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March Open House Feedback

Thurston County hosted two Open Houses on the Comprehensive Plan Update on March 27 (45 attendees) and 31 (34 attendees), 2018. The Open House format included 10 stations with posters discussing relevant elements of the Comprehensive Plan: Population projections and demographics, Land Use, Natural Resource Lands, Housing, Transportation, Economic Development, Environment and Recreation, Historic Resources, Utilities, and Health.

Staff were available at each station to answer questions or explain the poster content. There were several opportunities for attendees to provide feedback:

- Each station had an accompanying sheet on which attendees could write comments on hopes or concerns they had that were relevant to that topic area.
- The Transportation station had two interactive posters on which participants could mark areas of concern for congestion and maintenance, and where they thought the county should invest in safety improvements.
- At the sign-in table, each attendee was given a comment sheet that asked the following questions:
  - What hopes or concerns do you have that might be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan Update (especially related to the chapter topics, such as housing, natural resources, health, or transportation)?
  - What do we do well in Thurston County that we should continue doing over the next 20 years?
  - If you had a magic window to look into the future 20 years (to 2040), what would you hope to see for Thurston County? What do you hope life will be like?
  - Anything else you want to tell us?
  - How did you hear about this Open House (check all that apply: County email notice, Website, Newspaper, Facebook, Word of Mouth, Other)?

Collectively, nearly 80 people attended the Open Houses. The feedback received is listed below.

Major Themes in Written Comments

- Hopes/Concerns
  - Agriculture – comments focused on tools to preserve farmland, information on the economic links to agriculture, and on having policies that support the next generation of farmers.
  - Housing – comments focused on housing affordability and homelessness
  - Rural character – concern about potential impacts to rural character, desire to find innovative solution to conserve resource land, development encroaching on rural land and open space, support for rural economy
  - Environmental protection – of groundwater, overall water quality, and wildlife habitat and connectivity
  - Economy – hope for more living wage jobs, and better access to internet in rural areas
- What we do well
  - Recognize where development impacts sustainability and all community
  - Protecting critical areas and endangered species

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- Providing information and education (but this can always improve)
- Balancing economic development with the need to maintain and preserve open space
- Road maintenance
- What we could improve
  - Acknowledging public input
  - Less traffic congestion
- Magic Window to the Future
  - Maintained rural character, natural areas, and open space, despite growth (“Not Seattle”, “not overdeveloped”)
  - Prosperous rural economy that benefits from environment with greater rural tourism
  - Better transportation connections (ferry, multimodal, mass transit, pedestrians)
  - Thriving local food economy
  - Affordable housing for all residents
  - A model for sustainability
  - Protected species, habitat, forest connectivity
  - Reasonable allowance to subdivide and use private land

Station Flip Chart Comments

LAND USE

*“What hopes/concerns do you have about land use?”*

**March 27**

- Maintain UGA boundary and land uses
- Complete the HCP
- Much RRR 1/5 is used for ag production. It needs protection to stay in Ag.
- Please add high density in urban areas (lacey UGA)
- Better/more resources for enforcement/ business locations
- Preserve resource lands
- No more land outside of LAMIRDS zoned less than 1 to 5. More 1-10 acres, 1-20 acre.
- And don't allow people to subdivide and build more as their retirement plans!
- Keep rural areas rural
- Ensure infill occurs in UGAs, including ADUs and non-traditional residential development (tiny houses etc.)
- Keep future development in UGA. Preserve rural nature outside of UGA.
- No standalone ADUs
- No more commercial on the Yelm highway
- Protect water quality and quantity
- Continue to implement city's policies and regulations in city UGAs
- Overrun with marijuana if zoned rural/residential or agriculture in future ordinances
- Concerns about quality and quantity of ground water with increasing population and industries, especially for those of us on wells (N. County)
- Keep rural lands and rural residential intact. Keep environmental protection s intact preserve RR property.

**March 31**

- Policy supporting current single-family residential landowners acknowledging their stewardship of the land
- Incentive programs (saltwater shoreline-beach district)
- More dense transit friendly development and way less listening to selfish NIMYBs when deciding how to plan.
- Capitol forest phase out resource use to focus on wildlife /environment preservation and recreation and education/ ecological services
- Keep capital forest multiuse including forestry to support revenues for schools.
- Undo sprawl – more density in urban areas less pressure/development in rural areas
- Keep options open for small tree farms
- Allow more rural development to meet low-income population needs and housing shortages
- Less rural development, concentrate in urban areas and protect rural forest/ agricultural lands.
- More access to open space and forests
- More monitoring of groundwater levels and wireless impacts
- Find balance between development and natural habitats and open space. Developments that are filled with tract houses without natural space are not desirable or sustainable to live in.

NATURAL RESOURCES

*“What hopes/concerns do you have about natural resources?”*

**March 27**

- Concern that co-designation of mineral lands with ag lands will encourage mining to the exclusions of agriculture.
- Keep residential development to a minimum in forest and ag lands
- Ensure no net loss of farm production acreage to non-farming usage
- Endorse the use of conservation futures tax funds for an annual competitive grant process
- Address the pending generational transfer crisis among farmers
- Promote an economic benefit for local agriculture
- Add very tough environmental code for mineral lands designation lands. The environmental protections must exceed what is in place for critical ordinance and protect rural landowners.
- Shellfish is a big concern- introduced species impact. Human health impact from ingesting micro-plastics in shellfish. Microplastic out of bags.
- Sustainable forestry rules to support healthy stream flows and ecosystem functions
- Availability of conservation futures for land/habitat preservation for more than just gophers
- Remove entirely aquaculture/agriculture blend in rural/residential shoreline areas, and/or conservation designations.
- Reduce fees for “mom-n-pop” agri or aqua small businesses
- Key—no net loss of farmland. Address generational transfer. Tomorrows farmers can’t afford farmland without programs that reduce upfront costs of land.
- Conservation futures funding can help reduce costs of future farmers to access land. (cut the cost. Land trust can own land and long-term lease to farmers to reduce costs)

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- Add forward looking policies and projects that support vibrant ag production and local food consumption.
- Policies to help support farmers keep land rural and not sell for development
- Include all farmland in tourism plans
- Support sustainable logging vs clear cuts
- Require reclamation following mining.

**March 31**

- No minimal designation at all if possible; neighbors are opposed- keep forest and watershed for wildlife.
- Worst case scenario: capping permit level operations to preserve and protect the ecological services of Forest Policies that protect open land for recreation.
- Instead of mining and logging, neighborhood wants county, state, DNR, to move towards remediation of soil and watershed and banning gunplay (which is polluting) in state lands.
- Rates of conversion of forest land outside of long-term forestry needs to be evaluated and measures to maintain forest lands need to be part of plan. Maintaining forest lover important for many goals.
- What is the interplay between resource use by businesses and the residential homeowners?
- Aquaculture/shellfish is a growing industry and relatively new category with many new, evolving policies. What is vision for how commercial and residential use on shoreline will affect our communities?
- Very concerned about geoduck aquaculture and impact of environment
- Consider intentional farming communities with clustered housing to draw young people to farm.

**HOUSING**

*“What hopes/concerns do you have about housing?”*

**March 27**

- Housing options for all incomes – at a variety of rural densities
- Need more low-mid income quality housing
- Convenient public transportation
- Balance housing options with transportation surface groundwater impact
- Accessibility to education and higher wage jobs
- That Thurston County not be a “bedroom community” – sustainable community
- Ensure any ADU allowance in rural areas considers water supply, septic compliance, transportation, and needed services, especially if cumulatively, the density is increased in the rural areas.
- Rural quality of life must be protected. Keep the rural codes of RR 1/5, 1/20, etc. intact. Rural residential quality is key.
- Allow ADUs
- + Tiny Houses and Micros Village Concept and Single small villages, 2-5
- Move plan for ADUs forward
- Increase Dial-a-Lift to support an aging population
- Create good policies for ADUs
- Concerns, re: ground water quality and quantity
- Maintain rural character

**March 31**

- Allow ADUs in rural areas, to care for family members that are elderly or disabled.
- Allow detached ADUs in rural areas. Attached are not always feasible on existing lots.
- There is a need for 7,020 new rural units by 2040 but with current rules and costs it is nearly impossible for development. How can we meet the 7,020 expectation? We have 80 acres in rural T.C. Want to split off into 5-7 lots. Cost with pre-sub, studies, fees etc. will be \$35,000+. Cost to remove from forest land tax is \$50,000. With gopher studies, wet land delineations, surveys, it is cost prohibitive.
- 66 out of 100 families do not have affordable housing available. Why not allow tiny homes/ back yard rentals at affordable prices to help meet this need?
- The current definition of “affordable” housing is ridiculous and not affordable. I would like to see laws that would encourage private citizens to develop and “run” boarding houses and tiny house communities with common living spaces and shared bathrooms. Working people who do not earn a lot deserve a decent place to live in Thurston County.
- Need low-income housing and help homeless!
- You can build smart-green-clustered housing that preserves natural resources and doesn’t pave over land. You can require/allow composting toilets and gray water systems to conserve water and minimize stormwater. How about farms with condos clustered so people could live and work on the farm. Or clustered homes on prairie to preserve prairie as common space.
- Vertical development. Low income housing downtown with community gardens. NO SPRAWL. Avoid paving which is an ecological disturbance that is almost impossible to recover from.
- Educate public (perhaps even require) on grey water and catchment.
- Protect wildlife areas/ preserve from development.
- Design housing that has character, rather than cookie cutter buildings. Incorporate open space and trails and parks. Protect natural spaces and look to the future of sustainable and ecological architecture.

TRANSPORTATION

*“What hopes/concerns do you have about transportation?”*

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- What plans/resources does Thurston County have in maintaining required sidewalks (being destroyed by required trees) in county community developments?
- More frequent, better bus routes. Every home in UGA should be no more than a 5-minute walk from a bus stop that is serviced every 10 minutes. Nothing else will really reduce traffic congestion and more and more reliance on cars. (Ditto)
- Develop parallel freeway or 507 path/alignment to connect to 512/Puyallup—Redundancy in road networks. Before it’s too late. South of 507, Yelm to Rochester too.
- Option: use JBLM land/Pierce County north of Yelm to cut across 507. Between Tenino and rainier—south of 507 to I5.
- Examine effects of major earthquake in creating islands where bridges/overpass become dangerous
- Bike lanes city to city, separated from traffic.

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- Regarding draft goal #3: provide more mobility options for those with the fewest options due to income and ability.
- Add more speed patrols on Black Lake Blvd & Delphi
- Convenient/efficient bus/public transport.
- Parking—have enough downtown
- Economical and enough parking spaces for downtown Olympia. Don't turn rural Thurston County into arterials and freeways. Keep rural quality.
- Passenger ferries, to Seattle and Tacoma.
- Use local cooking waste to make biodiesel locally for buses and local government fleet transportation.

**March 31**

- Add shoulders to rural roads
- Lot of rural roads are narrow and there are more bikers and walkers than in the past. Widen if we can.
- Need transit in rural roads and other means to reduce traffic
- Thurston County is less dense and “rural” (distance). You have to drive to get services and go to work. Congestion affects this.
- Continue to incorporate good environmental design into necessary infrastructure.
- What kind of business can we encourage in less dense areas (e.g. small tech services)
- Bike and walker friendly
- Transit up and down I5 corridor needs to be improved. Options e.g. trains, find ways to move base traffic off onto their routes quicker. Consider how vulnerable I5 is to being shut down and there are no alternative ways to transit north to south.
- We need:
  - More bike paths
  - Incentives for not driving/less cars/less traffic
  - High speed rail up I5 to diminish pollution and traffic
  - To take highways out of town as they do in Vancouver B.C. So noisy!
  - More incentives for carpool, hybrids
  - More migration corridors—wildlife need ways to move without being killed.
- Traffic noise too pervasive
- Plan for dense transit-friendly development
- We need more rail options like light rail, high speed rail or heavy rail
- Expand Olympia airport to allow major flights to this region. SeaTac is too far and inconvenient. There are tons of people who would use an expanded Olympia airport.

UTILITIES

*“What hopes/concerns do you have about utilities?”*

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- More renewables
- Much more emphasis on solar—high electric consumption in summer when solar most efficient.
- I want PUD to buy out PSE and focus on renewable energy sources. Nonprofit and sustainable

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- Support solar at every new development and retrofit
- Allow small cell units but with clear design standards that integrate with current infrastructure and not visual clutter.
- Provide “public” power and “public” internet
- Stop putting cell towers everywhere and limit the “G” level. The cell towers cause cancer and a wealth of illness. They should not be in rural areas. They also destroy the wildlife.
- Increase renewable sources. Support conservation
- Alternative to comcast!
- Add subcell to plug cell service holes in Boston Harbor and Fishtrap and other north county areas.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

*“What hopes/concerns do you have about economic development?”*

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- Trends in development keeps pace with “type” of work, i.e., tech-based, @home, etc.
  - Foster co-working spaces
  - Shared office – incubators
  - Impact on transportation – based on changing commute patterns
- Share program info and apprenticeship program info at High Schools and Community Colleges (more)
- Free Community College for all
  - Second comment supporting this statement (“Yes”)
- Need to focus on “living wage” jobs
- Brewery Complex redevelopment
- Sustainable employment
- Affordable housing, sustainable communities
- Reasonable traffic patterns
- Develop incentives for farmland preservation (reference policies in Chapter 3)
- Include a section in this chapter specific to agriculture. Describe strengths for economic development such as proximity to major markets for farm products in King and Pierce Counties, and not too far from PDX.

**March 31**

- Limit land for distribution warehousing that are low in number of employees- need more manufacturing land for high employment levels
- Develop industries that maintain viable forest products/agricultural land base
- Develop alternative energy manufacturing and green building that conserves natural resources
- Why don’t county buildings and new development incentivize solar?
- More cars = more pollution and traffic. Incentivize building and public transportation
- Vertical development downtown—make buildings mixed use and provide low income housing and community gardens
- All economic development should center on green, ecologically sane economics
- Continue to support smaller industries in unincorporated county
- Use waste grease-build a biodiesel plant. Use the fuel for county vehicles.

**ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACE**

*“What hopes/concerns do you have about environment and open space?”*

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- Keep commercial private development in UGA. Don't want county paved over by roads and strip malls.
- Provide for registration and monitoring of on-site systems. Provide lending for this program (move to health and human services)
- Don't expand any UGAS (move to land use)
- No sewer extensions outside UGA (move to health and human services)
- Increase the amount of Thurston county lands for open space. Make it easier and less expensive for property owners to put their land into open space.
- Endorse the use of conservation futures tax funds using competitive process. (this comment times 2)
- Develop a program to reward (lower taxes, etc.) landowners for maintaining natural/native vegetation, even if “lot” is developed. (i.e. 1 house on lot could still see benefit for maintaining natural land cover). (Ditto)
- Increase fees on industrial and commercial development to help pay for conservation and farm easements and educate landowners on options available to them.
- Include a goal to reduce carbon-based fuels for a cleaner and healthier environment. Put in positive goal for 100% renewable energy by 2040.
- Tax aquaculture destined for overseas use- availability tax for using the resources.
- Where is the water going to come from? Will growth outstrip availability?
- Limit impervious surfaces
- Maintain/increase open space, green space
- Ground water is big concern with increasing population/use. Reasonable policies for ag/business-controlling environmental damage.

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- For fish and wildlife, landscape planning to maintain connectivity and minimize habitat areas is needed.
- Support role of homeowner (who cares about their community) in making good programs happen like “open space”, conservation, donations, restoration, and everyday good environmental practices.
- I have concerns for VSP
- Consider wildlife habitats, encourage landscape design with native plants and trees that support indigenous birds and animals. Trails and open natural space makes for healthy communities.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

*“What hopes/concerns do you have about health and human services?”*

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- I support adding goal 4. Thank you!! (Ditto)
- Support Obamacare. Better yet, Medicare for all! It will be cheaper in the long run to have a healthier population



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- Put the FARM back in pharmacy! Nutrition is health care. Farmland preservation is also key to Chapter 11.
- Universal healthcare. Healthy people = healthy and sustainable communities
- Homelessness and mental health/substance abuse.
- Increase funding for homelessness and mental health/substance abuse.
- Reduce jail terms for non-violent crimes
- Release/reform inmates with non-violent crimes.
- Protect environment. What happened with mineral lands was a shame. The environment lost big time.
- Fund the septic system management program. You know it works in Henderson and Nisqually!
- Big concern re: environmental health—air, water pollution

**March 31**

- Green space with minimal development, but opportunities for physical activity (running, walking, biking).
- Public health needs more funding to address septic systems and waste water
- Public health is based on clean water. Why aren't septic's being monitored—so many toxic algae blooms! Groundwater is threatened
- Neighbors on Brown Road are very concerned that any contamination of groundwater/watershed by pesticides or herbicides used in logging or mining be prevented altogether in order to protect human health—also we want to preserve and restore capitol forest for wildlife connectivity and ecological services, as well as human recreation and education. Use forest for carbon sequestration!
- Homelessness intersected by poverty and mental illness.
- Maintaining earth, water and air quality with protections being repealed seemingly daily by the current administration.

**Comment Sheets**

What hopes or concerns do you have that might be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan Update (especially related to the chapter topics, such as housing, natural resources, health, or transportation)?

- Make ag a higher-level focus- consistent with the social impact of having a vibrant local food system. To that end: Chapter 8- promote local food as important to economy due to money cycling locally. Consider branding campaign on grown/made in Thurston. Reintroduce various food processing efforts- takes financial investment beyond the scope of small farms. Chapter 3- key to support conservation future funding as it existed before put on hold- some of those support affordable farm land.
- Concerns about growth near mushroom corner (Ostroms). Are there respiratory issues associated with Ostrom's and odors?
- Allow ADUs to become a less expensive (viable) option for senior downsizing. Support older citizens keeping their current situation stable with tax help and fewer restrictions on development (within reason) on their own property.
- Allowing businesses to operate without going through long permit process, especially in designated 1/5 residential. Not checking the site when the permit or license is granted. Not following up with requirements once project is signed off on.

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- Housing- I'd like to see the county take a 'leadership' role in addressing and solving the homelessness problem countywide, including the cities.
- Health- put warning signs at all dangerous locations without public prompting. E.g. dioxin hundreds of times over dangerous levels.
- I'm concerned that change in the next 10 years could really outstrip any plan done now. Plan for 20 years, but plan to update the plan in 7, not 13.
- There is a risk of losing the rural character of living in Thurston county. The nature of the county must be preserved. Concentrated housing belongs in the city limits of Olympia and Lacey. Rural lands must be preserved and responsible adequate code be implemented and written to preserve the rural lands.
- Encourage, help and promote vegan options and farmers to grow more plants. Clear signage on roads and lights on roads. Housing prices are not accurately reflected. Lacey/Oly/Tumwater is expensive. Single person no pets studios run \$900+. It's not affordable on the minimum wage.
- I'm very concerned about the growth that's occurring in Thurston County and how environmental issues, in particular will be addressed. Public access to Puget Sound and continuing to protect it is very important. Preserving rural character and greenspace is critical.
- Neighbors on Brown Road near State forest land are opposed to uses of pesticides or herbicides that could contaminate ground water/watershed causing negative impacts to human health. We oppose the disruption of connectivity by operations for commercial ends, that impinge upon the health of wildlife and their habitat. We propose state forest be designated for carbon sequestration and taxes/revenue raised for schools be derived from carbon capture credits. It's time to let the forests recover! Remediation and restoration: It's time.
- Preserving farmland and natural space while assuring affordable housing and enough living wage jobs; better transport/transit infrastructure and remove congestion; sufficient resources for human
- Ensure no net loss farm production acreage. Endorse conservation future tax funds for annual competitive grant process. Require new development sewers- no more septic. Address the pending generational transfer crisis, incentivize young farmers. Promote economic benefit for local agriculture, guard our water supply; provide help for homeless. Up 4350 in Thurston
- I already submitted one sheet but forgot this. We stand on Nisqually/Squaxin/Chehalis land. Our responsibility is to listen to and address their voices. Their visions and needs to be part of this plan.
- Excellent open house - staff knowledgeable and open to discussion. Clearly population problems create huge complications when there is not an appropriate tax structure to meet the demand. I think the areas of concerns: transportation, housing, economic development well presented. Crowded roads one of our longest problems. Any chance that high-speed internet available to rural areas?
- Mineral lands - increase minimum site size from 5 acres to 10 acres
- The county should look to innovative solutions to conserve natural resources by building SMART. Use green building, clustered homes, gray water, passive solar, require them in new construction. Consider a biodiesel plant to use waste oil from landfill to power county vehicles. They do it in Oregon. Protect groundwater- monitor septic.
- Maintain areas for farming over mining whenever possible. With the current Trump administration repealing protections of our earth, water and air, antiquated mining laws can make vulnerable and oversight. The Buckhorn Mine in Central WA could have been an open pit gold mine without community engagement. however, because of citizen input backed by courts,

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it is now an underground mine. Beware of gutted federal regulations coupled by large industrial scale mining.

- Capital Forest remain "multi use" as it was historically intended (forestry, earning revenues for schools, recreation, etc.).
- Expanded shoulders wide enough for riding bikes on 98rd Ave to Hwy 99. Tilly Rd to Millersylvania State Park. Currently no shoulders, very dangerous for bike rides. Rainier Rd too many people driving at high speeds and passing coming from the hill on Fir Tree Rd. Very dangerous for people pulling out into traffic from driveways and neighborhoods.

What do we do well in Thurston County that we should continue doing over the next 20 years?

- Recognition that where people develop housing dramatically impacts future sustainability, for all of us.
- Keep protecting critical areas and endangered species. Revert to 1 unit per 160-acre zoning.
- Allow citizens to access county staff for questions and information (You do this well, thank you!). Unfortunately, what is not done well is that the citizen concerns and requests are listened to and then incorporated into the decisions made. The citizen input is tolerated because it is the rules but not acknowledged.
- Thurston County is a wonderful place that has a lot of diverse resources that have been created and protected by the vision of our leaders in the past.
- Vertical development; open space; migration corridors; public education; wetlands restoration. We need more bike lanes and discouragement of traffic. As the county grows how do we prevent car pollution, crowding, traffic? Tax incentives for public transport; bikes; and electric cars?
- Balance between rural and urban is important. Reaching out to citizens is an excellent approach.
- Road maintenance. Excellent for the taxes paid
- Staff are great. Do what you've already started in 2009 Climate Energy Plan. Amend building codes as studied in 2009. Barriers to green building.
- Sustaining the balance of managing population growth while encouraging economic development and maintaining natural green space.
- County road maintenance. The staff seem to do a good job maintaining roads.

If you had a magic window to look into the future 20 years (to 2040), what would you hope to see for Thurston County? What do you hope life will be like?

- Local food branding that is so popular, all grocery stores carry local foods and all restaurants market their local foods.
- I would hope the transportation link to Seattle would remain unimproved, except perhaps for a passenger ferry service. When train technology puts Olympia within 20\* minutes of Seattle, Olympia will become Seattle #2 economically. Current residents will be pushed out. (\*Current minimum speed of many European and Japanese and Chinese trains)
- That the county become a sought-after model on how rural and environmental protections of the land was conserved and protected despite the pressure of population and economic growth. Prosperity was in place but was done with measured and responsible actions and limited. the greatest value of the county is its natural resources
- A county that has 1) had orderly development 2) maintained its rural economy (forestry, agriculture) and robust rural tourism based on recreation, agricultural and artisanal industries,

3) has a comprehensive, integrated conservation plan that supports endangered species, prairies and wildlife in general, and aquatic ecosystems and salmon 4) a transportation system that provides opportunities for walking, biking, and public transportation.

- I hope state forest land will be ecologically healthy, biodiverse wildlife areas with no commercial activity; increased enrollment by all citizens in soil, air and water remediation; protection for all forests for connectivity, migration and growth development; free education and healthcare for all, housing for all; vertical farms in every department building for self-sufficiency; organic agriculture; no more factory farms or big agriculture.
- A model for sustainability- good environment
- Mass transportation in both rural and urban settings. Multiple bridges over Nisqually river.
- A vital downtown that provides low cost housing for vulnerable residents. Walking, biking areas are expanded and maintained, i.e. Rails-to-trails etc.
- I hope we can maintain our road systems and expand to meet the demands. I hope planning can be reasonable for people to be able to subdivide their property, as long as the person meets the criteria to do so.

Anything else you want to tell us?

- Population forecasting- It should be much more transparent, involve groups of county residents as a primary component of policy formulation. i.e. ask the people who already live here how much additional population they want to accommodate and how. Group would ideally constitute randomly selected people, like jury; alternatively, one that is truly representative of the county residents. Not organizations, no 'experts' no developers, no business or official government interest.
- Value and apply citizen input and concerns. Change the county commission board to 5 members. 3 is too small for the size of county. Restructure the planning commission, it must have oversight and responsibility to the citizens of the county.
- We should be careful about marijuana farm zoning. These operations are polluting, noisy and problematic and should not be allowed in residential areas. Also, please ban shooting in capital state forest.
- Designated bike routes in rural areas. Many of the bike routes in the official bike route maps are dangerous when shared by bikes and cars (Woodard Bay rd.). Designated bike routes should have shoulders to allow for safe separation of bike and autos.
- Thank you for providing opportunities for giving input towards long term comprehensive planning. I hope citizen input provides meaningful context in making the important decisions.

How did you hear about this Open House (check all that apply) *[Note: few commenters answered this question]*:

- County email notice: 5
- Website
- Newspaper: 1 (The Olympian)
- Facebook
- Word of Mouth: 1
- Other: 3
  - Meeting of Planning Commission
  - League of Women Voters

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