

Description of proposal

Island County Countywide Planning Policies Update

The proposed revisions to the Countywide Planning Policies primarily include: (1) a clear process for UGA expansions and reductions, (2) policies to manage joint planning areas and UGAs that are adjacent to municipalities, but not yet incorporated, (3) a uniform methodology for buildable lands analysis, and (4) a program for tracking and reporting information needed for a buildable lands analysis. During the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update process a number of items were identified for review and potential refinement, including policies that referenced items that were deleted as part of the 2016 update. Staff has worked closely with the other local jurisdictions throughout this process to address implementation and provide clarification on issues that have become apparent after the adoption of the current Countywide Planning Policies in 2015.

Goals for this update include the following tasks.

- *Update CWPPs to reflect policy decisions made during the 2016 Comprehensive Plan periodic update*
- *Apply refinements identified as desirable during the 2016 update*
- *Clarify processes and remove duplication, including revising language and terminology to match state statutes*

The following environmental information has been prepared; is directly and indirectly related to this proposal; and is adopted by reference in support of this proposal.

1. *County-Wide Planning Policies, DNS (April 27, 2015).*
2. *Island County 2036 Population Projection - An analysis of factors affecting population growth in Island County and a description of the methodology employed by the Planning and Development department for determining a population for 2036.*
3. *Island County Regional Population Allocations – A detailed analysis of regional growth trends in the four Island County Plant Areas. Future updates to population allocations will be affected by these regulations. **Comprehensive Plan adopted January 2017***
4. *Buildable Lands Analysis – A report on the amount and location of available land for development, including the methodology, assumptions, and results used in the analysis. Future work related to updates to the Buildable Lands Analysis will be affected by these amendments. **Comprehensive Plan adopted January 2017***
5. *Supplemental Drafts (EIS) : Phase B Public Review – Supplemental Draft EIS for the Draft Land Use Element IC Comprehensive Plan **1998***
6. *Draft EIS Island County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element **1996***
7. *Preliminary Draft EIS Island County Comprehensive Plan **1994***

Proponent Island County

Location of proposal: Island County Washington Jurisdictional Boundaries

Lead agency

Island County Planning and Community Development

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The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

There is no comment period for this DNS.

This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. Monday June 20, 2017

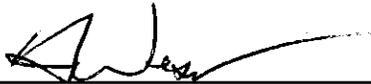
Responsible official Hiller West, AICP

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Date. May 31, 2017 Signature _____



(OPTIONAL)

You may appeal this determination to (name) the hearing examiner by filing an appeal and appeal fee with the Island County Planning and Community Development Department per County Code requirements. Direct to the attention of Beverly Mesa-Zendt AICP at (location) 1 NE 6th Street Coupeville, WA 98239 no later than (date) 14 days after the close of the comment period by (method) Letter at the above address or by email at b.zendt@co.island.wa.us

You should be prepared to make specific factual objections.

Contact Hiller West, AICP to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals.

There is no agency appeal.