

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
KITSAP COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, TO THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, REGARDING THE PROPOSED ADOPTION
OF THE ILLAHEE COMMUNITY PLAN.

The Kitsap County Planning Commission finds as follows:

1. The Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A RCW (GMA), requires that Kitsap County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan and implementing development regulations be subject to continuing review and evaluation. The GMA requires counties to review, and if needed, revise their Comprehensive Plans and implementing development regulations to ensure compliance with the GMA.
2. On May 7, 1998, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopted the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan, and amended on June 2002, December 2003 and October 2004 after extensive review and recommendation by the public and Planning Commission.
3. On December 11, 2006, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopted the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan 10-Year Update after extensive review and recommendation by the public and Planning Commission. Adoption of this plan satisfied the requirements of compliance set forth in the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) of 1990 (Chapter 36.70A RCW).
4. Kitsap County's Comprehensive Plan provides that it will be reviewed and updated to adjust to changing needs, unforeseen circumstances or new local or regional trends (Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan, Part I Land Use, Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process, (p. 30-32)). The Kitsap County Code Chapter 21.08 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Procedures, Section 21.08.040, provides that the Board of County Commissioners will establish a schedule for review and possible amendment of the comprehensive plan.
5. The Comprehensive Plan is intended to actively guide future growth in Kitsap County and effectively respond to changes in conditions or assumptions. The Comprehensive Plan Amendment process is intended to provide persons an opportunity to propose amendments to the County's Comprehensive Plan adopted pursuant to the Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A RCW, and to development regulations (if required) to maintain their consistency with the Comprehensive Plan.

6. A community planning process began for Illahee in 2007, with the intention that the community, through the Illahee Citizens Advisory Group and its committees, would be instrumental in the development of the Illahee Community Plan.
7. Early Illahee Community Plan public meetings with Kitsap County Department of Community Development staff were held in November and December of 2007.
8. On January 28, 2008 through formal motion (3-0 vote), the Board directed Department of Community Development staff to create a Community Plan for Illahee, WA through Resolution 015-2008.
9. Ten Illahee Community Plan public meetings with Department of Community Development staff were held on March 3rd, 17th and 31st, April 15th, May 5th, 13th, 19th, June 2nd and 16th and August 20th of 2008.
10. Between June 17, 2008 and August 19, 2008, County staff utilized the Illahee Online Survey and the Illahee Citizen Advisory Group recommendations and prepared a draft Illahee Community Plan.
11. On August 13, 2008, Kitsap County released the draft Illahee Community Plan and State Environmental Policy Act; Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for public and agency review.
12. On July 22, 2008, a public meeting was held by the Kitsap County Planning Commission for introduction and discussion related to the draft Illahee Community Plan.
13. On August 26, 2008, a work study on the draft Illahee Community Plan was held by the Kitsap County Planning Commission.
14. On September 9, 2008, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the draft Illahee Community Plan and received written and oral testimony. The written comment record was extended until September 15, 2008.
15. On September 23, 2008, the Planning Commission held a decision-only work-study session to deliberate and formulate their recommendations to the Board on the Illahee Community Plan. Eight members of the Planning Commission were in attendance.
16. The Kitsap County Planning Commission considered the draft Illahee Community Plan and voted 8 to 0 to recommend approval of the draft Illahee Community Plan to the Board of County Commissioners.

17. The proposal is consistent with the 13 statewide planning goals contained within the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.020).
18. The proposed community plan is consistent with the County Wide Planning Policies and with the goals and policies contained in the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan.
19. The proposed Illahee Community Plan promotes the public interest and welfare of the citizens of Kitsap County, and should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE, the Kitsap County Planning Commission recommends to the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Illahee Community Plan.

Approved by the Planning Commission of Kitsap County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held this 14th day of October, 2008.

By _____
Fred Depee, Chair