

HOUSING ELEMENT

The Housing Element sets the goals and policies for the preservation, improvement and development of healthy, safe and affordable housing for all income levels.

The housing strategy:

Ensures fair and equal housing opportunities and that a broad range of housing types and affordability levels are available in urban and rural areas;

Makes adequate provisions for the existing and projected housing needs of all economic segments of the county's population;

Aims for land use policies and regulation contributes as little as possible to the cost of housing; and

Ensures the vitality of existing residential neighborhoods.

Key Housing Element Policy Amendments for the 2024 Update

- Modifications to existing policies to meet state housing law including:
 - Policies incorporating consideration for moderate-, low-, very low-, and extremely low-income households
 - Policies that consider the role of accessory dwelling units and moderate density housing types in meeting the county's housing needs,
 - Policies to undo racially disparate impacts and exclusion in housing caused by past planning
- Housing Targets to meet the county's 2044 housing need for all income groups, as well as emergency housing and permanent supportive housing; and
- A new anti-displacement objective and supporting policies, as well as a map showing areas of displacement risk in the county

To make a comment on the DEIS:

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Review all proposed Housing Element policies online here:
snohomishcountywa.gov/6304

Review the storymap on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) here:

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