

Draft Land Use Goals



General Approach

- Rework existing goals to more active voice
- Modify goal language to be more consistent with policy approach and state requirements

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- Maintain Snoqualmie's unique character and attractiveness with new development that complements the existing built and natural environment and allows a rich tourist and commercial center to thrive.
- Feature and preserve the story of Snoqualmie's history and identity using buildings, districts, and landscape (with sustainable development) that fosters civic pride.

Draft Land Use Goals (cont.)



- Pursue annexations that implement the future land use map designations.
- Encourage a compact development pattern of physically connected, distinct, complete neighborhoods that provide a balanced mix of land uses essential to the daily life of Snoqualmie residents, employees, and surrounding rural area residents.

Draft Land Use Goals (cont.)



- Manage development and conservation within the 100-year floodplain to protect existing and new development from flood hazards and to promote enjoyment of the natural and scenic character of the Snoqualmie River shoreline.
- Plan for and encourage high-quality residential areas that provide dwelling units of various type, density, and costs to meet the needs and interests of every economic segment of the community, including low-, very low-, and extremely low-income households.

Draft Land Use Policies: Specific Land Uses (cont.)



- Develop a local economy that meets residents' everyday needs, supports a vibrant tourism industry, provides living-wage jobs, enhances community distinctiveness, and maintains a sufficient and sustainable tax base for the City.
- Provide needed institutional and utility land uses within the community with minimal land use conflicts.

Draft Land Use Policies: Regional Planning



- Support inclusive community planning that identifies the needs of diverse communities, protects cultural resources, and embraces cohesion in the face of change.
- Evaluate areas for potential residential and commercial displacement and use a range of strategies to mitigate displacement impacts.
- As applicable, limit incompatible uses adjacent to Tribal reservation lands.

Draft Land Use Policies: Design Character and Quality



- Strive to maintain existing view corridors, including the Snoqualmie River and other natural features, while minimizing sensitive areas impacts.
- Protect the scenic nature of the I-90 corridor and the upper Snoqualmie Valley through partnerships like the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust.
- Maintain the City's federally-recognized historic preservation program for the downtown and Meadowbrook commercial districts and ensure site and building changes are consistent with historic character through appropriate design standards and other regulations.
- Support historic design review through the Snoqualmie Historic Design Review Board and/or in partnership with the Snoqualmie Landmarks and Heritage Commission.
- Consider appropriate lighting standards that minimize light pollution without impacts to public safety.

Draft Land Use Policies: Historic and Cultural Resources



- Work individually and cooperatively to identify and evaluate important aspects of historical and cultural heritage and adopt appropriate regulations or other strategies to protect these resources.
- Support the preservation of Snoqualmie Valley history, facilities, and culture by working with and supporting the efforts of heritage organizations, agencies, and tribes.
- Consider local heritage when naming City streets and facilities.

Draft Land Use Policies: Historic and Cultural Resources (cont.)



- Maintain an inter-local agreement with King County for historic preservation assistance and inventory as well as landmark designation purposes.
- Work with property owners and developers to implement adaptive reuse strategies that preserve the character and viability of the city's historic sites, buildings, districts, landscape features, murals, and neighborhoods.
- Pursue grants and technical assistance as available to assist property owners with the preservation and rehabilitation of storefronts and buildings in the historic districts to preserve and restore their historic appearance and economic viability.