

LAND USE ELEMENT

The Land Use Element incorporates resource, rural, and urban area goals to form the basis of the county's land use strategy.

The land use strategy:

Provides for a supply and distribution of land use types to accommodate the majority of the county's population and employment growth within urban growth areas;

Aims to reduce land consuming urban development patterns and provide structure for urban development within neighborhoods and centers;

Reduces development pressures and patterns of sprawl within rural areas;

Conserves agricultural, forest, and mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance; and

Preserves and protects open space, scenic, and cultural resources.

Key Land Use Element Policy Amendments for the 2024 Update

- New subelement on equity including a new goal: *Equity, the framework in which all people can attain the resources and opportunities that improve their quality of life and enable them to reach their full potential, shall be incorporated into all aspects of land use planning.*
- Revised growth allocations for urban and rural development
- New objective and polices focused on Countywide Centers
- New policies to support both the restoration of habitat and preservation of agricultural lands Adding 'urban open space/preserve acres' as a new level of service (LOS) metric

To make a comment on the DEIS:

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

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

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