



SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

For the Island County Housing Element Update

Island County Planning and Community Development

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A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Comprehensive Plan Housing Element Update

2. Name of applicant:

Island County Planning and Community Development

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5. Agency requesting checklist:

Island County, Washington

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Island County has been working to update the Housing Element starting in August 2017. This work has included individual stakeholder outreach, an online public survey, analysis of data trends and housing needs, and revisions to the Housing Element's goals and policies. The County is now conducting public engagement to gather public input on the revised goals and policies. Over the next couple of months there are multiple scheduled events to gather input, including a public open house scheduled for April 18, 2018. The following schedule is anticipated for final adoption:

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- **April 4, 2018** – Board of Island County Commissioners Work Session
- **June 11, 2018** – Planning Commission Final Recommendation and Public Hearing
- **July 10, 2018** – Board of Island County Commissioners Final Consideration and Public Hearing

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

The Housing Element establishes priorities and guidance for housing development and the administration of housing related programs and social services consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and Countywide Planning Policies. The Housing Element is implemented through the existing Island County Code and amendments to the code may occur based on plan guidance, as the County's plans and regulations are subject to ongoing review and revision.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

The County prepared an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Island County GMA Comprehensive Plan (September 1998). The EIS assessed impacts associated with a projected County population of 118,800. However, growth has not occurred to the degree expected, and the County has since adopted a 2036 population projection of 87,917 which is considerably less.

The County Planning Department has reviewed the EIS and has found that it adequately informs decision makers on the impacts associated with planning for growth within the County through 2036. Impacts in certain areas are likely over-stated, as the County is now planning for a lower population projection. However, the EIS contains useful information and should be used to inform the County's action by formally incorporating it.

In 2016, the County prepared a SEPA check list for the update of the Comprehensive Plan, Freeland Subarea Plan, and Development Code and Zoning Atlas based on the information in the EIS. This SEPA check list draws on the information and findings from that document.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

The Housing Element provides policy guidance for Island County. On an ongoing basis, the County receives public and private proposals for land use and other actions that are within the County's jurisdiction. These proposals are reviewed for consistency with the broader Comprehensive Plan, including the Housing Element, and the implementing regulations.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Board of Island County Commissioner's adoption anticipated July 10, 2018.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

Island County’s Housing Element Update preparation and adoption process is nearing completion. The first phase of the process included several information gathering tasks: outreach efforts to various stakeholders, an online survey of local residents, and an analysis of housing needs, data, and trends. The next phase of work evaluated this information and then updated the Housing Element’s goals and policies for review by the Board of County Commissioners and public. The next phase of work to occur later in the spring will include gathering public input on the draft goals and policies and final approval of the Housing Element by the Board of County Commissioners.

Note that per RCW 43.21C.450, portions of this non project action are categorically exempt from SEPA. The exemption extends to regulations required to implement a comprehensive plan and related elements where SEPA review of the plan addressed the relevant impacts. As not all of the update action is exempt, this threshold determination is being issued.

12. *Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.*

This Housing Element update considered all of Island County. Regulations that will implement the Housing Element include Island County jurisdictional limits. Policies and programs that implement the Housing Element may affect incorporated and unincorporated areas of Island County.

B. Environmental Elements

1. Earth

- a. General description of the site:

Although Island County is characterized by a gentler landscape than much of the mountainous and river-torn Puget Sound mainland, the islands have been and continue to be buffeted by geological and climatological forces. Steep slopes and landslide hazard areas exist in isolated locations.

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project proposal and does not recommend or approve project action on a specific site. Island County does have areas where steep slopes are a factor. Future development projects will be conditioned subject to consistency with unstable and steep slope regulations.

- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Not applicable. Island County has a range of soil types. This includes areas identified as agricultural land of long-term commercial significance. The proposal is a non-project proposal so does not recommend project action on a specific site, and does not remove soils on these agricultural lands.

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

Not applicable. As a non-project proposal, no specific development conditions are presented. Future development will need to conform to County standards and regulations during project review. Nevertheless, the County does include areas with unstable soils. Development proximate to such areas are required to comply with regulations addressing geologic hazards.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Not applicable. As a non-project proposal, no specific development conditions are presented. Future development will need to conform to County standards and regulations during project review.

- f. *Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.*

Not applicable. No erosion would result from the adoption of this non-project proposal. Future development proposals will be evaluated and subject to the federal, state, and local regulations.

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

Not applicable. The introduction of additional impervious surfaces are not part of this non-project proposal. Future development proposals will be evaluated and subject to the federal, state, and local regulations.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

Not applicable. Measures to reduce erosion are not part of this non-project proposal. Future development proposals will be evaluated and subject to the federal, state, and local regulations.

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

The non-project action would not directly produce air emissions. Indirectly, future housing development could generate traffic and related air emissions. Short-term air emissions including construction equipment exhaust and fugitive dust may occur during the construction phase for new development.

The intent of updating the Housing Element is to provide guidance for county housing related regulations and programs. These actions will be consistent with the broader comprehensive plan, which is intended to promote orderly growth while protecting rural character, the unique ecology and natural resources of the County (Introduction 1.1) and to increase multi-modal transportation. Project-specific proposals would be reviewed for consistency with the applicable provisions of the Island County Code and the County SEPA procedures.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

The proposal is a non-project proposal and does not recommend or approve project action on a specific site. Project-specific proposals would be reviewed for consistency with the applicable provisions of the Island County Code and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) as provided for in the County SEPA procedures.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

Measures to reduce emissions are not part of this non-project proposal. See paragraph just above.

3. Water

- a. Surface Water:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

Island County contains several small lakes and ponds including:

- Miller Lake
- Deer Lake
- Orrs Pond
- Glacier Pond
- Oliver Lake
- Lone Lake
- Goss Lake
- Chase Lake
- Honeymoon Lake
- Crockett Lake
- Lake Pondilla
- Loers Pond
- Silver Lake
- Cranberry Lake
- Lost Lake
- Carp Lake
- Smith Lake
- Kristofferson Lake
- Lindsay Lake.



The County is also comprised of many small streams and wetlands. There are no major rivers, all streams eventually enter the Puget Sound. Island County contains a wide variety of wetlands, from salmonberry and alder swamps to lush bogs, thriving estuarine marshes, and broad wet meadows.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

Not applicable. The proposal is not related to a specific project. Project-specific proposals would be reviewed for consistency with the applicable provisions of the Island County Code and SEPA procedures.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

Not applicable. As a non-project proposal, no specific development conditions are presented. Future development will need to conform to County standards and regulations during project review.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Not applicable. As a non-project proposal, no specific development conditions are presented. Future development will need to conform to County standards and regulations during project review.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

Portions of Island County lie within the 100-year floodplain according to NFIP FIRM maps. While lacking major river systems that occur in mainland western Washingtons, Island County is not immune to flood threats. Flooding generally occurs in the winter during intense storms, combined with high tides. Wind-generated waves frequently run up the beach and overtop many shore protection structures, damaging structures along the shoreline and flooding inland areas. Wave-tossed driftwood can threaten safety and property. Flooding that is less violent and severe, but perhaps more frequent, occurs around lakes and other low-lying areas during and following heavy precipitation.

There is not a site plan, the proposal is a non-project proposal.

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

Not applicable. As a non-project proposal, no specific development conditions are presented. Future development will need to conform to County standards and regulations during project review.

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Not Applicable. The proposal is a non-project proposal and does not recommend project action on a specific site. Future development projects will be conditioned subject to consistency with groundwater protection regulations.

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

Not Applicable. The proposal is a non-project proposal and does not recommend project action on a specific site. Future development projects will be conditioned subject to consistency with water quality protection regulations.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Not Applicable. This is a non-project proposal. Project-level review will condition approvals to avoid or mitigate impacts.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

The proposal does not relate to a specific project. Future development proposals will be evaluated and subject to County regulations and standards.

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

The proposal does not relate to a specific project. Future development proposals will be evaluated and subject to County regulations and standards.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

Not applicable. The proposal does not relate to a specific project. Future development proposals will be evaluated and subject to County regulations and standards.

4. Plants

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation: ornamental plants used in landscaping

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

No vegetation will be removed as a result of this proposal for a Housing Element Update. Actual vegetation removal will be determined at project level review.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

Not applicable as this is a non-project proposal. However, protected species are found within the County, such as Golden Paintbrush. The County's critical areas regulations provide protection.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

Not applicable as this is a non-project proposal.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

Regulated Class A Weeds	Regulated Class B Weeds	Regulated Class C Weeds	Non-Regulated Noxious Weeds	Weeds of Concern
<i>cordgrass, common</i>	<i>Brazilian elodea</i>	<i>bull thistle</i>	<i>absinth wormwood</i>	<i>English holly</i>
<i>cordgrass, denseflowered</i>	<i>common fennel, (except bulbing fennel)</i>	<i>Canada thistle</i>	<i>babysbreath</i>	<i>Yellow bush lupine</i>
<i>garlic mustard</i>	<i>common reed (non-native genotypes)</i>		<i>butterflybush</i>	
<i>giant hogweed</i>	<i>Dalmatian toadflax</i>		<i>common catsear</i>	
<i>knapweed, bighead</i>	<i>Eurasian watermilfoil</i>		<i>common groundsel</i>	
<i>meadow clary</i>	<i>hairy willowherb</i>		<i>common St. Johnswort</i>	
<i>purple starthistle</i>	<i>hawkweed,</i>		<i>common tansy</i>	
<i>sage, clary</i>	<i>orange</i>		<i>common teasel</i>	
<i>Spanish broom</i>	<i>knapweed, brown</i>		<i>curlyleaf pondweed</i>	
<i>thistle, milk</i>	<i>knapweed, diffuse</i>		<i>English hawthorn</i>	
	<i>knapweed, meadow</i>		<i>English ivy - four cultivars only</i>	
			<i>evergreen blackberry field bindweed</i>	
			<i>herb-Robert</i>	

<i>knapweed, spotted</i>	<i>Himalayan blackberry</i>
<i>knotweed, Bohemian</i>	<i>Italian arum</i>
<i>knotweed, giant</i>	<i>Japanese eelgrass</i>
<i>knotweed, Himalayan</i>	<i>jubata grass</i>
<i>knotweed,</i>	<i>old-man's-beard</i>
<i>Japanese</i>	<i>oxeye daisy</i>
<i>loosestrife,</i>	<i>pampas grass</i>
<i>purple</i>	<i>reed canarygrass</i>
<i>parrotfeather</i>	<i>scentless mayweed</i>
<i>poison hemlock</i>	<i>Scotch broom</i>
<i>spurge laurel</i>	<i>smoothseed alfalfa dodder</i>
<i>sulfur cinquefoil</i>	<i>wild carrot (except where</i>
<i>fancy ragwort</i>	<i>commercially grown) yellowflag iris</i>
<i>thistle, musk</i>	<i>yellow toadflax</i>
<i>wild chervil</i>	
<i>yellow</i>	
<i>archangel</i>	

2016 Island County Noxious Weed List – Island County Noxious Weed Control Board

5. Animals

- a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

Birds of Prey: Bald Eagle, Osprey, Peregrine Falcon, Sharp-shinned hawk, red-tailed hawk, swainson's hawk, rough-legged hawk, marsh hawk, cooper's hawk, goshawk, sparrow hawk, pigeon hawk, great horned owl, snowy owl, great grey owl, pigmy owl, screech owl, long-eared owl, barn owl, saw whet owl

Game birds: Chinese pheasant, reeve's pheasant, California quail, Hungarian partridge, band-tailed pigeon, mourning dove, ruffed grouse, chukar, tinaou

Ducks and Geese: Canadian goose, lesser Canadian goose, black brant, white-fronted goose, snow goose, mallard, pintail, green-winged teal, common teal, wood duck, gadwall, europena wdgeon, American widgeon, shoveler, blue-winged teal, cinnamon teal, canvasback, redhead, lesser scaup, greater scaup, ring-necked duck, bufflehead, common goldeneye, barrow's goldeneye, ruddy duck, hooded merganser, commeon merganser, red-breasted merganser, common scoter, surf scoter, white-winged scoter, oldsquaw, harlequin, American coot

Swans: Whistling Swan, trumpeter swan

Other birds or marsh and coast: Virginia rail, killdeer, semipalmated plover, black oystercatcher, great blue heron, artic tern, surf bird, black turnstone, ruddy turnstone, spotted snadpiper, western sandpiper, least sandpiper, pectoral sandpiper, greater yellowlegs, lesser yellowlegs, parasitic jaeger, sanderling, American golden plover, black-bellied plover, ring-necked plover, glaucous-winged gull, western gull, herring gull, Bonaparte' gull, California gull, common snipe, dunlin, ringed-billed gull, heermann's gull, mew gull, common tern, common murre, tufted

puffin, pigeon guillemot, marbeled murrelet, rhinoceros auklet, ancient murrelet, American bittern, arctic loon, red-throated loon, yellow-billed loon, common loon, horned grebe, eared grebe, red-necked grebe, western grebe, pied-billed grebe, double crested cormorant, pelagic cormorant, brandt's cormorant, willet, long-billed curlew, knot, northern phalarope

Birds of Graden, Field, and Forest: Robin, Varied Thrush, Swainson's thrush, hermit thrush, steller's jay' cedar waxwing, common raven, common crow, northwestern crow, brewers blackbird, red-winged blackbird, starling, rufous hummingbird, common nighthawk, downy woodpecker, hairy woodpecker, pileated woodpecker, red-shafted flicker, red-bellied woodpecker, olive-sided flycatcher, violet-green swallow, tree swallow, barn swallow, cliff swallow, northern shrike, loggerhead shrike, golden-crowned kinglet, water pipet, yellow warbler, audobon's warbler, wilson's warbler, house wren, bewick's wren, long-billed marsh wren, winter wren, brown creeper, red-breaster nuthatch, house sparrow, fox sparrow, song sparrow, white-crowned sparrow, golden-crowned sparrow, savannah sparrow, chipping sparrow, meadowlark, horned lark, brown-headed cowbird, western tanager, purple finch, American goldfinch, house finch, pine siskin, common bushtit, rufous-sided towhee, red crossbill, Oregon junco, slate-colored junco, chestnut-backed chickadee, black-capped chickadee, black-headed grosbeak, evening grosbeak, western wood peewee, belted kingfisher, ruby-crowned kinglet, orange-crowned warbler, myrtle warbler.

Mammals: opossum, masked shrew, trowbridge shrew, vagrant shrew, dusky shrew, northern water shrew, pacific water shrew, shrew-mole, townsend mole, pacific molem little brown myotis, Yuma myotis, keen myotis, long-eared myotis, long-legged myotis, California myotis, silver-haired bat, big brown bat, red bat, hoary bat, western big-eared bat, raccoon, marten, shorttail weasel, longtail weasel, mink, river otter, striped skunk, spotted skunk, coyote, red fox, townsend chipmunk, yellow pine chipmunk, red squirrel, chickaree, northern flying squirrel, mazama pocket gopher, Norway rat, beaver, deer mouse, California redback vole, townsend vole, longtail vole, Oregon vole, muskrat, pacific jumping mouse, porcupine, brush rabbit, blacktail deer

Amphibians and Reptiles: roughskin newt, northwestern salamander, long-toed salamander, western toad, pacific tree frog, red-legged frog, non-native bullfrog, garter snake, northern alligator lizard, pacific chorus frogs, giant salamander

Fish: Pink salmon, chum salmon, chinook salmon, coho salmon, bull trout, flatfish, green sturgeon, shiner perch, sockeye salmon, spiny dogfish, steelhead, surf perch, surf smelt, coastal cutthroat, largemouth bass, brown trout, yellow perch

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

These are the Federal and State Listed Endangered, Threatened, and Sensitive species as of 2014

Common Name	Scientific Name	State Status	Federal Status	Current Island County Designation	Habitat in Island County
Anadromous Fish					
Coastal-Puget Sound Bull Trout	<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>	Candidate	Threatened		Nearshore
Hood Canal Summer Chum Salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus keta</i>	Candidate	Threatened		Nearshore, potentially pocket estuaries and lower reaches of streams

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Puget Sound Chinook Salmon	<i>O. tshawytscha</i>	Candidate	Threatened		Nearshore, pocket estuaries, and lower portions of streams
Puget Sound Steelhead	<i>O. mykiss</i>	Candidate	Threatened		Streams
Marine Species					
Steller (Northern) Sea Lion	<i>Eumetopias jubatus</i>	Threatened		Protected	Nearshore/offshore
Gray Whale	<i>Eschrichtius robustus</i>	Sensitive		Protected	Nearshore/offshore
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Endangered	Endangered		Offshore
Puget Sound/Georgia Basin Boccaccio	<i>Sebastes paucispinis</i>	Candidate	Endangered		Kelp forests, eelgrass beds, nearshore/offshore
Puget Sound/Georgia Basin Yelloweye Rockfish	<i>Sebastes ruberrimus</i>	Candidate	Threatened		Kelp forests, eelgrass beds, nearshore/offshore
Puget Sound/Georgia Basin Canary Rockfish	<i>Sebastes pinniger</i>	Candidate	Threatened		Kelp forests, eelgrass beds, nearshore/offshore
Southern Resident Killer Whale	<i>Orcinus orca</i>	Endangered	Endangered		Offshore
Birds					
American white pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	Endangered	None		Offshore, estuaries (CL, PC)
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Sensitive	Species of Concern	Protected Species	Ponds and lakes, wetlands, estuaries (CL, PC, CH, DH), and forest
Brown pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	Endangered	Species of Concern		Offshore, estuaries (CL)
Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>	Sensitive	None	Species of Local Importance (nests are protected habitats)	Offshore and estuaries (PC, CH, CL, DH)
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	None	None	Species of Local Importance (nests are protected habitats)	Wetlands, riparian areas, and estuaries (PC, CH, CL, DH)
Marbled Murrelet	<i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i>	Threatened	Threatened		Offshore and estuaries (PC, CL), potential nest sites in old-growth forests
Northern Spotted Owl	<i>Strix occidentalis caurina</i>	Endangered	Threatened		Forest

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Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	None	None	Species of Local Importance (nests are protected habitats)	Ponds and lakes, snags and platforms, and estuaries (CL, DH)
Peregrine falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Sensitive	Species of Concern	Protected Species	Open areas (water and terrestrial), estuaries (PC, CL, DH), cliffs
Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	Candidate	None	Species of Local Importance (nests are protected habitats)	Forests with large snags, developing areas, estuaries (PC, CL)
Short-tailed Albatross ⁴	<i>Phoebastria albatrus</i>	Candidate	Endangered		Offshore
Trumpeter Swan	<i>Cygnus buccinator</i>	None	None	Species of Local Importance	Ponds and lakes, estuaries (CL, DH), fields
Reptiles					
Western Pond Turtle ⁴	<i>Actinemys marmorata</i>	Endangered	Species of Concern		Streams and riparian areas
Invertebrates					
Taylor's Checkerspot	<i>Euphydryas editha taylori</i>	Endangered	Endangered		Prairies and oak woodlands
Plants²					
Golden Paintbrush	<i>Castilleja levisecta</i>	Endangered	Threatened	Protected Species	Prairies
White Meconella	<i>Meconella oregana</i>	Threatened	Species of Concern	Protected Species	Herbaceous balds
White-top Aster	<i>Sericocarpus rigidus</i>	Sensitive	Species of Concern	Protected Species	Prairies
Bulb-bearing Water-Hemlock ³	<i>Circuta bulbifera</i>	Sensitive	None	Protected Species	Wetland-obligate
Black Lily ³	<i>Fritillaria camschatcensis</i>	Sensitive	None	Protected Species	Near lakes, streams, wetlands (1 documented occurrence on Camano Island)
Tall agoseris ³	<i>Agoseris elata</i>	Sensitive		Protected Species	Prairies, ridges, and open woods
Alaska alkaligrass	<i>Puccinellia nutkaensis</i>			Protected Species	Salt marshes, gravel ridges, mud flats, moist pockets of prairies

1 Information on documented occurrences in Island County are included where available. Note that habitat protection is not limited to those habitats identified. CL: Crockett Lake, PC: Penn Cove, CH: Crescent Harbor Marshes, DL: Deer Lagoon (ebird), although other habitats are also likely to be occupied.

2 Plants identified in the County's Protected Species List in existing FWHCA regulations (ICC 17.02).

3 Most recent sighting in the county is before 1977.

4 Although these species are identified in the WDFW PHS data for Island County, they are either locally extinct or not expected to occur in the County (R. Milner, WDFW, personal communication, December 16, 2013).

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Gray Whales migrate between Whidbey and Camano Islands.

The County also has a few salmon bearing streams and smelt spawning areas.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

Not applicable, as this is a non-project action.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

- Zebra, Quagga Mussels
- Turnicates
- Wood – boring beetles (detected but not established)
- Nutria

6. Energy and Natural Resources

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

Not applicable. As a non-project proposal, no specific development conditions are presented. Future development will need to conform to County standards and regulations during project review.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

As a non-project action, the proposal would not impact the use of solar energy at any specific location. Any impacts resulting from projects stemming from this non-project action will be determined at project-level review.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

The proposal does not relate to a specific action. Future projects will be evaluated at the project level and any project impacts will be conditioned at that time. One of the draft policies (H3.3) discusses identifying and promoting awareness of resources and programs available for housing repair and rehabilitation for homeowners with low incomes, including weatherization to reduce energy use.

7. Environmental Health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal?
If so, describe.

As a non-project action, the proposal is not expected to cause environmental health hazards. Use of any hazardous materials on a project-by-project basis would be subject to the requirements of federal and state law.

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

Not applicable. As a non-project proposal, no specific development conditions are presented. Future development will need to conform to local, state and federal standards and regulations during project review.

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

Not applicable. As a non-project proposal, no specific development conditions are presented. Future development will need to conform to County standards and regulations during project review.

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

Not applicable. As a non-project proposal, no specific development conditions are presented. Future development will need to conform to County standards and regulations during project review.

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

No special emergency services are required for this non-project action. The need for future project-specific emergency services to serve new development would be made on a case-by-case basis.

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

Not applicable. As a non-project proposal, no measures are proposed to reduce or control environmental health hazards. These issues are addressed by other elements in the comprehensive plan, specifically the Natural Resources Element.

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

Not Applicable. The proposal is a non-project proposal and does not recommend project action on a specific site.

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

The proposal is a non-project proposal and is not related to a specific action. Future projects will be evaluated at the project level and any project impacts will be subject to County regulations and standards. Future projects will be conditioned at that time to mitigate any noise impacts to adjacent properties.

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

As a non-project proposal, no measures are proposed to reduce or control noise impacts. Future projects will be conditioned at that time to mitigate any noise impacts to adjacent properties. Mitigation has been incorporated into the development regulations to minimize noise impacts to include building and use setbacks from property lines and location standards for incompatible uses.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

The proposal is for an update to the Housing Element and does not relate to a specific action. Future projects will be evaluated at the project level and any project impacts will be subject to County regulations and standards. Future projects will be conditioned at that time to mitigate any impacts to adjacent properties.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

The proposal is for an update to Housing Element and does not relate to a specific proposal that would affect the conversion of agriculture or forest land to housing. In general, Island County is characterized by many working farms and forest lands. Agriculture in the County is scattered and in comparatively small blocks although larger blocks of 20 acres or more provide opportunities to focus on protection and promotion of agricultural activities. Similarly, the remaining timber land in Island County is in small and in scattered blocks.

Goal 2 of the Housing Element promotes the development of a variety of housing types in areas with existing infrastructure and community services, which generally excludes agriculture and forest lands. Policy H2.6 does call for evaluating regulatory barriers to permanent and seasonal farmworker housing. However, any regulatory changes resulting from this policy guidance would have to be consistent with other elements of the comprehensive plan, countywide planning policies, and the Growth Management Act, which all promote the protection of agriculture and forest lands.

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business

operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

The proposal is for an update of the Housing Element and does not relate to a specific action. Future projects will be evaluated at the project level and any project impacts will be subject to County regulations and standards. Future projects will be conditioned at that time to mitigate any impacts to and from adjacent properties.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

Not Applicable. The proposal is a non-project proposal and does not recommend project action on a specific site.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

Not Applicable. The proposal is a non-project proposal and does not recommend project action on a specific site.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

The County provides for multiple zoning designations. As a non-project proposal, no specific development conditions are presented. Future development will need to conform to specific zoning related standards and regulations during project review.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

The County provides for multiple land use designations to include the following:

- Residential Areas of More Intensive Development
- Mixed-Use Areas of More Intensive Development
- Non-Residential Areas of More Intensive Development
- Airport (AP)
- Light Manufacturing (LM)
- Rural Center (RC)
- Rural Residential (RR)
- Rural Service (RS)
- Rural Village (RV)
- Special Review District (SD)
- Rural (R)
- Rural Agriculture (RA)
- Parks (P)
- Commercial Agriculture (CA)
- Mineral Lands Overlay
- Rural Forest (RF)

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

Not Applicable. The proposal is a non-project proposal and does not recommend project action on a specific site.

Critical areas located within those shoreline areas are regulated through requirements approved under the Shoreline Management Act by the Washington Department of Ecology. The County updated its Shoreline Master Program in 2015, with the Department of Ecology issuing a final approval in January of 2016. As a result, protections within shoreline areas have significantly increased. Future development projects will be conditioned subject to consistency with shoreline protection regulations.

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the county or county? If so, specify.

Not Applicable. The proposal is a non-project proposal and does not recommend project action on a specific site.

Generally, the County has provided for Critical area definitions and designation criteria in the Comprehensive Plan. Aquifer Recharge Areas, Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas, Frequently Flooded Areas, Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas, Geologically Hazardous Areas, Shorelines, and Wetlands have all been identified in Island County. The County's critical areas ordinance has been updated on numerous occasions, including through its 2005 GMA Review and also when the County completed a comprehensive review in 2014 specifically addressing fish and wildlife protections. Several compliance issues were addressed at that time. The critical area regulations were also thoroughly reviewed, updated, and reorganized during the 2016 periodic review.

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

The population projection for Island County for 2036 is estimated at 87,917 with an additional with 2,031 jobs expected to be added by 2036.

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

As a non-project action, the proposal would not directly cause displacement . Future project-specific development proposals within the County that may result in displacement will be reviewed consistent with applicable provisions of the Island County Code of Ordinances and SEPA procedures.

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

As a non-project action, the proposal would not directly cause displacement . Future project-specific development proposals within the County that may result in displacement will be reviewed consistent with applicable provisions of the Island County Code of Ordinances and SEPA procedures.

- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

The Housing Element provides guidance on county housing related regulations, programs, and actions and does not propose any change to existing land uses or plans. Any regulatory changes based on Housing Element guidance must support the land use patterns outlined in the Land Use Element of the comprehensive plan.

- m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

As a non-project proposal, no measures are proposed to reduce agricultural and forest land impacts. Future projects will be conditioned at that time.

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If applicable, adjacency to agricultural, forest, or mineral resource lands, specifically properties zoned Commercial Agriculture, Rural Agriculture, and Rural Forest, as well as those properties that are identified as a mineral resource land in the Mineral Resources map (Map 6F) in the Comprehensive Plan.

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Future housing needs for Island County are based on countywide population projections. The following table outlines the housing needs in Island County for the next 20 years to 2036. The Urban Growth Areas currently have the capacity for the housing needed.

Change in persons	5,047
<i>minus</i> Change in persons in group quarters	309
<i>equals</i> Persons in households	4,738
Average household size	2.33
New occupied DU	2,033
<i>times</i> Aggregate vacancy rate	7.0%
<i>equals</i> Vacant dwelling units	141
Total new dwelling units (2017-2037)	2,174
Annual average of new dwelling units	109

Goal 2 and related policies promote the development of different workforce housing types. Goal 3 and related policies encourages the preservation of existing housing, including affordable housing, and Goal 4 and related policies promotes the increase in the supply of subsidized affordable housing.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

As a non-project action, the proposal is not expected to eliminate any housing units. Future project-specific development proposals within the County that may result in displacement will be reviewed consistent with applicable provisions of the Island County Code and SEPA procedures.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

The Housing Element includes many policies intended to provide an adequate supply of housing that meets the County's growth target, to preserve and enhance the unique character of the County's residential neighborhoods, and to provide a range of housing opportunities to serve special needs and all economic segments of the community.

10. Aesthetics

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

Not Applicable. The proposal is a non-project proposal and does not recommend project action on a specific site. Generally, the County provides standards for building height by zone which include standards to protect view corridors. Future projects will be evaluated at the project level and any project impacts will be subject to County regulations and standards.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

Not Applicable. The proposal is a non-project proposal and does not recommend project action on a specific site. Generally, the County provides standards for building height by zone which include standards to protect view corridors. Future projects will be evaluated at the project level and any project impacts will be subject to County regulations and standards.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

Not Applicable. The proposal is a non-project proposal and does not recommend project action on a specific site.

11. Light and Glare

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

Not Applicable. The proposal is a non-project proposal and does not recommend project action on a specific site.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

Not Applicable. The proposal is a non-project proposal and does not recommend project action on a specific site.

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

Not Applicable. The proposal is a non-project proposal and does not recommend project action on a specific site.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

Not Applicable. The proposal is a non-project proposal and does not recommend project action on a specific site.

12. Recreation

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

The Parks and Recreation Element of the Comprehensive Plan identifies all park and recreational spaces. Island County is well served with parks providing over 3,700 acres of parkland including both active and passive parks.

Island County Park Land by Classification

Department	# of Sites	Acres	% of Total
Community Parks	21	127.6	3.4%
Natural Recreation	31	2475.1	66.2%
Conservation Areas	24	1073.0	28.7%
Subtotal	76	3675.7	98.2%
Other	27	65.9	1.8%
Total	103	3741.6	100.0%

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

As a non-project action, the proposal is not expected to displace any existing recreational uses, particularly on public land. Future project-specific development proposals on private land within the County may result in displacement of informal or privately owned recreational uses. These proposals will be reviewed consistent with applicable provisions of the Island County Code and SEPA procedures.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

As a non-project proposal, no measures are proposed to reduce recreation. Future projects will be conditioned at that time.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers ? If so, specifically describe.

The following historic resources are listed on the National Register of Historic Places:

- Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve
- Cama Beach Resort
- Utsalady Ladies Aid Building
- Deception Pass Bridge

Additionally, there are multiple Heritage Barns located in Island County and other sites maintained as confidential as provided for by the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

The following are listed on the National Register of Historic Places:

Site 45-IS-2 Prehistoric Native American Site and sites maintained as confidential as provided for by the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

Not Applicable. The proposal is a non-project proposal and does not recommend project action on a specific site. If a proposed project is within 500' of an identified historic or cultural resource, Island County would refer the application to the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) for additional review and permitting.

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve provides for a comprehensive review process to include fully developed Design Standards and a Design Review Process that includes the Reserve manager, the County Planner, the Town of Coupeville Planner and the Historic Preservation Commission. The Housing Element update does not propose any changes to this process.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

As a non-project action, changes to the transportation network are not proposed. The review process, a part of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan update, indicated that no new roads are required to accommodate the County's growth target, which is the same growth target the Housing Element is using. The most current

proposal for County transportation projects can be found on the most recently adopted Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/PublicWorks/Documents/2018-2023TIPRes.pdf>.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

All of Island County is served by public transportation through Island Transit. Island Transit operates nine routes on Whidbey Island and five routes on Camano Island. Island Transit also has a vanpool program to encourage carpooling to the larger employment centers within and outside of the County.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

None, this proposal is a non-project action. Any future development through the county will create or eliminate new parking spaces on a specific project basis only depending on the land use and zoning regulations for a particular site.

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

Since this is a non-project action, no specific project is outlined. The most current proposal for County transportation projects can be found on the most recently adopted Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

There is no rail transportation within the county. All air transportation is either military or private, small airfields. There are two ferry terminals (Clinton and Coupeville) owned and operated by WSDOT. These systems are managed under the state's Ferry Plan. Section 2.3 of the Transportation Element includes information on the ferry ridership and concurrency.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

As this is a non-project action, traffic impacts will not directly result from this proposal. As part of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan update, traffic increases were modeled based on projected population increases, which are the same population figures for the Housing Element update. Figure 3-2 of the Transportation Element identifies current and modeled traffic volumes for 2036. Only minor impacts to the traffic volumes were identified, and of these, none had significant impacts to the level of service on the transportation system.

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

No significant changes to the movement of agricultural and forest products are projected as a result of this plan.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

As a non-project proposal, no measures are proposed to reduce transportation impacts. Goal 2 and associated policies promote the development of a variety of housing types in appropriate locations where infrastructure, public transit, and community services are readily accessible or planned in the near future, which would reduce the need for auto trips.

15. Public Services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

As this is a non-project action, public service increases will not directly result from this proposal. The 2036 growth target assumes growth will occur, which will result in the increased need for all public services. This growth target is the same growth target the Housing Element is using. Thus, there are no expected additional service needs than those already planned for by the County.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

As a non-project proposal, no measures are proposed to reduce transportation impacts. Goal 2 and associated policies promote the development of a variety of housing types in appropriate locations where infrastructure, public transit, and community services are readily accessible or planned in the near future, which would provide for more efficient public services.

16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:

electric, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
other _____

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

Since this is a non-project action, no specific utilities are proposed for this proposal. Future projects will be conditioned at that time.

C. Signature

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: Meredith Penny

Name of signee Meredith Penny

Position and Agency/Organization Long Range Planner, Island County Planning and Community Development

Date Submitted: April 12, 2018

D. supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The Housing Element update would not directly increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise. The Housing Element assumes the County would grow by 5,047 people by 2036, which is the the official 20-year growth target in the County Comprehensive Plan. Guidance on housing related regulation and programs within the updated Housing Element is intended to promote a variety of housing types, particularly subsidized affordable housing, to meet the different housing needs of this planned population growth. It is assumed that changes to housing regulations and programs based on this guidance would not induce new growth beyond what is planned for in the Comprehensive Plan.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

No measures are proposed to avoid or reduce increases because it is assumed the growth levels would remain the same. Subsequent project specific development proposals may result in increases in these items and would be reviewed to ensure compliance with Island County SEPA procedures and the individual site conditions. In addition, project specific development proposals in the county are subject to applicable federal (EPA), and State (DOE) air quality regulations. Washington DOE air quality regulations applicable to the study area are found at Chapter 173-400 WAC. No new impacts of a nature or severity that will not be adequately addressed by applicable regulations and existing mitigating measures are anticipated.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

The proposal would not directly affect plants, animals, or fish. See the response to Question 1 regarding assumed growth. However, project specific development proposals could have the potential of impacting plants, animals, fish or marine life.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

No measures are proposed to protect plants, animals, or fish. Future projects will be conditioned at the time they are proposed.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

The proposal would not directly deplete energy or natural resources. See the response to Question 1 regarding assumed growth.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

No specific measures are proposed to directly protect or conserve energy and natural resources. Future projects will be evaluated at the project level and any project impacts will be conditioned at that time.

Indirectly, one of the draft policies (H3.3) discusses identifying and promoting awareness of resources and programs available for housing repair and rehabilitation for homeowners with low incomes, including weatherization to reduce energy use.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

The proposal would not use or affect environmentally sensitive areas. See the response to Question 1 regarding assumed growth. It is assumed these areas would be protected based on existing regulations and protections. The County's critical areas ordinance has been updated on numerous occasions, including through its 2005 GMA Review and also when the County completed a comprehensive review in 2014 specifically addressing fish and wildlife protections. The additional GMA review for compliance resulted in the adoption of improved environmental protection measures.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

No specific measures are proposed to protect environmentally sensitive areas beyond the protections that already exist, which are assumed to be adequate. Future projects will be evaluated at the project level and any project impacts will be conditioned at that time.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The Housing Element update would not directly affect land and shoreline use. See the response to Question 1 regarding assumed growth. Indirectly, the goals and policies within the Element provide guidance on county regulations and programs, which could affect land use within the county. Goal 2 of the Housing Element promotes the development of a variety of housing types in areas with existing infrastructure and community services, which generally excludes agriculture and forest lands. Policy H2.6 does call for evaluating regulatory barriers to permanent and seasonal farmworker housing. However, any regulatory changes resulting from this policy guidance would have to be consistent with other elements of the Comprehensive Plan, Countywide Planning Policies, and the Growth Management Act, which all promote the protection of agriculture and forest lands.

The Housing Element update would not allow or encourage land and shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

No specific measures are proposed to avoid or reduce shoreline impacts. Goal 2 of the Housing Element encourages development in areas of the county already planned for growth and that have existing services and infrastructure. No specific measures are proposed for reducing land use impacts, however.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

The Housing Element update would not likely increase demand on transportation or public services beyond what is already planned for in the County. See the response to Question 1 regarding assumed growth. The population growth and subsequent land use development is projected to be relatively small, so anticipated increases in demand are likely limited. In addition, the review process as part of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan update indicated that no new roads are required to accommodate the County's growth target.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

No specific measures are proposed to reduce demands on transportation, public services, and utilities. Goal 2 of the Housing Element encourages development in areas of the county already planned for growth and that have existing services and infrastructure, which would provide for more efficient infrastructure and public service provision. No specific measures are proposed for reducing impacts, however.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

Updated goals and policies in the Housing Element are consistent with the broader Comprehensive Plan and Countywide Planning Policies. Conflicts with local, state, and federal laws for the protection of the environment are not anticipated. The Comprehensive Plan and County development regulations are designed to minimize environmental impacts to the natural and built environment that could result from future growth and development. The update supports and is consistent with GMA land use planning and environmental objectives.

All documents associated with this non-project action can be found on the County's website at: https://www.islandcountywa.gov/Planning/Pages/D17_Housing.aspx