



Snohomish County
Planning Commission
Planning and Development Services

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REGULAR (Remote) MEETING AGENDA
Snohomish County Planning Commission

JUNE 27, 2023
5:30 PM

Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83648387693>

or call (253) 215-8782
Webinar ID: 836 4838 7693

For access to supporting documents reviewed by the Planning Commission, visit the Snohomish County Planning Commission webpage at <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/164>

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

B. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [May 23, 2023](#): Regular Meeting

E. STATUS OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PAST RECOMMENDATIONS

- [Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting Topics](#)
- County Council Actions on Planning Commission Recommendations

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Annual Tree Canopy Monitoring Report: Informational Briefing](#)

Terri Strandberg, Principal Planner, Terri.Strandberg@snoco.org

PDS Staff will provide an overview of tree canopy monitoring and regulations, and present findings of the 2022 Tree Canopy Monitoring Report.

For further information, please review the following:

- [2022 Tree Canopy Monitoring Report dated January 31, 2023](#)



2. Comprehensive Plan Update: Urban Tree Canopy Policies: Briefing

Terri Strandberg, Principal Planner, Terri.Strandberg@snoco.org

The Planning Commission will be briefed on proposed amendments to the Natural Environment Element of the 2024 Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan. The newly proposed Urban Tree Canopy Subelement would reside within the Natural Environment Element. The Urban Tree Canopy Subelement was drafted in response to a referral from the County Council via Motion No. 22-096 to the Department of Planning and Development Services (PDS) and Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation during the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update. The proposed goal, objectives, and policies have been amended from the original version transmitted with Motion No. 22-096 to reflect input from Snohomish County staff and public comment. While the Urban Tree Canopy Subelement is not required, it is supported and shaped by state law and regulations and local regulations and policies that address the growing topic of urban tree canopy. Chapter 76.15 RCW, which concerns urban forest management, and the Evergreen Communities program is a Washington law that provides a framework for many of the Urban Tree Canopy policies.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Briefing Staff Report dated June 12, 2023](#)
- [Attachment A – Policy Table](#)
- [Attachment B – Introduction](#)

3. Comprehensive Plan Update: Urban Core Subarea Plan Element: Briefing

Matthew Siddons, Senior Planner, Matthew.Siddons@snoco.org

The Planning Commission is holding a briefing on the proposed Urban Core Subarea element. This is a new element that is being added to the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan as part of the 2024 update. The Urban Core Subarea element provides detailed policies to the southwest urban unincorporated area of the County that will be serviced by future light rail transit. Light rail is being constructed by Sound Transit as part of the Everett Link extension. The Urban Core Subarea element is composed of subelements including land use, transportation, housing, and parks, recreation, and open space. The proposed policies reflect input received from neighboring jurisdictions, service providers, and the public.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Briefing Staff Report dated May 10, 2023](#)
- [Attachment A – Narrative](#)
- [Attachment B – Policy Table](#)

H. Roundtable Topics (time permitting)

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PLANNING COMMISSION'S RANGE OF POSSIBLE ACTIONS:

At the conclusion of its public hearing, the County Planning Commission will consider transmitting a formal recommendation to County Council concerning adoption of the proposal. The Commission may make a recommendation to adopt or to not adopt the proposal. The Commission's recommendation may also propose amendments to the proposal. The Planning Commission is an advisory body and the final decision rests with the County Council.

PARTY OF RECORD / PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

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WHERE TO GET COPIES OF DOCUMENTS AND WEBSITE ACCESS:

Please check www.snohomishcountywa.gov for additional information or the Snohomish County Department of Planning and Developmental Services, Reception Desk, 2nd Floor, County Administration Building East, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201 or email at Taylor.Twiford@snoco.org.

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