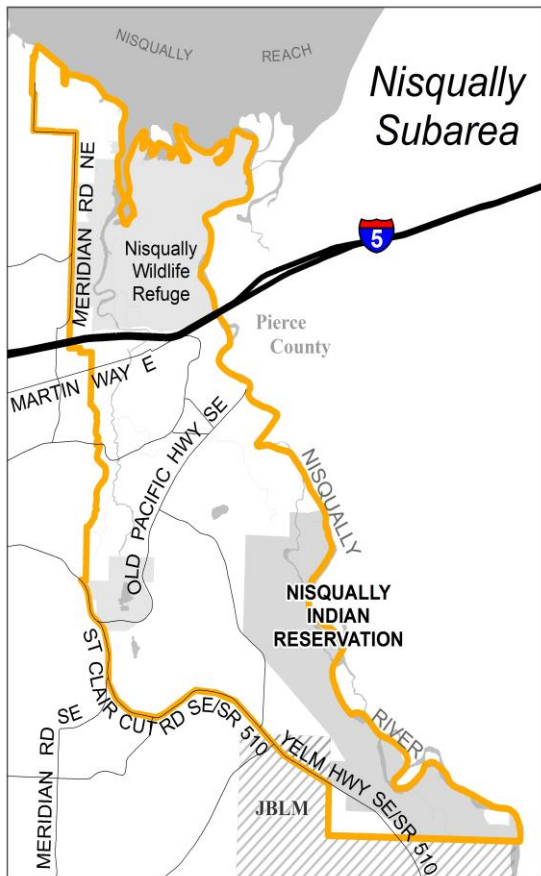


THURSTON COUNTY NISQUALLY SUBAREA PLANNING



OVERVIEW

The Nisqually subarea is roughly 9,000 acres of rural lands in northeastern Thurston County. The subarea includes the Nisqually Indian Reservation, the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge, and a portion of the JBLM Military Reservation.

In the early 1990s the County worked with the community to develop a land-use plan for the Nisqually subarea. The plan contains goals and policies aimed at achieving the community's vision.

In 2024, Thurston County will be re-engaging with the community to begin updating the land-use planning for the subarea.

Community involvement is key, and there will be many opportunities for the public to provide input and feedback throughout the planning process.

Nisqually Subarea Planning Timeframes

schedule may be subject to change

Fall 2023

- Internal Review
- Outreach Plan development

January – March 2024

- Open House meeting
- Focus Groups

May - July 2024

- Planning Commission (PC) Review
- PC Public Hearing

August – December 2024

- SEPA
- Board of County Commissioner Review & Public Hearing

To learn more and sign up for updates, visit:
[Nisqually Sub Area Plan | Thurston County \(thurstoncountywa.gov\)](https://thurstoncountywa.gov/nisqually-sub-area-plan)

FAST FACTS

The Nisqually Subarea Plan:

- ◆ Is part of Thurston County's Comprehensive Plan, the overarching document that describes the County's long-term vision, goals, and policies that guide growth in the County.
- ◆ Was adopted in 1992 and has only had minor amendments since its adoption.
- ◆ Was developed through an extensive public engagement process with the community.
- ◆ Pre-dates the majority of the County's current policies and regulations, including: the Comprehensive Plan, zoning ordinance, and critical areas ordinance.
- ◆ Contains goals and policies relating to:
 - Residential and Commercial Development
 - Transportation
 - Water Resources, Wildlife Habitat, and Conservation Programs
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Agriculture, Mining, and Industrial Activities
 - Historic Preservation and Rural Character
 - The Community Planning Process
 - Intergovernmental Cooperation

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