ADDENDUM NO. 3 TO THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2015 UPDATE

Adoption of Amendments to the General Policy Plan of the Snohomish County GMA Comprehensive Plan Related to Map 4 – Open Space and Greenbelt Corridors and Map 5 – Lands Useful for Public Purpose

Prepared Consistent with

The Washington State Environmental Policy Act of 1971
Chapter 43.21C Revised Code of Washington
Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code
Snohomish County Code Title 30

Snohomish County Planning and Development Services

Date of Issuance: April 22, 2016
FACT SHEET

Project Title: GMA Comprehensive Plan Maps 4 and 5 Updates and Amendments

Proposed Non-Project Action: The proposed non-project action is the adoption of updates and amendments to Map 4 – Open Space and Greenbelt Areas and Map 5 – Lands Useful For Public Purpose as well as text amendments to the Snohomish County GMA Comprehensive Plan – General Policy Plan (GPP) related to the descriptions of Maps 4 and 5.

Purpose of the EIS Addendum: This addendum adds information relating to the non-project programmatic county action described above. This information does not change the analysis of previously identified significant impacts of the alternatives to the county’s GMA Comprehensive Plan – General Policy Plan within the SEPA documents dated September 8, 2014, (Draft EIS) and June 3, 2015, (Final EIS).

This addendum is being issued in accordance with WAC 197-11-625 and WAC 197-11-630. The adopted environmental documents listed herein, together with this addendum, meet Snohomish County’s environmental review needs for the current proposal.

Description of Proposal: These proposed amendments to the GMA Comprehensive Plan Maps 4 and 5 and to the GPP are considered as part of the annual County Initiated Comprehensive Plan Updates. Amendments to Maps 4 and 5 along with the corresponding map description in the GPP are identified as GPP7 and GPP8 respectively.

Amendments to Maps 4 and 5 consist of updates to base data and addition of new datasets for each map. The amendments do not affect any goals, objectives, or policies in the General Policy Plan. Only text that could be useful in interpreting the maps is affected. These maps are produced for informational purposes only; they are non-regulatory.

Proposed changes to Map 4 include adding wildlîfe habitat and new open space information to the map, as well as update existing map information as summarized below:

1. Add Priority Habitats and Species (PHS) data from the state Department of Wildlife;
2. Add new map data showing individual properties currently designated as open space under the state tax exempt open space program;
3. Revise the map title to “Open Space Corridors and Wildlife Areas” to better reflect the new map content;
4. Update of existing data layers to include changes in inventory since the map was last amended in 2004;
5. Change the color and style of certain map elements to be graphically
consistent with the current Future Land Use map, as well as to improve clarity/legibility;

6. Consolidate data in the legend for display as one broader category, in order to improve the visual clarity and readability of the map. As an example, data showing the City of Everett Water Pipeline Corridors, Buried Petroleum Pipeline Corridors, and Major Electric Power Transmission Corridors which are listed separately in the current map have been combined into one data set (Major Utility Transmission Corridors) in the proposal;

7. Simplify the names of certain data sets in the legend to improve clarity and readability;

8. Remove two data sets from the map, “Density Fringe” and “US National Forest Lands Used for Forest Service Activities” which do not add unique wildlife or open space areas to the map. These two data sets are essentially subsets of other data already shown on the map; they don’t add anything new and complicate the visual display of the data.

Proposed changes to Map 5 include adding new public lands information to the map, as well as update existing map information as summarized below:

1. Add a new map layer “State Trust Lands” showing individual properties currently managed as trust lands by the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR);

2. Add a new map layer “Other Government Property” showing individual properties currently owned by a city, county, state, or federal government that are not already included on the map under an existing category in the map legend;

3. Add a new map layer showing areas of the county designated as “Public/Institutional Use (P/IU)” on the GMACP Future Land Use Map. It should be noted that the P/IU designation includes some privately held properties that are NOT “useful for public purpose” and are in fact not available for public use or access;

4. Update of existing data layers to include changes in inventory since the map was last amended in 2005;

5. Change the color and style of certain map elements to be graphically consistent with the current Future Land Use map, as well as to improve clarity/legibility;

6. Simplify the names of certain data sets in the legend to improve clarity and readability.

Location of Proposal: Proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan maps and to the GPP apply to all unincorporated areas of Snohomish County.
Action Sponsor: Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services
Lead Agency: 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S #604
            Everett, WA 98201-4066

Required Approval Review:
Snohomish County Council – adoption of ordinances
Washington State Department of Commerce – coordination of state comments

Circulation and Comment:
This addendum, or notice of availability, is being sent to all recipients of
the previously issued Final EIS for the Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update
as required by WAC 197-11-625, and also to all commenters on that EIS.
No comment period is required for this addendum under WAC 197-11-
502(8)(c).

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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Overview:

The adoption of amendments to the GMA Comprehensive Plan is a non-project action under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). This Addendum is not intended to satisfy individual project action SEPA requirements (the review needed for a future site-specific land use or building permit application). This Addendum does not significantly change the analysis of impacts and alternatives contained in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared in 2015 for the Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update, nor does it identify new or significantly different impacts.

Prior Environmental Review

The county issued a Draft EIS for the county’s Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update on September 8, 2014, and issued a Final EIS on June 3, 2015. The elements of the environment addressed in both of these EIS documents included elements of both the natural and built environment: earth, air, water, plants and animals, land and shoreline use, population and employment, cultural resources, transportation, energy, public services, and utilities.

EIS Addendum

According to the SEPA Rules, an Addendum to an EIS provides additional analysis and/or information about a proposal or alternatives where their significant environmental impacts have been disclosed and identified in a previous environmental document (WAC 197-11-600(3)(b)(ii)). An Addendum is appropriate when the impacts of the new proposal are the same general types as those identified in the prior document, and when the new analysis does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts and alternatives identified in the prior environmental documents (WAC 197-11-600(4)(e), WAC 197-11-706).

This Addendum to the Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update EIS is being issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-625 to meet the County’s SEPA responsibility. The Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update EIS evaluated plan alternatives and impacts that encompass the same general policy direction, land use patterns, and environmental impacts that are expected to be associated with the proposed amendments identified in this Addendum.

No additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the county’s EIS for the Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update are expected to occur as a result of the proposed amendments. No additional programmatic level environmental review will be required to the extent that the existing environmental documents listed in this Addendum or other published documents have analyzed the proposed amendments.
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- The Office of the Governor
- Department of Ecology
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- Department of Social and Health Services
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- Department of Corrections
- Department of Fish & Wildlife
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- Department of Transportation
- WA State Energy Office
- Office of Archaeology and Historical Preservation
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Department of Transportation, Northwest Region
- Interagency Committee on Outdoor Recreation

**Regional Agencies and Interest Groups**
- Puget Sound Partnership
- Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
- Puget Sound Regional Council
- Regional Transit Authority

**Snohomish County Agencies and Interest Groups**
- Snohomish County Department of Public Works
- Snohomish County Sheriff
- Snohomish County Surface Water Management Div.
- 1000 Friends of Snohomish County
- 152nd St. Neighborhood Coalition
- Action Council for Esperance
- Agriculture Tomorrow
- Alderwood Community Council
- Arlington Heights Comm.
- Barclay’s North
- Canyon Firs Homeowners Assn.
- Cavalero Residents for Responsible Growth
- Community Transit
- Crestline Estates Action
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- Edmonds Chamber of Commerce
- Everett Chamber of Commerce
- Everett Transit
- Friends of Florence Acres
- Futurewise
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- Jordan Road Citizens
- Kayak Pt. Citizens Group
- Kennard Corner Homeowners
- League of Women Voters
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- Martha Lake Community Club
- Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Dept.
- Snohomish County Solid Waste Division
- Snohomish Health District
- Martha Lake Homeowners
- Master Builders Assoc. of King and Sno Co
- McKee’s Evergreen Beach
- Newberg Organization
- North Creek Rural Areas
- North Marysville Citizens
- Picnic Point Community
- Pilchuck Audubon Society
- Possession Bay Association
- Professional Consultants
- Silver Lake Action Comm.
- Smartgrowth Campaign
- Snohomish Arlington Trail Coalition
- Snohomish County Conservation District
- Snohomish Co./Camano Island Board of Realtors
- Snohomish Wetlands Alliance
- So. Sno. Co. Chamber of Commerce
- Sound Transit
- Stillaguamish Citizens Alliance
- Stillaguamish Flood Control District
- Swamp Creek Locust Way
- Tom Ihrlichman
- Wandering Creek Homes

**Neighboring Planning Departments**
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- Skagit County Planning Dept.
- Dept. of Dev. & Environ. Services (King Co.)
- Chelan County Planning Dept.

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Seven Lakes Water Assn.
Sky Meadow Water Assn., Inc.
Puget Sound Energy

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