

TO: City Council and Planning Commission
FROM: Brad Medrud, Community Development Director, and Sharon Lumbantobing, Deputy Community Development Director
DATE: December 9, 2025
SUBJECT: 2026 Long Range Planning Work Program

1) Recommended Action:

Place the 2026 Long Range Work Program on the January 20, 2026, City Council consent calendar with a recommendation to approve.

2) Background:

The City Council approves Tumwater's annual long range planning work program at the beginning of each year. The City Council and the Planning Commission will discuss the proposed 2026 Long Range Planning Work Program at a joint work session on December 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. The City Council will then be asked to approve the 2026 Long Range Planning Work Program on January 20, 2026.

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.

A short list of discussion topics for review is included in the attached staff report.

3) Policy Support:

Partnership: We work in partnership with residents, businesses, community organizations and governments to address challenges and advance shared goals.

4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Place the 2026 Long Range Work Program on the January 14, 2026, General Government Committee agenda for further discussion
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5) Fiscal Notes:

The Long Range Work Program is consistent with the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget.

6) Attachments:

- A. Staff Report
- B. Presentation
- C. 2026 Long Range Planning Work Program