

## **UGA Amendment Proposals – Process**

1. City or town may apply once during period following County's adoption of 7-year update without meeting "exception" criteria in UGA modification criteria.
2. Application must be submitted to County by last business day of July. UGA modification criteria foresee that comprehensive UGA amendment applications will come from city or town, not individual property owners.
3. Proposal brought to GMA Steering Committee for initial consideration and recommendation for docketing.
4. County Planning and Development Services (PDS) makes docketing recommendation to Board of County Commissioners (BCC), BCC holds docketing hearing, and decides to docket proposal(s) or not depending on criteria in Skagit County Code 14.08.
5. County and applicant (city or town) negotiate interlocal agreement regarding SEPA co-lead process, costs and responsibilities.
6. County and applicant coordinate SEPA analysis; EIS likely required for larger UGA modification proposals to address potential impacts, alternatives, and mitigation, especially those involving natural resource lands, floodplain, and natural hazard areas. EIS to be prepared by mutually agreed to 3<sup>rd</sup> party consultant, cost of which is to be paid for by the applicant.
7. Following completion of SEPA review, County releases proposal for agency and public review and comment.
8. Public hearing(s) held before Skagit County Planning Commission.
9. Skagit County Planning Commission deliberates on basis of record including public and agency comment; issues recommendation to BCC in form of Recorded Motion.
10. Proposal and Skagit County Planning Commission recommendation brought to GMA Steering Committee for formal recommendation pursuant to the Framework Agreement.
11. GMA Steering Committee and Planning Commission recommendations brought to BCC for final action. Board may adopt as recommended by Planning Commission, or remand back to Planning Commission and GMA Steering Committee for additional consideration and recommendations under steps 9 and 10 above.