

**ADDENDUM NO. 4
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 Housing Policies in the Land Use and
Housing Chapters of the General Policy Plan**

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

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FACT SHEET

Project Title:	GMA Comprehensive Plan: General Policy Plan Housing Policy Amendments
Proposed Non-Project Action:	The proposed non-project action is the adoption of amendments to the housing-related policies in the Land Use and Housing chapters of the GMA Comprehensive Plan General Policy Plan (GPP).
Purpose of the EIS Addendum:	<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>
Description of Proposal:	<p>These proposed amendments to the GMA Comprehensive Plan GPP are considered as part of the annual County Initiated Comprehensive Plan Updates. Amendments to the housing-related policies in the Land Use and Housing chapters in the GPP are identified as GPP6 - Housing.</p> <p>The proposed amendments would add and amend housing-related policies in the Housing and Land Use chapters of the GPP as a result of completion of a housing policy review by Planning and Development Services (PDS) and Human Services. The proposed amendments would provide high-level policy basis and guidance for more detailed implementation separately. The proposed amendments focus on three topic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Tracking and Monitoring</u> – The proposed amendments call for the county to seek opportunities for partnering with other jurisdictions through Alliance for Housing Affordability (AHA), Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT), or the Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County to establish on-going tracking and monitoring of affordable housing development in the county. A tracking and monitoring program would provide a way to measure progress towards the objective to provide adequate affordable housing to meet the housing needs of households at various income levels and with special needs.• <u>Transit Oriented Development Support</u> – The proposed amendments call for deploying zoning and other strategies to encourage development that includes affordable housing around

transit stations and transit emphasis corridors in anticipation of major transit investments expected in Snohomish County over the coming decades, including expanded bus rapid transit and light rail.

- Additional Provisions to Encourage Affordable Housing – The proposed policies call for the county to explore new strategies to encourage private sector development of affordable housing as part of a mix with market-rate housing, especially in urban centers and along transit emphasis corridors. The proposed policy amendments also include changes to reflect the county’s commitment to housing for special needs populations.

Location of Proposal: Proposed amendments to the policies and text in the GPP apply to all unincorporated areas of Snohomish County.

**Action Sponsor
Lead Agency:** Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S #604
Everett, WA 98201-4066

Required Approval Review: Snohomish County Council – adoption of an ordinance
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.

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
Sauk/Suiattle Tribe

Tulalip Tribes
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

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 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
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 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
 Mukilteo Beacon
 Monroe Monitor
 Marysville Globe
 Bothell-Kenmore Reporter

Lake Stevens Journal
 Seattle Times-North Bureau
 Seattle PI
 Mill Creek Enterprise
 Woodinville Weekly
 Enterprise Newspaper
 The Edmonds Beacon

Libraries

Arlington Library
Brier Public Library
Edmonds Public Library
Granite Falls Library
Lynnwood Public Library
Mill Creek Library
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