

THURSTON COUNTY 2017/2018 OFFICAL DOCKET
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS
Approved by the Board of County Commissioners: April 18, 2017

	Proposal Title & Affected Plans	Summary
COUNTY-INITIATED AMENDMENTS		
1.	Comprehensive Plan Update Comprehensive Plan Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, Yelm, Rainier, Tenino, Bucoda Joint Plans Thurston County Code, multiple Titles	Thurston County is required to conduct a periodic update of its Comprehensive Plan under RCW 36.70A.131. The update will include a targeted review of general information included in the plan, as well as of goals, policies, and development regulations related to land use, natural resource lands, housing, transportation, utilities, economic development, natural environment, and health. This project also includes updates to the Joint Plans with the cities of Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, Yelm, Rainier, Tenino, and Bucoda. Project website: http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/comp-plan/comp-plan-home.htm
2.	Prairie Habitat Conservation Plan Comprehensive Plan Title 17.15 Title 24	A Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) describes how a jurisdiction will implement land use policies, programs and projects to ensure that threatened and endangered habitats and species are protected in perpetuity. The development of an HCP is not a requirement, but a voluntary action the County chooses to undertake to provide predictability and a streamlined permitting process for land development and infrastructure projects. The plan describes how the jurisdiction will avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts to threatened and endangered habitats and species through the activities it performs and/or regulates. Additionally, the plan seeks to maintain local control and provide certainty in land use for an extended period of time. The overall intent of the HCP is the protection of species while allowing for economic development, and compliance with the Federal Endangered Species Act. Project website: http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/permitting/gopher-reviews/gopher-reviews-hcp.html
3.	Shoreline Master Program Update Comprehensive Plan Title 19	Thurston County is required to update the County's Shoreline Master Program in compliance with the updated State Shoreline Guidelines (WAC 173.26 adopted Dec 2003). The shoreline inventory, analysis, and characterization, goals and policies, regulations, and public outreach are to be completed by county staff. Project website: http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/shoreline/shoreline_home.htm
4.	Capital Facilities Plan Comprehensive Plan	Annual update to the Capital Facilities Plan, as required by RCW 36.70A. Project website: http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/cap-facilities-plan/cap_facilities_home.htm

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5.	Voluntary Stewardship Program Comprehensive Plan Title 17.15 Title 24	<p>The Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) is an alternative approach for counties to protect critical areas on agricultural lands. Instead of enacting further critical areas regulation on agricultural lands, the VSP allows the county to work closely with stakeholders to develop voluntary, site-specific stewardship plans.</p> <p>Review and update the Comprehensive Plan as necessary to accommodate the approved VSP Work Plan.</p> <p>Project website: http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/vsp/voluntary-stewardship-home.html</p>
6.	Nisqually Subarea Plan Update Comprehensive Plan Nisqually Subarea Plan Title 20	<p>Review and update the Nisqually Subarea Plan, which was adopted in 1992.</p>
7.	Grand Mound Subarea Plan Update Comprehensive Plan Grand Mound Subarea Plan Rochester Subarea Plan Title 20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Review the existing Grand Mound Subarea Plan for consistency with current market trends in the planning area as shown in the Grand Mound Development Plan developed for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation. This may involve a revision to the Urban Growth Area for Grand Mound. 2) Review the existing Grand Mound Development Standards for consistency with the recommendations from the Grand Mound Development Plan developed for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation. 3) Revise Grand Mound Subarea Plan and Development Standards. 4) Rezone properties to be consistent with the revised land use plan map and urban growth boundary. <p>Project website: http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/grand_mound/grand_mound_home.htm</p>
8.	Transfer of Development Rights/Purchase of Development Rights Programs Comprehensive Plan Title 20	<p>Thurston County's Transfer of Development Rights program provides limited incentives to stimulate the transfer and purchase of development rights to protect agricultural and lands of high conservation value.</p> <p>This project would explore methods to protect agricultural lands and sensitive prairie and riparian habitats through the transfer of development rights from these sensitive lands to areas more suited to urban densities within the unincorporated county such as Grand Mound and local municipalities.</p>

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	Title 21 Title 22 Title 23	Project website: http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/workingland/workingland-home.htm
10.	Urban Forest Ordinance Comprehensive Plan Lacey UGA Joint Plan Tumwater UGA Joint Plan Olympia UGA Joint Plan Title 21 Title 22 Title 23	Urban forests provide many environmental, economic, and aesthetic benefits. They clean the air, reduce stormwater runoff, conserve energy, improve property values, strengthen quality of place, and create more livable communities. This project would review and combine the most effective elements of our cities' tree ordinances and management programs to create policies and actions applicable within Thurston County's Urban Growth Areas. Project website: http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/forests/forests-home.html
CITIZEN-INITIATED AMENDMENTS		
11.	Lakeside Industries Recycled Asphalt Processing (RAP) Nisqually Subarea Plan	Amend policy E.5 of the sub-area plan to permit the re-processing/recycling of used asphalt pavement as an accessory use. The current policy specifically prohibits asphalt reprocessing facilities because of water quality concerns raised at the time the Subarea Plan was developed.
12.	Toft Land Use Plan Amendment and Redesignation Comprehensive Plan	Site-specific Comprehensive Plan amendment and associated rezoning for 1± acre of a 5± acre site located at 9902 Yelm Hwy SE on the southwest corner of Yelm Hwy SE and Spurgeon Creek Rd. The request would change the land use and zoning from McAllister Geologically Sensitive Area (MGSA) to Neighborhood Convenience Commercial (NCC). Approximately 1.25 acres of the 5± acre property is already designated NCC. The rezoning would expand this to 2.25± acres. The amendment would amend Map M-15 Future Land Use in the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan and rezone the property.
15.	Barnett – Tenino Ranch Cluster Policy Amendment Comprehensive Plan Title 20	Amend policies in the Comprehensive Plan related to cluster subdivisions to allow for larger cluster developments as part of a Master Planning process. Amendments relates to 1,740 acre Tenino Ranch property.
** Note that items #9, #13, and #14 listed on the Preliminary Docket were removed from the final Official Docket.		