What is the Boundary Planning Study?

The Boundary Planning Study is a high-level study of existing conditions and opportunities and constraints which can inform future planning choices about the Boundary Planning Study Area and surroundings.

The Study Area extends eastward from the Southwest Urban Growth Area (SWUGA) to Broadway Ave, north to Cathcart and south to the County line. It includes the Maltby Urban Growth Area (UGA). This area has been chosen for study given it is adjacent to a fast-growing area.

The study will explore:

◊ natural environment conditions
◊ social and economic trends
◊ capital and service delivery situation and costs
◊ federal, state, regional policy frameworks

Using technical information and public outreach results, the study can help identify what currently works well and what doesn’t work so well in the Study Area and vicinity.

The study will also identify opportunities and constraints under different future growth scenarios in the currently designated-rural lands in the study area, including a scenario with no change to existing land use designations in the project study area.
Southwest Urban Growth Area (SWUGA) Boundary Planning Study

Fact Sheet.

How will the County use the study?

This study will provide data and information for future county planning efforts, such as the 2023 Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan Update, when alternatives for accommodating future growth will be developed. The findings of the Boundary Planning Study will provide information that will be considered at the time that Snohomish County is developing options across the county for accommodating future growth. The study itself is not proposing actions to change land uses including UGA boundaries.

How long will it take? How can I participate in the Boundary Planning Study?

The study will be completed in June 2019.

We want to hear from community members and technical service providers about quality of life in the Boundary Planning Area. Watch for an on-line survey and study sharing workshop in the first half of 2019. Check the project website for more information about these events.

How can I find out more information?

The County has developed a project website where information about the study and upcoming events are posted: https://snohomishcountywa.gov/4129/SWUGA-Boundary-Planning-Study.

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