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Kitsap County hosted three public vision workshops on March 23, 27 and 28. A total of 237 people attended the workshops, including 70 on March 23 in Kingston, 104 on March 27 in Silverdale, and 63 on March 28 in Port Orchard. At each workshop, participants reviewed the county's existing vision statements (1998 Comprehensive Plan), and identified potential modifications to these vision statements. Workshop participants then were asked to signify their vision preferences by using colored dots to highlight the most important vision elements. (*Dot preferences are included in parentheses under the Sample Comments heading.*) This document summarizes the key themes that were identified at the meetings. A complete summary of the vision workshops is available on the county's Web site at [MyKitsap.org](http://MyKitsap.org).



## Themes: North Kitsap

Theme	Sample Comments
Natural environment and open space protection and enhancement, balanced with growth	<p>Flexibility in development to retain natural systems; utilizing low impact development (30 dots)</p> <p>Protection and enhancement of the natural environment, including wetlands, streams, wildlife habitat, water quality and natural resource activities. (18 dots)</p> <p>Creation of a system of open space, parks and greenbelts, that provide opportunities for recreation and that give structure and separation to urban areas. (12 dots)</p> <p>Keep natural environments natural (18 dots)</p>
Livable and healthy urban areas and cities	<p>Attractive, well designed and livable urban communities, supported by efficient and high quality services and facilities, and providing a range of housing choices. (17 dots)</p> <p>Industry that fits within geographic constraints (7 dots)</p> <p>Healthy cities that are the region's centers for employment, affordable housing choices, and civic and cultural activities. (11 dots)</p>
Rural open space and buildings	Rural, wooded parks, barns, buildings, recreation, farmland (19 dots)
Transportation plan that is balanced, measurable and includes road and transit improvements	<p>Vision should include measurable goals for more efficient transportation (10 dots)</p> <p>Creation of an efficient multi-modal transportation system, including roads and highways, ferries, and opportunities for non-motorized travel, that provides efficient access and mobility for county residents and supports our land use pattern. (7 dots)</p> <p>Balance transit access with roadway needs and coordination with existing systems (7 dots)</p> <p>Focus on roadway improvements (6 dots)</p> <p>Audit at regular intervals for transit (6 dots)</p>
Responsive government	An efficient and responsive government that works with citizens, governmental entities and Tribes to meet collective needs fairly; and that supports education, environmental protection and human services. (8 dots)
All vision elements should be linked and balanced	Linking vision statements and maintaining balance (13 dots)

## Themes: Central Kitsap

Theme	Sample Comments
Consider broader natural environmental context and open space connections	<p>Need more about habitat and aspects such as connecting corridors; very important (13 dots)</p> <p>Greenhouse gases/global warming; need for another statement? (9 dots)</p> <p>Low impact development (7 dots)</p> <p>Zoning: protecting existing spaces designated for park/green space and avoiding future development, durable protection, in perpetuity (18 dots)</p>
Urban communities, livable and healthy, connected, safe and innovative	<p>Attractive, well designed and livable urban communities, supported by efficient and high quality services and facilities, and providing a range of housing choices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Add "affordable" between "attractive" and "well designed" (9 dots)</li> <li>▪ Add "recreation activities" after "facilities" (6 dots)</li> </ul> <p>Walkability and safety, e.g., widen shoulder (15 dots)</p> <p>Healthy relates to wastewater, stormwater, composting toilets, new technologies that tie into infrastructure (7 dots)</p> <p>Civic and cultural: well-connected (transportation), public spaces, community centers, drug free (14 dots)</p>
Affordable and diverse housing	<p>Housing: diversity in size, type, affordability, ownership vs. rental (8 dots)</p> <p>Healthy: safety, environmental, economic vitality (7 dots)</p>
New transportation approaches	<p>Privatize bus system and ferries (10 dots)</p> <p>Synchronize stop lights (7 dots)</p> <p>Small general aviation airports at north end and southwest corner to augment speedy access and evacuation (7 dots)</p> <p>Bridge or tunnel to Bainbridge (18 dots)</p> <p>Focus on pedestrian connections/bicycle improvements and interconnectivity between developments (10 dots)</p>
Define and distinguish urban and rural areas	<p>Maintain clear separation between urban and rural areas using green/open space (16 dots)</p> <p>Retain each community's historic significance (8 dots)</p> <p>DNR forests to stay intact/replanted (11 dots)</p>
Fair governance	<p>An efficient and responsive government that works with citizens, governmental entities and Tribes to meet collective needs fairly; and that supports education, environmental protection and human services.</p> <p>Add "while respecting individual rights" after "fairly" (19 dots)</p>



## Themes: South Kitsap

Themes	Sample Comments
Improved ferries and transportation	<p>Improved Southworth to Seattle ferry routes for passenger and car (35 dots)</p> <p>Include transportation plans for Southworth ferry (7 dots)</p>
Economic prosperity	<p>New vision element based on 5 economic priorities (11 dots):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Achieve economic stability</li> <li>▪ Provide economic growth</li> <li>▪ Provide growth with economic efficiencies</li> <li>▪ Provide growth with economic security</li> <li>▪ Provide for economic freedom</li> </ul> <p>Recognize existing rural industry and capture more rural industry, e.g., telecommunications (5 dots)</p> <p>Make areas attractive to employees to locate (14 dots)</p> <p>Streamline permitting (20 dots)</p> <p>Attractive, well designed and livable urban communities, supported by efficient and high quality services and facilities, and providing a range of housing choices. (5 dots)</p>
Affordable and varied housing choices	<p>Affordable and variety of housing choices (13 dots)</p>
Natural environment, open space and parks	<p>Protection and enhancement of the natural environment, including wetlands, streams, wildlife habitat, water quality and natural resource activities. (8 dots)</p> <p>Creation of a system of open space, parks and greenbelts, that provide opportunities for recreation and that give structure and separation to urban areas. (7 dots)</p> <p>Restructure/reorganize to emphasize parks as separate from open space and green belts (7 dots)</p>

