

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MILLWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION FOR  
2026 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PERIODIC UPDATE (PART 2)**

**January 28, 2026**

**Background:**

1. The Growth Management Act was established in the State of Washington in 1990 to provide a framework for land use planning and development regulation.
2. Spokane County and the cities within it were mandated to plan under the GMA in 1993.
3. As a City within Spokane County, Millwood crafted a Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations which reflect and implement the community's vision for land use.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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 and the expanded housing checklist (December 2025) that incorporates recent Growth Management Hearings Board (GMHB) decisions (with Millwood Comprehensive Plan Housing Element modifications included in Part 2 of the update process).
9. Part 1 of Millwood's 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update was adopted on November 12, 2025 and the Millwood Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on January 28, 2026 for Part 2 (additional clarifications added to the Housing Element to comply with a recent GMHB case and addition of the Climate Change and Resiliency Element that was coordinated with Spokane County).
10. Millwood Comprehensive Plan 2026 - 2046 (Part 1 Adopted November 12, 2025 & Part 2 Draft January 20, 2026) has met internal consistency review.
11. 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 with administrative adjustments and modifications completed for the Periodic Update Work Plan in order to maintain substantial progress on the Periodic Update. Extensive public participation opportunities were

provided, consistent with these plans, including meeting SEPA and 60-Day review requirements.

12. In accordance with WAC 197-11, notice was given that a SEPA Checklist had been completed on the periodic update to the Comprehensive Plan Part 2. The City of Millwood determined that the proposal would have no significant adverse environmental impacts and issued a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) on January 6, 2026. Copies of the SEPA Checklist, the Non-Project DNS Threshold Determination, and the draft amendments for Part 2 were available for review beginning on January 6, 2026 through 4pm, January 20, 2026. In addition to the publication and posting, notice was provided to:
  - a. City of Millwood Staff, City Council, & Planning Commission
  - b. City of Millwood Engineer
  - c. Millwood Periodic Update Notice List
  - d. Utility & Service Providers
  - e. Public Agencies
  - f. Adjacent Jurisdictions, Felts Field, and Tribes
  - g. SEPA Review Agencies
  - h. WA State Dept. of Commerce - Growth Management Services Contacts
13. The proposed updated Comprehensive Plan Part 2 was reviewed for consistency with WA State Law and was sent to the Washington State Department of Commerce and other state agencies on January 6, 2026, for the required 60-day state notification (under RCW 36.70A.106) and solicited agency comments. The comment period for Part 2 of the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update ends on March 7, 2026.
14. A staff report to the Planning Commission for Part 2 of the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update was issued on January 21, 2026, posted on the City's Periodic Update webpage, and emailed to the periodic update notice group.
15. The Planning Commission held a properly noticed public hearing on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 where they voted 3-0 to recommend approval of the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update Part 2, to the City Council.
16. The two part 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update is complete.

**Planning Commission Findings:**

The Planning Commission recommends approval of the City of Millwood Comprehensive Plan - 2026 Periodic Update (PART 2 Draft 1-20-26) 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.

**Conclusion(s):**

1. The review process for Millwood's 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update complies with MMC requirements, as applicable, and WA State Law.
2. The City of Millwood 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update meets all applicable criteria for amendment under MMC Section 14.04.020(D)(1).

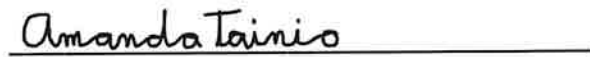
3. All of the factors listed in MMC Section 14.04.020(D)(2) have been considered in review and completion of the City of Millwood 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.
4. The City of Millwood 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update has met internal consistency review.
5. The GMA requires proposed comprehensive plans and development regulations, including proposed amendments, be forwarded to the WA State Department of Commerce Growth Management Services for review and comment 60 days prior to the final City Council adoption, unless expedited review is requested and approved under RCW 36.70A.106. The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment Part 1 for the GMA periodic update was received by Commerce on August 28, 2025, and processed with the Submittal ID 2025-S-9800. The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment Part 2 for the GMA periodic update was received by Commerce on January 6, 2026, and processed with the Submittal ID 2026-S-11401. The procedural requirement has been met.
6. A subsequent Notice of Adoption must be submitted to WA State Department of Commerce Growth Management Services within 10 days of adoption and Comprehensive Plan Amendment Part 1 for the GMA periodic update was submitted on November 17, 2025 and processed with the Submittal ID 2025-S-11147. Comprehensive Plan Amendment Part 2 for the GMA periodic update will be submitted upon adoption of the amendments by the Millwood City Council.

Signed this 28th day of January 2026



**Mike Ankney, Chair**

ATTEST



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