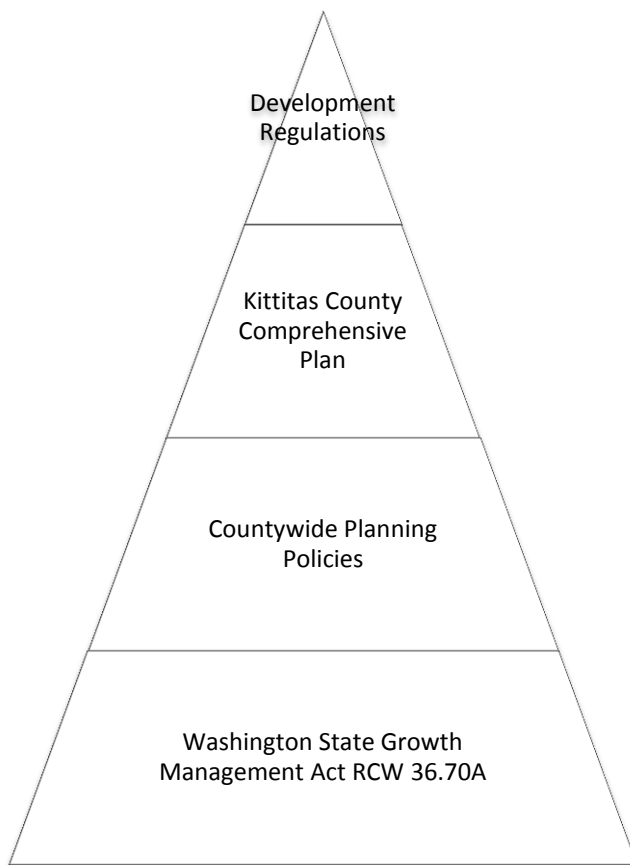


Overview of Comprehensive Planning

The following pyramid is a visual representation of planning in Washington State from broad (Growth Management Act) to specific (development regulations). It is helpful to think of the Growth Management Act as the foundation that the rest of the pyramid is based upon.



Development regulations

- Zoning, subdivisions, and other controls
- Must be consistent with comprehensive plans

Comprehensive Plan

- Establishes the local policy framework
- 20-year outlook

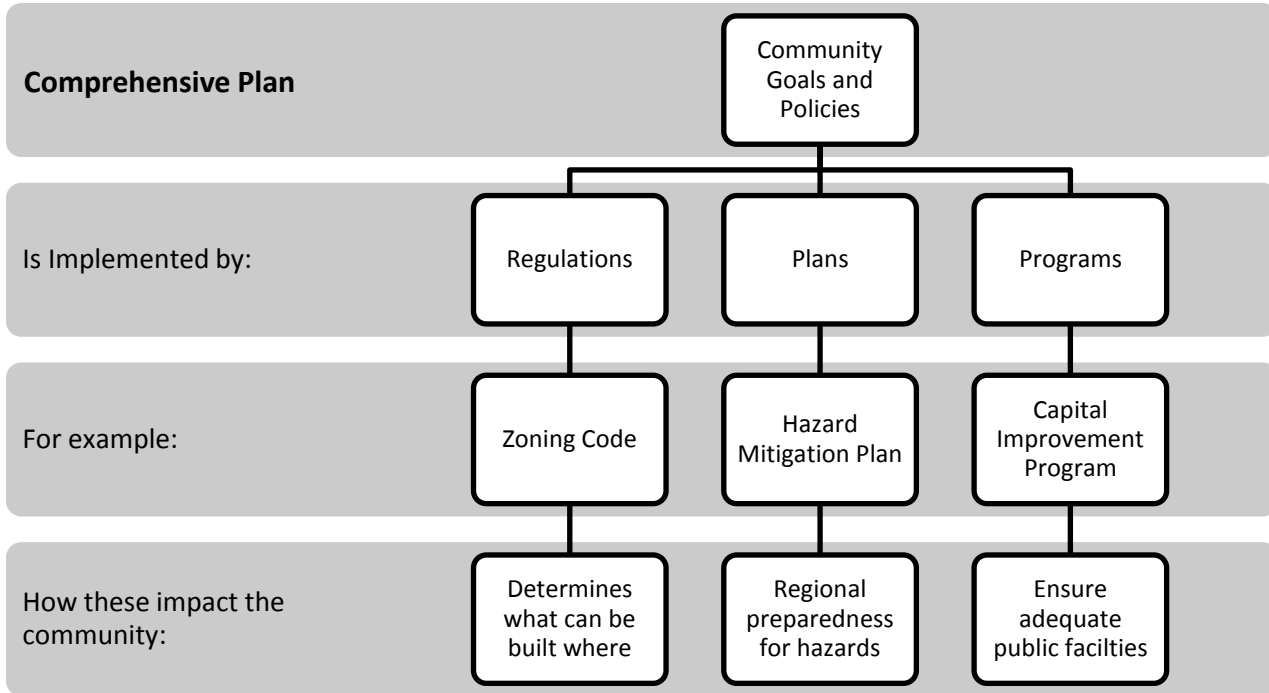
Countywide planning policies

- Ensure consistency and collaboration between the City and the County Comprehensive Plans
- Establish Urban Growth Areas
- Provide method for population projection decisions
- Updated by COG and adopted by BOCC July 5, 2016

Washington State Growth Management Act

- Provides the foundation for land use planning in Washington State
- State legislature passed in 1990 in response to rapid growth and concerns with suburban sprawl, quality of life, and environmental protection

The Comprehensive Plan



What is a comprehensive plan and what it is not

What it is	What it is not
Goal and policy framework influencing growth	Regulations
General	Development proposal
Long range (20 year outlook)	Stagnant
Preparation for future growth	Site specific
Reflection of community involvement	Code enforcement