

Skagit County Planning & Development Services

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Notice of Availability

including notice of written comment period and public hearing

Proposal Information

Publish date:	October 16, 2014
Proposal name:	Proposed Scope for 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update
Documents available at:	www.skagitcounty.net/2016update
Lead Agency:	Skagit County Planning & Development Services
Contact Person:	Kirk Johnson, AICP, Senior Planner
SEPA Responsible Official:	Not applicable at this time. SEPA review will occur later in the 2016 Update process
Public hearing body:	Board of County Commissioners
Public hearing date:	Monday, November 17, at 11:00 a.m.
Written comment deadline:	Thursday, November 20, 4:30 p.m.

Proposal Description

Like other jurisdictions around the state, Skagit County is required to conduct a periodic review and update of its comprehensive plan and development regulations to ensure consistency with updated state laws and population and employment projections. Skagit County must complete this periodic update, referred to here as the 2016 Update, by June 30, 2016.

The Board of County Commissioners is now taking public comment on the proposed scope of Skagit County's 2016 Update. The proposed scope is described in a memorandum titled "Establishing the Scope of Skagit County's 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update" that is posted on the Planning & Development Services website at the address listed above. The term "scope" refers to the extent of issues that will be reviewed and considered through the 2016 Update and to the process the County will follow in conducting that review.

Following the public comment period, including a public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners, the Board will adopt by resolution the 2016 Update scope, including any changes identified by the Board as a result of the public comment process. The adopted scope will guide the work of the Planning & Development Services Department and the Planning Commission on the 2016 Update, including development of any proposed amendments to the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan and development regulations. The County will consider the 2016 Update proposal through the legislative process outlined in Skagit County Code 14.08.

How to Comment

Comments on the proposed 2016 Update scope are accepted via email or on paper. All comments must be received by the deadline and include (1) your full name, (2) your mailing address, and (3) the name of the proposal or project you are commenting on. Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered.

Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

Paper comments must be printed on 8¹/₂x11 paper and be mailed or delivered to:

Comments on Proposed Scope for 2016 Update c/o Debra Nicholson Planning and Development Services 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon WA 98273

You may also comment in person or submit written comments at the public hearing at the Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon. Public hearing testimony is usually limited to three minutes, so written comments are preferred.

Anyone who plans to attend the public hearing and has special needs or disabilities should contact the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners at (360) 336-9300 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange any special accommodations.