

- 9.6 Preserve and promote awareness of our historic, cultural, and natural heritage.
- 9.7 Encourage the reuse and recycling of materials and products, and reduction of waste to the maximum extent practicable.
- 9.8 Provide for parks and open space.
- 9.9 Plan for the amount of population that can be sustained by our air, land and water resources without degrading livability and environmental quality.

COUNTY-WIDE POLICIES WHICH ESTABLISH A PROCESS
TO DEVELOP FUTURE POLICIES

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- 10.1- Process to determine and assure sufficiency of Urban Growth Areas to permit projected urban population:
 - a. The state Office of Financial Management growth management planning population projections for Thurston County will be used as the range of population to be accommodated for the coming 20 years.
 - b. Within the overall framework of the OFM population projections for the County Thurston Regional Planning Council will develop countywide and smaller area population projections, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.110 and based on current adopted plans, zoning and environmental regulations and buildout trends.
 - c. A review and evaluation program pursuant to RCW 36.70A.215 ("Buildable Lands Program") will be established. The evaluation required under the Buildable Lands Program will be completed no later than September 1, 2002, subject to availability of State funding. Subsequent evaluations shall occur at least once every five years. This evaluation may be combined with the review and evaluation of county and city comprehensive land use plans and development regulations required by RCW 36.70A.130 (1), and the review of urban growth areas required by RCW 36.70A.130(3).
 - i. In the event of a dispute among jurisdictions relating to inconsistencies in collection and analysis of data, the affected jurisdictions shall meet and discuss methods of resolving the dispute.
 - ii. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to alter the land use power of any Thurston County jurisdiction under established law.
 - iii. Because inclusion of this policy is as a result of state mandated legislation, implementation of this policy shall be commensurate with state funding.

- d. The Thurston Regional Planning Council will review the smaller area population projections to assure that the 20-year population is accommodated county-wide, and that urban growth areas are of sufficient area and densities to permit the projected urban population.

Explanatory comment: If the smaller area projections under "b" above indicate, for example, that based on existing planning/zoning and buildout trends that one or all Urban Growth Areas would be full before 20 years, the county and cities will be in position through the review that would take place under provision "de" to identify needed actions, such as enlarging growth boundaries, encouraging more compact development inside growth areas, mechanisms to cut the amount of population coming to the county, etc.

10.2 These county-wide policies will be reviewed upon request of four jurisdictions.