible Discretionary Addition

- Consider new policies for preventing conversion of ag land, and expanding markets and related support industries
- Extensive outreach to farmers and rural residents



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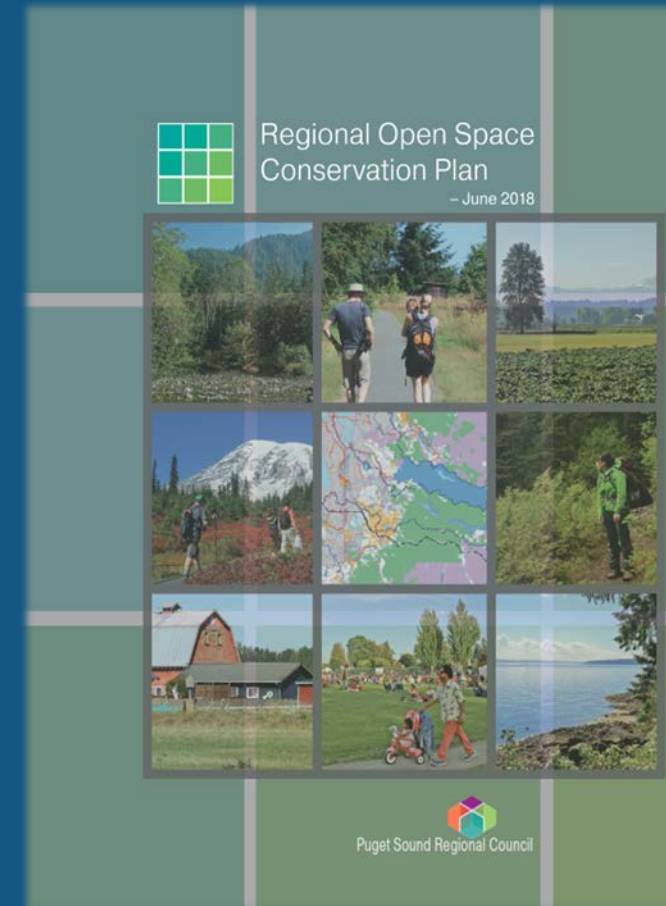
Open Space

Baseline

- Review and amend existing policies and implementation based on updated CPPs, including policy support for Regional Open Space Conservation Plan
- Updates to Parks and Recreation Element
- Consider designating Open Space/Preserve classified parks as necessary to support development

Possible Discretionary Addition

- Implement Regional Open Space Conservation Plan concurrently with 2024 update instead of phasing it after update



Broadband

Baseline

- Review existing policies for consistency with updates to GMA and CPPs
- Updates to Capital Facilities Element related to telecommunications providers

Possible Discretionary Addition

- Broaden policy support for increasing access to broadband internet outside of the urban area and other underserved communities
- Coordinate and incentivize extension of broadband to support economic development
- Extensive outreach to community and to service providers

Hazard Mitigation

Baseline

- Update Capital Facilities Element to incorporate 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Review policies for consistency with updated plan

Possible Discretionary Addition

- Implement objectives in 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan through policies in other elements of the Comprehensive Plan, and develop implementing regulations concurrent with 2024 Update rather than phasing after the update



Resilience

Baseline

- Update climate change policies consistent with updated CPPs
- Update Capital Facilities Element to incorporate 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Possible Discretionary Addition

- Consider amendments focused on resilient communities and resilient economy
- Extensive public outreach to communities, businesses, service providers

Rural/Urban Edges

Baseline

- Continue existing policies and review for consistency with updated CPPs

Possible Discretionary Addition

- Consider policy amendments to enhance policy direction for the edge areas of Rural and Urban Areas
 - Greenbelt Buffers
 - Working open space
- Extensive public outreach to property owners in vicinity of existing or proposed Urban Growth Area Boundaries



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Others?

- Are there any other policy topics that should be considered for potential addition beyond the baseline scope of work?

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Suggested Council Discussion Schedule

July 20 Planning Committee

Discuss possible additions to 2024 Update Scope



August 17 (or Special Mtg) Planning Committee

Continue discussion of possible adds; begin discussion of scope of SEPA Land Use Alternatives



September 21 Planning Committee

Finish discussion of SEPA Land Use Alternatives



February 2022

Deadline to confirm scope of the 2024 Update to ensure project stays on schedule

	Task	2021						2022		
		Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
1	Buildable Lands Report	X	SCT	B/PH/A						
2	Countywide Planning Policies	X	SCT	B	PH/A					
3	Setting Docket XXI							B	PH/A	
4	2044 Initial Growth Target Allocation	X	X	X	X	X	X	SCT	B/PH/A	
5	State Environmental Policy Act	X	X	X	X	S	X	X	X	X
6	Docket XX	PC			B/PH/A					
7	2021 Annual County-Initiated Comp Plan Amendments/Council Referred	PC		B	PH/A					
8	CC Project Scope/SEPA Discussion	X	X	X	X				DI	

SCT=Action, B=Council Briefing, PH=Council Public Hearing, A=Council Adoption, S=SEPA Scoping, DT=Deadline to Transmit PDS Recommendation to Council, PC=Planning Commission, DI=Deadline for Inclusion in SEPA Review, IB=Informational Briefing



Questions