

2025 Comprehensive Plan Update Lands For Public Purposes & Utilities Elements

*Balancing Nature and Community:
Tumwater's Path to Sustainable Growth*



Planning Commission May 13, 2025

Intent

- Review format of Parts 1 and 2
- Discuss the draft Elements
- Take feedback on goals, policies, and draft implementation actions
- Explain next steps



Format for Part 1 – Goals, Policies, and Actions



Chapter 1 – Introduction



Chapter 2 – GMA & Element Goals



Chapter 3 – County-Wide Planning Policies



Chapter 4 – Element Goals and Policies



Appendix A – Draft Implementation Actions

Format for Part 2 – Technical – Land for Public Purposes

Chapter 1 – Introduction

Chapter 2 – Capital Facilities Review Analysis

Chapter 3 – Tumwater Managed Capital Facilities & Services

Chapter 4 – Other Publicly Capital Facilities & Services

Appendix A – Foundational Documents

Appendix B – New Capital Facilities Equity Checklist



Format for Part 2 – Technical – Utilities

Chapter 1 – Introduction

Chapter 2 – Utilities Regulations

Chapter 3 – Natural Gas

Chapter 4 – Electricity

Chapter 5 – Natural Gas and Fuel Pipelines

Chapter 6 - Telecommunication

Appendix A – Foundational Documents

Appendix B – Private Utility Contact Information





Lands for Public Purposes Element

Lands for Public Purposes – Managed By Tumwater

- City buildings
- Fire and emergency medical services
- Parks, open space, and recreation facilities
- Police services
- Stormwater
- Transportation
- Water systems and facilities



Lands for Public Purposes – Other Publicly Managed

- Timberland Regional Library
- School facilities
- Sewage treatment & sanitary sewer
- Solid waste management
- Transit services



Chapter 3- Tumwater Managed Capital Facilities



Introduction/Overview



Inventory



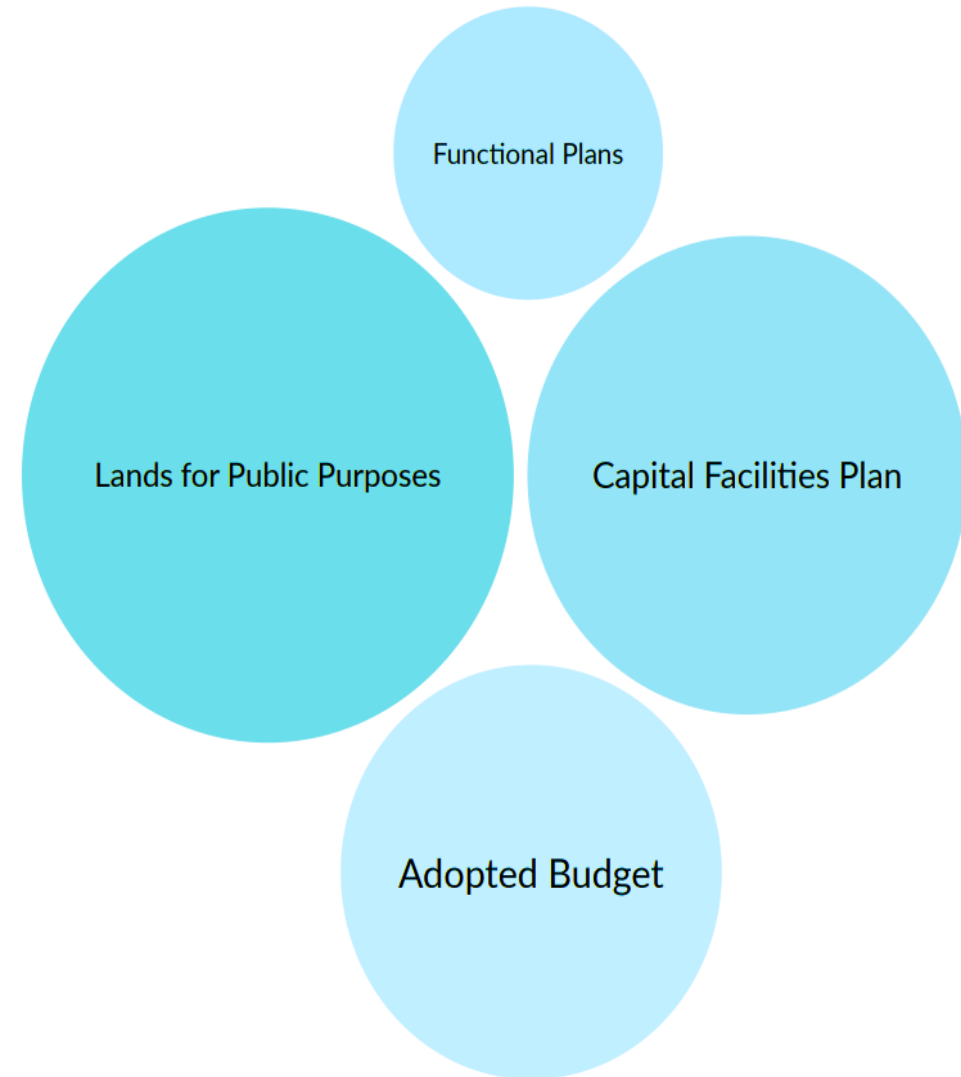
Level of service



Planned Projects, Costs, and Revenues

Relationships

- **Lands for Public Purposes Element** – 20-year plan
- **Capital Facilities Plan** – 6-year financial forecast
- **Biennial City Budget** – City Council adopted
- **Functional Plans** – Updated as needed but use the above to identify services and meet growth demands



Connections to other Elements



Utilities/Transportation/Parks and Recreation



Land Use



Conservation



Economic Development



State Regulations

Goal LPP-1

Provide necessary and efficient services to Tumwater and its Urban Growth Area

Highlights:

- Tumwater is projected to increase by 21,969 people
- Address disparities and include equity in public services
- Provide adequate public facilities that are concurrent with impacts of development



Goal LPP-2

**Support improvements in
the provision of public
services**

Highlights:

- Incorporate environmental quality in capital improvement programs, implementation programs, and public facility designs
- Establish, maintain, and strengthen community relationships
- Provide adequate public facilities that are concurrent with impacts of development



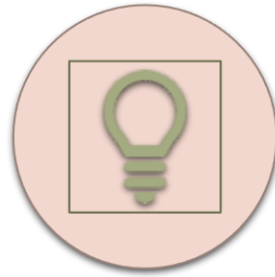


Utilities Element

Utilities



NATURAL GAS



ELECTRICITY

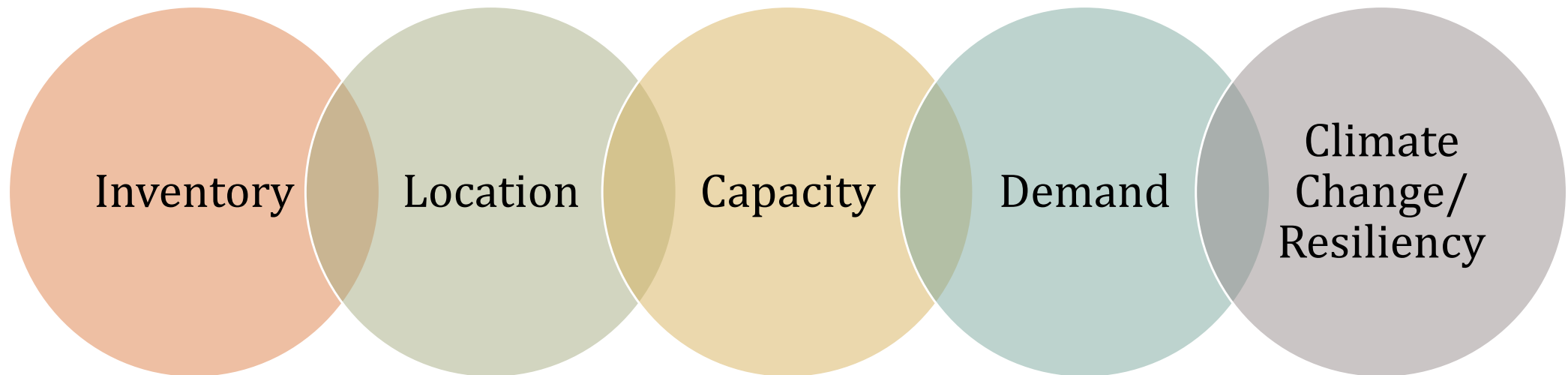


NATURAL GAS AND
FUEL PIPELINES



TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Purpose



Goal U-1

**Increase efficiency when
planning for and siting
utilities**

Highlights:

- Communication with utility providers
- Permit timelines
- Develop underground management plan



Goal U-2

Increase energy generation from renewable resources to reduce the region's carbon footprint



Highlights:

- Incentives to support the installation of distributed electrical generation equipment, (e.g., rooftop solar panels).
- Large-scale, multi-jurisdictional renewable energy projects (e.g., large-scale solar arrays).
- Adopt uniform building codes and permitting practices in jurisdictions to make the installation of solar panels, or other distributed generation technologies, easier and faster.

Goal U-3

Enhance the region's electricity distribution, monitoring, and storage infrastructure to support adoption of cleaner technologies and practices

Highlights:

- Explore energy storage innovations
- Electric vehicle charging stations/infrastructure
- Coordinate with the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan to reduce service interruptions



Goal U-4

**Increase energy efficiency
and conservation to reduce
the region's carbon
footprint**

Highlights:

- Green buildings
- Energy Audit
- Develop incentives



Goal U-5

Ensure vital utilities are created, operated, and maintained in a safe manner

Highlights:

- Review impacts of new infrastructure
- Safety through awareness and regulations

Next Steps in the Review Process

- General Government Committee Briefing – May 14, 2025
- Complete final round of stakeholder input and engagement – Late Spring 2025
 - Review draft goals, policies, and actions
 - Ensure input and feedback was incorporated
- Comprehensive Plan Adoption Process – Fall 2025 – Winter 2026
- Comprehensive Plan Ordinance Briefing – October 28, 2025



Submitting Comments or Questions

Written comments or questions are welcome at any time during the periodic update process

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