

## PLEASE FILL OUT A COMMENT FORM

Your input is valuable and necessary to ensure that the Port Orchard/South Kitsap Sub-Area Plan reflects the hopes and desires of the community.

Comment forms are available at each information station. A special table at the end has been reserved for you to sit and write in your comments.

Comment forms may also be mailed or emailed to Kitsap County. Information on how you can send in your comments is located on the back of this flyer.

Please comment on the Sub-Area Plan Land Use Alternatives and/or the Scope of the EIS.

**Comments regarding the scope of the EIS must be received by 5:00 P.M. August 31, 2005 in order to be considered during this EIS Scoping Phase.**

Thank you for your participation!

We invite you to submit your written comments by mail or email. Please send your written comments to the address below:

Port Orchard/South Kitsap Sub-Area Plan  
Kitsap County  
Department of Community Development  
614 Division Street  
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Or by email to:  
Kitsap County Project Manager,  
James Weaver at  
[jweaver@co.kitsap.wa.us](mailto:jweaver@co.kitsap.wa.us)

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Please visit the Port Orchard / South Kitsap Sub-Area Plan website to learn about upcoming public meetings and to monitor the progress of the project. The website also has comment forms, maps of the land use alternatives, and links to supporting materials.

[http://www.kitsapgov.com/dcd/  
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portorchard/default.htm](http://www.kitsapgov.com/dcd/community_plan/subareas/portorchard/default.htm)



## Welcome

Welcome to the Port Orchard/South Kitsap Open House and EIS Scoping Meeting. We are pleased you are here. This Open House has been organized to explain the integrated Sub-Area Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process for the Port Orchard/South Kitsap Sub-Area, to listen to and note your ideas and concerns, and to answer your questions.

The purpose of the Sub-Area Plan is to describe the community's vision and set the course for meeting its long-term goals and objectives. The purpose of the EIS is to analyze alternatives and identify significant environmental impacts that may result from implementation of the plan.

This evening's Open House has six information stations. The first describes existing conditions in the Sub-Area. The next four display future land use alternatives, and the sixth provides information about the planning process and how you can stay involved.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### **What is the Sub-Area Plan?**

The Sub-Area Plan is a long-range policy document that describes the vision and goals for Port Orchard's Urban Growth Area (UGA) located in South Kitsap County. The Sub-Area Plan emphasizes four major objectives of accommodating an appropriate share of urban growth, preserving open spaces and habitat areas, providing employment opportunities in proximity to new housing, and providing adequate public facilities and services. More information about the timeline for the planning process and how you can stay involved is provided at the General Planning Process table.

### **How does the Sub-Area Plan fit in with the County's and City's Comprehensive Plans?**

The Port Orchard/South Kitsap Sub-Area Plan is developed under the guidelines established in the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan, the County-wide Planning Policies, Vision 2020, and Washington State's Growth Management Act. Once developed, the plan is forwarded to the Kitsap County and Port Orchard Planning Commissions for recommendation and the Board of Kitsap County Commissioners and Port Orchard City Council for approval. Following adoption, the Sub-Area Plan will be incorporated into both the Port Orchard and Kitsap County Comprehensive Plans.

### **What is Washington State's Growth Management Act (GMA) ?**

The Growth Management Act was passed in 1990 in response to impacts of rapid growth. Impacts on costs of services, community character, quality of life, and the environment prompted the legislature to adopt requirements for fast growing communities to develop comprehensive plans to manage growth. Listed below are the 14 major goals of the GMA:

1. Focus urban growth in urban areas
2. Reduce sprawl
3. Provide efficient transportation
4. Encourage affordable housing
5. Encourage sustainable economic development
6. Protect property rights
7. Process permits in a timely manner
8. Enhance natural resource industries
9. Retain open space and develop recreation opportunities
10. Protect the environment
11. Encourage citizen participation
12. Ensure adequate public facilities
13. Preserve historic resources
14. Manage shorelines wisely

### **What is an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)?**

Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) are detailed reports that describe significant environmental impacts of proposed actions. Sub-Area Plans are evaluated at a programmatic level. Subsequent development proposals will be required to undergo further environmental review as required by the State Environmental Policy Act.

### **What is Scoping?**

Scoping is a process to identify the major issues that should be considered in a project's EIS. Citizens are invited to identify environmental issues that should be studied in the EIS. The Port Orchard/South Kitsap Sub-Area Plan is in the Scoping Phase of the EIS process for the Sub-Area Plan. The Port Orchard/South Kitsap Sub-Area Plan EIS will study potential impacts in the following areas:

- Land Use/Population/Housing
- Earth/Groundwater Resources
- Environmentally Critical Areas
- Environmental Health
- Public Services/Utilities
- Fish/Plants/Animals
- Water Resources
- Energy
- Transportation