Snohomish County 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update

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County Council
Planning Committee Briefing
Capital Facilities and Utilities Element

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Purpose of the Capital Facilities and Utilities Element



Photo credit: Monroe School District



Photo credit: Olympic View Water and Sewer District



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GMA Planning Goal 12:

(12) Public facilities and services. Ensure that those public facilities and services necessary to support development shall be adequate to serve the development at the time the development is available for occupancy and use without decreasing current service levels below locally established minimum standards.



Three Things You Should Know

Repeal and replace of 2015 Capital Facilities Plan.

GMA Mandatory Elements. Updates to Existing Inventories, Forecast of Future Needs, 6-year Funding Plan, level of service standards (where applicable).

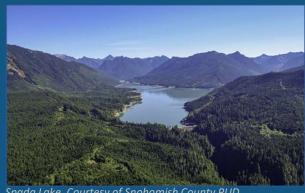
Adds Green Infrastructure Inventory, Broadband Policies per Motion No. 22-097, Climate Change and Equity Policies.



Capital Facilities Element

County-Provided Services

- Transportation * (separate element)
- Parks and Recreation * (separate element)
- Surface Water Management *
- Solid Waste (reference the Solid Waste plan)
- Law and Justice
- General Governmental Services
- Airport (County-owned facility)



Spada Lake, Courtesy of Snohomish County PUD

Services Provided by External Agencies

- Public Education * (references school district capital facilities Plans)
- Fire Protection Services *
- Essential Public Facilities
- Public Water Supply * (references providers plans)
- Public Wastewater Systems * (references providers plans)



Note: County's Biennial Update School District Capital Facilities Plans (CFPs)

- 2024 biennial update to school district CFPs in progress
- 11 out of 15 school districts participating
- Information from new school district CFPs will be incorporated into both the Capital Facilities and Utilities Element and Capital Improvement Program (CIP)



Includes Green Infrastructure Inventory

 "Green infrastructure" means a wide array of natural assets and built structures within an urban growth area boundary, including parks and other areas with protected tree canopy, and management practices at multiple scales that manage wet weather and that maintain and restore natural hydrology by storing, infiltrating, evapotranspiring, and harvesting and using stormwater."

RCW 36.70A.030(21)



Meadow Creek Detention Pond Restoration Project -, Courtesy of DCNR-SWM



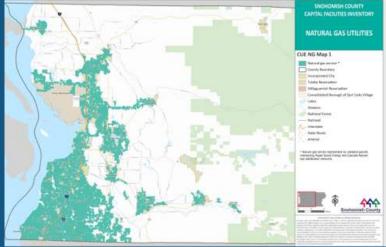
Utilities Element

- Electric Power *
- Natural Gas
- Telecommunication / Broadband

*Necessary to support development









Policies for Climate Change and Equity

GOAL CUE 2

Build the resiliency of Snohomish County's utilities, public facilities, and public services by considering climate change, the environment, public health, and natural and human caused hazards.

Policy CUE 3.B.2

The County shall seek to provide equitable access of public facilities and services to all communities, especially the historically underserved and prioritize investments to address disparities.



