

2044 Kirkland Comprehensive Plan General Element Goals and Policies only

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The General Element of the Comprehensive Plan (Chapter III) describes how the Comprehensive Plan is consistent with the Growth Management Act (GMA), Shoreline Management Act, Puget Sound Regional Council Vision 2050 Multi-Planning Policies, King County Countywide Planning Policies, and internally consistent with all Elements of the Plan.

The General Element contains over-arching goals and policies that guide how the Comprehensive Plan goals and policies are implemented, the importance of intergovernmental coordination, and consistency with the GMA requirements for early and continuous public participation in the development, and the process for amending the Comprehensive Plan in the future.

Below are the revised or new goals and policies for the 2044 update, shown in track changes to support an equitable, socially diverse, inclusive community and engagement process consistent with State, Regional, and County policies, and the City's diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging goals:

Intergovernmental Coordination

Goal GP-1: Cooperate and coordinate with all levels of government, agencies, and tribes to achieve equitable, effective, efficient, and responsive governance for Kirkland's community-citizens.

Policy GP-1.1: Maintain uUpdates to the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations in conformance with GMA requirements and other legislation, VISION 2040 2050, and ~~with~~ the Countywide Planning Policies for King County.

Policy GP-1.2: Work with adjacent jurisdictions and other governmental agencies to ~~better~~ coordinate on planning activities, ~~and~~ development decisions, and in planning for issues of common regional or subregional interest such as affordable housing, responses to homelessness, human services, transportation, and sustainability.

Policy GP-1.3: Communicate Kirkland's land use policies and regulations to the King County Assessor's Office in order to ensure that assessment decisions do not conflict with land use decisions.

Equitable, Inclusive, Welcoming, Sustainable, Community

New-Goal GP-2: Support diversity in City government and in the community by encouraging awareness, acknowledgment and intentional decision-making, and by being inclusive of the entire populace.

New-Policy GP- 2.1: Engage the diverse populations within Kirkland to create an inclusive community where people of all backgrounds are welcome.

New-Goal GP-3: Foster a City government and a community free of discrimination and committed to justice and social equity.

New-Policy GP-3.1: Work to achieve a community where everyone is treated with respect and everyone can thrive in Kirkland.

Community Engagement Citizen Participation

Goal GP-42: Promote equitable and inclusive, active community participation in all levels of planning decisions.

Policy GP-42.1: ~~Foster~~Encourage public participation ~~at the appropriate level~~ in all long-range planning processes and provide tools to the community to enable them to understand and learn more about development projects in the City. facilitate open communication between permit applicants and nearby residents and businesses prior to the initiation of development actions.

Policy GP-42.2: Utilize a broad range of public involvement techniques, community forums and communications to ensure that opportunities exist for all public views to be considered heard.

Policy GP-42.3: Work closely with community groups, neighborhood associations, business organizations, non-profits, and -service clubs, including seeking input and elevating the voices of historically underrepresented people.

Policy GP-42.4: Encourage active citizen-community participation in the planning and design of public facilities, ~~particularly in effected residential neighborhoods and business areas~~ recognizing that these are City-wide resources.

Proposed policies for inclusion in General Element (moved from Community Character)

Goal CC-1: Enhance Kirkland's strong sense of community.

Policy CC-1.1: Support diversity in our population and welcome new community members of all backgrounds to Kirkland.

Policy CC-1.2: Establish partnerships with service providers throughout the community to meet the City's cultural, educational, economic, and social needs.

Policy CC-1.3: Support formal and informal community organizations.

Policy CC-1.4: Encourage and develop places and events throughout the community where people can gather and interact.

~~Policy CC-1.5: Work toward a safe, crime-free community.~~ Move to Public Services

Policy CC-1.6: Create a supportive environment for art, historical preservation, and cultural activities.

~~Policy CC-1.7: Within the Cross Kirkland Corridor/Eastside Rail Corridor, provide opportunities for open space, art, events, and cultural activities.~~ Existing policies elsewhere in Plan