

# THURSTON



2045

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

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# Today's Work Session

- ▶ Background
  - ▶ Public Participation Plan
  - ▶ Timeline
  - ▶ Next Steps
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- ▶ Informational work session, no decisions are needed

# Thurston 2045: the County's Periodic Update

- ▶ Required to periodically (ten-year cycle) update the comprehensive plan and development regulations
- ▶ Plans for the next 20 years to 2045
- ▶ Ensures consistency with the Washington State Growth Management Act
- ▶ Next periodic update due June 30, 2025

# Thurston 2045: the County's Periodic Update

## Periodic Update (Required)

- ▶ Required by Growth Management Act, RCW 36.70A
- ▶ Brings up to date with state law
- ▶ Plans for next 20 years
- ▶ Updates land use, population, building and housing data
- ▶ Occurs on a ten-year cycle
- ▶ Due June 30, 2025

## Annual Amendments (Optional)

- ▶ Pathway for the community to request changes
- ▶ Thurston County takes applications on an on-going basis
- ▶ The BoCC sets a two-year docket of annual amendments
- ▶ Amendments are prioritized by the BoCC
- ▶ Changes to the comprehensive plan can only be adopted once per year

# What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- ▶ The Comprehensive Plan sets the guiding principles and vision for how and where development occurs
- ▶ Guided by 13 Planning Goals:
  1. Concentrate urban growth
  2. Reduce sprawl
  3. Transportation
  4. Affordable housing
  5. Economic development
  6. Property rights
  7. Predictable permitting
  8. Natural resource industries
  9. Open Space and recreation
  10. Environmental protection
  11. Citizen participation and coordination
  12. Public facilities and services
  13. Historic preservation



Last periodic update complete in 2019

# Background

► Thurston County Comprehensive Plan Chapters:

1. Introduction
2. Land Use
3. Natural Resource Lands
4. Housing
5. Transportation
6. Capital Facilities
7. Utilities
8. Economic Development
9. Environment, Recreation & Open Space
10. Archeological and Historic Resources
11. Health
12. Amendments
13. Glossary

# Public Participation Plan

- ▶ Make sure information is easily **accessible**
- ▶ Bring **awareness** and inform the community of changes
- ▶ **Take action** and provide input at community meetings, through surveys, and by commenting at meetings



# Project Timeline

## 1. Scoping the Update

Late 2022 – Early 2023

- ▶ Survey through Dec. 31 to identify community priorities
- ▶ Project webpage to share information
- ▶ Social media updates about survey
- ▶ Project-specific email list
- ▶ Early 2023 – scope of work discussions with County Commissioners



# Project Timeline

## 2. Initial Outreach and Internal Review March 2023 – March 2024

- ▶ Information sharing about update & getting community feedback:
  - ▶ Public open houses
  - ▶ Information sharing table at events
  - ▶ Meetings with community groups
  - ▶ Targeted outreach to interested parties
- ▶ Thurston 2045 photo contest through Facebook and Instagram

# Project Timeline

## 3. Planning Commission Review

March 2024 - Sept. 2024

- ▶ Information sharing on proposed changes
  - ▶ Open houses (online/in-person)
  - ▶ Meetings with community groups
- ▶ Getting community feedback
  - ▶ Planning Commission meetings
  - ▶ Written comment period(s)
  - ▶ Public hearing(s)

# Project Timeline

## 4. BoCC Review & Action

Sept. 2024 - June 2024

- ▶ Information sharing on proposed changes
  - ▶ Open houses (online/in-person)
  - ▶ Meetings with community groups
- ▶ Getting community feedback
  - ▶ Planning Commission meetings
  - ▶ Written comment period(s)
  - ▶ Public hearing(s)

# Project Timeline



# Reaching Underrepresented Groups



# Next Steps

- ▶ 2022 – Identify Community Priorities through Survey
- ▶ Early 2023
  - ▶ Board review of draft scope of work options
  - ▶ Scope of work adopted by resolution
- ▶ 2024 & 2025 – PC & BoCC Review