

K2044 Comprehensive Plan Update Briefing for Land Use Element

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Summary of *new* or *revised* policies and/or regulatory changes that will be addressed in the element update to achieve consistency with State, Regional, King County Planning Policies, and local goals for Land Use Element. Note, several existing policies from the referenced plans are not listed if the element is already in compliance.

- **Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA)** – [goals and amendments since the last update:](#)
 - Update to show capacity for 2044 housing and job growth targets, and population forecasts for 2044.
- **Washington State Department of Commerce (DOC)** – [periodic review checklists](#) will address requirements of state law, and identify policy and regulatory updates required under new state laws:
 - A consistent population projection throughout the plan which should be consistent with the county's sub-county allocation of that forecast and housing needs.
 - Estimates of population densities and building intensities based on future land uses and housing needs.
 - Plan or program for monitoring how well comprehensive plan policies, development regulations, and other implementation techniques are achieving the comp plan's goals and the goals of the GMA.
 - Consideration of urban planning approaches that increase physical activity.
- **Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)** – periodic review checklist for cities and regional centers, the Regional Growth Strategy and multi-county planning policies (MPPs) provided for in [PSRC's Vision 2050 Growth Strategy Plan](#) and [2050 Regional Transportation Plan](#):
 - Coordinate planning efforts among jurisdictions, agencies, federally recognized tribes, ports, and adjacent regions, where there are common borders or related regional issues, to facilitate a common vision.
 - 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.
 - Prioritize investments in centers, including regional centers, countywide centers, high-capacity transit areas with a station area plan, and other local centers.
 - Avoid increasing development capacity inconsistent with the Regional Growth Strategy in regional geographies not served by high-capacity transit.
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 - Conduct inclusive engagement to identify and address the diverse needs of the region's residents.

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 - Encourage the private, public, and nonprofit sectors to incorporate environmental and social responsibility into their practices.
 - Promote equity and access to opportunity in economic development policies and programs. Expand employment opportunity to improve the region's shared economic future.
 - Make reduction of health disparities and improvement of health outcomes across the region a priority when developing and carrying out regional, countywide, and local plans.
 - Evaluate planning in areas for potential residential and commercial displacement and use a range of strategies to mitigate displacement impacts.
 - Evaluate planning in regional growth centers and high-capacity transit station areas for their potential physical, economic, and cultural displacement of marginalized residents and businesses. Use a range of strategies to mitigate displacement impacts.
 - 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.
- **King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs)** adopted by King County which address growth management issues in King County and allocates employment and housing growth targets to each city:
 - Adopt land use and community investment strategies that promote public health and address racially and environmentally disparate health outcomes and promote access to opportunity. 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.
 - Increase access to healthy and culturally relevant food in communities throughout the Urban Growth Area by encouraging the location of healthy food purveyors, such as grocery stores, farmers markets, urban agriculture programs, and community food gardens in proximity to residential uses and transit facilities, particularly in those areas with limited access to healthy food.
 - Evaluate the potential physical, economic, and cultural displacement of residents and businesses in regional growth centers and high-capacity transit station areas, particularly for Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color communities; immigrants and refugees, low income populations; disabled communities; and other communities at greatest risk of displacement. Use a range of strategies to mitigate identified displacement impacts.
 - Evaluate the potential physical, economic, and cultural displacement of residents and businesses in countywide and local centers, particularly for Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color communities; immigrants and refugees, low-income populations; disabled communities; and other communities at

greatest risk of displacement. Use a range of strategies to mitigate identified displacement impacts.

- Plan for neighborhoods or subareas to encourage infill and redevelopment, reuse of existing buildings and underutilized lands, and provision of adequate public spaces, in a manner that enhances public health, existing community character, and mix of uses. Neighborhood and subarea planning should include equitable engagement with Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color communities; immigrants and refugees; people with low-incomes; people with disabilities; and communities with language access needs.

LOCAL GOALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- [K2044 Comp Plan Update Equity Review Report Recommendations](#) (for the Land Use Element):
 - Increase accessibility of the Comprehensive Plan.
 - Continually integrate equity guidance.
 - Develop and incorporate implementation plan and plan performance tools.
 - Revise language in the Comprehensive Plan to be more inclusive.
 - Examine alternative language to terms in the existing Plan that may be exclusionary or overly subjective (e.g., “character”, “community character”).
- [Kirkland Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging \(DEIB\) 5-Year Roadmap](#):
 - Equity analysis in the City’s planning documents and processes.
- [City Council Goals 2023-2024](#)
 - Inclusive and Equitable Community
 - Vibrant Neighborhoods
 - Attainable Housing
 - Sustainable Environment
 - Thriving Economy
 - Balanced Transportation