ADDENDUM NO. 17 TO THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY GMA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2015 UPDATE

Relating to Growth Management, Adopting Map Correction Amendments to the General Policy Plan of the Snohomish County Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan as an Emergency under the Growth Management Act

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: Growth Management Act (GMA) Emergency Map Correction Amendments to the GMA Comprehensive Plan.

Proposed Non-Project Action: The proposed non-project action considered under this State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review is the adoption of map correction amendments to Maps 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the General Policy Plan (GPP), which are components of the GMA comprehensive plan. These amendments are proposed as an emergency under GMA outside the once-per-year GMA comprehensive plan amendment cycle.

Purpose of the EIS Addendum: The purpose of this addendum is to add information and analysis relating to the non-project programmatic county actions described above. This information does not change the analysis of previously identified significant impacts of the alternatives to the county's GMA comprehensive plan within the SEPA documents dated September 8, 2014, (Draft EIS) and June 3, 2015, (Final EIS). No additional impacts beyond those identified in the 2015 FEIS are expected to occur.

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 the county's environmental review needs for the current proposal.

Description of Proposal: This ordinance would amend Maps 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the General Policy Plan (GPP) of the Snohomish County Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan to correct two errors on those maps resulting from adoption of Amended Ordinance No. 18-057 on November 13, 2018. The ordinance would correct an error in the Marysville Urban Growth Area (UGA) that unintentionally shows 375 acres of designated rural land as falling within the eastern portion of the Marysville UGA, when such territory should have remained outside of the UGA boundary. The emergency ordinance would also correct an error in the unincorporated area north of Lynnwood known as the North Swamp Creek area that unintentionally shows a future land use designation of Public/Institutional Use (P/I) on 200 acres of land that should have remained designated as Urban High Density Residential (UHDR).

Location of Proposal: The proposed County-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan would apply to 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 ordinance
Washington State Dept. 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 Draft and Final EIS for the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update as required by WAC 197-11-625. No comment period is required for this addendum under WAC 197-11-502(8)(c).

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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 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.

Addendum Environmental Review
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 proposed emergency amendments are intended to correct inadvertent map errors. Since this proposed action reverts back to the original 2015 proposal as amended, no additional 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 is required to the extent that the existing environmental documents listed in this Addendum and other published documents have analyzed the proposed amendments.