

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.1: Snohomish County's portion of the urban growth areas shall receive the majority of the unincorporated county's projected growth as shown in (<del>(Appendix D-Growth Targets)</del>) <b><u>Tables PE 1 through 4.</u></b></p>	<p>Housekeeping change – Updates the reference to the location of the population and employment growth targets contained in the county's plan since the appendices currently attached to the county's General Policy Plan are proposed for removal with the 2024 plan update.</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. 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.A.4: The growth allocations for the unincorporated Southwest UGA shown in (<del>(Appendix D)</del>) <b><u>Tables PE 2 and 4</u></b> shall include subtotals for the municipal urban growth areas (MUGAs) associated with each of the nine cities in the Southwest UGA, as depicted in the countywide planning policies.</p>	<p>Housekeeping change – Updates the reference to the location of the population and employment growth targets contained in the county's plan since the appendices currently attached to the county's General Policy Plan are proposed for removal with the 2024 plan update.</p>
<p>Policy PE 1.A.5: The population allocation shown in (<del>(Appendix D)</del>) <b><u>Tables PE 1 and 2</u></b> may reserve a portion of the 20-year OFM population forecast for potential allocation to UGA expansions associated with TDR receiving areas designated pursuant to LU Policy 1.A.15.</p>	<p>Housekeeping change – Updates the reference to the location of the population growth targets contained in the county's plan since the appendices currently attached to the county's General Policy Plan are proposed for removal with the 2024 plan update.</p>

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<p>Policy PE 1.B.1: The allocations shown in (<del>Appendix D</del>) <b><u>Tables PE 1 through 4</u></b> for areas outside the UGA under county jurisdiction, and any future amendments to the allocations, shall represent a reduction in the amount of assigned growth compared with pre-GMA growth trends.</p>	<p>Housekeeping change – Updates the reference to the location of the population and employment growth targets contained in the county’s plan since the appendices currently attached to the county’s General Policy Plan are proposed for removal with the 2024 plan update.</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><u>4.5%</u></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><u>2050</u></b>, information 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 (<del>Appendix D</del>) <b><u>Tables PE 1 through 4</u></b>.</p>	<p>Housekeeping change – Updates the reference to the PSRC’s regional plan from VISION 2040 to VISION 2050. Also updates the reference to the location of the population and employment growth targets contained in the county’s plan since the appendices currently attached to the county’s General Policy Plan are proposed for removal with the 2024 plan update.</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>

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<p>Policy PE 2.C.2: Changes to the target allocation shall be fully incorporated <u>into</u> (<del>Appendix D-Growth Targets</del>) <u>Tables PE 1 through 4</u> 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. Also updates the reference to the location of the population and employment growth targets contained in the county's plan since the appendices currently attached to the county's General Policy Plan are proposed for removal with the 2024 plan update.</p>

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