



Community Development Department

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MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission
From: David Goodman, Senior Planner
Date: May 1, 2023
Subject: Comprehensive Plan Update

Background

The Washington Growth Management Act (GMA) requires King County and cities within King County to update their Comprehensive Plans on or before December 31, 2024. Mandatory elements of Comprehensive Plans include land use, housing, capital facilities, utilities, and transportation; the City of Snoqualmie's Comprehensive Plan also includes optional economic development, parks, and community character elements. The Comprehensive Plan establishes goals, policies, and objectives to guide the City's actions on these areas from the adoption year of 2024 to the Plan's "horizon year" of 2044.

Recent Activities

Community Engagement

The City has already received over 250 comments from residents on a range of different topics through the Comprehensive Plan online survey, local business roundtable discussion, and the April 6 Comprehensive Plan Open House.

Some key early themes relating to community character, housing, and land use include:

- Concern about lack of affordable housing
 - Senior Housing
 - Focus more on townhomes, cottages, duplexes, fourplexes, smaller units, and ADUs
 - Economic development effects
 - Preference for smaller building sizes
- Desire to preserve more green space within new developments
- Desire to maintain the "mountain town" look of the community
- Opposition to further development of any kind

Consultant Coordination

Community Development staff recently held a kick-off meeting with its three primary Comprehensive Plan consultants – LDC (Housing and Land Use Elements), FCS (Capital Facilities and Utilities), and Perteeet (Transportation and Environment). Staff are working with the consultants to develop a schedule for bringing material to the Planning Commission and City Council for review.

Next Steps

None; discussion only