

FOUNDATIONS

We agreed there never would be but one Puyallup; and in that we were unquestionably right, for surely there will never be another.

- Ezra Meeker, *Pioneer Reminiscences of Puget Sound, 1905.*

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PLANNING FRAMEWORK

In 1990 Washington's Legislature passed the Growth Management Act (GMA) to establish planning goals and a system of planning for cities and counties that have experienced rapid growth. Subsequently, the GMA was amended to require urban counties to prepare countywide planning policies. Pierce County adopted, and the cities' endorsed, Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) in order to provide a consistent framework to guide each city's comprehensive plan. The CPPs address issues that cross jurisdictional boundaries, such as setting Urban Growth Areas, accommodating housing and job demand, and addressing capital facilities that are regional in nature.

Also as part of the GMA, Multicounty Planning Policies (MPPs) have been adopted as part of the VISION 2040 plan prepared by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). The MPPs serve as regional guidelines and principles used for PSRC's certification of policies and plans. Cities and counties are required to periodically update their plans to comply with updates in regional and state requirements, as well as changes in local conditions.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Comprehensive Plan is a broad statement of the community's vision for the future and contains policies primarily to guide the physical development of the city, as well as certain aspects of its social and economic character. The Plan directs regulations, implementation actions and services that support the vision. The Plan reflects the long-term values and aspirations of the community as a whole and shows how various aspects, such as land use, housing, transportation, capital facilities and services work together to achieve the desired vision.

While a Comprehensive Plan is meant to provide a strong and constant vision for the future, it is also a living document that must be able to accommodate change, such as a new technology, an unforeseen impact or an innovative method of achieving a component of the vision. It is therefore regularly updated to account for changing issues or opportunities facing Puyallup, while still maintaining the core values of the community.

Puyallup's Comprehensive Plan is made up of nine elements meeting the goals of GMA and community priorities, and three sub-area plans developed for specific neighborhoods within the city. Each of the elements contain policies, text, tables, and maps. The Foundations Element establishes framework goals which are broad statements of the community's long-term desires, values and preferred future direction of the city. Within each subsequent element, more specific policies are established to carry out the framework goals.

Maps are included to visually display the community's desired future development pattern and to plan for accommodating future growth. The adopted maps show land use designations, which set the location and intensity of particular uses (residential, commercial, industrial, and open space). Capital projects are included within different elements to identify significant infrastructure and public facilities needed to support community growth.

VISIONING PROCESS

The vision statement was created based on feedback received during the June 12th, 2013 open house for the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update and from our Community Vision and Values survey. It summarizes the desired qualities and characteristics of the community, while also providing goals for community planning and development in Puyallup. The vision statement is intended to set a direction for Puyallup in 2035.

VISION STATEMENT

In 2035, Puyallup will be an active, friendly community that embraces its heritage. While preserving its small-town feel, it will grow responsibly to include diverse transportation, recreation, and housing options. Maintaining its quality of life, Puyallup will encourage economic development, education opportunities, and ample amenities for all ages.

FRAMEWORK GOALS

- Reflecting the vision and policies of the Puyallup Comprehensive Plan, develop and support regional policies implementing the Growth Management Act, VISION 2040, and the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies.
- Maintain an Urban Growth Area to provide adequate urban services in planning for future annexation areas.
- Ensure that the land use pattern accommodates the projected population and employment base while maintaining Puyallup's sense of community and character.
- Support diverse and affordable housing choices that provide for Puyallup's population growth, including options accessible for all segments of the community.
- Promote quality building, functionality, and walkability through good design and development that is compatible with the surrounding area.
- Encourage an emphasis on arts, culture, and historic preservation throughout the community.

- Apply innovative and environmentally sound development practices to conserve, protect, and restore our natural resources.
- Provide a variety of gathering places, parks, and recreational opportunities for all ages and expand them to be consistent with population changes.
- Encourage a variety of transportation options that provide better connectivity within Puyallup and throughout the region.
- Provide high quality infrastructure that accommodates anticipated levels of growth, protects public health and safety, and enhances the quality of life.
- Continue to support exceptional schools and educational opportunities for all ages.
- Create a business friendly environment that supports small and local businesses, attracts large businesses, and meets the needs of the community by expanding our employment and tax base.

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