

**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

<b>Project Title:</b>	GMA Comprehensive Plan Maps 4 and 5 Updates and Amendments
<b>Proposed Non-Project Action:</b>	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.
<b>Purpose of the EIS Addendum:</b>	<p>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).</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Description of Proposal:</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Proposed changes to Map 4 include adding wildlife habitat and new open space information to the map, as well as update existing map information as summarized below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Add Priority Habitats and Species (PHS) data from the state Department of Wildlife;</li><li>2. Add new map data showing individual properties currently designated as open space under the state tax exempt open space program;</li><li>3. Revise the map title to “Open Space Corridors and Wildlife Areas” to better reflect the new map content;</li><li>4. Update of existing data layers to include changes in inventory since the map was last amended in 2004;</li><li>5. Change the color and style of certain map elements to be graphically</li></ol>

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

**Circulation and** This addendum, or notice of availability, is being sent to all recipients of  
**Comment:** 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.

## DISTRIBUTION LIST

### Federal Agencies

U.S. Natural Resource Conservation  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
National Marine Fisheries

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Develop.  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

### State Agencies

The Office of the Governor  
Department of Ecology  
Department of Natural Resources  
Department of Community Trade & Econ. Dev.  
Department of Agriculture  
Department of Social and Health Services  
Utilities & Transportation Commission  
Department of Corrections

Department of Fish & Wildlife  
Department of Health  
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  
Economic Development Council of Sno. County  
Edmonds Chamber of Commerce  
Everett Chamber of Commerce  
Everett Transit  
Friends of Florence Acres  
Futurewise  
Housing Authority of Snohomish County  
Jordan Road Citizens  
Kayak Pt. Citizens Group  
Kennard Corner Homeowners  
League of Women Voters  
Little Bear Cr. Protective Assn.  
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. Co. Preservation Assn.  
So. Sno. Co. Chamber of Commerce  
Sound Transit  
Stillaguamish Citizens Alliance  
Stillaguamish Flood Control District  
Swamp Creek Locust Way  
Tom Ehrlichman  
Wandering Creek Homes

### Neighboring Planning Departments

Island County Planning Dept.  
Skagit County Planning Dept.

Dept. of Dev. & Environ. Services (King Co.)  
Chelan County Planning Dept.

### Tribes

Muckleshoot Tribes

Tulalip Tribes

Sauk/Suiattle Tribe

Stillaguamish Tribe

**Utilities**

Alderwood Water District  
Lake Stevens Sewer District  
Olympic View Water and Sewer District  
Silver Lake Water and Sewer  
Olympus Terrace Sewer District  
Highland Water Assn.  
Seven Lakes Water Assn.  
Sky Meadow Water Assn., Inc.  
Puget Sound Energy

Cross Valley Water District  
METRO  
Mukilteo Water District  
Diking District #2  
Cascade Natural Gas  
Roosevelt Water Assn.  
Three Lakes Water Assn.  
Snohomish County PUD No. 1  
King County Wastewater Treatment Division

**Cities**

City of Arlington  
City of Brier  
City of Edmonds  
City of Gold Bar  
Town of Index  
City of Lynnwood  
City of Mill Creek  
City of Mountlake Terrace  
City of Snohomish  
City of Sultan

City of Bothell  
Town of Darrington  
City of Everett  
City of Granite Falls  
City of Lake Stevens  
City of Marysville  
City of Monroe  
City of Mukilteo  
City of Stanwood  
Town of Woodway

**School Districts**

Arlington School District  
Edmonds School District #15  
Granite Falls School District  
Lake Stevens School District  
Marysville School District  
Mukilteo School District  
Snohomish School District  
Sultan School District

Darrington School District  
Everett School District  
Index School District  
Lakewood School District  
Monroe School District  
Northshore School District  
Stanwood School District

**Fire Districts & Ports**

Fire District 1 South County  
Fire District 4 Snohomish  
Fire District 7 Clearview  
Fire District 10 Bothell  
Fire District 12 Marysville  
Fire District 15 Tulalip  
Fire District 17 Granite Falls  
Fire District 19 Silvana  
Fire District 21 Arlington  
Fire District 23 Robe  
Fire District 25 Oso  
Fire District 27 Hat Island  
Paine Field Fire District

Fire District 3 Monroe  
Fire District 5 Sultan  
Fire District 8 Lake Stevens  
Fire District 11 Silver Lakes  
No. County Regional Fire Authority  
Fire District 16 Lake Roesiger  
Fire District 28 Index  
Fire District 22 Getchell  
Fire District 24 Darrington  
Fire District 26 Gold Bar  
Port of Everett  
Port of Edmonds

**Newspapers**

The Herald  
Arlington Times  
Snohomish County Tribune

Lake Stevens Journal  
Seattle Times-North Bureau  
Seattle PI

Mukilteo Beacon  
Monroe Monitor  
Marysville Globe  
Bothell-Kenmore Reporter

Mill Creek Enterprise  
Woodinville Weekly  
Enterprise Newspaper  
The Edmonds Beacon

**Libraries**

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