



## 2037 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update

Issue I – Introduction and Comprehensive Plan Visioning

February 2016

### Why Are We Updating the Comprehensive Plan?

Adopted in 2006, the current Comprehensive Plan is the County's official statement concerning its 20-year vision for future growth and development. Kittitas County amends its Comprehensive Plan on an annual basis as permitted by State law. In addition to these regular amendments, the Growth Management Act (GMA) requires counties and cities to periodically conduct a thorough review of their plans

and regulations to bring them in line with any relevant changes in the GMA and to accommodate updated growth targets.

Kittitas County's periodic update is required to be adopted by June 30, 2017. The County initiated the periodic update process with a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners and adoption of the Public Participation Program on July 21, 2015 by Resolution No. 2015-109.

### Get Involved!

The County recognizes that a successful update process depends on the early and continuous participation of the public. To invite and encourage the participation by all who have any interest the outcome of the Comprehensive Plan, the Board of Commissioners approved a Public Participation Program on July 21, 2015.

You can get involved and participate in a variety of ways:

- ♦ Attend open house events & community visioning workshops.
- ♦ Attend meetings of the Board of County Commissioners & Planning Commission.
- ♦ Review draft reports, documents, maps and amendments.

- ♦ Send comments specific to the Comprehensive Plan Update to [compplan@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:compplan@co.kittitas.wa.us) with "Comprehensive Plan Update" in the subject line.

If you cannot attend any of the visioning meetings between February 1st and 10th, catch up on what was discussed by:

- ♦ Viewing the meeting materials on the County's Comp Plan Update webpage at: <https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/twenty-year-comp-plan.aspx>
- ♦ Attending future meetings.
- ♦ Reviewing the Visioning Summary Report that will be available at the conclusion of the public visioning process.

### Inside The Issue

- Comprehensive Plan Update Basics
- How to Get Involved
- Regional Planning Efforts

### Fun Fact . . .

*Between 2000 and 2010, Kittitas County was the fifth fastest growing county in the State of Washington!*

### Attend One of Four Meetings in February!



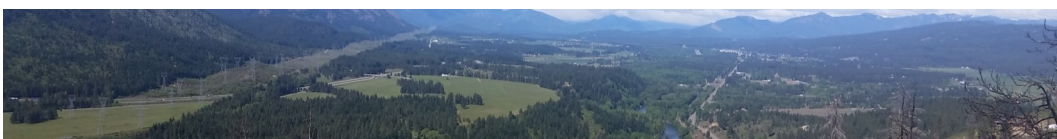
### Sign-up for E-mail Alerts

Sign-up for e-mail alerts to stay informed:

<https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/twenty-year-comp-plan.aspx>

-or-

Scan the QR Code:



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## Planning for Regional Population Growth

### Population Allocation

The County is in the process of reviewing county-wide population growth projections developed by the State Office of Financial Management (OFM). Once a population projection scenario is selected, the County will determine the manner in which the population growth is split between urban and rural areas. The County will then allocate the projected population growth to the Urban Growth Areas (UGAs), including all local jurisdictions.

The allocated population will provide an important basis for changes to each jurisdiction's Comprehensive Plan in the 20 year timeframe. Each jurisdiction is required to accommodate their allocated population by reviewing (and sometimes revising) zoning regulations so that the jurisdiction has the

capacity for the allocated population growth in the 20 year planning timeframe.

### Regional Planning

Planning for population growth is a regional effort requiring coordination amongst all jurisdictions in Kittitas County, including the County itself. Due to this regional approach, it is necessary for the County to coordinate with local jurisdictions' planning efforts to ensure consistency throughout the update process. Coordination is primarily accomplished through the County-wide Planning Policies adopted by the Kittitas County Conference of Governments (COG) and the joint effort in developing population allocations. However, each jurisdiction will be conducting its own Comprehensive Plan update to reflect its unique characteristics.



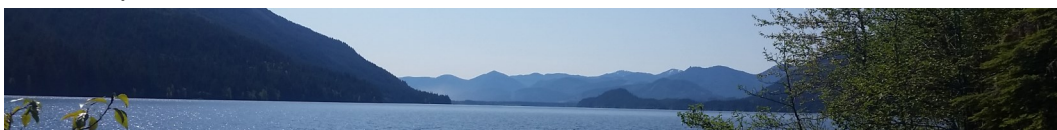
*Kittitas County has many diverse and valuable rural and open spaces*



## What is in a Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan is the County's official statement concerning its vision for future growth and development. It outlines the 20-year vision for the community, addresses housing, economic development, population and employment growth, community character, the natural environment and capital facilities. The Plan has all of the GMA mandatory elements and various optional elements.

The Plan is essentially a guidebook for development over the next 20 years and is the primary policy document for guiding capital investments and direction by the Board of County Commissioners. The success of our community depends on your participation in the County's first major update to the Plan since 2006.



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### To Learn More . . .

Visit the County's Comp Plan Update webpage at: <https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/twenty-year-comp-plan.aspx>

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### What Elements are in the Current Comprehensive Plan?

- ◇ Land Use
- ◇ Housing
- ◇ Transportation
- ◇ Capital Facilities
- ◇ Utilities
- ◇ Rural and Resource Lands
- ◇ Economic Development
- ◇ Recreation and Parks
- ◇ Two Subarea Plan Elements:  
Snoqualmie Pass  
and Mountaintar Resort

To view the current Comprehensive Plan, visit the County website at: <https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/uploads/documents/cds/comp-plan/2014/2014-december-comp-plan.pdf>