

**ADDENDUM NO. 24 TO THE
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY GMA
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2015 UPDATE**

Adoption of Amendments to the Snohomish County Growth Management Act (GMA) Comprehensive Plan General Policy Plan and Implementing Development Regulations Related to the 2022 County-Initiated Technical Corrections (GPP22-3)

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: **Adoption of amendments to the Snohomish County Growth Management Act (GMA) Comprehensive Plan General Policy Plan and implementing development regulations related to the 2022 County-Initiated Technical Corrections (GPP22-3)**

Proposed Non-Project Action: The proposed non-project action considered under this State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review consists of the adoption of the following:

The 2022 county-initiated comprehensive plan amendments, identified as GPP22-3, will make technical corrections to the maps and text of the General Policy Plan (GPP) and amendments to county code including: 1) an Urban Growth Area (UGA) boundary map accuracy improvement; 2) GPP map changes in response to properties that are no longer under county jurisdiction due to municipal annexations; 3) GPP text changes to recognize a new county Parks and Recreation Division; and 4) revisions to county code to remove remaining references to the now deleted Freeway Service zone.

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 GMA Comprehensive Plan 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 the county's environmental review needs for the current proposal.

Description of the Proposal:

GPP22-3 - UGA Boundary Accuracy Adjustment

The GPP22-3 technical corrections would amend the GPP maps to provide a more precise Stanwood UGA boundary based on improved county digital mapping accuracy. In addition to correcting the UGA boundary line, the GPP Future Land Use (FLU) map will be corrected to properly redesignate the adjustment area north of the UGA boundary from Urban Low Density Residential (ULDR) to Local Commercial Farmland (LCF).

GPP22-3 - Finalized Municipal Annexations

The GPP22-3 technical corrections to the maps of the GPP recognize three municipal annexations that were finalized since the last county adoption of technical GPP map corrections in 2021.

The finalized City of Arlington Lindsay annexation was approved by the city via Ordinance No. 2022-003. The annexed area consists of 97.8 acres located adjacent to the southeast portion of the Arlington city limits.

The finalized Town of Darrington Cummings annexation was approved by the town via Ordinance No. 770. The annexed area consists of 3.61 acres located adjacent to the southwest portion of the Darrington town limits.

The finalized City of Monroe Woodlands annexation was approved by the city via Ordinance No. 202-2022. The annexed area consists of 178 acres located adjacent to the northwest portion of the Monroe city limits.

GPP22-3 - Revising County Organizational References in the GPP

In early 2021, Snohomish County merged four county government offices, including the Parks and Recreation Department, to form the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The Parks and Recreation chapter in the GPP contains several references to the old Parks and Recreation Department. The proposed technical corrections in this chapter will replace all references to the “department” with “division”.

GPP22-3 - Discontinued Freeway Service Zone

The GPP22-3 technical corrections would delete remaining references to the Freeway Service zone in Titles 10 and 30 that were missed in the adoption of the 2020 technical corrections code amendments that included removal of the discontinued zone.

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Lead Agency:**

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**Required Approval
Review:**

Snohomish County Council – adoption of an ordinance amending the comprehensive plan and implementing development regulations and 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 Final EIS for the Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update as required by WAC 197-11-625, and to all commenters on that EIS. No comment period is required for this addendum under WAC 197-11-502(8)(c).

**The EIS Addendum is
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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, as that is a level of review needed for site-specific land use or building permit applications. 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 (DEIS) for the County's 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update on September 8, 2014, and issued a Final EIS (FEIS) on June 3, 2015. The elements of the environment addressed in both EIS documents included the natural and built environments: 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 significant environmental impacts have been disclosed and identified in a previous environmental document (WAC 197-11-706, 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 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update FEIS is being issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-625 to meet the county's SEPA responsibility. The 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update FEIS 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 FEIS for the 2015 Comprehensive Plan 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 GPP22-3 technical corrections proposal are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any related 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 GPP22-3 technical corrections proposal are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any related 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 GPP22-3 technical corrections proposal are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any relate 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 GPP22-3 technical corrections proposal are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any related 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 GPP22-3 technical corrections proposal are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any related 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 GPP22-3 technical corrections proposal implements relevant county, regional, and state plans and policies including the GMA, the Puget Sound Regional Council VISION 2050, Countywide Planning Policies (CPP), the county GMA Comprehensive Plan, and the county Shoreline Master Program.

3) Population, Housing and Employment

Any potential increases in population, housing, or employment that could result from the GPP22-3 technical corrections proposal are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

4) Cultural Resources

Any potential impacts to cultural resources that could result from the GPP22-3 technical corrections proposal are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any related 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 GPP22-3 technical corrections proposal are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any related 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 GPP22-3 technical corrections are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any related 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

The GPP22-3 technical corrections proposal would not negatively impact schools, police, fire, or telecommunications. Any potential impacts to other public services and utilities including water, sewer, drainage systems, and solid waste that could result from the GPP22-3 technical corrections proposal are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any related 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.