

Olympia Planning Commission

October 07, 2024

Olympia City Council
PO Box 1967 Olympia
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SUBJECT: Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan Natural Environment Chapter

Dear Mayor Payne and Councilmembers:

The Planning Commission is pleased to recommend approval of the Natural Environment Chapter of the Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan, with suggested modifications and comments below. We understand this update work is being completed in a phased manner, with each chapter being considered individually. We also understand that final adoption will not occur until the entire draft is reviewed for internal consistency as well.

The Commission had briefings on the Chapter on June 17, 2024. The Social Justice and Equity Commission also received a brief on June 6, 2024. A public hearing was conducted on September 16, 2024. Commission deliberations took place on October 7, 2024.

After completing deliberations, the motion to recommend approval of the chapter includes the following modifications:

- Add policy: PN5.6 Encourage more active inspection and maintenance programs for septic systems.
- Add policy: PN1.12 Promote infill development and redevelopment on already urbanized areas and impervious surfaces, before developing forested and natural lands

Additionally, we recommend that the City develop inclusive educational programs specifically recognizing Tribal partnerships and contributions.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the proposed chapter and provide a recommendation for moving this portion of the periodic update forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Zainab Nejati
Chair