THURSTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

PLANNING COMMISSION – JUNE 6, 2018

Introduction
OVERVIEW

- Schedule Update
- Thurston County Growth Projections
County is required to conduct a periodic review of Comp Plan

- Update population and employment forecast data
- Reflect changes in state law
- Incorporate other needed changes

Last Update: 2004
PLANNING HIERARCHY

Comprehensive Plan Chapters
1. Introduction
2. Land Use
3. Natural Resources
4. Housing
5. Transportation
6. Capital Facilities Program (CFP)
7. Utilities
8. Economic Development
9. Environment
10. Historic Resources
11. Health
12. Amendments
ROLE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

How the County Uses It

- Guidance for:
  - Development regulations
  - Capital Facilities Planning
  - Site-specific land use permit applications
  - Related plans
  - County programs

How Others Use It

- Informing the public
- Informing other public & private entities
- Comprehensive Plan uses “should” instead of “shall”
Thurston County was the 3rd fastest growing county in WA between 2005-2017.

We are projected to add ~100,000 people between 2017-2040. Increase of 42%.
Thurston County Population by Age Group

- Baby Boom Generation
- Millennial Generation

1990:
- 30% (0-4)
- 59% (5-19)
- 11% (20+)

Bar chart showing population distribution by age group.
Thurston County Population by Age Group

2015

Baby Boom Generation
Millennial Generation

- 0-4
- 5-9
- 10-19
- 20-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-69
- 70-79
- 80+

- 25%
- 60%
- 15%
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2040:
- 24% (Baby Boom Generation)
- 57% (Millennial Generation)
- 19% (Millennial Generation)

0-4 years: 24%
5-9 years: 24%
10-14 years: 24%
15-19 years: 24%
20-24 years: 24%
25-29 years: 24%
30-34 years: 24%
35-39 years: 24%
40-44 years: 24%
45-49 years: 24%
50-54 years: 24%
55-59 years: 24%
60-64 years: 24%
65-69 years: 24%
70-74 years: 19%
75-79 years: 19%
80-84 years: 19%
85+ years: 19%
Proportion of residents with income below the federal poverty level has increased

- **2005 = 10%**
- **2016 = 12%**

- All families = 8.1%
  - With children under 18 = 13%
  - Single-mother = 26%
  - Single mother, working full time = 9%
  - Homeowner = 4%
  - Renter = 17%
THURSTON COUNTY GROWTH PROJECTIONS

- Half of county’s growth projected for the county’s incorporated areas
- For unincorporated Thurston County, largest portion of growth projected for the Lacey UGA
- Currently, there is sufficient land supply in urban areas to accommodate projected growth
Questions?

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Project Updates and Draft Documents
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