

Comprehensive Plan Update Kick-Off Meeting
Summary of Q&A
8/18/2022

#	Question	Answer
1	Can you please provide Alex's email in the event of an issue that needs to be addressed	ajarrett@kitsap.gov
2	How many people are on this webinar right now?	46 + staff
3	Are sufficient water resources available for the planned growth?	The Consolidated Water System Plan assesses water supplies in Kitsap. Water systems will have to show adequate water supply and pipes for residents to access in the capital facilities plan to be developed as part of this process.
4	What is the classification for the new development going up along Highway 3 across from Snider Park in N. Kitsap?	If I am looking at the right area, that land directly across Highway 3 from the Park, is subject to Poulsbo's zoning. It is zoned as "LI"
5	What other activities does the County have planned to increase involvement of the community in this planning effort?	live answered
6	What other activities does the County have planned to increase involvement of the community in this planning effort?	Eric will probably address this later in the presentation. We have meetings set up regarding specific topics (ex: housing, environment), general open houses, and other outreach and opportunities to comment and be involved. There will also be surveys for the community as these topics come up. See here to see upcoming meetings and sign up for notifications: https://www.kitsapgov.com/dcd/Pages/ComprehensivePlanUpdate_2024.aspx
7	How and when may we provide input to the Kingston UVC (building height, uses, mixed use, and parking)	live answered
8	How and when may we provide input to the Kingston UVC (building height, uses, mixed use, and parking)	I don't think we have any meetings with the Kingston Community Advisory Council scheduled as of yet, but I am sure we will have direct outreach regarding Kingston when those things are addressed. You can check back on the Comp. Plan website for upcoming meetings, and also sign up for notifications: https://www.kitsapgov.com/dcd/Pages/ComprehensivePlanUpdate_2024.aspx
9	How many people voting on questions?	about 85-89%
10	Where is Poulsbo in this??	The cities are required to do their own comprehensive planning process.
11	How does Arborwood fit into this? Doesn't seem to be very environmentally thought out, and where is the	live answered

	infrastructure to support these hundreds of homes?	
12	If cities are doing their own, why are Silverdale and Kingston appearing here?	They are not incorporated cities.
13	And how are the individual city plans incorporated into the full county plan??	The individual cities are in control of their own plans, as we only address unincorporated areas. However, we coordinate with these cities in planning efforts. The cities and counties also worked together to create those "countywide planning policies" that I mentioned, and our plans need to be consistent with those.
14	If a water well is depleted in a rural area can a new well be drilled and permitted?	Because the Health Department permits well and septic, I believe that be up to them.
15	Thanks Colin, I was concerned about the Sept 15 deadline	The reclassification request deadline was extended to September 15th to allow additional time after the Kick-Off meeting to submit ideas in case the meeting was the first they had heard about the opportunity.
16	I understand that "big ag" isn't possible here, but we do have a number of small farms that are an essential element of the local food system. Small local farms make us more resilient to disruptions in national and global food systems, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and can provide valuable wildlife habitat (if organic). We need ag zoning to make it easier for small farms to thrive in our county.	We have an entire chapter about agriculture and how it's protected in the zoning code: https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/KitsapCounty/#!/Kitsap17/Kitsap17455.html#17.455 .
17	Are Indianola, Eglon and Hansville considered as rural areas? If so, what practices/policies keep them from growing?	Yes, they are all rural. They have rural zoning designations assigned to them which limit the density and uses that can go on those lots.
18	How many people have logged in?	46 attendees and 5 staff
19	The missing option: taxes should be used to support utility infrastructure (water, sewer, electrical, telecom)	Thank you for your comment. We will take this option under consideration.
20	what is the total number count on this zoom meeting?	46 attendees, 5 staff

21	Thanks for your answer, Melissa. My understanding is that the absence of zoned ag land in the county has lead groups that often invest in ag land (e.g. Farmland Trust) to avoid Kitsap and makes agrotourism more expensive in the county. I just don't get why Kitsap won't do zoned ag land.	Kitsap County has a long history of small farming activities that are an important part of our rural community. However, commercial agriculture as defined by GMA is at a scope and scale that few farming areas in Kitsap can meet. Even the lowed thresholds of the Open Space property tax exemption, are beyond the scale of many farmers. Additionally, our farms are disbursed throughout the rural landscape with a few areas like Big Valley, Olalla Valley, Central Valley with large swaths of land focused on agriculture. These characteristics make designation of commercial agriculture challenging.
22	46 folks... out of roughly 269,000 residents. One can only hope that more folks provide input later in this process	Thank you for your comment. We will provide public participation opportunities early and often throughout the update process and encourage everyone to participate and provide comments and feedback.
23	Why was the deadline for the Comprehensive Plan reclassification requests extended?	To accommodate folks who might not have heard about the opportunity until this meeting.
24	Please provide an example of what 3 alternatives for EIS might be. I'm not understanding what types of things define an alternative.	One alternative is likely the "status quo or "no change", one alternative considers a lot of changes (ex: UGA expansions), and the 2nd alternative is somewhere in the middle. After all three are considered, we will land on a "preferred alternative" which will get a full EIS review.
25	Who gives the final approval of the comprehensive plan? It said "board". Does this mean the County Board of Supervisors?	Board of County Commissioners
26	Do "alternatives" include substantial changes to current administrative codes?	The alternatives may consider new initiatives that impact development regulations and other codes. Examples could include incentives to increase density in downtown areas, revised parking standards and climate change initiatives.
27	The public outreach lists how information is collected but how is it analyzed, reviewed, and decisions made? Is the public involved in those activities?	Outreach is intended to take comment and feedback through a number of different avenues and coalesce them into potential policy actions. Comments from the kick-off meeting will be considered in future phases like alternative development when the public will have another opportunity to review the issues and ways that they are being proposed to be addressed.
28	How will the county ensure that diverse voices are included in this process, attending those meetings and responding to those polls?	The County is reaching out to communities and diverse range of stakeholder from developers to environmental groups. The methods for outreach include multiple avenues to participate ranging from in-person to virtual/electronic.

29	From what I am hearing, the Sept 15th extending deadline requiring submission forms is not applicable for public outreach	Correct, Sept 15th is just the deadline to make land use reclassification requests
30	Will this presentation be available to view later?	Yes, will be posted on the County's YouTube channel and linked to from the comp plan website: https://www.kitsapgov.com/dcd/Pages/ComprehensivePlanUpdate_2024.aspx
31	Does the GMA require climate change issues, or is this Kitsap County added issue?	The State considered climate change legislation for Comprehensive Planning this year but ultimately it did not pass. The County is still incorporating climate change issues in the Comprehensive Planning, in the environment and transportation elements, for example. The state provides guidance to incorporate climate planning.
32	When will the HCT station areas be discussed?	The HCT areas will be discussed at the upcoming Transportation meeting in October 2022.
33	Thanks	
34	Is there any plans for farmland preservation as part of the comp plan update?	Small scale agriculture is a big component of our rural landscape. Kitsap has expanded its agriculture code to aid small farmers. The growth pressures are increasing the costs of land and the update will focus growth in urban areas to hopefully slow its impact on land value.
35	As a group we are very uneducated and knowledgeable about the importance of the comp plan. Your attendance here is very low (46), how can you increase interest and participation	live answered
36	Has the county purchased the development in Kingston that has remained unfinished?	No. Kitsap has not purchased any development in the Kingston area.
37	GREAT INFO, THANK YOU!	
38	The development just off Bond Road as you come into Kingston.	If referencing the industrial parks on the corner of SR 307 and SR104 (Striebel's Corner), it is a Type 3 LAMIRD focused on rural employment opportunities.
39	Wondering if there has been any exploration of energy production/opportunities for the county as it relates to development. An example may include requiring new construction to have water reclamation, solar, or contribute creation of additional sources of energy. There is a great deal of new and developing technology in regards to power generation from water, tidal changes, waves, etc.	The County applied for and received a grant from Ecology to address climate change in the Comprehensive Plan. Part of this work includes a gap analysis and Best Available Science review to identify where local goals and policies can be included to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase resiliency against impacts of climate change. Development regulations that align with the proposed goals and policies may be incorporated as needed.

40	The station areas along the HCT alignments not the communities	Will need more information to respond to this question accurately.
41	How does UGA expansion work? I was under the impression that if you add rural parcels or land to the UGA, then there needs to be land within the UGA that has to be rezoned rural.	UGA expansion is possible if more capacity is needed that cannot be accommodated in existing UGA. Those areas are generally already adjacent to existing UGAs and need to be serviced by transportation/utilities. There does not necessarily need to be a trade with rural areas.
42	What potential might there be to cap the rent increases, that are gouging tenants and contributing to the homeless crisis?	Washington State law currently prohibits rent control. Contact your legislators to let them know this is important to you.
43	Is there a plan to ensure equitable access to high-speed transit for communities that aren't more affluent??	Kitsap is carefully considering equity in the 2024 update. Regular and reliable transit service is being encouraged not just between communities but within them as well. For Kitsap, this includes a focus on high capacity bus service as well as ferries. These efforts will work on expanding services to areas that are underserved in unincorporated Kitsap.
44	Also interested in seeing how we can create circular economies within the growth that is occurring to promote quality of life and community.	Kitsap's quality of life is a key component of the update. The process will work to accommodate growth in population and employment while maintaining the "natural side of the Puget Sound".
45	good meeting thanks all	
46	Will you supply meeting minutes?	The meeting is recorded and will be posted on the comp plan website and on YouTube.
47	What community council includes the Lofall area?	There currently is no community council in Lofall. In North Kitsap only ones are in Suquamish and Kingston due to their densities and clear community centers.