



# **Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council**

## **EQUITY AND THE DRAFT COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES**

**KRCC Board Retreat  
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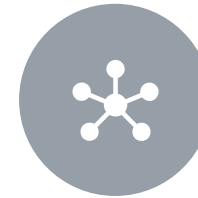
# COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICY PROJECT GOALS - REVIEW



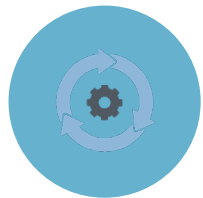
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Regional Centers  
Framework consistency  
(Element C)



Review existing policies  
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are being implemented



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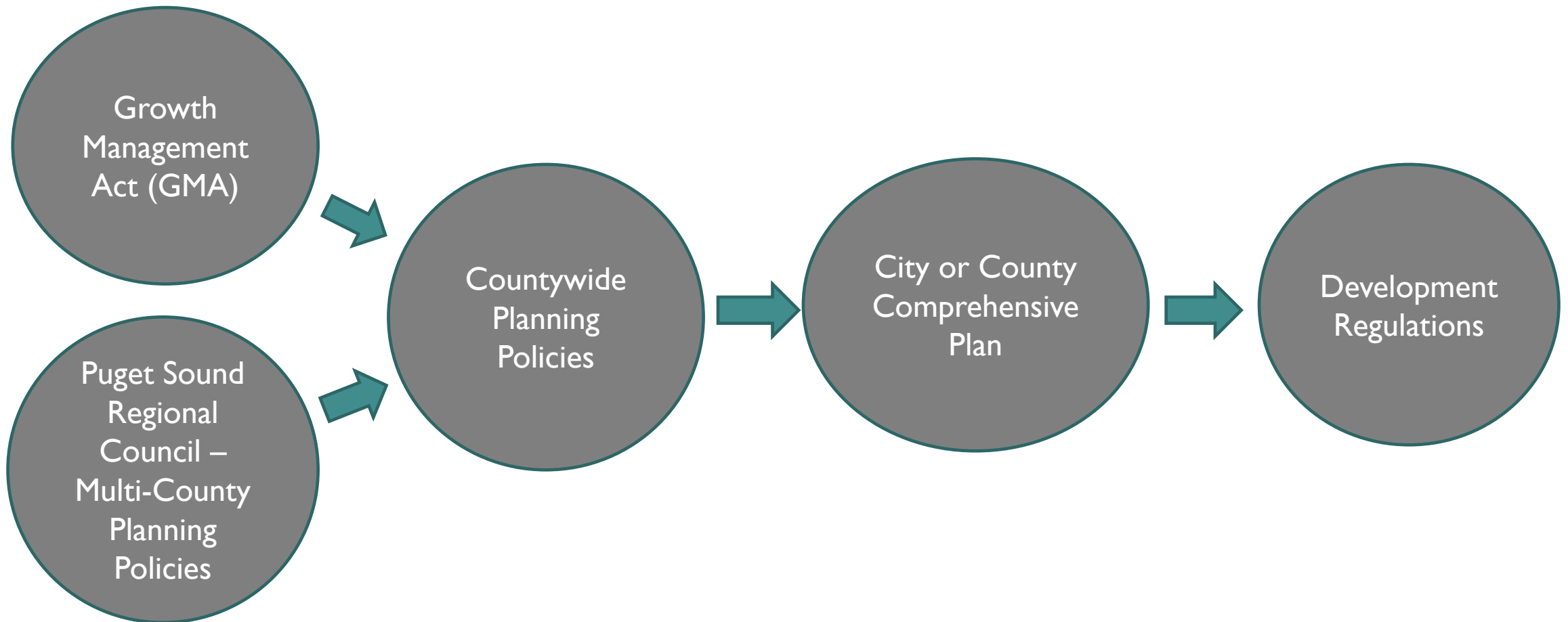
Add definitions of key  
terms

This is a Countywide Planning Policy (CPP) update, not a re-write

# WHAT ARE COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES?

- Establish a framework from which county and city comprehensive plans are developed.
- Ensure coordination and consistency between comprehensive plans.
- Includes chapters on topics such as:
  - Affordable Housing
  - Transportation
  - Capital Facilities
  - Coordination for growth that occurs in Urban Growth Areas
  - Economic Development
  - Environment
- Issues such as equity, climate change, and displacement are integrated into these chapters
- Policies are implemented at the KRCC and City/County level

# HOW POLICY INTERSECTS WITH ACTION

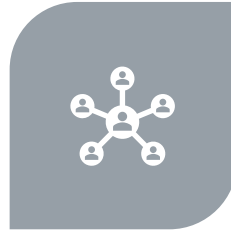




ELEMENT A -  
COUNTYWIDE GROWTH  
PATTERN



ELEMENT E - NATURAL  
ENVIRONMENT



ELEMENT F -  
CONTIGUOUS,  
COMPATIBLE, AND  
ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT



ELEMENT J -  
COUNTYWIDE  
ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT



ELEMENT H -  
TRANSPORTATION

ELEMENTS  
WHERE NEW OR  
PROPOSED  
EQUITY POLICIES  
ARE PROPOSED

# APPROACH TO DEVELOPING DRAFT EQUITY POLICIES

- Provide consistency with PSRC Multi-County Planning Policies
- Recognition that each KRCC member jurisdiction is different
- Set foundation for future action at the KRCC

## WHAT THE DRAFT POLICIES COVER

- Consideration of underserved communities when planning for and investing in parks and open space
- Working to reduce impacts to vulnerable populations (noise, air pollutions) when land use changes are made
- Highlighting the need to coordinate together on important projects such as the PSRC Regional Equity Strategy
- Economic development strategies that promote equity and access to opportunity while working to minimize displacement impacts to businesses as redevelopment takes place
- Focus on transportation plans and programs that serve all users, address access to opportunities, and recognize and minimize negative impacts to people of color, people with low-incomes, and people with special transportation needs.
- Housing policy focused on equitable distribution of affordable housing.

# OPPORTUNITY TO HIGHLIGHT EQUITY FURTHER – VISION STATEMENT

## **Kitsap Countywide Planning Policies Vision Statement**

The Kitsap Countywide vision continues the qualities of life that make our County a special place to live and work. We strive to protect our natural systems; preserve the village character of our smaller towns; respect community histories; diversify an economic base that supports good jobs and contributes to vibrant cities, efficient transportation, and affordable housing choices.

### **Objectives:**

We work on strategies to achieve the following objectives:

- a. Livable urban communities, that are centers for employment, civic activities, and homes:
  - Attractive, livable urban neighborhoods that are bike/pedestrian-friendly and offer a range of services, housing, and transportation options.
  - Cities that are centers for employment, affordable housing, and cultural activities.
- b. A vital and diversified economy, that provides career pathways and living wage jobs for residents, supported by adequate buildable lands for a range of employment uses.
- c. An efficient multi-modal transportation system: Accessible roads and highways, transit, ferries, airports, and nonmotorized travel – supporting our land use pattern while providing mobility for residents.
- d. Natural systems protection: Respect the natural environment, including natural resource lands such as forests, wetlands, wildlife habitat, streams, and the Puget Sound – as well as the quality of our waters, land, and air. In addition, maintain a system of open space, trails, parks, and greenbelts providing opportunities to spend time outdoors and to learn about the environment.
- e. Rural Character: Maintain the traditional appearance, economic and ecological functions of Kitsap’s rural communities, to include the production and distribution of locally grown food.
- f. An Efficient and Responsive Government: An efficient and responsive government that partners with citizens and other governmental entities to meet collective needs fairly; while supporting education, environmental protection, and human services.

### **Action:**

A key strategy to accomplish this vision is the intent to encourage future urban growth within incorporated cities and unincorporated areas already characterized by urban growth, with existing and planned services and facilities. These actions strengthen our environmental and rural assets, focus public expenditures, and encourage concentrated development where appropriate.



# COUNTYWIDE GROWTH PATTERNS (CW)

**CW-3. To achieve these goals, the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council member jurisdictions should:**

h. Incorporate provisions addressing community health, equity, and displacement into appropriate regional, countywide, and local plans. ~~ning and decision-making processes.~~

# ENVIRONMENT (NE)

## **NE-1. Creating a regional network of open space:**

e. Planning and investment into parks and open space should consider the proximity of those amenities to urban areas and underserved communities.

## **NE-2. The County and the cities will conserve and enhance the County's natural resources, critical areas, water quality/quantity, and environmental amenities while planning for and accommodating sustainable growth by:**

f. Reduce impacts to vulnerable populations and areas that have been disproportionately affected by noise, air pollution, or other environmental impacts.

# CONTIGUOUS, COMPATIBLE, AND ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT (D)

New introductory paragraph

Coordination between KRCC members is vital to ensure contiguous, compatible, and orderly development in the county. The policies in this chapter not only outline the purpose for, and reasons why inter-jurisdictional planning is important at the federal, tribal, state, local, and special purpose government but how that coordination with take place at the KRCC. In addition, these policies focus on specific topics where coordination is essential. This includes but is not limited to land use, transportation, infrastructure planning and community design and development. Finally, these policies outline measures to address displacement as growth occurs in Kitsap and how KRCC members can look at growth issues through an equity lens important decisions are made.

# CONTIGUOUS, COMPATIBLE, AND ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT (D)

D-5 . Equity: Services and access to opportunity for people of color, people with low incomes, and historically underserved communities is important. It ensures all people can attain the resources and opportunities to improve their quality of life. Policies focused on equity are contained throughout the Countywide Planning Policies.

a. Support PSRC in the development of a Regional Equity Strategy that will provide tools, resources, and guidance to integrate this issue into planning processes.

b. Planning for parks/open space, future growth, housing, transportation, public facilities, and services, and where uses are located all have an impact on our community. As comprehensive plans are updated, the County and cities should consider how these decisions impact historically underserved communities and coordinate on ways to address for those impacts together.

## CONTIGUOUS, COMPATIBLE, AND ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT (D)

D-6 Displacement: As our region continues to grow, population and employment growth is focused within our urban areas. As redevelopment takes place, however, there is a potential for physical, economic, and cultural displacement of low- income households that may result from planning, public investments, private redevelopment, and market pressures. As important planning, transportation, and redevelopment takes place:

- a. Consider developing strategies and interjurisdictional processes between the County and cities to mitigate the impacts of displacement.
- b. Consider and implement strategies that will encourage development of affordable housing.

# COUNTYWIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ED)

## **ED-1. A general strategy for enhancing economic development and employment:**

- a. The County and the Cities recognize that a healthy economy is important to the health of residents and quality of life in the county. Economic development strategies should be balanced with address environmental concerns, promote equity and access to opportunity, minimize displacement impacts to existing businesses, recognize the importance of existing and emerging technologies, and protect the quality of life.

# COUNTYWIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ED)

**ED-2. The role of government agencies in assuring coordinated, consistent efforts to promote economic vitality and equity throughout Kitsap County:**

# TRANSPORTATION

T-4. Recognizing that the County and the Cities each encompass a range of development and density patterns, each jurisdiction shall designate its Centers consistent with the criteria set forth in Element C of the Countywide Planning Policies. The following policies relate to planning guidelines to support transit and pedestrian travel appropriate to each type of urban and rural development or re-development:

- a. The County and the Cities shall each prepare development strategies for their Designated Centers that encourage focused mixed use development and mixed type housing to achieve densities and development patterns that support multi-modal transportation. Transportation plans and programs should serve all users, address access to opportunities, and recognize and minimize negative impacts to people of color, people with low-incomes, and people with special transportation needs.



# HOUSING (AH)

**AH-1. Coordinated process among County, Cities, and housing agencies for determining and fulfilling housing needs, and the equitable distribution of affordable housing at all income levels in Kitsap County:**

b. Local housing inventories, projections, and equitable distribution strategies should be compiled, updated, and monitored.

**AH-3. Recognizing the percentage share of the existing and forecasted countywide population and housing stock, as well as the distribution of existing housing for those households below ±2080% countywide median income, the County and the Cities should develop coordinated strategies to disperse projected housing for those below ±2080% countywide median income throughout Kitsap County, where they are specifically found to be appropriate, in consideration of existing development patterns and densities. These strategies should promote the development of such housing in a dispersed pattern so as not to concentrate or geographically isolate low-income housing in a specific area or community.**



QUESTIONS?