

TO: City Council
FROM: Brad Medrud, Community Development Director, and Sharon Lumbantobing, Deputy Community Development Director
DATE: January 20, 2026
SUBJECT: 2026 Long Range Planning Work Program

1) Recommended Action:

Approve the 2026 Long Range Planning Work Program.

2) Background:

The City Council approves Tumwater's annual long range planning work program at the beginning of each year. The City Council, Planning Commission, residents, property owners, and City staff can propose annual work program items. The major focuses of the proposed 2026 Long Range Planning Work Program will be the Bush Prairie Habitat Conservation Plan, Thurston County Joint Plan Update and Urban Growth Area Swap, Urban Forestry Management Plan, Housing Work Program, and Food System Plan implementation.

The City Council and Planning Commission discussed the proposed 2026 Long Range Planning Work Program at a joint work session on December 9, 2025. The City Council placed the work program on the Council January 20, 2026, consent calendar at the conclusion of the work session.

3) Policy Support:

Goal LU-2 Ensure development occurs in an orderly, effective, and cost-efficient manner to best utilize available land and public services, conserve natural resources, protect and enhance critical areas and open space, address equity and climate change, and reduce sprawl.

4) Alternatives:

☐ None.

5) Fiscal Notes:

The annual work program includes items that are internally funded as well funded through outside state grants.

6) Attachments:

A. 2026 Long Range Planning Work Program