ADDENDUM NO. 7
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 Appendix D - Growth Targets and Map 3 -
Municipal Urban Growth Area (MUGA), and Adoption of Updates to the
Snohomish County UGA Land Capacity Analysis Technical Report

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: June 24, 2016
FACT SHEET

Project Title: 2016 County-Initiated GMA Comprehensive Plan Amendments – GPP 10 Growth Target Reconciliation

Proposed Non-Project Action: The proposed non-project action is the adoption of amendments to Appendix D - Growth Targets and Map 3 - Municipal Urban Growth Area (MUGA) of the Snohomish County GMA Comprehensive Plan General Policy Plan (GPP), and adoption of updates to the Snohomish County UGA Land Capacity Analysis Technical Report (June 10, 2015), as result of the growth target reconciliation process through Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT).

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: The proposed amendments to the GMA Comprehensive Plan Appendix D and Map 3 - Municipal Urban Growth Area (MUGA), and the updates to the Snohomish County UGA Land Capacity Analysis Technical Report, are considered as part of the annual county-initiated Comprehensive Plan Updates. These amendments are identified as GPP10 – Growth Target Reconciliation and are intended to reflect the outcome of the recently completed Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT) growth target reconciliation process.

Growth Target Amendments to Appendix D

Following adoption of updated GMA plans, Countywide Planning Policy (CPP) GF-5 requires SCT to engage in a growth target reconciliation process to review discrepancies between city and county adopted targets contained in the local GMA plans, and to recommend a set of reconciled population, housing and employment targets to the County Council for adoption into Appendix B of the CPPs.

On April 27, 2016, SCT Steering Committee recommended to the County Council several relatively minor amendments to the 2035 growth targets. The SCT recommendation included a reassignment of the relatively minor population and housing target shortfalls for four small cities (Brier, Gold
Bar, Granite Falls and Snohomish) to their associated unincorporated UGA or MUGA where adequate capacity existed. The total population capacity shortfall amounted to only 425 persons, a very small number compared with the total projected 2035 countywide population of 955,257. The total number of housing units associated with this population capacity shortfall is 174.

The SCT reconciled target recommendation does not significantly alter the county’s consistency with the PSRC’s VISION 2040 RGS. The RGS, which is intended to shift the distribution of future population growth more towards cities with regional growth centers – metropolitan (Everett) and core cities (Lynnwood, Bothell) – and less in the unincorporated UGA than has been the case in the past, was used to guide the 2035 growth allocation process for the 2015 GMA plan updates. The reconciled population targets recommended by SCT shifts only two-tenths of one percent of the 2011-2035 countywide population growth share from small cities to the unincorporated UGA, as can be seen below:

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**Meadowdale Gap Resolution**

The SCT recommendation also included amendments to the MUGA growth target tables and map (Map 3) to reflect updated city boundary reference information and the recent Meadowdale Gap agreement between the cities of Lynnwood and Mukilteo. This agreement entailed removal of the Meadowdale Gap area from the tables and map, and the reassignment of the entire former gap area to the Lynnwood unincorporated MUGA.

**UGA Land Capacity Analysis Technical Report Updates**

The 2035 reconciled growth targets recommended by SCT did not include resolution of the Arlington UGA growth target issues. At the time of the SCT recommendation, final 2035 growth targets for the City of Arlington

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¹ Metropolitan City – Everett
Core Cities – Bothell, Lynnwood
Larger Cities – Arlington, Edmonds, Lake Stevens, Marysville, Mill Creek, Monroe, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo
Small Cities – Brier, Darrington, Gold Bar, Granite Falls, Index, Snohomish, Stanwood, Sultan, Woodway
Unincorporated UGA – Snohomish County (unincorporated urban areas)
Non-UGA – Snohomish County (rural/resource/tribal areas)
and its unincorporated UGA were unresolved due to differences in future density assumptions used by city and county staff in estimating additional residential capacity as part of the processing of the City of Arlington’s Docket XVII proposal (ARL3) with the county. Since the SCT target reconciliation recommendation, the City of Arlington has requested that the ARL3 proposal be withdrawn from the county’s docket. The city indicates that it can accommodate the adopted 2035 growth targets within their current UGA boundaries through consideration of reasonable measures to increase capacity within the city. These measures include a combination of higher residential densities and mixed-uses in specific areas.

City residential capacity estimates have been revised by the City of Arlington and are shown in the updated summary tables to the Snohomish County UGA Land Capacity Analysis Technical Report, originally adopted by the County Council on June 10, 2015. These updated summary tables show that the City of Arlington and its unincorporated UGA can accommodate the 2035 population and housing unit targets currently adopted in Appendix D of the county’s GPP. The updated land capacity summary tables also show the minor population and housing capacity adjustments recommended by SCT for the four cities described previously.

Location of Proposal:
Proposed amendments 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

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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Date 6/24/16
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. 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 such changes.
## 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 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
- Sound Transit
- Stillaguamish Citizens Alliance
- Stillaguamish Flood Control District
- Swamp Creek Locust Way
- Tom Ehrlichman
- Wandering Creek Homes

### 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
- So. Sno. Co. Chamber of Commerce
- 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
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
Mukilteo Beacon
Monroe Monitor
Marysville Globe
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