Snohomish County is preparing a new element to Snohomish County’s GMA Comprehensive Plan titled “Urban Core Subarea Plan”. The purpose of Urban Core Subarea Plan Element is to:

- Provide the detailed comprehensive planning analysis for a portion of the unincorporated Southwest Urban Growth Area (see adjoining map).
- Guide both public and private development decisions within the planning area.
- Proactively plan for the arrival of light rail in the late 2030s.
- Provide a framework for a more effective and involved public engagement.

*Development of the Urban Core Subarea Plan Element is being done in conjunction with the County’s update of the GMA Comprehensive Plan (aka 2024 Update).*

### Element Details

The Urban Core Subarea Element will include the following sub-elements:

- Vision and Regional Collaboration
- Environment and Climate Change
- Land Use, Development Patterns, Urban Design
- Housing
- Transportation and Mobility
- Parks, Recreation and Open Space
- Public Services and Utilities
- Economic Development

### Element Timeline

- **Late 2022**: Public Review of Draft Policies
- **Spring 2023**: Planning Commission Briefing
- **Fall 2023**: Planning Commission Hearing
- **1st Half 2024**: County Council Briefing
- **2nd Half 2024**: County Council Hearing/Adoption

### Development Regulations and Zoning

Development regulations to implement parts of the subarea plan element will be development and brought forward for County Council approval on a separate timeline. Zoning changes will be developed as part of the 2024 Update.

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