



City Council Workshop Agenda

August 29, 2023 at 6:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers - 210 W. 6th Ave and Virtual

City Council & Planning Commission Joint Special Workshop Meeting

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. COMPREHENSIVE LONG RANGE PLANNING
3. ADJOURN

Council Agenda Coversheet 	Agenda Item Number: 2. Agenda Item Type: Presentation Subject: Comprehensive Long Range Planning Department: City Attorney	Council Date: 8/29/2023 Category: Other
<u>Summary</u> As a part of the 2023-2024 biennial budget, the city will fund and adopt several strategic long range plans which support the five priority areas such as: (1) the park comprehensive plan (quality of life); (2) the economic strategic plan (economic development); (3) the fire department standard of cover strategic plan (community safety); and (4) the IT strategic plan (responsible government). Additionally, in the near future, staff, the planning commission and council will begin preparations for the mandatory 10 year update to our Comprehensive Plan which is due in 2026. This training session provided by Ken Harper is intended to inform the council and the planning commission and provide context for the policy decisions they will be making in the future. It is also an opportunity for members of council or the planning commission to ask questions about the long-range planning process.		
Attachments: 1. Presentation		



The GMA & Comprehensive Planning Basics

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Why a Growth Management Act (GMA)?



The GMA was adopted to:

- Address uncoordinated development and urban sprawl
- Manage threats to the quality of life in Washington
- Require local planning, guided by state law, and regionally enforced

RCW 36.70A

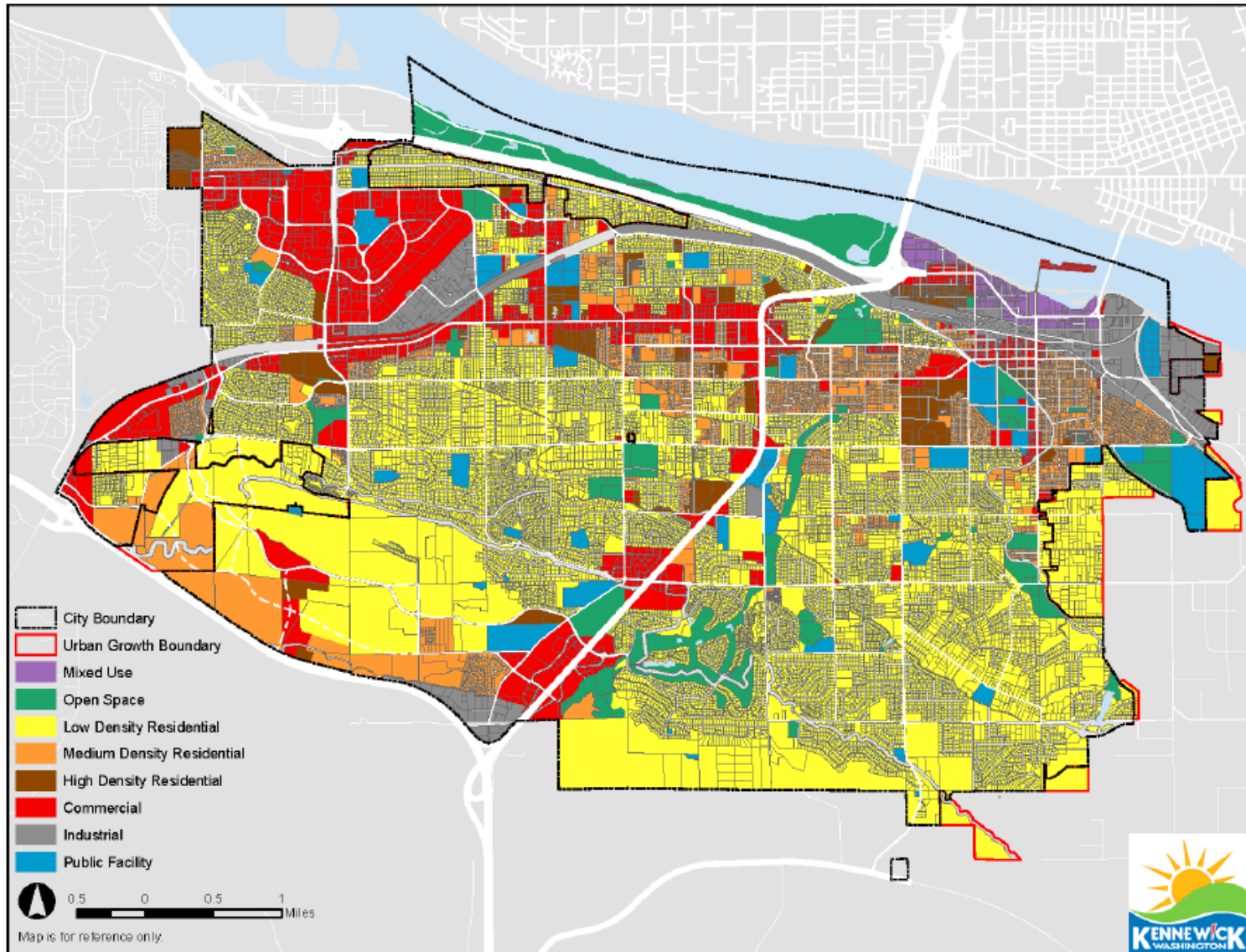
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14 GMA Goals

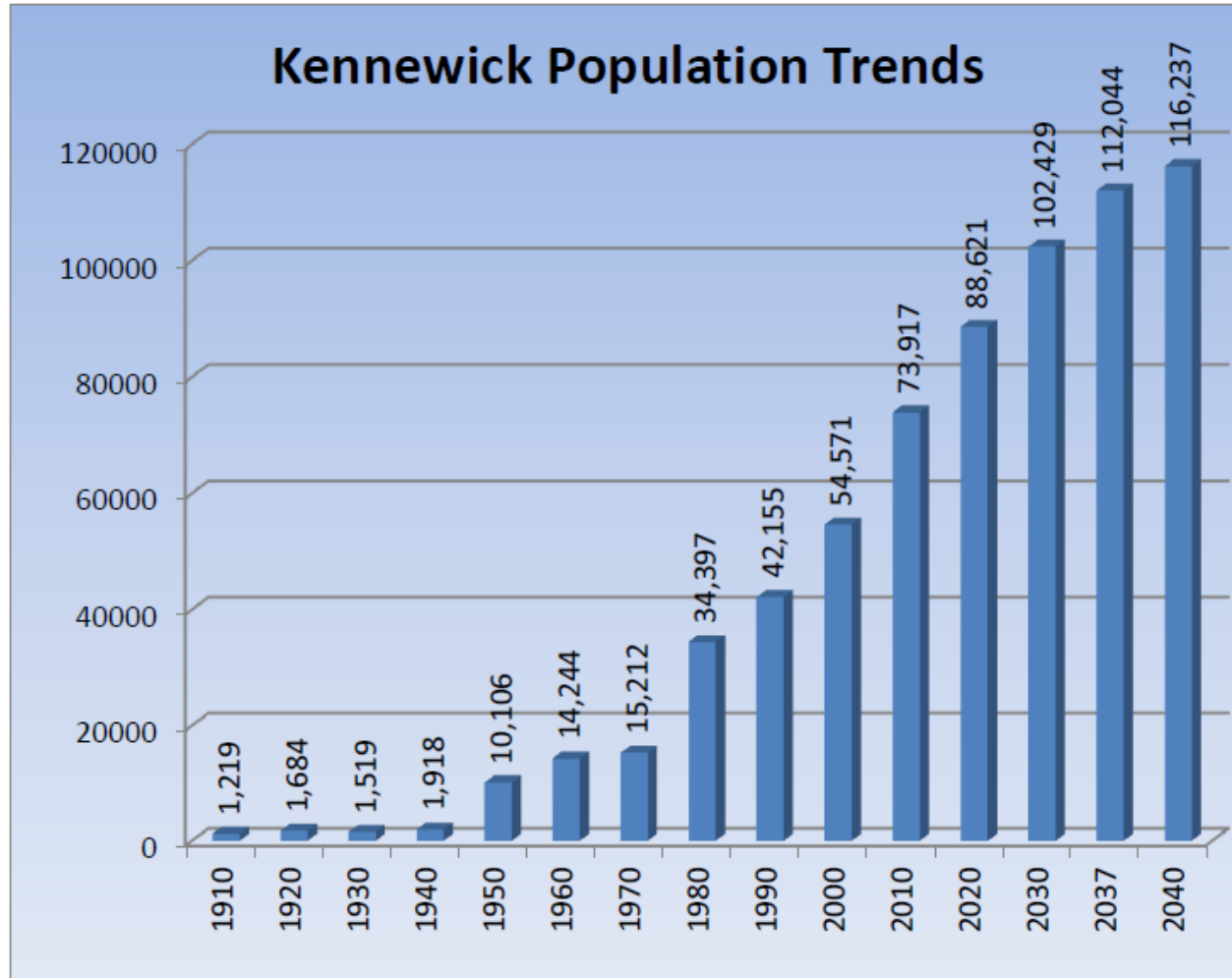
RCW 36.70A.020

- Encourage compact urban growth
- Reduce sprawl
- Encourage coordinated, multimodal transportation
- Encourage affordable housing
- Encourage economic development
- Protect property rights
- Predictable permitting
- Maintain natural resource industries
- Retain open space, enhance recreation
- Protect the environment
- Encourage citizen participation
- Ensure availability of public facilities and services
- Encourage historic preservation
- Manage shoreline development

Designate Urban Growth Areas



Population Growth



Required Comp Plan Elements



- **Land Use**
- **Transportation**
- **Housing**
- **Utilities**
- **Capital Facilities**
- **Rural** (counties only)
- Requirements for each element at RCW 36.70A.070 Comprehensive plans — Mandatory elements.

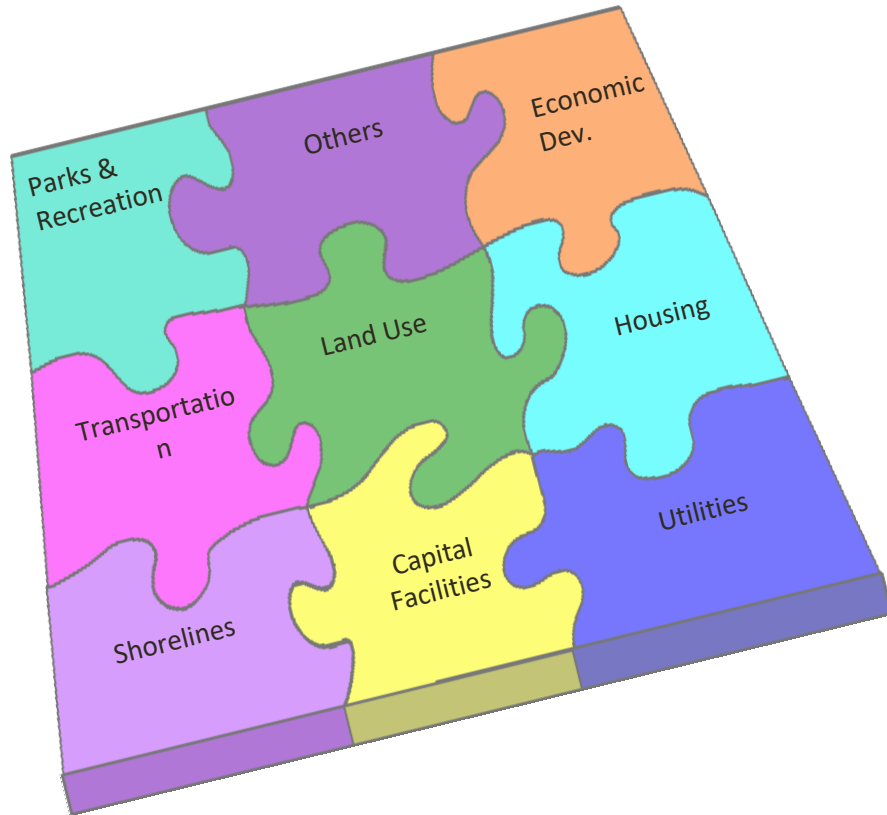
Optional Comp Plan Elements



- Parks and Recreation*
- Economic Development*
- Physical Character/Natural Systems
- Urban Design
- Human Services and Health
- Historic Preservation
- Climate Change and Energy
- Sustainability
- Sub-area plans

**** Listed in RCW 36.70.070 as required, but unfunded, so are considered optional.***

The Plan Must Be Coordinated and Consistent



Internal consistency

- Assumptions
- Concurrency

External consistency

- Countywide planning policies
- Adjacent jurisdictions

Capital Facility Planning



- Capital Improvement Plans (CIPs) set priorities for infrastructure
- Plan for existing needs and future needs
- Steps:
 - Inventory existing facilities
 - Establish levels of service
 - Prioritized project needs
 - Plan for financing the project list

Capital Facilities: What can we afford?



Level of Service (LOS): Local expectation for a facility as development occurs.

- Required for transportation facilities.

Concurrency programs ensure that facilities keep pace with growth.

- New development decreasing system level of service must be denied, or LOS reassessed.

Reassessment: If revenues can't pay for needed facilities over the life of the plan, the land use element must be reassessed.

Economic Development Goals



Improve business climate. Attract target industries. Timely, coordinated permitting and regulations.

Maintain the area's infrastructure to meet needs of employers and targeted industries. Increase "shovel ready" commercial and industrial sites with infrastructure systems and facilities.

Ensured land for industrial, office, and retail development. Update development regulations to reflect goals and policies.

Adopting the Comp Plan



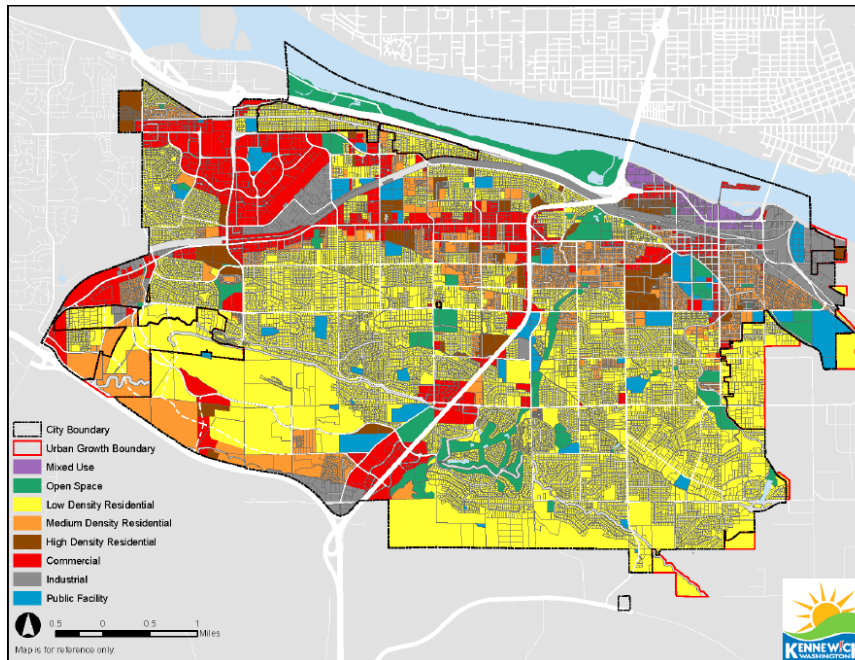
Plan Adoption Process

- Public outreach early and often
- Planning Commission review
- Complete SEPA
- 60-days notice to State
- City Council must adopt

Plan Updates and Appeals

- Can be amended only once per year
- Must be updated as per **RCW 36.70A.130**
- Appealable within 60 days to Growth Management Hearings Board

Next Step: Update Development Regulations



- Traditional zoning
- Subdivision regulations
- Public works standards
- Critical area regulations
- Other regulations

Development Reg Updates

- Family day cares, manufactured homes, ADUs, group homes, airports, concurrency, physical activity, essential public facilities, project review procedures
- *And more*



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DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS CHECKLIST

A Technical Assistance Tool From Growth Management Services – update July 2014

Critical Areas Update



All jurisdictions must designate & protect critical areas:

- Frequently flooded areas
- Geologically hazardous areas
- Aquifer recharge areas
- Wetlands
- Fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas

RCW 36.70A.060

RCW 36.70A.170

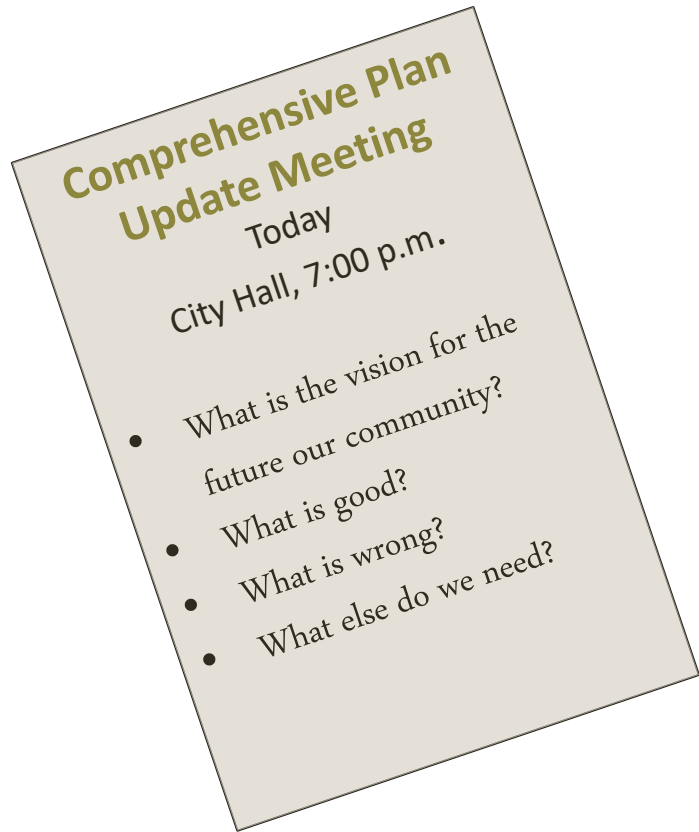
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New Issues to Consider in Update



- New challenges
- Changing technologies
- Changing demographics
- Local food production
- Physical activity and health
- Complete streets, livability
- Sustainability
- Plan for newly annexed areas

GMA Update Process Summary



1. Involve Public
2. Review existing plan and inventory updates needed/not needed
3. Review implementation strategies
4. Update for consistency
5. Adopt updated plan and regulations by the deadline

Thank you!

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