

**ADDENDUM NO. 13 TO THE  
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY GMA  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2015 UPDATE**

**Adoption of 2018 County-Initiated Amendments to the Snohomish County  
Growth Management Act (GMA) Comprehensive Plan  
(GPP18-2, GPP18-3, GPP18-4 and GPP18-5)**

**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:** 2018 County-Initiated Amendments to the GMA Comprehensive Plan.
- Proposed Non-Project Action:** The proposed non-project action considered under this State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review is the adoption of the following 2018 county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan: Water Supply (GPP18-2), Urban Growth Area Accuracy (GPP18-3), Technical Corrections (GPP18-4), and Interim Capital Facilities Updates (GPP18-5). These proposals would amend maps, policies and text in the General Policy Plan (GPP) and the Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) which are components of the GMA comprehensive plan.
- Purpose of the EIS Addendum:** The purpose of this addendum is to add information and analysis relating to the non-project programmatic county actions described above. This information does not change the analysis of previously identified significant impacts of the alternatives to the county's GMA comprehensive plan within the SEPA documents dated September 8, 2014, (Draft EIS) and June 3, 2015, (Final EIS). No additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the 2015 FEIS are expected to occur.
- 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 the county's environmental review needs for the current proposal.
- Description of Proposals:** The proposed amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan are described as follows:
1. Water Supply (GPP18-2) policy and text amendments would implement new requirements in state law for determining that adequate potable water is available for new development that requires a potable water supply.
- Proposed amendments to the Land Use and Utilities chapters of the GPP address:
- Requirement for connection to public water whenever available in a timely and reasonable manner;
  - Consideration of water quantity, and physical and legal availability, in addition to water quality when making availability determinations for new development;
  - Allowing permit exempt wells or alternative water supply sources only when public water is not available; and
  - Clarification of the relationship between the Utilities chapter and the Rural Lands section of the Land Use chapter with respect to water and sewer policies.
- Proposed amendments to the CFP to address the preference for new development to connect to public water sources wherever they are

available.

2. Urban Growth Area Accuracy (GPP18-3) map amendments would adjust the Marysville, Southwest, Stanwood and Sultan UGAs to provide more precise UGA boundaries based on improved mapping accuracy in areas where a city has recently completed or indicated an interest in an annexation. Each of these UGA accuracy proposals does not result in a net increase of residential, commercial or industrial land capacity and only provides more technically correct UGA boundaries.
3. Technical Corrections (GPP18-4) map amendments would make the following corrections to: a) recognize a property that was converted from county jurisdiction to tribal trust land status; b) recognize the finalized City of Lynnwood Calvary annexation; and c) recognize the City of Lake Stevens Pellerin annexation.
4. Interim Capital Facilities Plan Updates (GPP18-5) policy and text amendments to address the relationship between the county's CFP and water and wastewater comprehensive plans developed by external public agencies.

Proposed amendments to the Utilities chapter of the GPP would clarify the extent to which the county will rely on the plans developed by external public agencies to determine consistency between the county's comprehensive plan and an agency's plan with respect to growth and land use.

Proposed amendments to tables and text in the CFP to clarify the extent to which the county will rely on the comprehensive sewer and wastewater plans developed by external public agencies in order to determine that these plans provide adequate services to support population growth and land uses identified in the county's comprehensive plan.

<b>Location of Proposal:</b>	The proposed county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan would apply to unincorporated areas of Snohomish County.
<b>Action Sponsor Lead Agency:</b>	Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S #604 Everett, WA 98201-4066
<b>Required Approval Review:</b>	Snohomish County Council – Adoption of ordinances Snohomish County Planning Commission – Review and recommendation Washington State Dept. 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 Draft and Final EIS for the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update as required by WAC 197-11-625. No comment period is required for this addendum under WAC 197-11-502(8)(c).

**The EIS Addendum  
is available by  
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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.

### **Addendum Environmental Review**

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, capital facilities planning 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 and other published documents have analyzed the proposed amendments.

### **Affected Environment, Significant Impacts, and Mitigation Measures – Natural Environment**

#### **1) Earth, Topography, Soils, and Erosion**

Any potential earth, topography, soils, and erosion impacts that could result from the proposed 2018 county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

#### **2) Air Quality and Climate Change**

Any potential air quality impacts that could result from the proposed 2018 county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035

would be subject to a separate SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

### **3) Water Resources (Ground and Surface)**

Any potential water resources impacts that could result from the proposed 2018 county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

### **4) Fish, Wildlife, Vegetation, and Wetlands**

Any potential fish, wildlife, vegetation, and wetlands impacts that could result from the proposed 2018 county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

## **Affected Environment, Significant Impacts, and Mitigation Measures – Built Environment**

### **1) Land and Shoreline Use**

Any potential land use and shoreline impacts that could result from the proposed 2018 county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

### **2) Plans and Policies**

The proposed 2018 county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan are consistent with and implement relevant county, regional and state plans and policies including the GMA, the Puget Sound Regional Council VISION 2040, Countywide Planning Policies (CPP), the county GMACP, and the county Shoreline Master Program.

### **3) Population, Housing and Employment**

The proposed 2018 county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan are consistent with the CPPs and will not result in a net increase of population, housing or employment capacity.

### **4) Cultural Resources**

Any potential impacts to cultural resources that could result from the proposed 2018 county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

### **5) Transportation**

Any potential transportation impacts that could result from the proposed 2018 county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

## **6) Energy**

Any potential energy impacts that could result from the proposed 2018 county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

## **7) Public Services and Utilities**

Any potential impacts to other public services and utilities including police, fire, parks, water systems, sewer and drainage systems, telecommunications and solid waste that could result from proposed 2018 county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

