

POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT ELEMENT

<p><b>Proposed Draft Policy:</b> <b>proposed <u>new text</u> and proposed (<del>removed text</del>)</b></p>	<p><b>Reason for the Proposed Change</b></p>
<p>GOAL PE 1: Establish subcounty allocations of projected population, housing, and employment growth to the planning horizon year (<del>(2035)</del>) <b>2044</b> that are consistent with the goals of the Growth Management Act and the countywide planning policies.</p>	<p>Housekeeping change – Updates the plan horizon to the year 2044.</p>
<p>Policy PE 1.A.2: The allocations of unincorporated growth to urban areas shall be based on the Regional Growth Strategy guidance contained in Vision (<del>(2040)</del>) <b>2050</b>, (<del>and shall reflect the urban centers designated in the county’s comprehensive plan, and any future transit emphasis corridors established in the county’s comprehensive plan</del>) <b><u>which emphasizes growth in and near centers and high-capacity transit, addresses jobs/housing balance, and supports infill development within the UGA.</u></b></p>	<p>Housekeeping change – Updates the reference to the PSRC’s regional plan from VISION 2040 to VISION 2050.</p> <p>Substantive change – Revised language provides greater consistency with the growth allocation description in the updated Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs), Appendix C (Growth Target Procedures Steps for GF-5), 1c (Initial Growth Targets).</p>
<p>Policy PE 1.B.2: The population growth allocation in areas outside the UGA under county jurisdiction, and any future modifications to the allocation, shall not exceed (<del>(8.5%)</del>) <b>4.5%</b> of projected countywide growth.</p>	<p>Substantive change - Revised percentage is based on the share of 2017-2050 Snohomish County’s total population growth that is identified for rural areas as established in VISION 2050 Regional Growth Strategy (Figure 6 on page 30). This percentage is interpreted as a maximum since, according to the regional plan (on page 37), “Counties are encouraged to plan for even lower growth—where possible—than contained in the Regional Growth Strategy.”</p> <p>This policy amendment is consistent with policy direction in VISION 2050 (Multicounty Planning Policies or MPPs) and the CPPs:</p> <p>MPP-RGS-14: Manage and reduce rural growth rates over time, consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy, to maintain rural landscapes and lifestyles and protect resource lands and the environment.</p> <p>CPP DP-26: Density and development standards in rural and resource areas shall work to manage and reduce rural growth rates over time, consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy, GF-5, and the growth targets in Appendix B.</p>
<p>Policy PE 1.C.1: In combination with the Regional Growth Strategy guidance contained in Vision (<del>(2040)</del>) <b>2050</b>, information</p>	<p>Housekeeping change – Updates the reference to the PSRC’s regional plan from VISION 2040 to VISION 2050.</p>

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<p>on the remaining land capacity of cities to accommodate additional growth shall be used to establish the allocations of future growth to cities shown in Appendix D.</p>	
<p>Objective PE 2.B: Maintain and support a (<del>long term</del>) <b><u>long-term</u></b> target monitoring process through Snohomish County Tomorrow to review annually and, if necessary, adjust the growth targets subsequent to target reconciliation.</p>	<p>Housekeeping change – Updates terminology to be consistent with the same references made elsewhere in the element.</p>
<p>Policy PE 2.C.2: Changes to the target allocation shall be fully incorporated <b><u>into</u></b> Appendix D-Growth Targets of Snohomish County’s comprehensive plan, and into other county comprehensive plan elements where necessary.</p>	<p>Housekeeping change – Corrects existing text by including missing word.</p>

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