

NOTICE OF PERIODIC UPDATE - PUBLIC HEARINGS MILLWOOD CITY COUNCIL

The Comprehensive Plan for the City of Millwood has been updated in accordance with the WA State Growth Management Act (GMA) Periodic Update requirements. The 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update is complete, with the exception of the Climate Change & Resiliency Element which is being coordinated with Spokane County and is planned to be completed in 2026. The periodic update review process will continue with updates to the critical areas ordinance and development regulations to be consistent with the updated Millwood Comprehensive Plan and the "Periodic Update Checklists for Cities" in 2026.

HEARING #1 DATE/TIME: Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 6:00pm during the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting (*Updated Comprehensive Plan - Planning Commission Recommendation*)

HEARING #2 DATE/TIME: Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 6:00pm during the special City Council Meeting (*Updated Comprehensive Plan - Planning Commission Recommendation*)

HEARING LOCATION: Millwood City Hall 9103 E. Frederick Ave. Millwood, WA 99206

DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY: Millwood Planning Commission provides a recommendation to the Millwood City Council on updates to the Comprehensive Plan. The City Council shall, after an examination of the Planning Commission's recommendation and reasons therefore, render the final decision.

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: City of Millwood

HEARING PROCESS: Pursuant to MMC 14.04.020(F), the city council shall consider the findings and recommendations of the commission and may hold a public hearing pursuant to council rules (*two public hearings have been scheduled*). The department shall distribute notice of the council's public hearing pursuant to MMC 14.04.020(B). All annual amendments to the comprehensive plan shall be considered concurrently.

All interested persons may testify at the public hearings and may submit written comments and documents before or at the hearings. All hearings are conducted in facilities that are accessible to persons with physical disabilities.



PLANNING COMMISSION FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATION, STAFF REPORT, AND INSPECTION OF FILE: The Planning Commission's findings & recommendation, the staff report, and the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update file may be inspected at Millwood City Hall, 9103 E. Frederick Ave., between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays. Copies of documents are available for purchase.

City Contact: Amanda Tainio, Contract City Planner - (509) 924-0960 or planner@millwoodwa.us.

Information is also available on the City website at <https://www.millwoodwa.us/periodic-updates>.

NOTICE: Individuals planning to attend the meeting who require special assistance to accommodate physical, hearing, or other impairments, please contact the City Clerk at (509) 924-0960 as soon as possible so that arrangements may be made.

2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update - Planning Commission Recommendation

October 14, 2025 City Council Public Hearing



Comprehensive Plan 2026 Periodic Update

- The Growth Management Act, RCW 36.70A.130 requires the City of Millwood to enact a Comprehensive Plan, and to review and revise, if necessary, the Plan and development regulations periodically (currently every 10 years) to ensure that it complies with the requirements of the Growth Management Act.
- Updates to the City of Millwood Comprehensive Plan must be consistent with the Countywide Planning Policies for Spokane County, as amended, and must plan to accommodate the urban growth projected to occur within the next 20 years as well as the City's housing allocation.
- The WA State Department of Commerce provided a "Periodic Update Checklist for Cities" to guide cities through the periodic update requirements along with guidance for updating comprehensive plan elements such as housing to comply with recent changes to the GMA.
- The City of Millwood completed the "Periodic Update Checklists for Cities" to determine which elements of the Comprehensive Plan would need to be reviewed and updated.
- Millwood also prepared a Land Capacity Analysis (LCA) consistent with the Countywide Planning Policies for Spokane County, as well as a Racially Disparate Impacts Analysis (RDI) and updates to its Housing Element consistent with guidance provided by the Washington State Department of Commerce for Tier 3 cities.
- Millwood's 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update process has followed the City of Millwood Periodic Update Public Participation Plan and the Periodic Update Work Plan that were adopted by the City Council on August 13, 2024, and provided extensive public participation opportunities consistent with these plans, as identified in the Staff Report to the Planning Commission.
- The proposed updated Comprehensive Plan was reviewed for consistency with WA State Law and internally.
- The 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update is complete, with the exception of the Climate Change & Resiliency Element which is being coordinated with Spokane County and is planned to be completed in 2026.

Comprehensive Plan Update & Draft Review

July 2024 - October 2025

- Community Survey
- City of Millwood Stakeholders / Citizen Interviews
- City of Millwood Staff, City Council, & Planning Commission
- City of Millwood Engineer
- Utility & Service Providers
- Adjacent Jurisdictions, Felts Field, and Tribes
- SEPA Review Agencies
- WA State Dept. of Commerce - Growth Management Services Contacts
- Public Agencies
- Millwood Periodic Update Notice List - Emails
- Spokesman Review Publications
- Notice Board Postings
- Millwood Daze Booths (2024 & 2025)
- WA State 60 Day Review - State Agencies
- Millwood Periodic Update Webpage

*Comments received from
July 2024 - August 26, 2025 were incorporated into the
August 28, 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update Final Draft*

GMA 60 Day Review - 8/28/25 to 10/27/25

Agency comments on the draft updated Comprehensive Plan were also solicited as part of the 60-day review process and through continued coordination.

- **WA State Dept. of Fish & Wildlife - *Comments Pending***
 - Met w/ WDFW on 10/9/25
- **WA State Dept. of Commerce - *Comments Pending***

60 Day Review Comment Deadline is October 27, 2025

Comprehensive Plan Update

Planning Commission Recommendation

- A staff report to the Planning Commission was issued on August 16, 2025, posted on the City's Periodic Update webpage, and emailed to the periodic update notice group.
- The Planning Commission held a properly noticed public hearing on Wednesday, August 24, 2025 where they voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update with modifications, to the City Council.

Planning Commission Findings:

The Planning Commission recommends approval with modification(s) of the August 28, 2025 version of the Millwood Comprehensive Plan and finds that the factors in MMC Section 14.04.020(D)(2) have been considered and the criteria in MMC Section 14.04.020(D)(1), as applicable, have been met. The following proposed modification(s) are to be included with the recommendation:

1. P. 206, re-write 1st paragraph under Table 11-8

~~As shown in Table 11-8 (Table 6) above,~~ According to Welch Comer, the City did not meet their goal to reduce consumption per connection by 1% during the peak months, as shown in Table 11-8 (Table 6) above. Consumption per connection increased 19,000 gallons or 16% from 2010 to 2023. Consumption per connection for the 2021-2023 average was 6% higher than the 2016 baseline or 6,415 gallons.

Updated Comprehensive Plan Adoption

- **October 14, 2025 Public Hearing & 1st Read of City Council Ordinance 551**
- **October 27, 2025 - 60 Day Review Comment Period Ends**
- **November 12, 2025 Public Hearing & 2nd Read of City Council Ordinance 551**

11/12/25 CITY COUNCIL ACTION ITEM – UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

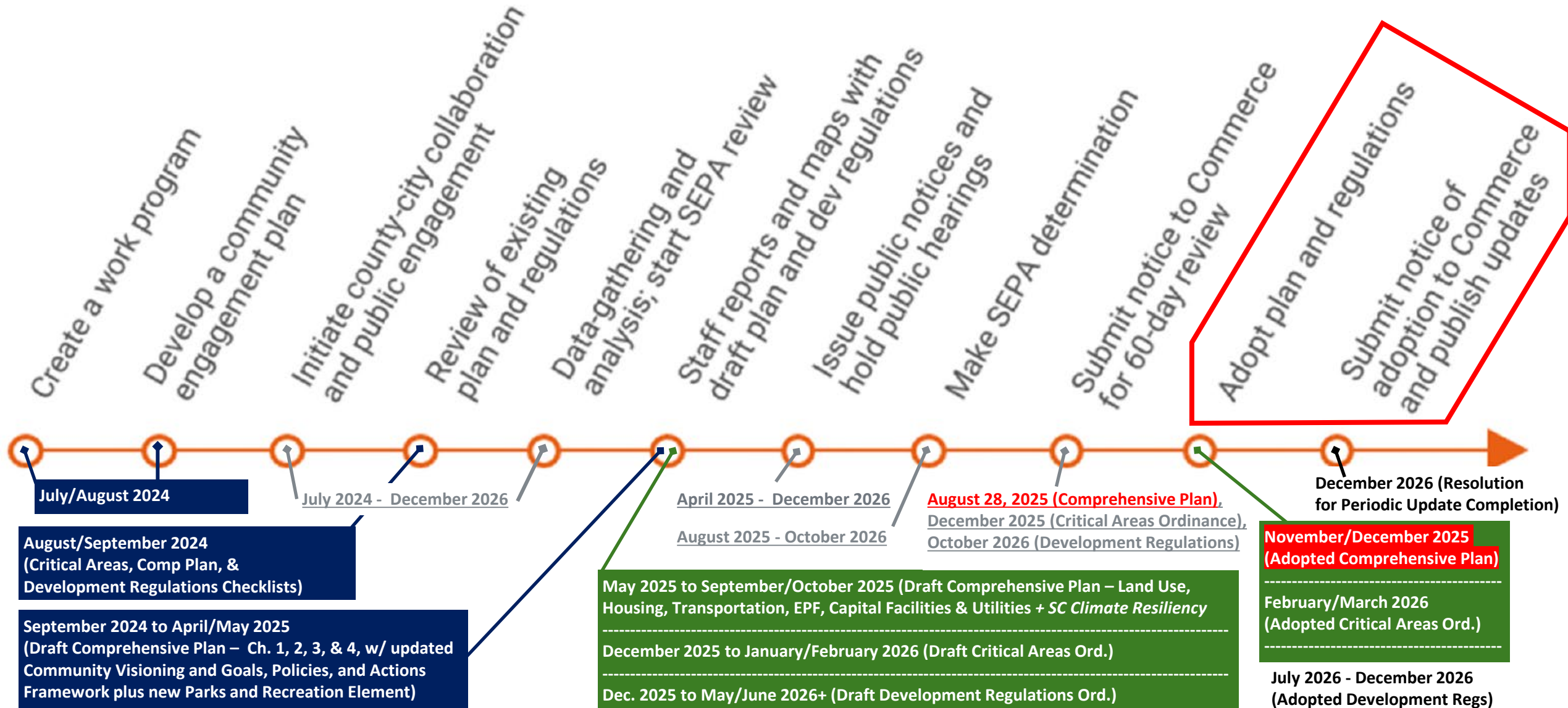
Pursuant to MMC 14.04.020(F), the city council shall consider the findings and recommendations of the commission and may hold a public hearing pursuant to council rules. The department shall distribute notice of the council's public hearing pursuant to MMC 14.04.020(B). All annual amendments to the comprehensive plan shall be considered concurrently.

By a majority vote of its membership, the city council shall:

- 1. Approve the application (updated Comprehensive Plan);**
- 2. Disapprove the application (updated Comprehensive Plan);**
- 3. Modify the application (updated Comprehensive Plan).** If the modification is substantial, the council must either conduct a public hearing on the modified proposal in accordance to MMC 14.04.020(B); **or**
- 4. Refer the proposal back to the planning commission for further consideration.**

Periodic update process overview

City of Millwood Adopted Schedule for 2026 Periodic Update (Work Plan Resolution 2024-03)





Comprehensive Plan & Development Regulations Periodic Update 2026



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