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Shirley Owens	Land Use/Housing/Open Space & Recreation	Minimize urban sprawl and traffic/Slow down on apartment complexes. They seem to add to increased traffic./I'd like to see a simple public park in central/southward Tumwater... somewhere around Tumwater Blvd. A park similar to Lacey Rainier Vista.
James Bresler	Housing	Please adopt the Sustainable Thurston goal of building NO MORE THAN 5% of new housing in rural areas, and don't rezone rural areas to urban to claim you're accomplishing the goal. Most future housing growth should be in denser urban areas.
Sandie Turner	Land Use/Natural Resources/Housing	Adopt the Sustainable Thurston goal of building NO MORE THAN 5% of new housing in rural areas, and don't rezone rural areas to urban to claim you're accomplishing the goal. Most future housing growth should be in denser urban areas./Adopt the Sustainable Thurston goal of building NO MORE THAN 5% of new housing in rural areas, and don't rezone rural areas to urban to claim you're accomplishing the goal. Most future housing growth should be in denser urban areas./Adopt the Sustainable Thurston goal of building NO MORE THAN 5% of new housing in rural areas, and don't rezone rural areas to urban to claim you're accomplishing the goal. Most future housing growth should be in denser urban areas.
Lisa Bailey	Housing	Increase density in the city to create walkable neighborhoods with transit access that minimizes development in unincorporated rural areas of the county, and don't support attempts by the county to rezone rural areas to urban to pretend that's not development of unincorporated rural areas.
Emily N Iles	Land Use/Housing/Transportation/Environment/	My priority is to adopt the Sustainable Thurston goal of building NO MORE THAN 5% of new housing in rural areas, and don't rezone rural areas to urban to claim you're accomplishing the goal. Most future housing growth should be in denser urban areas, and efforts should focus on how to get the most out of our already-built environment. /My priority is to adopt the Sustainable Thurston goal of building NO MORE THAN 5% of new housing in rural areas, and don't rezone rural areas to urban to claim you're accomplishing the goal. Most future housing growth should be in denser urban areas, and efforts should focus on how to get the most out of our already-built environment. /My priority is to adopt the Sustainable Thurston goal of building NO MORE THAN 5% of new housing in rural areas, and don't rezone rural areas to urban to claim you're accomplishing the goal. Most future housing growth should be in denser urban areas, and efforts should focus on how to get the most out of our already-built environment. We can support more connectivity, frequency, when we build dense, affordable and accessible housing. /My priority is to adopt the Sustainable Thurston goal of building NO MORE THAN 5% of new housing in rural areas, and don't rezone rural areas to urban to claim you're accomplishing the goal. Most future housing growth should be in denser urban areas, and efforts should focus on how to get the most out of our already-built environment. The environmental costs of breaking new ground, adding roadways and parking, are so high that we should avoid them whenever possible.
G D Abbott	Housing	Keep rural areas green - build in urban areas.
Myra S Davis	Land Use/Natural Resources/Open Space /County Wide Planning/Topics Not listed	Please preserve farm and natural lands. Concentrate housing and other development in non-rural settings. There is a great deal of land already under concrete that can be repurposed for housing and warehouse use. /I support preservation of natural resources over short-term economic gain and expansion pressures. There is no true either/or between economic growth and preservation. In fact, I believe that long-term preservation leads to economic vigor and health. /Please preserve open space. Already disturbed land can be repurposed for recreational uses closer to population centers. For example, the abandoned school grounds on 26th NE in Olympia. /Please limit development to population centers and urban growth areas. Farmland, forests and open spaces must be preserved despite the pressure to expand housing and business development. /I support conservation, preservation and urban density. Please develop plans that encourage repurposing and using land that is already disturbed or under concrete
Carrie Boese	Land Use/Housing/Transportation/Economic Development/Environment/Health and Social Services/	Please keep rural areas of Thurston County rural. I support building more houses in urban areas and ensuring neighborhoods have adequate road sizes, parking spaces, and sidewalks. I do not support building apartments without parking spaces for their residents, especially when they are downtown. Do not create another Seattle or a car-less city. Keep the ability to have farms/farmland in Thurston County. My neighbor, Mr. Elliot subdivided his farming land over 50 years ago. His family was forced out of farming on his property because of some new rule. Please do not let this happen to other Thurston County families. Without local farms we will not have fresh food. Keep some areas of Thurston County rural! /What about creating low income housing that would give the “renter” the ability to buy their apartment/condo back from the city after 15-20 years and get credit for the rent that they have paid? They have a program like this in Anchorage, AK. It encourages the residents to be better stewards of their property and abide by the rules of tenancy to strive towards ownership. /According to the trends cited in your current conditions, I believe that the city of Olympia trying to “reduce automobile dependence,” is a huge task to take on. Is 20 years long enough to achieve this goal? I fully support connecting to the light rail that connects to Tacoma/Seattle/Everett. The light rail done correctly could reduce massive amounts of traffic along I5. In the future I would love to see it even extend to Portland. /I would love to see downtown cleaned up of the graffiti, homeless, and mentally unstable. I would love for it to go back to being full of lots of successful businesses that are unique and feel safe shopping at. Currently it seems like there are pockets of safe places. /We need to continue to try and clean up old pollution in the bay/Puget Sound if feasible. As well as continue to return Capital Lake to freshwater. PFAS/PFOA I’m afraid are just starting to rear their ugly heads, on an environmental standpoint and we should be worried. /I feel like we as a community really need to conquer homelessness, food insecurity, and help for people with mental health issues. In 20 years it’s hard to imagine what advances medicine will have but food insecurity and homelessness are huge right now. Soup kitchen? Homeless shelters?

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Sheryl Reese	Land Use/Natural Resources/OpenSpace and Recreation/County Wide Planning Policies	Do not rezone rural land to urban. Increase density in urban areas. Stop cutting down trees for development. /Development. Preserve green space and rural land./Preserve open space. Stop development increaseparks/
Ronda Larson Kramer	Housing	Please adopt the Sustainable Thurston goal of building NO MORE THAN 5% of new housing in rural areas, and don't rezone rural areas to be in the urban growth area to claim you're accomplishing the goal. Most future housing growth should be in denser urban areas and within the current urban growth area boundaries.
Jan Griffin	Housing	Plan for minimal new housing in the unincorporated rural area using the Sustainable Thurston goal of no more than 5% in rural areas. Most future housing growth should be in denser walkable urban areas. And don't rezone rural areas to urban to accomplish this.
Annabel Kirschner	Land Use/Envrionement/Climate Change	Planning for growth needs to keep ALL growth in the urban growth area and be done as infill development for at least the next 5 years. The haphazard sprawl, even in the UBG, shows that developers NOT planners have driven this process in the past. The area can no longer afford to cater to this group. /Our future planning needs to respect the environment, not bulldoze over it. Keep ALL growth in the Urban Growth Areas for at least the next 5 years. Developers have driven planning in the past, don't let this happen in the future. /Climate change is exacerbated by urban sprawl. Developers contribute greatly to this by tearing up trees to make it cheaper to build. Most of the savings AREN'T passed along to the consumer but to the pockets of the realty corporations which are often controlled outside of this area. Keep ALL growth in the urban growth boundaries of the county for at least 5 years.
Gerald Yeazell	County Wide Planning	Plan for minimal new housing in the unincorporated rural area using the Sustainable Thurston goal of no more than 5% in rural areas. Most future housing growth should be in denser walkable urban areas.
Loretta Seppanen	Capital Facilies	Attached is my public comment made at the April 17 PC meeting. I would like the PC to receive this comment
Annie Cuberly	County Wide Planning	I am advocating for minimal new housing in the unincorporated rural area using the Sustainable Thurston goal of no more than 5% in rural areas. Future housing growth should be in denser walkable urban areas.

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Jonathan Kramer	Land Use/Natural Resources/Housing/Transportation/Open Space and Recreation/Public Engagement/Environment/Climate Change/Health and Social Services/Environmental Justice/County-Wide Planning	Plan for minimal new housing in the unincorporated rural area using the Sustainable Thurston goal of no more than 5% in rural areas. Most future housing growth should be in denser walkable urban areas. And please don't rezone rural areas to urban and then build housing there to claim that this is meeting this goal./Plan for minimal new housing in the unincorporated rural area using the Sustainable Thurston goal of no more than 5% in rural areas. Most future housing growth should be in denser walkable urban areas. And please don't rezone rural areas to urban and then build housing there to claim that this is meeting this goal./Plan for minimal new housing in the unincorporated rural area using the Sustainable Thurston goal of no more than 5% in rural areas. Most future housing growth should be in denser walkable urban areas. And please don't rezone rural areas to urban and then build housing there to claim that this is meeting this goal./Plan for minimal new housing in the unincorporated rural area using the Sustainable Thurston goal of no more than 5% in rural areas. Most future housing growth should be in denser walkable urban areas. And please don't rezone rural areas to urban and then build housing there to claim that this is meeting this goal./Plan for minimal new housing in the unincorporated rural area using the Sustainable Thurston goal of no more than 5% in rural areas. Most future housing growth should be in denser walkable urban areas. And please don't rezone rural areas to urban and then build housing there to claim that this is meeting this goal./Plan for minimal new housing in the unincorporated rural area using the Sustainable Thurston goal of no more than 5% in rural areas. Most future housing growth should be in denser walkable urban areas. And please don't rezone rural areas to urban and then build housing there to claim that this is meeting this goal./Plan for minimal new housing in the unincorporated rural area using the Sustainable Thurston goal of no more than 5% in rural areas. Most future housing growth should be in denser walkable urban areas. And please don't rezone rural areas to urban and then build housing there to claim that this is meeting this goal.
Tony Usibelli	Housing	Revisions to the GMA comprehensive plan should focus on minimizing new housing in unincorporated areas as set forth in Sustainable Thurston's goal of no more than 5% in rural areas. Future housing should focus on dense development with cities and the UGAs. The goal should be walkable dense housing that reduces GHG emissions
Joel Carlson	Housing	To solve our affordable home crisis we need affordable ownership of condominium homes in multi-story construction projects with great walk-ability, shopping, high speed rail transportation, parks, plazas, trails, a meeting room and optional secure inside parking in master planned communities not separate from the general population. We need to eliminate bad condo & HOA laws and have a housing authority deal directly with contractors so large scale construction is feasible! It is possible to build modular multi-story projects at \$250 per square foot where an 800 SF one bedroom would be \$200,000 and a 1400 SF two bedroom would be \$350,000. Manufacturing is in container size modules that can be easily shipped by rail or truck. Because these units are lifted into place like Legos they can be reconfigured if necessary later. The best way that Americans build wealth and move into the middle class is through home ownership. Currently oligarchs are raising rents on apartments and homes making Americans homeless. We have to be careful not to create high crime communities by putting homeless people into separate low income housing areas. Finland has the best success with homeless people by making them part of the community instead of segregating them in high crime areas.
Loretta Seppanen	Utilities	Submitting a second time as I am not sure it was sent earlier - relates to need to clarify who paid for rural sewer and water and eliminating a sentence for which exceptions follow in the next section.
Loretta Seppanen	Capital Facilities	I tried to submit this before but realized I never saw the screen that said thanks for submitting - please let me know if you received this attachment and comment Monday or not
Loretta Seppanen	Utilities	Request to clarify who the cost of the few sewer and water systems are paid for. Also need to delete statement that the cities do the UGA systems followed by two Lacey UGA systems - explained (too complexly) a few paragraphs later. The county now has a policy to NOT do UGA sewer and water in the future that is worth saying.
Loretta Seppanen	Capital Facilities	Please see recommended changes in the draft chapter attached key item is to be more specific on 2025 and 2045 population that matters in capital facilities - that is the unincorporated rural (UR) area and the UGAs. Please add not the TRCP forecast for these but the allocation if based on 5% of growth goal for the UR.
Phyllis Farrell	Land Use/Natural Resources/Housing/Environment/Climate Change/Public Engagement	Please protect and promote preservation of agriculture lands/Protection of critical areas, wildlife habitat and forests for their sequestration and stormwater management properties. Implement codes to protect water quality./Support a 5% housing allocation for rural growth as recommended by the Sustainable Thurston Report instead of the 14% recommendation of TRPC. 14% jeopardizes water availability and climate emission reduction goals (due to increased rural traffic)./Implement policies to protect the natural environment for wildlife, water quality and climate reasons and aesthetic/recreation opportunities./Implement strategies and plans to reduce emissions and meet the goals of the TCMP./Please continue to provide information regarding draft plans, meetings, opportunities for input as well as outreach campaigns.

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Howard Glastetter	Land Use	Nisqually Tribe Hopes I’ve recently observed a Nisqually Tribe created map (see attached) that shows their fish enhancement expectations for the entire Nisqually Valley. It shows the entire Delta from Puget Sound to south of the rail line as part of the “Salmon Habitat Restoration and Protection Initiative Areas”. I look at that as an expectation to depopulate the Delta, either legally or by a future Nisqually flood. A recent November 2023 Nisqually River Council meeting confirmed that this Delta change is a Nisqually Tribe goal.
Madeline Bishop	Housing	We disapprove of the current plans for 7,531 new housing units in the unincorporated rural areas. This plan allocates 14% of new housing to the unincorporated rural area. We support an alternative housing allocation plan based on adhering to the Sustainable Thurston Goal of 5% of new housing in the unincorporated rural area. 14% is the same high rate that resulted in decades of lost farmland and rural habitat. We must set the goal to 5% to be sustainable.
Lorie spogen	Natural Resources/Housing/County Wide Planning Policies	Participate in protecting local lakes water quality because they provide recreational opportunities for all the people in the community not just the residents living on the lake./Allow TDR , small parcels along public roads to reduce road and utilities costs, adu,dadu,pocket communities in rural zones to provide quality of living./Quit being so literal on permits, have some form of variable decision on unique situations involving critical areas to allow creative solutions because you are needlessly driving up costs.
Loretta Seppanen	Topics Not Listed	Chapter 1 - Introduction edits related to: Need to clarify that TC plans for the Unincorporated Rural areas (UR) and UGAs - (other than in the health matters) not for the whole of TC Comment on need to explain that pop forecast is the agreed upon inter jurisdictional allocation, but it is not consistent with Sustainable Thurston - to be consistent instead of 9,000 more people in UI there would be between 3,000 and 4,400 more people - less than half as many Language consistency
Jason Schotman	Land Use	My biggest concern is about the City of Olympia expanding into the Urban Growth Area. I am in the Urban Growth Area, but enjoy the more rural feel of living in Unincorporated Thurston County. The City of Olympia is adding a lot of affordable housing to areas in eastern Olympia. I understand the need for affordable housing, but my fear is that the city will use the need for affordable housing to annex areas of the county in the Urban Growth Area. These areas are already built out and will not contribute to affordable housing development, but will subject current county residents to restrictions imposed by the City that are not imposed in the county.
Jack W Rice	Land Use/Transportation/Environment/Historic Resources	Looking for more info on the 133 Historic sites. A list or link?/I am interested in I-5 construction updates through the Nisqually Valley./I am interested in any plans to restore McAllister creek./Looking for a list of the 133 Historic sites mentioned.
Bill Lindstrom	Economic Development/Climate Change/Historic Resources/	I would like to be informed of new developments as they occur./I would like to be informed of the proposed policies regarding climate change./I would like to be informed about historic resources that are available and how to access them (particularly online).
Jules	Land Use /Natural Resouces/Housing /Utilities/Economic Development/Open Space and recreation/Historic Resouces/Public Engagement/County Policies/Topics Not Listed	I don't understand why my area's zoning is 1 house per 5 acres but the County is permitting houses on 6,000 square foot lots. Zoning needs to be predictable. That is not./Respect property owners with regard to trees. Government telling me I can't cut down a tree because it is sucking carbon out of the air doesn't work for me. I know what is best for my property. Don't require my property to save your planet, according to what you think will save it. That is a taking./We need to move mainstream housing away from the non-income-producing single family house on the quarter acre lot. Property ownership should offer owner-occupied income opportunities. Don't know how -- do know that built America strong and could move us forward stronger./More market-driven recycling. Beverage Deposit Legislation. Standardized plastic containers. Salvageable building materials. Tax-friendly support for repair and re-manufacturing. /Support for owner-occupied shopkeepers. But not in a prejudicial way. Support for all business by reducing lifestyle choice responsibility for employees -- business shouldn't pay for employee health care. Make all the other government paperwork and taxation hassles less, but its paying for my employee's skiing broken leg that doesn't make sense and puts the most-local of employers at the most dis-advantage. /Parks compete. I feel that Thurston County is building a competitive advantage with its trails. More and longer, looping and flatter. Two lane roads re-configured with one shoulder designed as a trail The goal fits Thurston County geographically./History is about accomplishment and failure, not about ancestral composition, choosing a gender or making up a new sexual deviation. "Diversity" by law, is self-determined. Not scientific or important in any other way. Lets focus the history we make now on upholding achieving role models, not their chosen lifestyle flavors. /I have been shocked at the minuscule response rates to Thurston County requests for public comment. To strategically bolster citizen participation, I believe government acknowledging neighborhood organizations as credible entities can do the most to spread engagement.

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Gordon White	Land use	<p>Use facts to guide Thurston 2045, avoid the speculative trap</p> <p>Thurston County is in another period of hyper speculative development proposals. Landowners and SFR owners get calls weekly with offers of big money to sell their 20 acres or city home. Rural landowners near any major road get property offers to rezone it to industrial for warehouse space. This sort of thing happens every decade, sometimes it is driven by growth in residences other times warehouse or industrial. Growth feeds a narrative of “unprecedented demand” for more land. For instance the land on either side of 93rd avenue east and west of I-5 was zoned for commercial/industrial over 30 years ago. Even with the massive warehouse development occurring there now, there is still vacant land available in that zoning district. Fortunately thanks to the Board and county planning staff, data is available to understand the amount of current land available for development. In addition, Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) does periodic updates of the Buildable Lands Report to assess real availability of land for urban and industrial land. From the county’s recent industrial lands study and TRPC’s Buildable Lands Survey there is plenty of land for current and future needs.</p> <p>Update Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code before considering site specific rezones</p> <p>Like putting together a jigsaw puzzle with many pieces, it is helpful to do the border first. The Comp plan and implementing zoning codes are the border. Re-affirm and update the strong resource lands and critical areas protections. Make sure the good policies are translated into the zoning and building code. For instance, the Comprehensive Plan and zoning designations for rural and resource protection are supposed to protect that way of life and resource. Yet further into the development standards allowances are made for unrelated industrial warehouse development. This lack of consistency creates opportunities for incompatible uses next to each other. Farmers and rural residences did not realize a commercial warehouse could be developed in the same or adjacent zoning district of their operation and home.</p>
Peter Stackpole	Transportation	<p>Section T.1A.4 It may be beneficial to look for transit access improvements along SR 510 and Yelm Highway that serve as key trunk routes for rural service. Perhaps this could be useful for either County or Intercity Transit in the future when demonstrating coordination and consistency in the pursuit of grants.</p>
Loretta Seppanen	Land Use/Natural Resources/Housing/Climate Change/Coping Public Comment/Equity	<p>The land use chapter (2) needs to be more straightforward about the inherent tensions that exist as the county makes rural land use policies -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">*balancing private property rights versus community interest in rural land for its economic benefits from farming, timber, mineral extraction; ecological benefits including for animals; carbon sequestration value; and availability for lease to farmers to keep their access to land affordable.,*keeping density low enough to not signal that an area is ripe for switching into an urban character*addressing noise, light pollution, approaches to septic*keeping existing lower cost housing without having it further degrade into a less than safe house. <p>The community needs to consider what kind of industrial uses it wants in the rural area - does it really want the existing RRI zone? Does it want more RRI acreage - in the abstract, not in response to a landowners proposal to rezone.</p> <p>Attached is information on what rezone, change of code proposals could ask of landowners - that landowners currently do not provide within their proposals./1.1.1 Robust Ag Land Conservation Goal: County staff say that the County does not have a clear overall goal for conservation of ag lands, forests, and open space. The current Chapter 3 related to conservation of farmland says: GOAL 1: Preserve agricultural land in order to ensure an adequate land base for long-term farm use. OBJECTIVE A: Conserve (no net loss) and enhance agricultural lands for long-term farming use.</p> <p>To this layperson, this language calls out conservation of ag land, but staff have consistently stated that the goal is not clear enough to call for any specific action such as denying request replace farmland with a warehouse or being of use when applying for federal farmland conservation funding. The Comp Plan update must include a clear goal for ag land conservation. The statement must be robust enough to underpin any grant proposals for various federal or state funds to support land preservation strategies. The goal should specify that land preservation for food production is a higher priority than use of rural lands for housing, commercial, and industrial development. That high priority results from the possibility of a future disruption of the current food system because of catastrophic events or stemming from impacts of climate change. The goal must be strongly enough worded that all county staff will confirm, when asked, that the county has a clear overall goal for conservation of ag land. The goal could include a mitigation plan and a required agricultural impact statement for land use changes and permits for non-agricultural development.</p> <p>One of the objectives under a new robust ag land conservation goal should address what happens when the county takes actions to remove agricultural land from production either to address its own land use needs or when approving a rezone of land that is currently farmed. Recommendation: Require such action to be mitigated by conserving adjacent farmland that is comparable in size, soil quality, and agricultural value. If adjacent farmland is not available, farmland in other areas or unfarmed land restored to production can be used for mitigation at a rate of three acres for every acre lost.</p> <p>3.1.1 Make transparent the impact of LTA/NA designation on Development Potential: Add a policy to clarify the density policy on LTA and NA lands. Here is an example of language used for the similar Skagit County policy for their LTA type land – called Agriculture Resource Land Density Policy: Residential gross densities for new land divisions in lands designated as Agriculture Resource shall be one (1) residential dwelling unit per 40 acres or 1/16 of a section.</p> <p>2.1.1 Designation and Development Code Changes to Reduce Upward Price Pressure on Rural Lands: When well-funded developers approach farmland owners seeking large swaths of flat land for houses or industry, they are pushing up the cost of farmland for the next generation of farmers. Future farmland owners can’t afford the price of unprotected land unless they inherit the land or have inherited wealth. Protecting farmland with an agricultural conservation easement helps to lower the cost of farmland as the next farmer will pay only for the agricultural value of the land.</p> <p>The county must take additional steps to reduce the upward pressure on farmland from development for housing and industry. The County can clarify its intention on RRI land and it can add more mechanisms to keep land in ag:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1)Change the Rural Resource Industrial (RRI) zoning to clearly require industries located in that zone to be clearly connected to agriculture, timber, or mineral operations in the county. Additionally, require that such industries be on land that is not suited for agricultural.2) not just now with the Working Lands study, but on a more consistent basis, the County can look for new tools to to keep land in ag (or in timber) so that landowners do not face to pressure to sell for other uses. A policy for that continual hunt for these programs/tools could be added. <p>/• Continuing development such that 14% of all new housing units in the County must be in the rural area is antithetical to rural character – needs to be closer to the Sustainable Thurston Goal of 5%. That means working with urban jurisdictions to have them increase zoning density as outlined in the</p>

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Loretta Seppanen	Housing	See document uploaded
Lora Celeste Johnson	Housing	I have filled out a land use and planning survey, and I was just in Wednesday nights public hearing. I was allowed to speak for a few minutes and now I have more comments on response to what I was hearing. Rural land use does not have to be 4 story apartment complexes. Our houseless population doesn't need access to the internet 24 hours a day, or cell towers within range. What they need is access to services and a way to contribute to their own independence. This is why I believe we need to regulate some acreage and build a camp site. I know there is a way we can organize the space to be humane and not seem neglected. There are lots of community members who do not rely on the internet and cell phone towers every minute of the day. Building fires and cooking in public parks happens every day in organized bbq set ups. Trailers that provide basic services could be installed on the outskirts of the camp. Trailers like a Free Clinic, showers and laundry. Maybe even a land-line station. People need a permanent lot of land that won't be taken away from them, somewhere they can't be displaced. Creating a tiny city built like an old timey village could be just what the doctor ordered. Cobblers and belt makers would emerge. Volunteer farmers will come to plant crops and help tend. I know it's possible because there is a program in Pierce County called the L.A.R.S.C.H. program. Please help me find more spaces where I can discuss these concepts to those who can enact change. Thank you, Lora Celeste Johnson 425.922.2658
Karen Messmer	Topics Not Listed	Hello - I just completed the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan survey. First, compliments for having an open-ended survey. This is a good way to really get at what people are thinking. Unfortunately, especially with the last question, there is no way to answer the question completely with the limited amount of letters allowed, which is apparently 250. In the last question you ask two different things - how things will be in 20 years and what services will be available. I couldn't really fit my thoughts into the short space allowed. For the 'what services will be available' part of the question it left me wondering as well. Are you asking what services the County will be providing or generally what services will be available? Generally I would describe our perfect future like this - Everyone feels safe, they have food and shelter, they are healthy, they have a purpose in life, they can travel safely where they need to go, they can enjoy the outdoors, they can engage in meaningful work, and they feel happy and hopeful. The natural environment is thriving. Our air and water are clean. We have slowed climate change to the point that it is no longer a threat. Whatever services need to be in place for this is what we need. These could come from federal, state, local government or from the community. Karen Messmer
Madeline Bishop	Housing	To Ashley Arai, Community Planning Manager: Regarding: Current interjurisdictional work on allocating housing need by income to each jurisdiction I’m asking for zoning and policy changes that will result in dense urban housing for the extremely low and very low income housing and only a 5-7% growth in rural unincorporated Thurston. Since all of the extremely low and very low income housing must be within a 15 minute walk of either high frequency transit or public services, this means housing for these 2 types must occur in the cities and not in rural areas. The Buildable Lands Report would result in 13% growth (6,700 new units) in rural unincorporated Thurston. Sustainable Thurston targets: 5% of new housing in the rural area, 72% of households in walking distance of services. We need to have zoning and other policy changes moving 4,100 of those units to urban areas near frequent transit and allocate only 2,600 new housing units to rural Thurston County. To summarize: We need the low income housing units in the cities close to service that will allow people to live without owning a car. We also need to restrict the growth in the rural area to 2,600 units. Sincerely, Madeline Bishop, Olympia 98513 Email: mfbishop.bishop@gmail.com --
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Howard Glastetter	Environment	Thank you for inviting me to attend the Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan (FHMP). I signed up on the “poll” schedule. It was a bit difficult to navigate, but I think I did it. Thank you as well for including my FERC 2020 Nisqually Valley Flood Complaint in your FMMP report. My complaint showed the value of the NOAA graphics that monitor Tacoma Power Utility’s (TPU) Alder Lake Reservoir. These graphics show activity past present and future and how a flood can or should have been mitigated. I have a suggestion. I wrote the above attachment to show how Nisqually Valley floods should be mitigated using NOAA graphics. I think this is information that should be understood by all FHMP folks. It is also important to any who could be affected by valley flooding. The FHMP effort is occurring in tandem with other valley activities. The Nisqually Sub-Area Plan is being reworked. WSDOT is gearing up to replace I-5 where it crosses the Nisqually Delta. The Nisqually Tribe and the Nisqually River Council (NRC) are actively changing the face of the valley. David Troutt of the NRC has just promised to bring TPU in for a NRC discussion of Alder Lake Dam flood mitigation. I suggest a better place for this discussion should be at a Thurston County FHMP meeting with all above diverse parties interested in this issue invited. This action would be innovative and could impress FEMA. It could open the door for more cooperative synergy among different these valley interests. It might even keep our FEMA flood insurance rates at the impressively low level we currently have. Thurston County is only one of five counties in the whole country with these low rates. Sincerely, Howard Glastetter

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Elizabeth Roderic	Environment	<p>Hello Maya, Sue Danver suggested that I contact you about addressing wildlife habitat connectivity in the comprehensive land use plan update. I am a member of the Black Hills Audubon Conservation Committee and retired wildlife biologist. For the benefit of others copied on this email I am summarizing the GMA requirement for counties relating to protection of fish and wildlife habitats. The Growth Management Act requires local jurisdictions to classify and identify Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas (FWHCAs) and manage these areas to maintain populations of species and prevent degradation of habitat. FWHCA’s are designated under the Critical Area Ordinance in Chapter 24.25 of the Thurston County Code. FWHCA’s include several types of habitat and species including wetlands, streams, and priority habitat and species as defined by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). Biodiversity Areas and Corridors are one type of Priority Habitat. WDFW defines Biodiversity Areas and Corridors as those areas within a county that contain habitat that is valuable to fish and wildlife, are mostly comprised of native vegetation, and relative to the surrounding area the vegetation is diverse with a mosaic of habitats. Corridors are defined as areas of relatively undisturbed land that is not fragmented and connects fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, other priority habitat, or valuable habitats within a city. BHAS suggests using several data sources listed below to incorporate habitat connectivity corridors in the Thurston Comprehensive Plan Update. Please provide this information to your GIS staff. We would appreciate it if you could also send this to the Heartland Group that is doing the Industrial Lands Study. The following information was provided to me by Jeff Azerrad, WDFW PHS Environmental Planner. In 2023, WDFW provided the counties with habitat connectivity data layers developed by the Washington Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Working Group (WWHCWG). Particularly, they have added data developed for the Columbia Plateau Connectivity Assessment onto PHS on the Web. It is represented as part of a PHS priority habitat type called Biodiversity Areas and Corridors (BAC). That same data is also available in GIS form for direct download on the Washington Geospatial Open Data Portal. When the data from the Coast to Cascades Assessment (C2C) (which covers all of SW Washington and the Olympic Peninsula) is added to PHS, it will also be accessible on the same platforms. This is planned for the end of 2023. These types of analyses have a lot of different data layers. So much so that it can be information overload to a county if they have limited expertise with this kind of data. Without the right background, it can be hard to know how to represent and apply the data in a way that is meaningful to local land use planning for maintaining a connected network. WDFW started with the Columbia Plateau data to determine how to display it in PHS. Because interpreting and applying the data can be a challenge, they also developed these three companion guides to help users understand what the data is and what it isn’t. (They will be developing similar guides when the C2C Data goes into PHS): CP BAC User Guide CP BAC Tech Report CP BAC At-a-Glance Jeff Azerrad with PHS will also be writing management recommendations, which will provide more detailed strategies for how to plan for land use in and around areas identified as BACs. You can find the original Coast to Cascades source data at https://www.ctoclc.org/conservationresources. The C2C Landscape Collaborative is currently using the data for creating connectivity projects across Interstate 5 along a couple of priority stretches. One priority linkage is in southern Thurston County, see the maps from the attached C2C Analysis report. They are refining this "northern linkage" and parcel maps should be available soon. Here is the link to the full report, https://drive.google.com/file/d/1knz_hwDPlzKisGAHfb8uSwMxyhWcVrsU/view. Jeff suggests using the tools that PHS has provided (listed above) to help understand how these data can be used in local land use planning. You also may be familiar with Allison Borges's 2019 thesis 2019 TC habitat conn Thesis_MES_2019_BorgesA.pdf that used similar methodology, WILDLIFE CORRIDORS IN THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON: A SPATIAL ANALYSIS OF REGIONAL LANDSCAPE CONNECTIVITY. It shows priority areas for connecting two forested wildland blocks on either side of I-5. However, she concludes that additional work is needed on habitat connectivity for prairie-oak-wetland species within wildland block #1. " With regards to the other species (Western gray squirrel, Oregon spotted frog, and Mazama Pocket Gopher) connectivity is important for the specialized habitats within wildland block 1; especially with the expanding urban growth and development that surrounds that area. Current research is pursuing ways to ensure population viability of the threatened and endangered species that are mostly isolated to that region, but my thesis research indicates that extending connectivity to the other areas included in the analysis (wildland blocks 2 and 3) may not be the most productive pursuit if focused on those species in particular (Wiles,</p>
Madeline Bishop	Environment	<p>Please add to the 2045 Comp Plan: Build wildfire-resilient communities by guiding growth away from fire-prone areas next to forest land and prairie lands Do not allow housing developments to sprawl into the wildland-urban interface. --- Related article: OREGON’S LAND USE LAW CREATES WILDFIREADAPTED COMMUNITIES</p>
Madeline Bishop	Housing/Transportation/Captial Facilites/Envrionment/Health and Social Services/Equity	<p>Degrowth recognizes economic growth without destruction of nature is impossible, and the destruction of nature guarantees our own destruction. Degrowth calls for reigning in consumption and expanding social services and achieving economic equality. Reference: Degrowth: The Vision We Must Demand, We need an ecological civilization before it’s too late We need to consider the well-being of our residents as important as economic development. We need a thriving local farm economy. Find a way to build thriving local and regional food systems. Encourage local businesses rather than industry from elsewhere seeking I-5 access. No more cutting down trees for warehouses./Protect and accommodate pedestrians and bikers. In most areas, I would be afraid to walk because of traffic. Continue to support free transit./Can the county scale down throughput and eliminate waste? Could we demand warranties on the equipment we purchase?/Think of creative ways to generate electricity using solar panels over parking or on county property. Plant trees to reduce the heat dome effect in cities. Provide affordable energy efficient homes with a path to home ownership at all income levels. Could the county lease to own mobile homes on county land?/expand social services to support good lives without high levels of income. High-quality public healthcare and education should be available to everyone. As I explore options for where to live as I age, I need to live near a source of secular healthcare. It is not acceptable to me that my physician and hospital be guided by someone else’s religious views on death and dying./Expand social services to support good lives without high levels of income. High-quality public healthcare and education should be available to everyone</p>
Sharron Coontz	Land Use/Housing	<p>I'm concerned about the proliferation of warehouses./new solutions to the homeless issues - affordable housing is not affordable to these people.</p>

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Esther Grace Kronenberg	Open Space and Recreation	Incorporate new science about the impacts of toxic chemicals, water quality protection, stronger stormwater controls and better tracking of faulty septic systems.
Melinda Hughes	Climate Change	We hope the County commits to matching actions in the Comprehensive Plan with the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan.
Trudy Soucoup	Housing	Update Homes First references, update DD units and partners.
"Charlotte Persons Sam Merrill"	Land Use/Natural Resources/Housing/Transportation/Capital Facilities/Utilities/Open Space and Recreation/Scoping Public Comment	BHAS urges the County to include model language regarding climate mitigation. Several suggestions to policy changes in Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 around agriculture, climate change and carbon sequestration, return of post-reclaimed mines to agriculture, more robust conservation programs, changes to rural resource industrial language, inclusion of metrics, an adaptable planning approach, housing affordability, EVs, effects on marginalized communities, better stormwater protections, water quality and environmental protection, and more. /BHAS urges the County to include model language regarding climate mitigation. Several suggestions to policy changes in Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 around agriculture, climate change and carbon sequestration, return of post-reclaimed mines to agriculture, more robust conservation programs, changes to rural resource industrial language, inclusion of metrics, an adaptable planning approach, housing affordability, EVs, effects on marginalized communities, better stormwater protections, water quality and environmental protection, and more. /BHAS urges the County to include model language regarding climate mitigation. Several suggestions to policy changes in Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 around agriculture, climate change and carbon sequestration, return of post-reclaimed mines to agriculture, more robust conservation programs, changes to rural resource industrial language, inclusion of metrics, an adaptable planning approach, housing affordability, EVs, effects on marginalized communities, better stormwater protections, water quality and environmental protection, and more. /BHAS urges the County to include model language regarding climate mitigation. Several suggestions to policy changes in Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 around agriculture, climate change and carbon sequestration, return of post-reclaimed mines to agriculture, more robust conservation programs, changes to rural resource industrial language, inclusion of metrics, an adaptable planning approach, housing affordability, EVs, effects on marginalized communities, better stormwater protections, water quality and environmental protection, and more. /BHAS urges the County to include model language regarding climate mitigation. Several suggestions to policy changes in Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 around agriculture, climate change and carbon sequestration, return of post-reclaimed mines to agriculture, more robust conservation programs, changes to rural resource industrial language, inclusion of metrics, an adaptable planning approach, housing affordability, EVs, effects on marginalized communities, better stormwater protections, water quality and environmental protection, and more. /BHAS urges the County to include model language regarding climate mitigation. Several suggestions to policy changes in Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 around agriculture, climate change and carbon sequestration, return of post-reclaimed mines to agriculture, more robust conservation programs, changes to rural resource industrial language, inclusion of metrics, an adaptable planning approach, housing affordability, EVs, effects on marginalized communities, better stormwater protections, water quality and environmental protection, and more. BHAS urges the County to include model language regarding climate mitigation. Several suggestions to policy changes in Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 around agriculture, climate change and carbon sequestration, return of post-reclaimed mines to agriculture, more robust conservation programs, changes to rural resource industrial language, inclusion of metrics, an adaptable planning approach, housing affordability, EVs, effects on marginalized communities, better stormwater protections, water quality and environmental protection, and more. /BHAS urges the County to include model language regarding climate mitigation. Several suggestions to policy changes in Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 around agriculture, climate change and carbon sequestration, return of post-reclaimed mines to agriculture, more robust conservation programs, changes to rural resource industrial language, inclusion of metrics, an adaptable planning approach, housing affordability, EVs, effects on marginalized communities, better stormwater protections, water quality and environmental protection, and more.
Esther Kronenberg	Scoping Public Comment	We request that the County add Rights of Nature to Chapter 9 of the comprehensive plan to ensure nature is free from violation, regulation, and subordination to other laws, economic priorities, and legal and financial liabilities. We support comments of the Agriculture Advisory Committee and others who request that there be a clear measureable goal for conservation of these critical local agricultlural lands.
Lynn Fitz-Hugh	Scoping Public Comment	We agree with the comments submitted by the Clean Black Lake Alliance. Please include the rights of nature within the Plan.
Melinda Hughes	Scoping Public Comment	"I ask that the protection of agriculture be added to the scope of work. I ask that protection of ""rights of nature"" be included in the Plan."
Michael Cade	Scoping Public Comment	"The survey responses are note reflective of the entire county - several zip code areas made up less than 3% of total responses. We encourage that data responses are identified that represents the geographic origin. We encourage the county to attempt to have every element be connected in some fashion, required and optional. If the future land use update is included, we encourage that this reflect the changes that have occured in the last half decade, and that it allow flexibility. The industrial lands stufy should identify emerging markest that drives new wealth and employment opportunities and provide for felxibility in regulations."

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Rebecca Canright	Natural Resources/Climate Change/	I want policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests, addresses the need to accelerate retrofitting buildings, addresses EV infrastructure, and protects farmland while supporting new nad young farmers. /I want policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests, addresses the need to accelerate retrofitting buildings, addresses EV infrastructure, and protects farmland while supporting new nad young farmers.
Aliana Moon	Climate Change	I feel strongly that the comp plan should prioritize climate change.
Karen Bray	Climate Change	Include a policy that protects all forests within the county, and protects farmland and encourages regenerative farming methods.
Robyn Chance	Climate Change	Climate change should be a priority of the update. I want policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests, and protects farmland and offers incentives to farmers.
Anita Thomson	Natural Resources/Climate Change/	I want policy that addresses EV infrastructure, a policy that addresses the homeless situation in a thoughtful way, and protects farmland while supporting new and young farmers. /I want policy that addresses EV infrastructure, a policy that addresses the homeless situation in a thoughtful way, and protects farmland while supporting new and young farmers.
Glen Anderson	Scoping Public Comment	I want policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests, addresses the need to accelerate retrofitting buildings, addresses EV infrastructure, and protects farmland while supporting new and young farmers.
Maureen Canny	Climate Change	I want policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests, addresses the need to accelerate retrofitting buildings, addresses EV infrastructure, and protects farmland while supporting new and young farmers.
Lynn Fitz-Hugh	Climate Change	I want policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects farmland, integrate climate change into how SEPA's are done, and create a regional housing authority and use affordability measures for qualification.
Richard Moon	Climate Change	I want policy that addresses goals of the fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty, addresses EV infrastructure, promotes renewable energy and vulnerability of the power gread, addresses lead pollution around the Olympia airport, and addresses more extreme weather events by upgrading building codes
Elizabeth Northon	Housing/Transportation	Inlcude TCMP climate change goals. Update CWPP. /Expand public transit and continue free access. Encourage multi-modal uses.
Sharron Coontz	Land Use/Housing/	I'm concerned about the proliferation of warehouses./new solutions to the homeless issues - affordable housing is not affordable to these people.
Sally Nole	Climate Change	Incorporate the TCMP into the Thurston Comprehensive Plan.
John Gear	Scoping Public Comment	This update cycle should develop a plan that is fiscally constrained, recognizes looming threats of increasing climate instability and overdue Cascadia Subduction Zone, and addresses the critical need to abandon fossil fuels and require electrification of everything. Do not consider any rezonings until a 3D parcel by parcel map of every place within the County is generated that shows tax revenue in green, costs in red, and the overall 3D projecting showing whichever one dominates the parcel, varying the z-axis to show the amount generated. Any new development should be considered in this aspect before a change is made.
Glen Anderson	Scoping Public Comment	Please add Thurston 2045 to the docket and include the Planning Commission in all phases of planning, including scoping.
Ken and Maureen Canny	Scoping Public Comment	Please add Thurston 2045 to the docket and include the Planning Commission in all phases of planning, including scoping.
Jon Cezan	Scoping Public Comment	I believe that the top priorities should be protecting the environment, preparing for the impacts of climate change, and the retention of farmlands.
Phyllis Farrell	Scoping Public Comment	I request that climate change be included as an optional element as planning is required in order to meet the goals of the TCMP. I request that protecting agriculture and establishing clear goals be done as a part of the update. The update should reflect the findings of the industrial lands study. The implementation plan should add metrics for agriculture lands and trees in addition to housing. Rights of Nature should be added into the plan. No changes to land use or zoning should be done without formal amendments to the comprehensive plan.
Elaine Wilson	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Bette Schultz	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Marian Mehegan	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that the Planning Commission consider the two highest priorities from the survey: 1) protect water, wildlife, landslide areas, and flood areas and 2) prepare for climate change. I also ask that the Planning Commission include the Rights of Nature in the Comp Plan
Maureen Canny	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Dio Lewis	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Lazlo Skelton	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Noel Marshall	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Jean Maust	Natural Resources	The Comp Plan should include policy that plans to protect farmland and offers incentives to farmers.

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Patricia Rutherford	Climate Change	I want a policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests.
Christine Wells	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Mari Stuart	Transportation	Include climate context into transportation chapter, and include model language on climate change.
Sue Danver	Transportation	Include climate context into transportation chapter, and include model language on climate change.
Christine Wells	Climate Change	I want policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests, addresses the need to accelerate retrofitting buildings, and addresses EV infrastructure.
Kathy Package	Climate Change	I want a policy that addresses urban tree protections.
George Burazer	Climate Change	Climate change should be a priority of the update. I want policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests, and addresses EV infrastructure.
Patricia Holm	Climate Change/Scoping Public Comments	I want a policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests. /I want a policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests.
Robin Friend	Transportation/Climate Change	Add climate change to planning context in transportation chapter, add language from climate mitigation model language to transportation /Add climate change to planning context in transportation chapter, add language from climate mitigation model language to transportation
Robert Barnes	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Kathy Package	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
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Cynthia Tufford	Scoping Public Comment	Please add Thurston 2045 to the docket and include the Planning Commission in all phases of planning, including scoping.
Loretta Seppanen	Scoping Public Comment	"Please add two elements to the scope of work and check that the new language related to agriculture is sufficient. 1) Check to see if our vision statements in Chapter 1 of the Comp Plan are correct. Possible values to add are equity, inherent value beyond enjoyment or financial benefit of land and natural environment, and government to government relations with Tribes is a benefit to the County. 2) Please include a mid-cycle review of the scope of work. Allow for adaptation of the scope of work as the project moves forward. "
Emilia Snow	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Tony & Heidi Usibelli	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Lisa Riner	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Jerry Dierker	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Leah Davis	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Karen Caton	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Mark Collins	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Kim Murillo	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Lisa Ornstein	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Kathleen Pruitt	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Margaret Dreyfus	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Garrett Tatsumi	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Hugh Caton	Scoping Public Comment	I ask that protection of "rights of nature" be included in the Plan.
Judith Langhans	Scoping Public Comment	Please recognize the legal rights of nature in the comp plan.
Madeline Bishop	Scoping Public Comment	Please add as optional update items: protect agriculture, rights of nature to land use making decision. Recommended priorities of optional updates: climate change, implementation plan, protect agriculture, rights of nature, and incorporating findings from countywide industrial lands study. Please include a mid-cycle update on the scope of work where new laws can be incorporated into the scope and give the community a second change to weigh in on the scope of work.. Please include an update to Title 17 - Environment to add new language relating to the Climate Mitigation Plan and review the process for Determination of Significances.
Madeline Bishop	Scoping Public Comment	"Please add as optional update items: protect agriculture, rights of nature to land use making decision. Recommended priorities of optional updates: climate change, implementation plan, protect agriculture, rights of nature, and incorporating findings from countywide industrial lands study."

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K Burnell Schaetzel-Hill	Scoping Public Comment	Please recognize the legal rights of nature in the comp plan.
Loretta Seppanen	Scoping Public Comment	"Please add as optional update items: protect agriculture, rights of nature to land use making decisions, amendments to Title 17 related to incorporated Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan and approach to Determination of Significance. Recommended priorities of optional updates: climate change, implementation plan, protect agriculture, rights of nature, and incorporating findings from countywide industrial lands study. Please include a mid-cycle update on the scope of work."
Mark Kaufman	Scoping Public Comment	Please recognize the legal rights of nature in the comp plan. The continued degradation of our environment shows that current law is not protecting the carrying capacities of life giving ecosystems. Adopt new laws that represent the values and needs to support a thriving and diverse Earth community.
Harry Branch	Scoping Public Comment	Please recognize the legal rights of nature in the comp plan.
Esther Grace Kronenberg	Scoping Public Comment	Please add Thurston 2045 to the docket and include the Planning Commission in all phases of planning, including scoping.
Lisa Riner	Scoping Public Comment	Please add Thurston 2045 to the docket and include the Planning Commission in all phases of planning, including scoping.
Judy Olmstead	Scoping Public Comment	Please include the Planning Commission in all phases of planning, including scoping.
Loretta Seppanen	Transportation/Utilities/Open Space and Recreation/Health/Environmental Justice	Several updates suggested to chapters to incorporate climate mitigation and resilience information, policy, and metrics; hazards planning; and environmental justice priorities /Several updates suggested to chapters to incorporate climate mitigation and resilience information, policy, and metrics; hazards planning; and environmental justice priorities /Several updates suggested to chapters to incorporate climate mitigation and resilience information, policy, and metrics; hazards planning; and environmental justice priorities /Several updates suggested to chapters to incorporate climate mitigation and resilience information, policy, and metrics; hazards planning; and environmental justice priorities
Loretta Seppanen	Scoping Public Comment	"Staff need to engage the community in trade off considerations during scoping. After the Boards initial briefing on scope, staff should re-engage with the community to receive feedback. Include formal review with the Planning Commission and a formal written comment period of at least a month. Plan for scope review periodically during the process to address changes that could lead to a need for scope change. Favor scope changes from underrepresented communities. I am concerned they may not be able to prioritize giving input until later in the process."
Lisa Ornstein	Land Use/Natural Resources/Housing/Climate Change/Equity	The Comprehensive Plan should rectify problems around implementation, collaboration with other jurisdictions and tribes, racial disparities, protections for long-term farming, and missing policies on climate change./The Comprehensive Plan should rectify problems around implementation, collaboration with other jurisdictions and tribes, racial disparities, protections for long-term farming, and missing policies on climate change./The Comprehensive Plan should rectify problems around implementation, collaboration with other jurisdictions and tribes, racial disparities, protections for long-term farming, and missing policies on climate change./The Comprehensive Plan should rectify problems around implementation, collaboration with other jurisdictions and tribes, racial disparities, protections for long-term farming, and missing policies on climate change./The Comprehensive Plan should rectify problems around implementation, collaboration with other jurisdictions and tribes, racial disparities, protections for long-term farming, and missing policies on climate change.
Madeline Bishop	Land Use	Chapter 2 language on RRI must match the county code. The language is vague and allows an open door for rural areas and along I-5 to look like Lewis County's warehouse development. RRI Purpose should be updated to match the language in Chapter 2. Additionally, clarify the narrative for RRI within chapter 2.
Mark Collins	Transportation/Climate Change	Include climate context into transportation chapter, and include model language on climate change./Include climate context into transportation chapter, and include model language on climate change.
Garrett Tatsumi	Transportation/Climate Change	Include climate context into transportation chapter, and include model language on climate change./Include climate context into transportation chapter, and include model language on climate change.
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Sue Langhans	Climate Change/Public Engagement/County Wide Planning Policies	Update CWPPs to reflect housing allocation needs, address racial disparities, and environmental justice issues./Update CWPPs to reflect housing allocation needs, address racial disparities, and environmental justice issues./Add climate change to planning context in transportation chapter, add language from climate mitigation model language to transportation
Lisa Ornstein	Natural Resources/Climate Change	I want policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests, addresses the need to accelerate retrofitting buildings, addresses EV infrastructure, and protects farmland while supporting new and young farmers. /I want policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests, addresses the need to accelerate retrofitting buildings, addresses EV infrastructure, and protects farmland while supporting new and young farmers.
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Karen Caton	Climate Change	I want policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests and protects farmland while supporting new and young farmers.
Glen Hubbard	Climate Change	I want a policy that addresses the need to accelerate the retrofitting of public buildings.
Tom Dyer	Natural Resources/Climate Change	I want policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests, addresses the need to accelerate retrofitting buildings, addresses EV infrastructure, protects farmland while supporting new and young farmers, and addressess increased risk of fires/ I want policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests, addresses the need to accelerate retrofitting buildings, addresses EV infrastructure, protects farmland while supporting new and young farmers, and addressess increased risk of fires
Kathleen Snyder	Climate Change	I want policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests and addresses EV infrastructure.
Dave Bradley	Climate Change	The County should make climate change a priority, addressing both mitigation and adaptation. Include policy on retrofitting existing buildings, all-electric public buildings, EV Charging Infrastructure and public transportation.
Madeline Bishop	Climate Change	Climate change should be addressed as if it were a required element by adding new analysis, goals and policies across the Plan.
Penny Purkerson	Natural Resources/Climate Change	I want policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests, addresses the need to accelerate retrofitting buildings, addresses EV infrastructure, and protects farmland while supporting new and young farmers./ I want policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests, addresses the need to accelerate retrofitting buildings, addresses EV infrastructure, and protects farmland while supporting new and young farmers.
Tim Leadingham	Climate Change	I want a comp plan that addresses all aspects of the climate crisis we are in, both mitigation and adaptation.
Susan Vanderburg	Climate Change	I want policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests and protects farmland while supporting new nad young farmers.
Glen D Phillips	Natural Resources/Climate Change	I want policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests, addresses the need to accelerate retrofitting buildings, addresses EV infrastructure, and protects farmland while supporting new nad young farmers./ I want policy that addresses urban tree protections and protects legacy forests, addresses the need to accelerate retrofitting buildings, addresses EV infrastructure, and protects farmland while supporting new nad young farmers.
Loretta Seppanen	Housing	Housing chapter needs a complete update to comply with recently passed legislation, accommodate for diverse housing, identify housing policies to undo racially disparate impacts. Include policies to address affordable housing in rural areas.
Joni Brill	Transportation/ Climate Change	Add climate change to planning context in transportation chapter/ add language from climate mitigation model language to transportation
Garrett Tatsumi	Transportation/ Climate Change	Add climate change to planning context in transportation chapter,/ add language from climate mitigation model language to transportation
Lisa Ornstein	Housing/Transportation/Climate Change/County Wide Planning Policies	Update housing chapter to add the home fund, include affordable housing in rural areas, detail growing disparities in housing and affordability, include updates from South Puget Sound Jabitat for Humanity, address racially disparate impacts of housing policies / Add climate change to planning context in transportation chapter/ add language from climate mitigation model language to transportation/ Update CWPPs to reflect housing allocation needs, address racial disparities, and environmental justice issues.

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Dr. Warren Kronenberg	County Wide Planning Policies	Update CWPPs to reflect housing allocation needs, address racial disparities, and environmental justice issues.
Loretta Seppanen	Public Engagement	The LGGC urges individuals to submit comments to Thurston County regarding the community engagement aspect of the update. I urge the BoCC to support staff in a robust community engagement effort.
Sharon Herting	Transportation/Climate Change	Add climate change to planning context in transportation chapter/ add language from climate mitigation model language to transportation
Lisa Ornstein	Transportation/Climate Change	Add climate change to planning context in transportation chapter/ Add climate change to planning context in transportation chapter, add language from climate mitigation model language to transportation
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Robert Clark	County Wide Planning Policies	Update CWPPs to reflect housing allocation needs, and address racial disparities and environmental justice issues.
Sharon Herting	County Wide Planning Policies	Update CWPPs to reflect housing allocation needs, address racial disparities, and environmental justice issues.
Loretta Seppanen	County Wide Planning Policies	Update CWPPs to reflect housing allocation needs, address racial disparities, and environmental justice issues.
Cheri Randich	Land Use	Look forward at fast trains rather than new airports.
Madeline Bishop	Public Engagement	Reach out to Thurston Youth Climate Coalition
Norma Larson	Land Use	My biggest concern is the mega-airport. It will greatly affect the community and I do not believe it will bring in many good paying jobs.
Madeline Bishop	Public Engagement	I ask that the Planning Commission start working on engagement with people previously excluded from discussing the Comp Plan 2045, including communities of color, tribes, and low-income households.
Robin Friend	Housing/Climate Change/Environmental Justice	There is a substantial number of people paying more than they can afford to live and work in the rural area. Revise comp plan to meet housing needs in the rural and UGAs by tripling housing stock of lower cost houses in south County rural UGAs (Grand Mound, Tenino, Bucoda, Rainier)./ Add language into comp plan re: climate mitigation and resiliency / Add in an environmental justice priority to the comp plan.
Lisa Ornstein	Housing/Climate Change/Environmental Justice	There is a substantial number of people paying more than they can afford to live and work in the rural area. Revise comp plan to meet housing needs in the rural and UGAs by tripling housing stock of lower cost houses in south County rural UGAs (Grand Mound, Tenino, Bucoda, Rainier)./ Add language into comp plan re: climate mitigation and resiliency/ Add in an environmental justice priority to the comp plan.
Judith Bendersky	Climate Change/Environmental Justice	Add language into comp plan re: climate mitigation and resiliency/Add in an environmental justice priority to the comp plan.
Karen Caton	Housing/Climate Change/Environmental Justice	There is a substantial number of people paying more than they can afford to live and work in the rural area. Revise comp plan to meet housing needs in the rural and UGAs by tripling housing stock of lower cost houses in south County rural UGAs (Grand Mound, Tenino, Bucoda, Rainier)./Add language into comp plan re: climate mitigation and resiliency/ Add in an environmental justice priority to the comp plan.

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Karin Morris	Transportation	26th St NE from South Bay to Friendly Grove NE lacks a consistent usable shoulder for pedestrians and bicyclists. This does not feel safe. Ideally being able to walk to Priest Point Park would be ideal
Robert Clark	Housing/Climate Change/Environmental Justice	Revise comp plan to meet housing needs in the rural and UGAs by tripling housing stock of lower cost houses in south County rural UGAs (Grand Mound, Tenino, Bucoda, Rainier). Expand policies to include a detailed timeline about which funding options will be pursued./ Add language on climate mitigation and resiliency into the Comprehensive Plan. Climate language should fit into Chapter 9 (environment), Chapter 11 (health), and Chapter 5 (transportation)./ Add in an environmental justice priority to the comp plan in chapter 5 (transportation), chapter 7 (utilities), chapter 9 (environment) and chapter 11 (health) to ensure that improvements and programs that address the needs of the counnies disadvantaged communities are given priority.