



OLYMPIA

2045



Agenda

- Meeting Purpose
- Overview
Planning Process
- Utilities Element
- Environment
Element
- Next Steps

Proposed Meeting Purpose:

Hear About Comprehensive Plan
Update Process

- Utilities Element Requirements
- Environment Element
Requirements and Update Process

Discuss UAC Involvement in Utilities
Element

*Tonight - Not Seeking Input on
Goals and Policies



A Comprehensive Plan Update

Olympia's Approach:

- Goes beyond the minimum
- Builds on past work

Growth Management Act Requires:

- 20 Year Planning Horizon
- Update every 10 Years
- Address new requirements
- Must be realistic
- Due by June 2025



Planning Helps Us...

Use limited resources/funding wisely and efficiently

- Set goals and priorities
- Plan investments
- Build infrastructure
- Adopt regulations
- Set annual work plans

Address the needs of existing and future Olympians
Meet State requirements

20,000
new residents
by 2045



Required Elements

- Land Use
- Housing
- Capital Facilities
- Utilities
- Transportation
- Economic Development
- Parks and Recreation



Olympia's Optional Elements

- Community Values and Vision
- Public Participation and Partners
- Natural Environment
- Public Services



Olympia 2045 Chapters

Climate, equity and health are addressed in every section.



Equity

Equity considerations will be integrated throughout all chapters.

- Applying a lens toward those who would benefit, those who would be burdened, and disparities that inform how strategies can be made more equitable.



Climate

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change will be integrated throughout all chapters.

- Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan (completed)
- Sea Level Rise Response Plan (completed)
- Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (ongoing)
- Carbon Wedge Analysis (ongoing)



Health

Health issues will be addressed throughout the plan. Considerations will be made related to:

- Physical Health & the Built and Natural Environments
- Public Health
- Mental and Emotional Health



Serving 87,680 Olympians by 2045

- Washington State provides countywide population projections (Low, Medium, High)
 - Countywide process aligns population projections with urban growth areas
- Olympia and Olympia Urban Growth Area need to be prepared for:
 - **Almost 20,000** new residents
 - **13,540** additional future housing units
 - **20,370** additional jobs (from 2017)

What goes into the projections?

- Preliminary Review – MORE TO COME
- Nothing Obvious Related to “Climate Migration”
 - Population Forecast Allocations – TRPC June 2019
 - State of Washington OFM 2017 County GMA Projections
 - State of Washington OFM 2012 County GMA Projections



Incorporating New Work

- Capital Mall Triangle Plan
- Climate Mitigation Plan
- Downtown Plan
- Housing Action Plan
- Neighborhood Centers Strategy
- Olympia Strong
- One Community Plan
- Parks, Arts & Recreation Plan
- Reimagining Public Safety
- Sea Level Rise Response Plan
- Transportation Master Plan, 2021

Olympia's future is promising!



Phased Approach to Update

Chapter-by-Chapter Process

- Draft changes with public participation
- Public Hearings (Planning Commission)
- Council review and acceptance

Update Development Regulations

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Final plan adoption



Comprehensive Plan Update Timeline



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 - Public Participation & Partners
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- Public outreach and engagement continued
- **Chapters:**
 - Land Use & Urban Design
 - Housing
 - Public Safety
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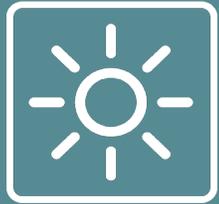


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2025

Plan due June 2025



COMMUNITY VALUES & VISION

Community Values & Vision

Influences entire plan:

- What we value about various topics
- How we envision our future based on values
- Public comment input survey – May 2023



Utilities Value and Vision

Utilities

What Olympia Values:

Olympians value a drinking water supply that is owned and controlled by the City. We want wastewater and stormwater treated effectively before it is discharged into Puget Sound. We understand and value the role that 'reuse, reduction and recycling' plays in our effort to conserve energy and materials.

Our Vision for the Future:

Clean, plentiful water and significant reduction of waste.



Environment Value and Vision

Our Natural Environment

What Olympia Values:

Olympians value our role as stewards of the water, air, land, vegetation, and animals around us, and believe it is our responsibility to our children and grandchildren to restore, protect, and enhance the exceptional natural environment that surrounds us.

Our Vision for the Future:

A beautiful, natural setting that is preserved and enhanced.





UTILITIES

Requirement - Inventory

A utilities element consisting of the general location, proposed location and capacity of all existing and proposed utilities, including but not limited to electrical lines, telecommunication lines, and natural gas lines.

RCW 36.70A.070(4)

A capital facilities plan consisting of: (a) An inventory of existing capital facilities owned by public entities, showing the locations and capacities of the capital facilities;

RCW 36.70A.070(3)



Requirement – Projection of Needs

(b) a forecast of the future needs for such capital facilities; (c) the proposed locations and capacities of expanded or new capital facilities; (d) at least a six-year plan that will finance such capital facilities within projected funding capacities and clearly identifies sources of public money for such purposes;....

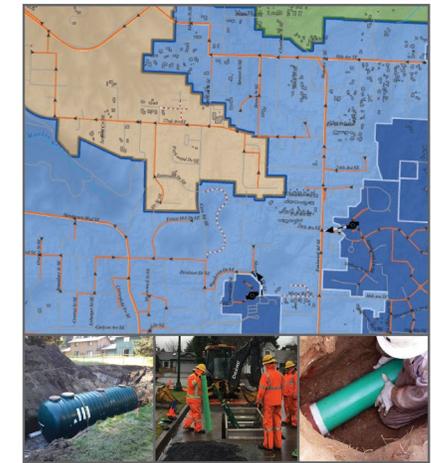
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Inventory & needs requirements are met through our master plans and annually adopted Capital Facilities Plan



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- General
- Drinking Water
- Wastewater
- Rainfall, Runoff, Stormwater
- Towards Zero Waste
- Private Utilities

Goals and Policies

GU1 Utility and land use plans are coordinated so that utility services can be provided and maintained for proposed future land uses.

PU1.1 Require annexation of all properties for which new City wastewater or drinking water services are requested if the property is outside the City, but inside the Urban Growth Area. Or, require property owners to sign a Binding Agreement to Annex when requested by the City.

PU1.2 Require new developments to construct drinking water, wastewater and stormwater utilities in ways that meet the community development, environmental protection, and resource protection goals of this Plan, and that are consistent with adopted utility plans and extension policies.

PU1.3 Evaluate land use plans and utility goals periodically to ensure growth is guided by our knowledge of current environmental constraints and the latest available utility technology.

PU1.4 Make necessary improvements to utility facilities that do not currently meet minimum standards. Prioritize capital improvements to existing systems based on age, condition, risk of failure, and capacity.

PU1.5 Ensure that public utility and transportation-related facilities constructed in Olympia and its Growth Area meet City standards for safety, constructability, durability and maintainability. (See City of Olympia [Engineering Design and Development Standards](#).)

PU1.6 Annually update the utility portions of the [Capital Facilities Plan](#)  to reevaluate infrastructure priorities.

Economy Element

- Infrastructure Goal and Policies

G.E4. The City achieves maximum economic, environmental and social benefit from public infrastructure.

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SCHEDULED THROUGH 11:00 - 6:00 pm
425.426.4266



CAPITAL FACILITIES





NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

12 Natural Environment Goals & Policies



Goals and Policies

GN1 Natural resources and processes are conserved and protected by Olympia's planning, regulatory, and management activities.

PN1.1 Administer development regulations which protect environmentally sensitive areas, drainage basins, and wellhead areas.

PN1.2 Coordinate critical areas ordinances and storm water management requirements regionally based on the best scientific information available

PN1.3 Limit development in areas that are environmentally sensitive, such as steep slopes and wetlands. Direct development and redevelopment to less-sensitive areas.

PN1.4 Conserve and restore natural systems, such as wetlands and stands of mature trees, to contribute to solving environmental issues.

PN1.5 Preserve the existing topography on a portion of a new development site; integrate existing site contours into the project design and minimize the use of grading and other large-scale land disturbances.

PN1.6 Establish regulations and design standards for new developments that will minimize impacts to stormwater runoff, environmentally sensitive areas, wildlife habitat, and trees.

PN1.7 Limit hillside development to site designs that incorporate and conform to the existing topography and minimize their effect on existing hydrology.

Plans & Policies Represented in the Natural Environment Chapter

- Shoreline Master Program
- Critical Areas Ordinance
- Urban Forestry Manual
- Storm & Surface Water Program Plan
- Habitat Stewardship Strategy
- Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan
- Low Impact Development

What's changed since 2014?



- New climate research
- Deeper understanding of social, economic & public health benefits of urban natural areas
- Updated “green infrastructure” technology
- Increased awareness of environmental justice issues
- Rapid development growth



NEXT STEPS, QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION



Community Engagement



Both Chapters

- Continue to engage UAC
- Internal City work groups
- Drafts to Planning Commission & City Council for approval, early 2024

Natural Environment

- Open house workshops
- Targeted outreach to stakeholder groups
- Presentations to other Olympia committees

Discussion

UAC Utilities Sub-Committee?

- Provide input on goals & policies
- 3 to 5 one-hour meetings needed?
- “Now” and February 2024 (aka full UAC review)
- Involvement in Planning Commission review



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Learn More

Kick-off Information Meeting:

- May 10, 2023, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Online
- Webpages, survey, phased approach



QUESTIONS?



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