

**Comprehensive Plan - Draft Natural Environment Chapter Update: Summary of
Recommendations by Advisory Body**

Council Study Session Edits Per 2/4/25 Meeting:

- Deschutes Estuary restoration project leadership: PN4.4 Updated language confirmed.
- Urban forestry: Tree canopy goal setting; pocket forests vs. street trees captured in PN3.1 Develop an Urban Forest Management Plan, balancing sustainable growth with environmental protection.
- Environmental Monitoring: Captured in PN2.9 “Evaluate, monitor, and measure environmental conditions. Use this data, along with best available science, to develop short and long-term management strategies.”
- Introduction re: balancing urban growth with environmental stewardship: Language added “We understand that sustainably planning for density in urban areas is a key strategy toward protecting regional forests, farmlands, and other natural landscapes.”

Land Use & Environment Council Subcommittee Edits Per 1/16/25 Meeting:

- Introduction - Replaced “accepting the need for denser development” with “embracing the need for denser development” re: preservation of larger expanses of rural natural areas.
- PN 3.1 - “Develop an Urban Forest Management Plan to establish tree canopy goals and inform the policies, programs, operations, and resources needed to implement those goals.” Added to this policy, “The strategies described will strike a balance between environmental protection and sustainable urban growth.”
- PN 4.1 - Replaced “local Tribes” with “Squaxin Island Tribe” re: collaboration on improving the health of Budd Inlet.
- PN 4.4 - Replaced “Remain engaged as a key stakeholder” with “Continue to champion” re: future phases of the Deschutes Estuary restoration project.

Planning Commission Edits Per 9/16/24 Meeting:

- Added policy: PN5.5 - Encourage more active inspection and maintenance programs for septic systems.
- Added policy: PN1.12 - Promote infill development and redevelopment on already urbanized areas and impervious surfaces, before developing forested and natural lands.

Social Justice and Equity Commission Considerations per 6/24/24 Meeting:

- Encampments and illicit activities in natural areas
- Access and mobility challenges of road and sidewalk damage caused by trees
- Planning for earthquakes and other large natural disasters
- See discussion summary attached

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Edits per 6/20/24 Meeting:

- Reviewed document for clarity and consistency in use of the term “community.”

- Reviewed and confirmed with Housing & Homeless Response staff policy PN5.4 language regarding location of encampments adjacent to water bodies and natural areas.
- Reviewed and confirmed clarity and definition of the term “urban forest” within GN3.
- Edited “Clean Air” section header to better reflect policies within GN7.
- See recommendation letter attached.

Utility Advisory Committee 2/1/24 and 2/6/25 Meetings:

- Discussion held and positive feedback provided, no specific edits recommended.