

# THURSTON



# 2045

## CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION AND APPENDICES A, C & D

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# Today's Work Session

- ▶ Amendments to:
  - ▶ Chapter 1 – Introduction
  - ▶ Appendix A – Thurston Count History
  - ▶ Appendix C – Description of Related Plans, Studies, and Regulations
  - ▶ Appendix D – Historical List of Amendments to Comp Plan
- ▶ Suggested edits and a “thumbs up” to bring it to a public hearing with the entire plan

# Thurston 2045: the County's Periodic Update

- ▶ Updates required periodically (ten-year cycle) to land use, population, building, and housing data
- ▶ 20-year horizon to 2045
- ▶ Ensures consistency with Washington State Growth Management Act
- ▶ Not a full repeal and replace, or a full re-visioning
- ▶ Next periodic update due December 31, 2025

# What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- ▶ Sets guiding principles and vision for how and where development occurs
- ▶ Guided by 15 Planning Goals:
  - ▶ Concentrate urban growth
  - ▶ Reduce sprawl
  - ▶ Transportation
  - ▶ Affordable housing
  - ▶ Economic development
  - ▶ Property rights
  - ▶ Predictable permitting
  - ▶ Natural resource industries
  - ▶ Open Space and recreation
  - ▶ Environmental protection
  - ▶ Citizen participation and coordination
  - ▶ Public facilities and services
  - ▶ Historic preservation
  - ▶ Climate change and resiliency
  - ▶ Shoreline management

Last periodic update complete in 2019, based on 2016 data

# Project Timeline

## Scoping the Update

- Nov. 2022 – Feb. 2023

## Initial Outreach & Internal Review

- March 2023-March 2024

## Planning Commission Review

- March – March 2025

## BoCC Review & Action

- Jan. – Dec. 2025

# Scope & Topic Review Timeline

**March -  
April**

**Chapters:**

- ▶ Thurston 2045 Survey, Comments
- ▶ Historic

**May**

**Chapters:**

- ▶ Capital Facilities & Utilities
- ▶ Environment & Recreation

**June**

**Chapters:**

- ▶ Housing
- ▶ Land Use
- ▶ Natural Resource Lands

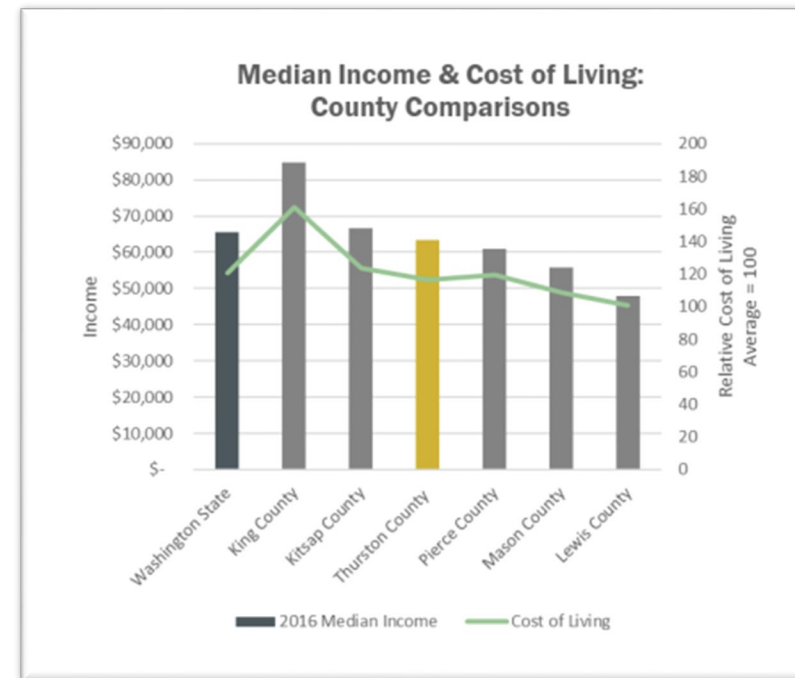
**July -  
August**

**Chapters:**

- ▶ Climate
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Implementation Plan Appendix

# Chapter 1 – Introduction

- ▶ Themes from Thurston County Strategic Plan
- ▶ Survey results – community priorities
- ▶ Two new Growth Management Goals
- ▶ Updated data for weather patterns, demographics, and economics



*Example of table being updated.*

# Appendix A

## Appendix A – Thurston County History

- ▶ More accurate and thorough history of the Squaxin Island Tribe
- ▶ Changed “Indian” to “Indigenous”
- ▶ More accurate history of the early settler, George Bush



# Appendix C and Appendix D

## Appendix C – Description of Plans, Studies, and Regulations

- ▶ Updated to reference amended plans where applicable
- ▶ Adding internet links to reference plans where applicable

## Appendix D – List of Plan Amendments

- ▶ Updated amendments going back to 2019
- ▶ Added Thurston 2045 amendments (to be updated upon adoption)

# Upcoming Thurston 2045 Meetings

- ▶ **April 3, 2024** – Chapter 10 - Historic Resources; Climate / Housing Approach (Tentative)
- ▶ **April 17, 2024** – Chapter 6 - Capital Facilities (Tentative); Chapter 7 – Utilities (Tentative)

# Ways to Engage!



- ▶ Visit the Thurston 2045 Webpage

- ▶ <http://thurston2045.org/>

- ▶ Sign up for Email Updates

- ▶ <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/SEKnFSp/Thurston2045>

- ▶ Comment on the Project

- ▶ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Thurston2045>



# Thank You!

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