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Snohomish County Seeks Input on Possible Policy Amendments for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update

Snohomish County is seeking public input on Phase IV of policy amendments being considered as part of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY, Wash., March 1, 2023 - As part of the state mandated review and update to the county’s Comprehensive Plan, preliminary draft policy amendments will be released for public review in six phases. Each phase will include a 30-day public comment period where the public is encouraged to provide input on the draft policy amendments for one or more elements.

This is an early opportunity to review the draft policy amendments, and there will be further input opportunities at Planning Commission and County Council public hearings. The posted preliminary draft policy amendments during each phase will not be finished products. We would like your help to review these drafts so that they can be improved and better serve Snohomish County.

The 2024 Comprehensive Plan will include 12 elements, and the policies within each could be revised during this 2024 Update to better align with state laws and public input. Phase IV begins on March 1st and includes the Urban Core Subarea and Housing Elements of the Plan as well as Urban Tree Canopy Policies. The timing for Phase IV and the remaining two phases is outlined in the table below.

- What: 2024 Comprehensive Plan Policy Amendment Phase IV Comment Period
- When: March 1 – March 31, 2023
- Where: Online, at <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/6075>
- Schedule: Outlined in the table below

| Phase | Element(s) | Comment Period |
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| Phase IV | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Core Subarea • Housing • Urban Tree Canopy Policies | March 1 st – 31 st , 2023 |
| Phase V | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change • Capital Facilities and Utilities | March 31 st – May 1 st , 2023 |

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| Phase VI | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation• Tribal Coordination | May 1 st – 31 st , 2023 |
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We value receiving comments from the communities we serve. The input received over email at 2024Update@snoco.org or through the [online comment form](#) will help shape the policy amendments that county staff refine and present to the Planning Commission and County Council.

To learn more about the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update, visit the project page at bit.ly/SnoCo2024, watch [this video](#) for a high-level overview of the update, and [this video](#) for information about the intention of the Policy Amendment input. We look forward to hearing from you!

About Snohomish County Planning and Development Services

The Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services provides development and permit application review, building inspections, long range planning, code enforcement and houses the county Fire Marshal's office. The department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Planning and Development Services, visit <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/PDS>.

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