November 5, 2014
Kitsap County 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update

- **Comprehensive Plan**
  - Goals and Policies to guide development regulations for all of Kitsap County

- **Kingston Sub-Area Plan**
  - Detailed Goals and Policies to guide development regulations for Kingston Urban Growth Area and Outlying Areas

- **Kingston Complete Streets Analysis**
  - Help identify where and how public infrastructure should be improved

- **Development regulations**
  - The codes used to implement goals and policies
Environmental Sub-Committee

Recent Community Accomplishments

Carpenter Creek Estuary Restoration

- Stillwaters Fish Passage bridge on S. Kingston
- West Kingston culvert removal and new bridge construction
- Community-based monitoring program for watershed
- Salt marsh enhancement with large woody debris (100 logs over 7 acres)
Recent Community Accomplishments

Watershed preservation
• Wetland Restoration (2.25 acres) and Carpenter Creek Re-meander (1900 lf)
• Carpenter Lake protection with boardwalk access & designation as nature preserve

Education and awareness
• Low-tide beach walks, EcoCruises, and Nearshore Beach Seining educate the public about the wonders of Puget Sound
New Ideas to Consider

REGARDING ZONING & LAND USE . . .

- Work with County on zoning changes as they relate to our natural areas. For example, the only remaining undeveloped industrially zoned property has a sensitive salmon stream and wetland habitat on the site.

- Determine adequate standards for the “Urban Restricted” areas to protect wildlife, natural and aquatic resources.

- Recognition, protection and education about wildlife corridors and sensitive areas.
REGARDING THE CRITICAL AREAS ORDINANCE . . .

As the CAO is revised in the near future, it will be important to assure that CAO changes are protective of Kingston area natural resources – including

- wildlife connecting corridors,
- priority species protection, &
- intact, functioning wildlife habitat areas.
Example of an issue to address:
Enhanced protections for wetlands areas, especially in relation to State Dept. of Natural Resources timber harvest rules.
New Ideas to Consider

REGARDING PROTECTION OF NATURAL VIEWS . . .

- Determine the various views of natural areas our community wants to preserve for everyone to enjoy.
- Establishing ways to protect those natural views.
New Ideas to Consider
REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

This committee would be a place to discuss:

- Projects that may be needed to protect or improve the environment
- Events that address environmental issues
- Concerns raised by community members
- Suggestions that could improve the natural areas of our community, working with other committees. For example, working toward establishing an off-leash dog park.
Accomplishments

- Sub-Committee work on Downtown Masterplan
- Urban Village Commercial (UVC) & Use Table alignment
- Parking alternatives analysis for UVC & recommendations for Title 17 Use Table
- Review of use table recommendations with Kitsap County Planning Commission
- Streetscape studies (Complete Streets)
Land Use Planning Sub-Committee

Current Projects

- Streetscape studies (Complete Streets)
Land Use Planning Sub-Committee

New Ideas to Consider

- Coordinate updates of Title 17 use tables between KCAC Land Use Sub-Committee and Kitsap County DCD
- Performance based standards for commercial and industrial uses
- Modification of mixed use standards for UVC (ie. Temporary or permanent residential on 1st floor of buildings)
- Increase residential density allowance in UVC
Re-visit “Kingston Design Guidelines” to address application uniformity

Address parking standards which impede development

Re-visit land use requirements for change of occupancy in existing structures

Identify public infrastructure needs in Kingston and Kitsap County’s role in providing them
New Ideas to Consider (Continued)

- Clearly define view corridors and identify protection measures for them
- Create consistency between the Critical Areas Ordinance and Land Use Ordinances
- Revise zoning or use tables to allow use of buildings in Kingston for emergency or other temporary use venues
Community Topics

- Discuss view corridor definition and what increased density in the Urban Growth Area (UGA) could mean
- Discuss Kingston Sub-Area design standards
  - Where should they be applied?
  - How binding should they be?
  - Include branding from Greater Kingston Economic Development Committee?
Transportation Accomplishments since 2003

- West Kingston Rd improvement
- Lindvog Rd extension between HWY 104 and West Kingston Rd
- South Kingston Rd shoulders
- Ohio Avenue shoulders
- Barber cut-off shoulder
- George’s Corners intersection
- State Route (SR) 104 sidewalk linking downtown and uptown
- New bridge over Stillwaters Fish Passage (S. Kingston Road)
- SR 104 realignment traffic modeling and analysis
- SR 104 Working Group agreement on actions to address downtown congestion (Kitsap County, WSDOT, WSF, community representatives). Actions held in abeyance until resolution of reservations for Kingston.
- Parcells road trailhead
- Non-motorized improvements addressed in PTOS report
Transportation Sub-Committee

Public Works Accomplishments since 2003

- Relaxation of storm water requirements for road projects in rural areas.
- Relocation of sewage treatment plant.
- Extension of water service to south Kingston
- Rerouting of major powerlines and substation to improve reliability
- Fiber-optic backbone (KPUD WiFi)
Transportation Sub-Committee

Current Projects

- State Route (SR) 104 re-alignment follow up work
- Complete streets analysis
- Complete section of paved Kingston Indianola Trail
- West Kingston Estuary Bridge
Transportation Sub-Committee

New Ideas to Consider

- Funding for the SR 104 realignment
- Put four-way stop signs at SR 104 and West Kingston Rd intersection for traffic calming.
- Consider implementation of the SR 104 working group recommendations to address downtown congestion in the near term while long term projects are being considered. E.g. reservations, SR 104 realignment.
- Connect waterfront homes (within the UGA) to sanitary sewer.

- Ferry service (FAC input):
  - To maintain current ferry service, WSF and WSDOT needs to address train/traffic interference in Edmonds to anticipate projected rail traffic increases.
  - Maintain fares affordable, not greater than inflation.
  - Add a third summer boat, three days a week, 10 hours per day when fleet size allows.
  - Implement commercial vehicle reservations. (general passenger vehicle reservations should not go forward unless community concerns regarding reservations are vetted and resolved)
Use Complete Streets study, Appendix E, and North Kitsap Non-Motorized Transportation Plan to update plan projects in the following areas:

- Safety for pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles.
- Sidewalks, bike paths, pedestrian walkways.
- Upgrading arterials to current standards.
- Address impacts of ferry generated traffic
- Balance and adequacy of parking types, commuter and local downtown use.
- Improved street access in congested areas
The public review, comment and hearings for implementation of the projects identified by the “Complete Streets study” should be conducted as appropriate to the individual project

- Collaborate with NKSD on implementation of a “Safe to School” program under current state guidelines
- Address effectiveness of Park and Rides and vanpools

Sections addressing Improvements, Future needs, recommended projects and Mitigation (6.3 thru 6.6) should reference the County and State documents that list these projects. This information is changed yearly so inclusion in the sub-area plan is of no on-going value.
Accomplishments: Parks

- Heritage Park
- Village Green Park Carpenter Lake Reserve
- Kingston Inn Park (Port of Kingston)
- Kingston Skateboard Park
- Arness Park –
- Kingston School’s new roof & Maintenance
- Additional projects per 2006 Plan’s Annex E
Accomplishments: Trails

- Whitehorse – Indianola connector trail
- Heritage Park trails & signs (partnership with Rotary)
- 4th Street trail
- PUD / GPC trails network
- Kingston-Eglon trail and parking
- Community trails to schools –
  - KHS, KMS, & Gordon Elementary
- Sidewalks and bike lanes.
- Kingston Trails maintenance program
Parks and Trails Sub-Committee

Planned Projects

- Walking Routes to/from Neighborhoods, Schools & Shopping
- Safe Bicycle Paths & Routes
- Regional / Inter-Community Multi-use trails and routes
- Kingston Trails – Volunteer maintenance programs
- Arness Park stewardship - including Vault Toilet
- Additional projects per updated Annex E
Priority Projects

- Kitsap Water Trail
- Sound to Olympics Trail
- Fog Lines and Improve shoulders for Local roads
  - Kingston to Pt. No Point, Hansville, and Hood Canal Dr.
  - Miller Bay Corridor Project:
  - Gamble Wood to Georges Corners via 288th
Parks and Trails Sub-Committee

Priority Projects

- Kingston Schools Trail System
  - Complete Trail from Barber Cutoff Rd. to Gordon
  - Extend sidewalk from High School Entrance to Middle School
  - Hwy 104 Crosswalks at Parcells Rd & Barber Road
  - High School to Indianola via Norman Rd & Arborwood trail
- Support of Non-Motorized Trail Plan
Parks and Trails Sub-Committee

Priority Projects

- Community Trails and Routes
  - 4th Street Trail: Pennsylvania to Washington
  - Village Green Walking Routes
  - PUD/GPC trails – 4th St. to 272nd & Shorty Campbell to Lindvog & Ohio
  - Kingston Hills to Skate Park via Barrett Road
Goal 1: Foster an environment that supports the active and meaningful involvement of the community in local, countywide and regional issues.

Policy 1: Ensure that Kingston residents have access in the community to information regarding future land uses and activities.

Accomplishments

- Open Houses (KCAC)
- KCAC meetings to host county discussion of regulations, etc. (KCAC/County)
- Creation of Greater Kingston Economic Development Committee (GKEDC)
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Current Projects
- Create a KCAC planning document. (KCAC)
- Conduct community communication survey. (KCAC)
- Create a community wide calendar. (KCAC)
- Use survey results to improve community participation. (KCAC)
- Improve linkages with KCAC, the County and GKEDC. (KCAC)
- Increase community outreach for 2016 Comprehensive Plan. (County)
- Create Complete Streets Advisory Committee and Outreach (County)
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- New Ideas – add text
  - and opportunity to participate in the process
  - Notify community of pending land use decisions with variances or exceptions to existing policy
- RATIONALE: Area of greatest public dissatisfaction.
Goal 5: Preserve the small town character

Policy 10: Encourage contextually-based, clustered single and multi-family residential development as a means of preserving open spaces and natural areas.

- Accomplishments – None
- Current Projects – None
- New Ideas
  ○ Rewrite policy.
  ○ Create mechanism to make building permits and applications accessible.
Goal 5: Preserve the small town character

Policy 11: Adopt street development standards that functionally address public safety and level of service (LOS) standards, while maintaining existing community character.

- Accomplishment
  - Obtained Complete Streets Grant (County)

- Current Projects
  - Complete Streets Implementation and Outreach (County)
Goal 5: Preserve the small town character

Policy 12: Work collaboratively with the Kingston Revitalization, Kingston Chamber of Commerce, the Port of Kingston, County Parks and Public Works to develop possible gateway/entry improvements such as signage, landscaping and special lighting to enhance and define the entrance to Kingston.

- Accomplishments
  - New Chamber of Commerce sign (County and Chamber)

- Current Projects
  - Complete Streets Implementation (County)
  - GKEDC Marketing/Signage Committee

- New Ideas
  - Replace Kingston Revitalization with Greater Kingston Economic Development Committee
Goal 11: Support the establishment and on-going viability of locally owned businesses, cottage industries and home occupations.

Policy 19: Encourage local utilities to install state-of-the-art telecommunication infrastructure (fiber-optic cable, etc.) to serve the Kingston UGA.

- Accomplishments
  - Several towers for fiber-optic WIFI. (PUD)

- Current Projects
  - GKEDC monitoring progress.
Goal 11: Support the establishment and on-going viability of locally owned businesses, cottage industries and home occupations.

Policy 20: Establish appropriately scaled home office and “cottage” businesses as an important contributor to the local economy.

- Accomplishments
  - Support local businesses campaign (GKEDC/Chamber)
- Current Projects
  - GKEDC planning for 2015.
Goal 11: Support the establishment and on-going viability of locally owned businesses, cottage industries and home occupations.

Policy 20: Work collaboratively with the Kingston Chamber of Commerce, Kitsap Peninsula Visitors and Convention Bureau, the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance (KEDA) and the Port of Kingston to create an information system infrastructure and promote a business atmosphere that encourages and supports technology-based industry.

- Accomplishments
  - GKEDC affiliation with KEDA

- Current Projects – None
Goal 11: Support the establishment and on-going viability of locally owned businesses, cottage industries and home occupations.

- **New Policy**
  - Create an atmosphere and employment opportunities that encourage youth and young families to remain in Kingston.

- **RATIONALE**
  - Losing our 30-50 year olds
  - Maintain age diversity
  - Support our schools
Goal 12: Support the establishment and maintenance of local retail businesses that provide basic consumer goods.

Policy 1: Establish programs targeted at area residents that increase their awareness of the diversity of local shopping opportunities and of how patronage of local businesses contributes to the overall vitality and quality of life of the community.

- Accomplishments
  - GKEDC “Why Not Us?” Campaign

- Current Projects – None
Goal 13: Development in the retail core must be consistent with the adopted Design Standards for the Community of Kingston.

Policy 1: Within the UVC create places that have pedestrian emphasis, connectivity, mixed use, and centralized public spaces.

- Accomplishments
  - Obtained Complete Streets Grant (County)
  - Sidewalks on St Rd 104 (County)

- Current Projects
  - Complete Streets Implementation and Outreach
Goal 13: Stimulate economic vitality and enhance the opportunities for success for local businesses through the application of architectural and urban design standards

- Accomplishments – None
- Current Projects – None
- New Ideas
  - Re-write this policy to better communicate its meaning
Goal 16: Acknowledge the importance of tourism to the local economy and seek to encourage local business opportunities that serve “day visitors.”

Policy 1: Promote a balanced mix of visitor-related commercial uses to complement the natural and unique cultural amenities of Kingston. Focus on developing activities for pedestrian day-use (e.g., kayaking, bicycle rentals, shuttle tours to surrounding points of interest, etc.)

Accomplishments
- GKEDC Branding Initiative
- App X Grants obtained by GKEDC

Current Projects
- GKEDC Marketing Committee Activities and Plan Development.
- GKEDC Collaboration with the North Kitsap Tourism Consortium.
New Idea

○ Create New Goal: Acknowledge, educate, and communicate the economic impact of overnight visitors and encourage an environment that will promote over-night stays.

○ RATIONALE
  • Change the perception of “Gateway”
  • Enrich the experience of visitors
  • Accommodate our friends and relatives that want to visit
  • Provide a more steady stream of customers for our local businesses
  • Increase tourism receipts as over-night visitors spend 4x more than day visitors
  • Provide employment
Goal 52: Consider community interests in public agency decision-making processes that affect Kingston.

Policy 42: Ensure that the community is informed and participates in the Kingston-related decision-making process of public agencies through briefings of the KCAC. Should specific issues require greater participation from the community, form ad-hoc subcommittees comprised of KCAC and community members as required.

- How is this different from Goal 1, Policy 1?
- ADD TEXT:

  KCAC will inform the public as to issues to be discussed, time and place through a variety means so as to reach the broadest possible population and encourage participation in the process.
We want your feedback...

• How do I get involved?
  - Contact Kitsap County DCD at 360.337.5777

• What input can I provide?
  - Goals needed for Kingston
  - Policies to guide regulations
  - Design programs or ideas
Population is Aging

Community Sub-Committee

Kingston’s population is aging faster than our neighbors.

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Kingston
30-50 year olds
Declining
Community Sub-Committee

Many Empty Storefronts.

Commercial = 35%
Retail = 25%