

1 **FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE**
2 **KITSAP COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE BOARD OF**
3 **COMMISSIONERS OF KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON REGARDING THE**
4 **10-YEAR UPDATE OF THE KITSAP COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**
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6 The Planning Commission of Kitsap County, Washington, finds as follows:
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- 8 1. On May 7, 1998, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopted the
9 1998 Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan. Adoption of the 1998 plan
10 satisfied the requirements set forth in the Growth Management Act (GMA).
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- 12 2. The GMA (RCW 36.70A.130(3)) requires Kitsap County, at least every ten
13 years, to review its designated Urban Growth Areas, and the densities
14 permitted within and shall be revised to accommodate the urban growth
15 projected to occur for the succeeding twenty-year period.
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- 17 3. The Kitsap County Code Chapter 21.08 provides that the Board will
18 establish a schedule for review and possible amendment of the
19 Comprehensive Plan.
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- 21 4. On February 28, 2006, following timely and effective public notice, the
22 Kitsap County Planning Commission (Planning Commission) held a work-
23 study session to review and discuss the 10-Year Update to the
24 Comprehensive Plan (10-Year Update) schedule, project strategies, task
25 prioritization and public involvement plan.
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- 27 5. On March 13, 2006, following timely and effective public notice, the Board
28 approved Resolution No. 046-2006. The resolution established an
29 application period for land use reclassification requests. The application
30 period extended from March 13, 2006 through April 10, 2006. The resolution
31 also established screening and evaluation criteria for the reclassification
32 requests, as well as the initial docket for text and area-wide map
33 amendments.
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- 35 6. On March 18, 2006, following timely and effective public notice, Kitsap
36 County issued a Determination of Significance and scoping notice and
37 document. The scoping notice solicited comments for consideration in the
38 Environmental Impact Statement. The scoping period closed on April 10,
39 2006.
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- 41 7. On March 23, 27 and 28, 2006, following timely and effective public notice,
42 Kitsap County held three public workshops to review the 1998
43 Comprehensive Plan vision statement and solicited suggestions and
44 revisions for consideration.
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- 1 8. On March 28, April 11, April 25, May 9 and May 23, 2006, following a timely
2 and effective public notice, the Planning Commission held work-study
3 sessions to review and discuss the framework and assumptions of the
4 Updated Land Capacity Analysis, land use reclassification requests,
5 population and employment projections, reasonable measures, the
6 integration of sub-area planning, preliminary land use alternatives and other
7 10-Year Update related issues.
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- 9 9. On May 15, 18, and 24, 2006, following a timely and effective public notice,
10 Kitsap County held three public workshops to review preliminary draft land
11 use alternatives.
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- 13 10. On May 30, 2006, following timely and effective public notice, the Planning
14 Commission and Board held a joint work-study session to review the
15 preliminary draft alternatives, land use reclassification requests and public
16 comment submitted during the May alternative public workshops. The joint
17 work-study session also included discussion on the range and magnitude of
18 Alternatives one and three for review in the Draft Environmental Impact
19 Statement.
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- 21 11. On May 31, 2006, following timely and effective public notice, the Board
22 held a work-study session to provide guidance to the Department of
23 Community Development on the range and magnitude of Alternatives one
24 and three for review in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.
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- 26 12. On June 27, 2006, following timely and effective public notice, the Planning
27 Commission held a work-study session to review and discuss key
28 components that would be analyzed in the Draft Environmental Impact
29 Statement and Capital Facilities Plan.
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- 31 13. On July 10, 2006, following timely and effective public notice, the Planning
32 Commission and Board held a joint public hearing to consider testimony on
33 the magnitude and range of alternative two for review in the Draft
34 Environmental Impact Statement and Capital Facilities Plan.
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- 36 14. On July 11, 2006, following timely and effective public notice, the Planning
37 Commission held a work-study session to refine the range and magnitude of
38 Alternative two for review in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and
39 Capital Facilities Plan.
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- 41 15. On July 19, 2006, following timely and effective public notice, the Board
42 approved Resolution 129-2006. The Resolution outlined direction to the
43 Department of Community Development for preparation of the Draft
44 Environmental Impact Statement and Alternatives one through three,
45 including criteria for considering land use reclassification requests.
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- 1 16. On July 21, 2006, the Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings
2 Board (CPSGMHB) remanded components of the Kingston Sub-Area Plan,
3 adopted December 21, 2005, back to the County for review and revision.
4 These remand issues are addressed in the 10-Year Comprehensive Plan
5 Update.
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- 7 17. On August 29, 2006, Kitsap County released Volumes I: Comprehensive
8 Plan Policy Document, Volume II: Draft Environmental Impact Statement
9 (DEIS) and Volume III: Proposed Regulations for the 10-Year Update.
10 These documents were posted on the MyKitsap.org web page and made
11 available to the public and agencies.
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- 13 18. On August 30, 2006, Kitsap County published a DEIS Notice of Availability
14 in the legal publication of record. On August 29, 2006, Kitsap County issued
15 the Notice of Application and Notice of Availability of Volumes I through III of
16 the 10-Year Comprehensive Plan Update, and published it in the legal
17 publication of record on September 2, 2006. In addition, during mid-August
18 2006, thirty-two thousand mailings were sent to property owners within and
19 adjacent to the land use alternatives. The mailing included information on
20 the document release, comment opportunities, and dates of the open
21 houses and upcoming public hearings.
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- 23 19. On August 29 and September 7 and 14, 2006, following timely and effective
24 public notice, the County held three open houses on Volume I: Draft
25 Comprehensive Plan Policy Document, Volume II: Draft Environmental
26 Impact Statement and Volume III: Proposed Regulations.
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- 28 20. On September 5 and 12, 2006, following timely and effective public notice,
29 the Planning Commission held a work-study session to review and discuss
30 components of Volume I: Draft Comprehensive Plan Policy Document,
31 Volume II: Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Volume III: Proposed
32 Regulations.
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- 34 21. On September 18, 2006, the Department of Community Development
35 presented errata sheets for Volumes I through III to Planning Commission
36 and Board and posted them on the MyKitsap.org web page.
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- 38 22. On September 18, 20 and 21, 2006, following timely and effective public
39 notice, the Planning Commission and Board held joint public hearings to
40 consider testimony on Volume I: Draft Comprehensive Plan Policy
41 Document, Volume II: Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Volume
42 III: Proposed Regulations.
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- 44 23. On September 26 and 27 and October 3 and 6, 2006, following timely and
45 effective public notice, the Planning Commission held work-study sessions
46 to deliberate on the proposed recommendations for Volume I: Draft

1 Comprehensive Plan Policy Document, Volume II: Draft Environmental
2 Impact Statement and Volume III: Proposed Regulations.

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4 24. The opportunities provided for citizen participation used in the preparation of
5 the 2006 Comprehensive Plan amendments and associated development
6 regulations are consistent with the requirements of the GMA and the State
7 Environmental Policy Act.

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9 25. The Planning Commission has considered the goals and requirements of
10 the GMA and finds that the proposed amendments with revisions are
11 consistent with the goals of the GMA and the Countywide Planning Policies.

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13 26. The Planning Commission reviewed a list of transportation funding
14 strategies with estimated values to address infrastructure improvements for
15 the 20-year planning period.

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17 **THEREFORE**, to promote the public interest and welfare of Kitsap County's
18 citizens, in accordance with the GMA and based upon the abovementioned
19 findings, the Planning Commission in regular session recommends the following:

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21 1. Approval of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Alternative Two
22 as the Preferred Alternative for the 10-Year Comprehensive Plan Update
23 with the amendments described in Exhibits A.
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25 2. The approval of Volume I: Comprehensive Plan Policy Document, Volume
26 II: Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Volume III: Proposed
27 Regulations, each dated August 29, 2006, with the revisions documented in
28 Exhibits B and C.
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30 3. The exploration of transportation funding options for the 20-year planning
31 period documented in Exhibit D.

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33 Approved by the Planning Commission of Kitsap County, Washington, at a
34 regular meeting thereof, held this 10th day of October, 2006.

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37 By _____
38 Deborah Flynn, Chair