



Comprehensive Plan Policy or Development Regulation Amendment Suggestion

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Per RCW 36.70A.470(2), this form is intended for use by any interested person, including applicants, citizens, hearing examiners, and staff of other agencies, to suggest amendments to Skagit County's Comprehensive Plan policies or its development regulations, which are contained in Skagit County Code Title 14. Please do not combine multiple unrelated Comprehensive Plan policy or development regulation amendments on a single form. This form is for policy or development regulation amendments; use the Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment Request form for changes to the land use/zoning map.

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Proposal Description

Please answer all of the questions below that are applicable to your suggestion.

1. Describe your proposed amendment.

Parks Plan Update: the update will formalize the 2020 changes and allow Skagit County to continue to pursue grants for their priority projects. The planning document will help guide and support future park and recreation programming, create the basis for capital improvement budgets, and to maintain eligibility for grants from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

2. Describe the reasons your proposed amendment is needed or important.

The Recreation and Conservation Office requires an update every six years in order to remain eligible for grants. The Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board spent two years updating the plan to meet Skagit County's current need. The review was completed through a thorough engagement process, including surveys, LOS comparisons, and public meetings.

3. If you are suggesting revision to a particular section of the Comprehensive Plan, please identify which section(s):

We are simply asking that the plan is approved as written and become 'linked' to the overall Skagit County Comprehensive Plan.

4. If you are suggesting revision to the Comprehensive Plan, would the revision create inconsistencies with existing sections of the Comprehensive Plan? If so, please list those sections:

None

5. If you are suggesting revision to the Comprehensive Plan, would the revision require corresponding amendments to the County's development regulations?

None

6. If you are suggesting revision to a particular section of Skagit County Code Title 14, please identify which section(s).

None

7. If you are suggesting this development regulation amendment as a result of a particular project or permit application, please identify which project or application:

None

8. *If you are suggesting specific language as part of your amendment, please attach that specific language. Specific language is not required.*

None

9. *Describe why existing Comprehensive Plan policies should not continue to be in effect or why they no longer apply.*

Our planning document prioritizes projects moving forward.

10. *Describe how the amendment complies with the Comprehensive Plan's community vision statements, goals, objectives, and policy directives.*

The Parks Plan advances the goals of the GMA. These goals include the retention of open space, the enhancement of recreational opportunities, the conservation of habitat, better access to natural lands and water, and the development of parks and recreational facilities. This is all consistent with the vision, goals, and objectives of the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan.

11. *Describe the anticipated impacts to be caused by the change, including geographic area affected and issues presented.*

The plan improves Skagit County as elements of the plan become implemented.

12. *Describe how adopted functional plans and Capital Facilities Plans support the change.*

The functional and capital facility plans are linked to our plans as recommended priority projects sync with the Parks Plan.

13. *Describe any public review of the request that has already occurred.*

There are several tools we use to acquire input from the public. It is our goal to obtain information from a wide sample of residents and not just rely on those who are more vocal than the County as a whole. This chapter contains the summaries of comments we obtained through our interface with the public.

Identifying recreation needs is a difficult task because every region is different and community values vary according to many internal factors. Identifying recreation needs is the process of comparing the supply of existing facilities and programs against the demand for facilities and programs by residents. In Skagit County, it is somewhat more complicated because the region also attracts significant users who live beyond the County boundary. Two of the sources of information used to quantify community desires and establish program and facility priorities were a month-long public input survey and a series of community workshop meetings.

Notices

Fees. No fees are required for a policy or code change suggestion, per Skagit County Fee Schedule, SCC 14.08.030(3).

Docketing. SCC Chapter 14.08 governs the process for docketing of Comprehensive Plan amendments; suggestions for changes to the development regulations are docketed following the same process. Docketing of a suggestion is procedural only and does not constitute a decision by the Board of County Commissioners as to whether the amendment will ultimately be approved. Amendments are usually concluded by the end of the year following the request. State law generally prohibits the County from amending its Comprehensive Plan more than once per year.

Submission deadline. Suggestions must be received by the last business day of July for docketing. Suggestions received after that date will not be considered until the following year's docket.

How to Submit. Submit your suggestion via email (preferred) to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us or to Planning & Development Services at the address above.