

# 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update

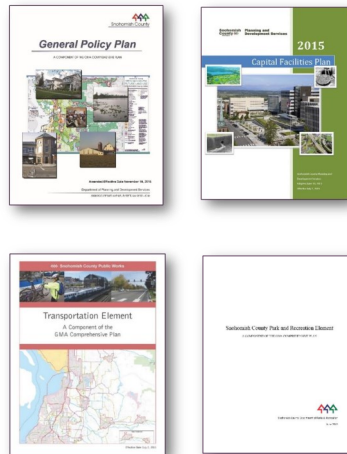


Under RCW 36.70A.130, Snohomish County and its cities/towns are required to:

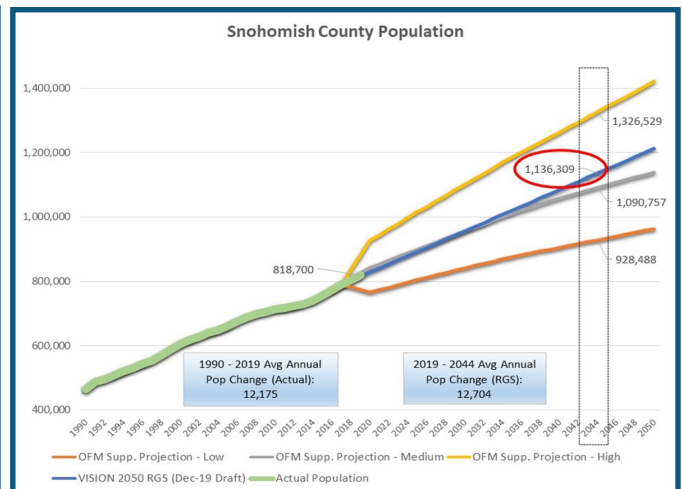
- Plan for the succeeding 20 year population and employment growth forecast; and
- Review and revise their comprehensive plans and development regulations to ensure the plan and regulations comply with the requirements of the GMA.

## GMA Comprehensive Plan

The comprehensive plan is comprised of four separate documents and serves to guide County decisions and services on a wide range of topics. It also expresses the 20-year vision of unincorporated Snohomish County through goals objectives, policies and maps. Separate elements contain inventories, forecasts of future needs and financing strategies.



## 2044 Growth Targets



## Buildable Lands Report (BLR)

The 2021 BLR documents the urban densities that are being achieved within both the city and county portions of the Urban Growth Area (UGA). Based on the densities achieved, the report determines whether each UGA has an adequate supply of suitable residential, commercial and industrial land to accommodate the population and employment growth projected to occur during the remaining portion of the 20-year GMA planning horizon.

- The PSRC VISION 2050 Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) most likely scenario call for a total county population of 1,136,309 by 2044.
- That's a population increase of 308,352 between 2020 and 2044 (827,957 county pop as of 2020 Census).
- 95.5% of the future population (2017-2044 period) directed to Urban Growth Areas.
- Snohomish and the Cities and Towns must negotiate on the amount of growth each will plan for.

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## Project Details

### Policy Elements Update

Reviewing and updating comprehensive plan policies, which provide direction to on-going and future planning efforts, development regulations and the vision of Snohomish County. Policy areas for update include:

- Population and Employment
- Land Use
- Housing
- Economic Development
- Natural Environment
- Interjurisdictional Coordination

### Infrastructure Elements Update

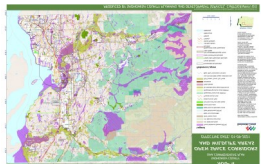
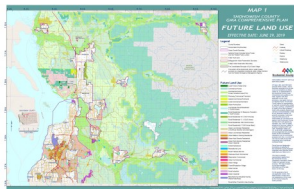
Reviewing and updating the Capital and Utilities Facilities Element, Transportation Element and Parks and Recreation Element. Updates will include:

- Inventory of existing capital facility and utility infrastructure
- Forecast and cost of future facilities
- Funding mechanisms to finance projects over a 20-year horizon

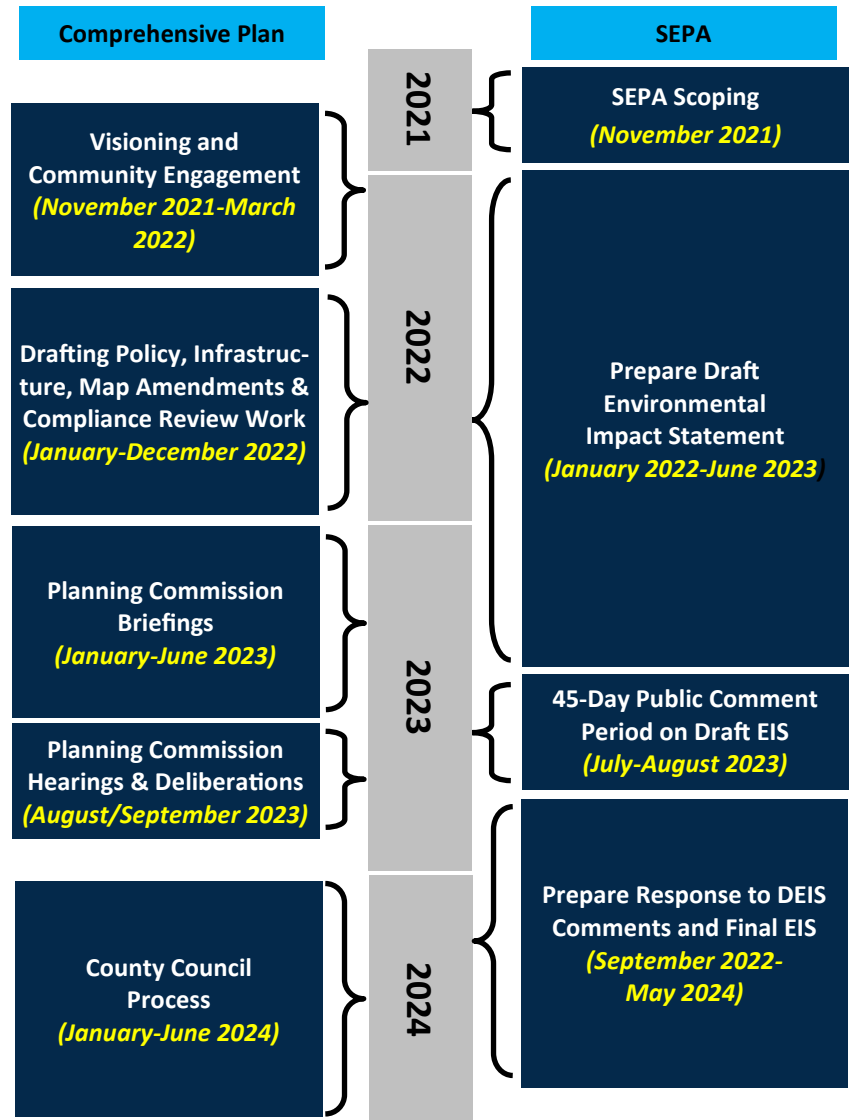
### Maps Update

Possible updates to several maps including, but not limited to:

- Future Land Use
- Zoning
- Transportation
- Capital Facilities
- Parks and Recreation



## Project Schedule



## Compliance Review

Review and revise comprehensive plans and development regulations to ensure the plan and regulations comply account for changes to GMA since 2015.

## State Environmental Policy Act Review

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process identifies and analyzes environmental impacts associated with three different future growth scenarios (land use alternatives). The public will be invited to provide input on the scope of the environmental analysis. The public will also have an opportunity to comment on a Draft Environmental Impact Statements (DEIS) which describes the existing conditions, along with impacts and mitigation for each land use alternative. A Final EIS will be prepared responding to public comments on the draft EIS and analyze a preferred alternative.