

**ADDENDUM NO. 6
TO THE
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2015 UPDATE**

**Adoption of Amendments to the General Policy Plan of the Snohomish County
GMA Comprehensive Plan (GMACP) Related to the Rural Urban Transition
Area (RUTA) overlay designation to Map 1 – Future Land Use, Associated
RUTA Policy Language in the General Policy Plan (GPP) and Associated
Provisions in Snohomish County Code (SCC)**

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:** Rural Urban Transition Area (RUTA) overlay designation to the General Policy Plan (GPP) Map 1 – Future Land Use, associated RUTA policy language in the GPP and associated amendments to Snohomish County Code (SCC).
- Proposed Non-Project Action:** The proposed non-project action is the adoption of an ordinance which deletes the RUTA overlay designation in GPP Map 1 – Future Land Use, deletes related RUTA policy and text amendments in the GPP and deletes associated RUTA references and requirements in county code.
- Purpose of the EIS Addendum:** This addendum adds information relating to the non-project programmatic county action described above. This information does not change the analysis of previously identified significant impacts of the alternatives to the county’s GMACP GPP within the SEPA documents dated September 8, 2014, (Draft EIS) and June 3, 2015, (Final EIS).
- 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 Snohomish County’s environmental review needs for the current proposal.
- Description of Proposal:** The proposed amendments, identified as GPP14, to GPP Map 1 – Future Land Use, related text amendments to the GPP and associated SCC amendments are part of the annual County Initiated Comprehensive Plan Update. The amendments consist of the following:
1. Repeal introductory text in Urban Growth Areas section of the Land Use Chapter of the GPP describing the RUTA designation;
 2. Repeal LU Objective 1.B and LU Policies 1.B.1 and 1.B.2 in the Urban Growth Areas section of the Land Use Chapter of the GPP associated with designation of the RUTA;
 3. Amend LU Objective 6.B and LU Policy 6.B.1 in the Rural Lands section of the Land Use Chapter of the GPP associated with rural cluster subdivisions within the RUTA;
 4. Amend LU Policy 8.D.1 in the Forest Lands section of the Land Use Chapter of the GPP associated with rural cluster subdivisions within the RUTA;
 5. Repeal text in the Future Land Use Map section of the Land Use Chapter of the GPP describing the RUTA designation;
 6. Repeal definition of the RUTA in Appendix E (Glossary) of the GPP;
 7. Amend SCC 30.23.040(24) pertaining to reference notes for SCC Tables 30.23.030 and 30.23.032;
 8. Repeal SCC 30.23.220 pertaining to minimum lot area for rural clusters in RUTAs;

9. Amend SCC 30.32A.100(3) pertaining to subdivision restrictions in Forest Lands;
10. Amend SCC 30.41C.020(2) and (3) pertaining to applicability of rural cluster subdivisions;
11. Amend SCC 30.41C.090(3) pertaining to general requirements for restricted open space within rural cluster subdivisions;
12. Repeal SCC 30.41C.140 pertaining to bulk regulations and interim open space for rural clusters in the RUTA;
13. Amend SCC 30.41C.240(3) pertaining to density bonuses for rural cluster subdivisions within the RUTA; and
14. Repeal SCC 30.91R.280 pertaining to the definition for rural/urban transition areas.

Location of Proposal: Proposed amendments to the GPP Future Land Use Map, corresponding text amendments in the GPP and related SCC amendments, apply to certain unincorporated areas of Snohomish County.

Action Sponsor Lead Agency: Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services
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Required Approval Review: Snohomish County Council – adoption of ordinances
Washington State Department 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 Final EIS for the Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update as required by WAC 197-11-625, and also to all commenters on that EIS. No comment period is required for this addendum under WAC 197-11-502(8)(c).

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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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 significantly 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.

EIS Addendum

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 Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update EIS evaluated plan alternatives and impacts that encompass the same general policy direction, land use patterns, and environmental impacts that are expected to be associated with the proposed amendments identified in this Addendum.

No additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the county's EIS for the Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update are expected to occur as a result of the proposed amendments. No additional programmatic level environmental review will be required to the extent that the existing environmental documents listed in this Addendum or other published documents have analyzed the proposed amendments.

DISTRIBUTION LIST

Federal Agencies

U.S. Natural Resource Conservation
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
National Marine Fisheries

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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Develop.
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

State Agencies

The Office of the Governor
Department of Ecology
Department of Natural Resources
Department of Community Trade & Econ. Dev.
Department of Agriculture
Department of Social and Health Services
Utilities & Transportation Commission
Department of Corrections

Department of Fish & Wildlife
Department of Health
Department of Transportation
WA State Energy Office
Office of Archaeology and Historical Preservation
Parks and Recreation Commission
Department of Transportation, Northwest Region
Interagency Committee on Outdoor Recreation

Regional Agencies and Interest Groups

Puget Sound Partnership
Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

Puget Sound Regional Council
Regional Transit Authority

Snohomish County Agencies and Interest Groups

Snohomish County Department of Public Works
Snohomish County Sheriff
Snohomish County Surface Water Management Div.
1000 Friends of Snohomish County
152nd St. Neighborhood Coalition
Action Council for Esperance
Agriculture Tomorrow
Alderwood Community Council
Arlington Heights Comm.
Barclay's North
Canyon Firs Homeowners Assn.
Cavalero Residents for Responsible Growth
Community Transit
Crestline Estates Action
Economic Development Council of Sno. County
Edmonds Chamber of Commerce
Everett Chamber of Commerce
Everett Transit
Friends of Florence Acres
Futurewise
Housing Authority of Snohomish County
Jordan Road Citizens
Kayak Pt. Citizens Group
Kennard Corner Homeowners
League of Women Voters
Little Bear Cr. Protective Assn.
Martha Lake Community Club

Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Dept.
Snohomish County Solid Waste Division
Snohomish Health District
Martha Lake Homeowners
Master Builders Assoc. of King and Sno Co
McKee's Evergreen Beach
Newberg Organization
North Creek Rural Areas
North Marysville Citizens
Picnic Point Community
Pilchuck Audubon Society
Possession Bay Association
Professional Consultants
Silver Lake Action Comm.
Smartgrowth Campaign
Snohomish Arlington Trail Coalition
Snohomish County Conservation District
Snohomish Co./Camano Island Board of Realtors
Snohomish Wetlands Alliance
So. Co. Preservation Assn.
So. Sno. Co. Chamber of Commerce
Sound Transit
Stillaguamish Citizens Alliance
Stillaguamish Flood Control District
Swamp Creek Locust Way
Tom Ehrlichman
Wandering Creek Homes

Neighboring Planning Departments

Island County Planning Dept.
Skagit County Planning Dept.

Dept. of Dev. & Environ. Services (King Co.)
Chelan County Planning Dept.

Tribes

Muckleshoot Tribes
Sauk/Suiattle Tribe

Tulalip Tribes
Stillaguamish Tribe

Utilities

Alderwood Water District
 Lake Stevens Sewer District
 Olympic View Water and Sewer District
 Silver Lake Water and Sewer
 Olympus Terrace Sewer District
 Highland Water Assn.
 Seven Lakes Water Assn.
 Sky Meadow Water Assn., Inc.
 Puget Sound Energy

Cross Valley Water District
 METRO
 Mukilteo Water District
 Diking District #2
 Cascade Natural Gas
 Roosevelt Water Assn.
 Three Lakes Water Assn.
 Snohomish County PUD No. 1
 King County Wastewater Treatment Division

Cities

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 City of Brier
 City of Edmonds
 City of Gold Bar
 Town of Index
 City of Lynnwood
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 City of Snohomish
 City of Sultan

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 Town of Darrington
 City of Everett
 City of Granite Falls
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 City of Marysville
 City of Monroe
 City of Mukilteo
 City of Stanwood
 Town of Woodway

School Districts

Arlington School District
 Edmonds School District #15
 Granite Falls School District
 Lake Stevens School District
 Marysville School District
 Mukilteo School District
 Snohomish School District
 Sultan School District

Darrington School District
 Everett School District
 Index School District
 Lakewood School District
 Monroe School District
 Northshore School District
 Stanwood School District

Fire Districts & Ports

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 Fire District 4 Snohomish
 Fire District 7 Clearview
 Fire District 10 Bothell
 Fire District 12 Marysville
 Fire District 15 Tulalip
 Fire District 17 Granite Falls
 Fire District 19 Silvana
 Fire District 21 Arlington
 Fire District 23 Robe
 Fire District 25 Oso
 Fire District 27 Hat Island
 Paine Field Fire District

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 No. County Regional Fire Authority
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 Fire District 22 Getchell
 Fire District 24 Darrington
 Fire District 26 Gold Bar
 Port of Everett
 Port of Edmonds

Newspapers

The Herald
 Arlington Times
 Snohomish County Tribune
 Mukilteo Beacon
 Monroe Monitor
 Marysville Globe
 Bothell-Kenmore Reporter

Lake Stevens Journal
 Seattle Times-North Bureau
 Seattle PI
 Mill Creek Enterprise
 Woodinville Weekly
 Enterprise Newspaper
 The Edmonds Beacon

Libraries

Arlington Library
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