

Comprehensive Plan

Annual Newsletter

August 2011

How does the amendment process work?

Suggested changes are submitted by 6/30 of each year.

Docket is created and available for public review of all suggested amendments.

Written comments accepted up to the closing of the Board of Commissioners' public hearing.

Public notice provided for any study sessions and hearings regarding amendments.

A newsletter shall be distributed and copies of proposed amendments made available.

The Planning Commission and County Commissioners review testimony and decide by 12/31 of each year.

Notice of Decision is be published.

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2011 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan

Suggested amendments to the County's Comprehensive Plan ("Comp Plan") and Development Regulations are docketed with Community Development Services each year for consideration by the Kittitas County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners (KCC 15B.03.030). The 2011 docket is listed below and is available on the County website at

<http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us>

1. Columbia Plateau Energy Facility LLC
2. Swauk Valley Ranch, LLC
3. Sustainability Strategy
4. Bowers Field Overlay Zone
5. Capital Facilities Plan
6. Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
7. Kittitas County Code 14.08: Flood Damage Prevention
8. Kittitas County Code 15.04: SEPA
9. Kittitas County Code 15A: Permit Application Process
10. Kittitas County Code 15B: Amendments Process
11. Kittitas County Code 15A and 16: Administrative Segregations Process
12. Kittitas County Code 15A and 16: Short Plat Alteration Process
13. Kittitas County Code 16.05: Binding Site Plan
14. Kittitas County Code 16: Fire Protection and Access for Subdivisions
15. Kittitas County Code 17: Establish Urban Reserve Policies
16. Kittitas County Code 17.13: Transfer of Development Rights
17. Central Cascades Property Rezone

Growth Management Act: Comprehensive Plan Compliance

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The Hearings Board held that the County's actions to amend the Comp Plan, rezone the property, and conduct attendant SEPA review for both the Comp Plan amendment and rezone were invalid. The County has appealed asserting that the Hearings Board overstepped its jurisdiction when it ruled upon the site-specific rezone and the SEPA review associated with the rezone.

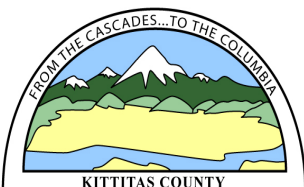
Traffic Concurrency:

The Hearings Board found the County's traffic concurrency regulation non-compliant with the GMA. While the County disagrees with the Hearings Board's decision, it is already well into the process to amend the County Road Standards, such amendments are already going to change the sections the Hearings Board found non-compliant. Hence, the County has chosen not to appeal this decision.

City of Kittitas:

The Hearings Board found the most recent expansion of the City of Kittitas' Urban Growth Area invalid under the GMA and the City of Kittitas has appealed that decision. The Superior Court has granted accelerated review of that appeal.

Supreme Court Decision: See County website for information regarding the July 28, 2011, Washington Supreme Court decision in *Kittitas County, et al. v. EWGMHB, et al.*, No. 84187-0.



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From the Cascades ... to the Columbia

Community Development Services and Public Works are sharing staffing resources on major planning activities, such as the Annual Comprehensive Plan amendment and the GMA compliance work. The planning team for 2011 includes:

- Dan Valoff, CDS Planner
- Jeff Watson, PWD Planner
- Jan Ollivier, Public Works Transportation Manager
- Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor
- Anna Nelson, Contract Planning Official



Upcoming Public Meetings

The dates below are **TENTATIVE** meeting dates. Please check the County website at <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us> for final meeting dates.

Tuesday, August 23

Annual Comp. Plan Amendment Open House
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Upper District Court, 700
East 1st Street., Cle Elum

Tuesday, September 13

Planning Commission Public Hearing
GMA Compliance & Annual Comp. Plan
Amendment
6:00 p.m. Commissioners' Auditorium
205 West Fifth Street, Ellensburg

Thursday, August 25

Annual Comp. Plan Amendment Open House
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Community Development
Services, 411 North Ruby, Ellensburg

Tuesday, October 18

Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing
GMA Compliance & Annual Comp. Plan
Amendment
6:00 p.m. Commissioners' Auditorium
205 West Fifth Street, Ellensburg

