

Land Use Element Goal and Policy Updates				
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	<b>Table LU-1:</b> 2013 - Land Use by Percent of the City's Total Land Area.	Table LU-1: <del>2013</del> <u>2019</u> - Land Use by Percent of the City's Total Land Area.	Revise to 2019 existing land use.	State Growth Management Act (GMA)
	<i>No table number</i>	<u>Table LU-2: 2044 Growth Targets.</u>	Revise growth targets and label table. Include affordable housing targets per HB 1220.	State (GMA)
	<b>Table LU-2:</b> Residential Densities and Comparable Zones	<u>New Table LU-2 3:</u> Residential Densities and Comparable Zones		State (GMA)
	<b>Fig. LU-1.</b> Comprehensive Land Use Map.	New Fig. LU-1: Comprehensive Land Use Map	Change land use designations per any directed land use changes. Consider changing name of "Low Density Residential land use.	State (GMA)
	<b>Goal LU-1:</b> Manage community growth and redevelopment to ensure: •An orderly pattern of land use; •A balanced and complete community; •Maintenance and improvement of the City’s existing character; and •Protection of environmentally sensitive areas.	<b>Goal LU-1:</b> <u>Guide</u> <del>Manage</del> community growth and redevelopment to ensure: • <del>An orderly</del> pattern of land use <u>that accommodates growth and promotes a welcoming, connected, and sustainable community;</u> • <u>An accessible</u> <del>balanced</del> and complete community with <u>ample housing and employment opportunities;</u> • <u>Support of the City's 2044 Vision</u> <del>Maintenance and improvement of the City’s existing character;</del> and •Protection of environmentally sensitive areas.	Removing references to ambiguous phrases such as "community character" and incorporates Kirkland 2044 Vision Statement phrasing.	Equity Review
	<b>Policy LU-1.1:</b> Maintain clear and predictable development regulations that are consistent with City goals and policies.	<b>Policy LU-1.1:</b> Maintain clear and predictable development regulations that are <u>easy to understand and</u> consistent with City goals and policies.		
	<b>Policy LU-1.2:</b> Create logical boundaries between land use districts that take into account such considerations as existing and planned land uses, access, property lines, topographic conditions, and natural features.	<b>Policy LU-1.2:</b> <u>Maintain</u> <del>Create</del> logical boundaries between land use districts that take into account such considerations as existing and planned land uses, access, property lines, topographic conditions, and natural features, <u>and identify opportunities to condense the number of individual zones into related groups based on existing conditions and planning objectives.</u>		
	<i>No existing policy.</i>	<b>New . Policy LU-1.#:</b> Identify opportunities to simplify development standards in zoning districts by completing actions such as: renaming zones to better describe the allowed mix of uses therein; consolidating multiple zones into a single, simplified zone to simplify future Zoning Code amendments; standardizing development standards across similar zones, etc.		

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<div></div> <b>Policy LU-1.3:</b> Encourage attractive site and building design that is compatible in scale and in character with existing or planned development.	<b>Policy LU-1.3:</b> Encourage attractive site and building design that promotes <u>valued community characteristics such as pedestrian activation, high quality materials, publicly accessible and welcoming spaces, and transition strategies to mitigate differences</u> <del>is compatible in scale between areas with varying allowed heights and in character with existing or planned development.</del>		
<div></div> <b>Policy LU-1.4:</b> Create effective transitions between different land uses.	<del><b>Policy LU-1.4:</b> Create effective transitions between different land uses.</del>	Consider removing in lieu of revised Policy LU-1.3.	
<div></div> <b>Policy LU-1.5:</b> Regulate land use and development in environmentally sensitive areas to improve and protect environmental quality and avoid unnecessary public and private costs.	<i>Policy LU-1.5: Regulate land use and development in environmentally sensitive areas to improve and protect environmental quality <del>and</del> avoid unnecessary public and private costs <u>, and encourage public access</u>.</i>		

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<b>Goal LU-2:</b> Promote a compact, efficient, and sustainable land use pattern in Kirkland that: •Supports a multimodal transportation system that efficiently moves people and goods; •Minimizes energy use, greenhouse gas emissions, and service costs; •Conserves land, water, and natural resources; and •Provides sufficient land area and development intensity to accommodate Kirkland’s share of the regionally adopted population and employment targets.	<b>Goal LU-2:</b> Promote a compact, efficient, and sustainable land use pattern in Kirkland that: •Supports a multimodal transportation system that efficiently moves people and goods; •Minimizes energy use, greenhouse gas emissions, and service costs; •Conserves land, water, and natural resources; •Provides sufficient land area <del>and development intensity</del> to accommodate <u>growth likely to occur in Kirkland based on regional planning objectives and local goals</u> <del>Kirkland’s share of the regionally adopted population and employment targets;</del> • <u>Preserves cultural resources and support of new cultural resources identified; and,</u> • <u>Promotes access to opportunity, particularly for: Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color communities; immigrants and refugees; people with low incomes; people with disabilities; seniors; and communities with language access needs.</u>	Incorporates King County Equity policies and explicitly recognizes historically underserved communities; adds suggested reference to cultural resources per Comprehensive Plan Equity Review .	King County Countywide Planning Policies; Equity Review
<b>Policy LU-2.1:</b> Support a range of development densities in Kirkland, recognizing environmental constraints and community character.	<b>Policy LU-2.1:</b> Support a range of development <del>densities</del> <u>intensities</u> in Kirkland, recognizing environmental constraints <u>while enabling development to accommodate growth</u> <del>and community character.</del>	Removing references to ambiguous phrases such as "community character."	Equity Review
<b>Policy LU-2.2:</b> Facilitate infill development and encourage redevelopment of underutilized land.	<i>No change</i>		
<b>Policy LU-2.3:</b> Ensure an adequate supply of housing units and commercial floorspace to meet the required growth targets.	<b>Policy LU-2.3:</b> Ensure an adequate supply of housing units and commercial floorspace to meet the required growth targets, <u>while also considering additional capacity that promotes the City's Vision and enables smart growth principles.</u>	Adds additional consideration of meeting Kirkland's Vision to recognize that planning considers smart growth principles beyond the required growth targets.	
<b>Table LU-3:</b> Comparison of Growth Targets and Available Capacity.	New Table LU- <del>3</del> <u>4</u>	Final capacity analysis pending (12/30/2023)	State GMA

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	<b>Policy LU-2.4:</b> Support development patterns that promote public health and provide opportunities for safe and convenient physical activity and social connectivity.	<b>Policy LU-2.4:</b> Support development patterns that promote public health <u>and address racially and environmentally disparate health outcomes</u> and provide <u>access to opportunities for safe and convenient physical activity and social connectivity.</u> <u>Focus on residents with the highest needs in providing and enhancing opportunities for employment, safe and convenient daily physical activity, social connectivity, protection from exposure to harmful substances and environments, and housing in high opportunity areas.</u>	Incorporates language from King County planning policy.	King County DP-6
Goal LU-3: Provide a land use pattern and transportation network that promotes mobility, transportation choices, and convenient access to goods and services.		Goal LU-3: Provide a land use pattern and <u>connected</u> transportation network that; promotes <u>multi-modal safety and</u> mobility; transportation choices; <del>and</del> convenient access to <u>schools, parks,</u> goods and services; <u>and reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT).</u>	Updated to link with specific Sustainability Master Plan action to reduce VMT.	Kirkland Sustainability Strategic Plan
	<b>Policy LU-3.1:</b> Create and maintain neighborhoods that allow residents and employees to walk or bicycle to places that meet their daily needs.	Policy LU-3.1: Create and maintain neighborhoods that allow residents and employees <u>of all abilities to use active transportation to travel to</u> <del>walk or bicycle to</del> places that meet their daily needs.	Made language inclusive of all active transportation modes instead of just walking and biking.	Equity review
	<b>Policy LU-3.2:</b> Encourage residential development within commercial areas.	Policy LU-3.2: Encourage residential development, <u>including affordable housing,</u> within commercial areas.		
	<b>Policy LU-3.3:</b> Encourage housing, offices, shops, and services at or near the park and ride lots.	<b>Policy LU-3.3:</b> Encourage housing, offices, <u>community facilities,</u> shops, and services at or near the park and ride lots.		
	<b>Policy LU-3.4:</b> Locate higher density land uses in areas served by frequent transit service.	<b>Policy LU-3.4:</b> <u>Focus</u> <del>Locate</del> higher density land uses <u>primarily</u> in areas served by frequent transit service.		
	<b>Policy LU-3.5:</b> Provide vehicular access for commercial development from arterials or freeways and avoid vehicular access from residential streets.	<i>No change</i>		
	<b>Policy LU-3.6:</b> Incorporate features in new development projects that support transportation choices.	<b>Policy LU-3.6:</b> Incorporate features in new development projects that support <u>multi-modal</u> transportation choices.		
	<b>Policy LU-3.7:</b> Consider reducing minimum parking requirements in the Zoning Code in walkable areas with convenient shops, services and good transit service.	<i>No change</i>		Consistent with PC/City Council study issue for Land Use Element.

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	<i>No existing policy.</i>	<i>New.</i> <u><b>Policy LU 3-#:</b> Consider reducing or removing minimum parking requirements in the Zoning Code for residential uses, including low-density, middle-housing, and stacked dwelling unit housing types.</u>		Per PC/City Council study issue for Land Use Element.
	<b>Policy LU-3.8:</b> Create a complementary relationship between adjoining land uses and the Cross Kirkland Corridor and Eastside Rail Corridor, both in terms of short term nonmotorized access and future opportunities for high capacity transit.	<i>No change</i>		
	<b>Policy LU-3.9:</b> Encourage vehicular and nonmotorized connectivity.	<b>Policy LU-3.9:</b> Encourage vehicular and nonmotorized, <u>active transportation</u> connectivity, <u>while prioritizing network improvements that will contribute to reducing the City's Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT).</u>	Updated to link with specific Sustainability Strategic Plan action to reduce VMT, and including explicit reference to "active transportation."	Sustainability Strategic Plan; Equity Review
<b>Goal LU-4:</b> Protect and enhance the character and quality of residential neighborhoods while accommodating the City’s growth targets.		<b>Goal LU-4:</b> Enhance opportunities for residential growth citywide, <u>including infill development in lower-density residential areas, while accomodating the City's growth targets and enabling production of housing options for people of all income levels.</u>		
	<b>Policy LU-4.1:</b> Maintain and enhance the character of Kirkland’s residential areas.	Policy LU-4.1: Maintain and enhance <u>the community's vision for safe, walkable, bikeable, and friendly neighborhoods that are connected to each other</u> <del>the character of Kirkland’s residential areas.</del>	Remove ambiguous phrasing such as "character" and replace with more specific values for neighborhoods.	Equity Review
	<i>No existing policy.</i>	<i>New.</i> <u><b>Policy LU-4.#:</b> Identify opportunities to simplify development standards in primarily residential zones by completing actions such as: renaming "single-family residential zones" to better describe the allowed multi-family and commercial uses therein; consolidating low-density residential zones into a single zone to simpify future Zoning Code amendments; standardizing development standards across low-density residential zones, etc.</u>	New policy will support adopted Planning Work Program tasks to implement new WA State housing legislation, optimize middle housing development standards, etc.	Per PC/City Council study issue for Land Use Element.
	<b>Policy LU-4.2:</b> Locate the highest density residential areas close to shops and services and transportation hubs.	<b>Policy LU-4.2:</b> Locate the highest <del>density</del> <u>intensity</u> residential areas close to shops and services and transportation hubs.		

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<b>Policy LU-4.3:</b> Allow for new residential growth consistent with the basic pattern of land use in the City.	<b>Policy LU-4.3:</b> <del>Encourage</del> <u>Allow for new residential growth to meet City objectives of environmental sustainability, economic growth, and DEIB principles consistent the basic pattern of land use in the City, and including Washington State required allowances for middle-housing types such as Accessory Dwelling Units, Cottages, and multi-plexes in lower-density neighborhoods.</u>	Explicitly refencing increased density allowances in lower density neighborhoods.	WA State HB 1110 (adopted 2023)
<b>Policy LU-4.4:</b> Consider neighborhood character and integrity when determining the extent and type of land use changes.	<b>Remove.</b> <del>Policy LU-4.4: Consider neighborhood character and integrity when determining the extent and type of land use changes.</del>	Remove ambiguous phrasing such as "character" and replace with more specific values for neighborhoods. Policy redundant with Policy LU-4.1.	Equity Review
<b>Policy LU-4.5:</b> Allow neighborhoods to propose small scale neighborhood-oriented commercial uses within residential areas to meet local needs and reduce reliance on vehicle trips to meet daily needs.	<b>Policy LU-4.5:</b> <del>Develop standards that allow neighborhoods to propose small scale neighborhood-oriented commercial uses within residential areas, including corner stores and commercial uses operated within homes,</del> <u>to meet local needs and reduce reliance on vehicle trips to meet daily needs.</u>		Per PC/City Council study issue for Land Use Element.
<i>No existing policy.</i>	<b>New.</b> <u><b>Policy LU-4.6:</b> Evaluate planning in the Totem Lake and Greater Downtown regional growth centers and high-capacity transit station areas for their potential physical, economic, and cultural displacement of marginalized residents and businesses, and use a range of strategies to mitigate displacement impacts.</u>	Incorporates PSRC Vision 2050 requirement.	MPP-DP-23
<b>Fig. LU-2:</b> Commercial and Mixed Use Areas	New Fig. LU-2: Commercial and Mixed Use Areas	Update if there any changes to the map with proposed land use designation changes.	

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<b>Goal LU-5:</b> Plan for a hierarchy of commercial and mixed use areas serving neighborhood, community, and/or regional needs.	<i>No change.</i>		
<b>Policy LU-5.1:</b> Reflect the following principles in development standards and land use plans for commercial and mixed use areas: Urban Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Create lively and attractive districts with a human scale.</li><li>•Create attractive, pedestrian-oriented streets through building placement and design and by minimizing the obtrusive nature of parking lots.</li><li>•Support a mix of retail, office, and residential uses in multistory structures.</li><li>•Create effective transitions between commercial areas and surrounding residential neighborhoods.</li></ul> Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Encourage multimodal transportation options.</li><li>•Promote an intensity and density of land uses sufficient to support effective transit and pedestrian activity.</li><li>•Promote a street pattern that provides through connections, pedestrian accessibility and vehicular access.</li><li>•Encourage pedestrian travel to and within commercial and mixed use areas by providing:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>oSafe and attractive walkways;</li><li>oClose groupings of stores and offices;</li><li>oPlacement of parking in structures, underground, or to the back or side of buildings.</li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Policy LU-5.1:</b> Reflect the following principles in development standards and land use plans for commercial and mixed use areas: Urban Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Create lively and attractive districts with a human scale.</li><li>•Create attractive, pedestrian-oriented streets through building placement and design and by minimizing the obtrusive nature of parking lots.</li><li>•Support a mix of retail, office, and residential uses in multistory structures.</li><li>•Create effective transitions between <u>areas of varying intensities</u> <del>commercial areas and surrounding residential neighborhoods.</del></li></ul> Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Encourage multimodal transportation options.</li><li>•Promote an intensity and density of land uses sufficient to support effective transit and pedestrian activity.</li><li>•Promote a street pattern that provides through connections, pedestrian accessibility and vehicular access.</li><li>•Encourage pedestrian travel to and within commercial and mixed use areas by providing:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>oSafe and attractive walkways;</li><li>oClose groupings of stores and offices;</li><li>oPlacement of parking in structures, underground, or to the back or side of buildings.</li></ul></li></ul>	With more mixed-use zones in the City, policy revised to refer to focusing on transitions more between different intensities (e.g., height, bulk, mass) than different uses.	
<b>Policy LU-5.2:</b> Maintain and strengthen existing commercial and mixed use areas by focusing economic development within them.	<i>No change.</i>		
<b>Policy LU-5.3:</b> Enhance and strengthen Kirkland’s commercial and mixed use areas consistent with the neighborhood plan for each area.	<i>No change.</i>		
<b>Policy LU-5.4:</b> Provide opportunities for a variety of employment.	<i>No change.</i>		
<b>Policy LU-5.5:</b> Support the Greater Downtown area as an Urban Center/Regional Growth Center.	<del><b>Policy LU 5.5:</b> Support the Greater Downtown area as an Urban Center/Regional Growth Center.</del>	Remove; obsolete policy with certification of Greater Downtown Regional Growth Center by PSRC in 2023.	

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<b>Policy LU-5.6:</b> Maintain and enhance Kirkland’s diverse Neighborhood Centers to serve as business centers and as walkable focal points for the local community. Reflect the following principles in development standards and land use plans for these areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Preserve and enhance neighborhood-serving retail, especially grocery stores.</li><li>•Promote a mix of complementary uses.</li><li>•Support redevelopment at an intensity that helps meet Kirkland’s required growth targets in walkable neighborhoods with good transit service.</li><li>•Create gathering places and opportunities for social interaction.</li><li>•Create and maintain unique places that complement and reflect the character of the surrounding neighborhood.</li></ul>	Policy LU-5.6: Maintain and enhance Kirkland’s diverse Neighborhood Centers to serve as business centers and as walkable focal points for the local community. Reflect the following principles in development standards and land use plans for these areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Preserve and enhance neighborhood-serving retail, especially grocery stores.</li><li>•Promote a mix of complementary uses.</li><li>•Support redevelopment at an intensity that helps meet Kirkland’s required growth targets in walkable neighborhoods with good transit service.</li><li>•Create gathering places and opportunities for social interaction.</li><li>•Create and maintain unique places that <u>promote the City's 2044 Vision</u> <del>complement and reflect the character of the surrounding neighborhood.</del></li></ul>	Remove ambiguous phrasing such as "character" and replace with more specific values/vision identified by the community.	Equity Review
<b>Policy LU-5.7:</b> Encourage redevelopment and adaptive reuse of Kirkland’s Light Industry/Office areas in a manner that supports the existing mix of allowed uses while enabling these areas to evolve into innovative areas for commerce and employment.	<i>No change.</i>		
<b>Policy LU-5.8:</b> Allow for innovative land use and development within the Cross Kirkland Corridor Overlay where such innovation enhances the recreational, transportation, and economic development potential of the Corridor.	<i>No change.</i>		
<i>No existing policy.</i>	<i>New. <b>Policy LU-5.#:</b> Conduct a study to identify regulatory barriers to development in the City's Neighborhood Commercial Centers including, but not limited to: reducing minimum parking requirements, removing land aggregation or minimum parcel size requirements, increasing nearby housing densities, and removing minimum lot size per housing unit requirements.</i>		
<i>No existing policy.</i>	<i>New. <b>Policy LU-5.#:</b> Identify potential physical, economic, and cultural displacement of existing businesses that may result from redevelopment and market pressure. Use a range of strategies to mitigate displacement impacts to the extent feasible.</i>		



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Goal LU-6: Establish a coordinated and connected system of open space throughout the City that: •Preserves natural systems, •Protects wildlife habitat and corridors, •Provides land for recreation, and •Preserves natural landforms and scenic areas.		Goal LU-6: Establish a coordinated and connected system of open space throughout the City that: •Preserves natural systems, •Protects wildlife habitat and corridors, •Provides land for recreation, • <u>Promotes actions from the Sustainability Strategic Plan,</u> and •Preserves natural landforms and scenic areas.		
	Policy LU-6.1: Distribute parks and open spaces throughout the City, with particular focus on new facilities in areas of the City facing the greatest population growth, in areas where facilities are deficient, and/or in areas where connections of the open space network could be made.	No change.		
	Policy LU-6.2: Work with adjacent jurisdictions; County, State, federal, and tribal governments; and nonprofit groups to identify and protect open space networks to be preserved within and around Kirkland.	No change.		
	Policy LU-6.3: Consider the City’s streets and the Cross Kirkland Corridor as integral parts of the overall open space network.	No change.		
	Policy LU-6.4: Preserve Kirkland’s urban separators.	No change.		
	No existing policy.	New. Policy LU-6.#: Identify opportunities to work with pivate property owners to designate publicly accessible open space to create a more connected greenspace network.		
Goal LU-7: Protect and enhance Kirkland’s natural resources.		No change.		
	Policy 7.1: Continue to designate and protect critical areas based on best available science, with special consideration to preserving and enhancing anadromous fisheries.	No change.		
	Policy LU-7.2: Decrease energy use, promote renewable energy, and promote public health through land use strategies that promote a mix of housing, employment, and services at intensities sufficient to promote walking, bicycling, and transit.	Policy LU-7.2: Decrease energy use, promote renewable energy, and promote public health through land use strategies that promote a mix of housing, employment, and services at intensities sufficient to promote <u>active transportation</u> <del>walking, bicycling,</del> and transit.	Made language inclusive of all active transportation modes instead of just walking and biking.	Equity Review
Goal LU-8: Maintain criteria, regulations and procedures that allow for the siting of essential public facilities as well as government and community facilities.		No change		

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	<b>Policy LU-8.1:</b> Work cooperatively with King County, the State and/or other cities to site essential public facilities.	<i>No change</i>		
	<b>Policy LU-8.2:</b> Consider the following in siting essential public facilities: •Accessibility to the people served; •Public involvement; •Protection of neighborhoods; •Preservation of natural resources; •The cost-effectiveness of service delivery; •Location near transit and mixed-use centers; and •The goals and policies of the City’s Comprehensive Plan.	<i>No change</i>		
	<b>Policy LU-8.3:</b> Design essential public facilities as well as government and community facilities to reduce incompatibility with adjacent land uses.	<i>No change</i>		
	<i>No existing policy.</i>	<i>New. <b>Policy LU-8.#</b> : <u>Prioritize services and access to opportunity for people of color, people with low incomes, and historically underserved communities to ensure all people can attain the resources and opportunities to improve quality of life and address past inequities.</u></i>	Adds equity considerations for siting of public facilities and provision of public services.	PSRC Vision 2050 MPP-RC-2
<i>No existing goal.</i>		<b><u>New. Goal LU-9: Intentionally advance the City's Sustainability goals and policies with patterns of land use and future amendments to development standards.</u></b>		Kirkland Sustainability Strategic Plan
		New. <b>Policy LU-9.#:</b> <u>Utilize the sustainable decision-making tool described in the City's Sustainability Strategic Plan to evaluate all land use and Zoning Code amendment decisions.</u>		Kirkland Sustainability Strategic Plan
		New. <b>Policy LU-9.#:</b> <u>Evaluate Zoning Code amendments to explore reducing barriers to energy-efficient development (such as solar installations, flexible mechanical unit placement, etc.).</u>		Kirkland Sustainability Strategic Plan
		New. <b>Policy LU-9.#:</b> <u>Identify appropriate areas or zones in the City to allow energy storage facilities, and develop standards that will provide flexibility for future installations.</u>		Kirkland Sustainability Strategic Plan