

## Periodic Update Checklist for Fully-Planning Counties

**Notice:** This checklist has been updated with the new 2024 GMA legislation. Rows that include new 2023 and 2024 legislative changes or updated Commerce guidance are shown in light orange , and all statutory changes adopted since 2015 are emphasized in **highlighted** text to help identify new GMA requirements that may not have been addressed during the last periodic update or through other amendments outside of the required periodic update process. Additionally, amendments to the GMA are summarized in [this document](#) on Commerce's [GMA Laws and Rules webpage](#).

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**Overview:** This checklist is intended to help counties that are fully planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) conduct the “periodic review and update” of **comprehensive plans** and **development regulations** required by [RCW 36.70A.130 \(4\)](#). This checklist identifies components of comprehensive plans and development regulations that may need updating to reflect the latest local conditions or to comply with GMA changes since the last periodic update cycle (2015-2018).

Local governments should review local comprehensive plan policies, countywide planning policies and multicounty planning policies (where applicable) to be consistent with the new requirements.

## Checklist Instructions

Please use the most recent versions of your comprehensive plan and development regulations to fill out each item in the checklist and answer the following questions:

**Is this item addressed in your current plan or development regulations?** If YES, fill in the form with citation(s) to where in the plan or regulation the item is addressed. Where possible, we recommend citing policy or goal numbers by element rather than page numbers, since these can change. If you have questions about the requirement, follow the hyperlinks to the relevant statutory provision or rules. If you still have questions, visit the Commerce [Periodic Update webpage](#) or contact the [Commerce planner assigned to your region](#).

**Is amendment needed to meet current statute?** Check YES to indicate a change to your plan will be needed. Check NO to indicate that the GMA requirement has already been met. Local updates may not be needed if the statute hasn't changed since your previous update, if your jurisdiction has kept current with required inventories, or if there haven't been many changes in local circumstances.

**Use the "Notes" column** to add additional information to note where your county may elect to work on or amend sections of your plan or development regulations, to call out sections that are not strictly required by the GMA, or to indicate if the item is not applicable to your jurisdiction.

**Submit your checklist!** This will be the first deliverable under your [periodic update grant](#).

**PlanView system and instructions:** Completed checklists can be submitted through Commerce's PlanView portal. The PlanView system allows cities and counties to submit and track amendments to comprehensive plans or development regulations online, with or without a user account. You can also submit via email: [reviewteam@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:reviewteam@commerce.wa.gov). Fill out and attach a [cover sheet](#), a copy of your submittal and this checklist. *Please be advised that Commerce is no longer accepting paper submittals.*

For further information about the submittal process, please visit Commerce's [Growth Management Act Laws and Rules webpage](#).

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# Section I: Comprehensive Plan Elements

## Land Use Element

Consistent with countywide planning policies (CWPPs) and RCW 36.70A.070(1), amended in 2023

	In Current Plan? Yes/No  If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute?  Yes/No	Notes	
<p><b>Notice:</b> New 2021-2022 legislation <a href="#">ESSB 5593</a>: changes <a href="#">to RCW 36.70A.130</a> regarding UGA size, patterns of development, suitability and infrastructure.</p> <p>Coordinate these efforts with the affected cities.</p>		No	No UGA changes are being considered in Kittitas County for this Periodic Update. Added considerations for patterns of development as part of review for expansions of UGAs to be consistent with State law.	
<p>a. The element integrates relevant county-wide planning policies into the local planning process, and ensures local goals and policies are consistent. For jurisdictions in the central Puget Sound region, the plan is consistent with applicable multi-county planning policies. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.210</a> <a href="#">WAC 365-196-305</a></p>	Section 1.3	No	2016 CWPPs are referenced in the document and were reviewed during revisions for consistency.  <a href="#">Link to countywide CWPP</a>	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
<p>b. A future land use map showing city limits and UGA boundaries. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(1)</a> amended in 2023 and <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.110(6)</a> <a href="#">WAC 365-196-400(2)(d)</a>, <a href="#">WAC 365-196-405(2)(i)(ii)</a></p>	2.2.8 Table of Land Use Designations Appendices for Land Use Designations Map	No	Future Land Uses are identified in the Comprehensive Plan as “Land Use Designations” these land use designations are included in Table 2-1 Section 2.2.8. A map of the land use designations is included in the Appendix.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
<p>c. Urban Growth Area review: based on the population projection made for the County by OFM, the county and each city must include areas and densities sufficient to permit the urban growth projected to occur in the county or city for the succeeding twenty year period, except UGAs completely within a national historic reserve. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.110(2&amp;6)</a>, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.130</a>, <a href="#">WAC 365-196-310</a></p>	Yes Section 2.2, Multiple Goals under 2.4.1	No	The OFM data has been revised and projections for population, housing, and employment have been updated in all chapters. See the Appendix for the full Land Capacity Analysis and the County Population Allocations.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

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d. If there is a UGA expansion into the 100-year floodplain of a river segment that is located west of the Cascade crest and when the river has a mean annual flow of 1,000 or more cubic feet per second, it meets the statutory exceptions to the general ban on such UGA expansions. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.110(10)</a>	N/A	No	County is located east of the Cascade crest.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
e. Consideration of urban planning approaches that increase physical activity and reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled within the jurisdiction, but without increasing greenhouse gas emissions elsewhere in the state. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(1) (amended in 2023)</a> and WAC 365-196-405(2)(j).  Additional resources: <a href="#">Commerce's Climate guidance</a> , <a href="#">Transportation Efficient Communities' guidance</a> , and the WA Department of Health <a href="#">Washington State Plan for Healthy Communities</a> and <a href="#">Active Community Environment Toolkit</a>	Yes Throughout chapter 4 T-P18-20,25-27,28-29,	No	Numerous policies in the transportation section seek to decrease driving and increase active transportation. Tables in the section provide guidance by mode type for VMT reduction programs.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
f. A consistent population projection throughout the plan which should be consistent with the county's sub-county allocation of that forecast and housing needs. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.115</a> , <a href="#">RCW 43.62.035</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-405(2)(f)</a>	Yes Section 2.2.11	No	Section 2.2.11 outlines compliance with State projections, the number the county projected, and the methodology used. This projection is used throughout the plan.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
g. Estimates of population densities and building intensities based on future land uses and housing needs. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(1)</a> , <a href="#">WAC 365-196-405(2)(i)</a>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For counties required to plan under the Buildable Lands Program, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.215 amended in 2017</a>, some jurisdictions may need to identify reasonable measures to reconcile inconsistencies. See <a href="#">Commerce's</a></li> </ul>	See the revised Housing Element and Appendices with the HNA and LCA	No	The Housing Element contains the revised housing tables that demonstrate capacity for population and housing by land use. The appendix of the Comprehensive Plan contains the full Housing Needs Assessment and Land Capacity Analysis for further details about land use and population and housing growth.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

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<a href="#">Buildable Lands Program page.</a>				
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h. Provisions for protection of the quality and quantity of groundwater used for public water supplies. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(1)</a> ; <a href="#">WAC 365-196-405(1)(c)</a> ; <a href="#">WAC 365-196-485(1)(d)</a>	Yes Sections 2.2.7 and 2.3.10	No	Policies are in place to protect water supply, groundwater resources, and drinking water in the natural resource and open space sections. The policies are broad in nature	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
i. Identification of lands useful for public purposes such as utility corridors, transportation corridors, landfills, sewage treatment facilities, storm water management facilities, recreation, schools, and other public uses. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.150</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-340</a>	Yes Appendix	No	The Annual Capital Improvement Plan is a on a 6-year timeline and includes transportation facilities which satisfies the 6-year planning requirement for the Transportation Element as well.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
j. Identification of open space corridors and green spaces within and between urban growth areas, including lands useful for recreation, wildlife habitat, trails and connection of critical areas, and urban and community forests within the UGA. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(1) amended in 2023</a> , <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.160</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-335</a>	Yes Section 9.4.1 RPO-P3	No	Policy RPO-P3 is in place to identify and maintain open space corridors open space and corridors are identified on Comprehensive Plan maps in the appendix.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
k. Criteria for designating natural resource lands consistent with minimum guidelines to classify agricultural, forest, mineral lands and critical areas. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.050</a> , <a href="#">WAC 365.190</a>	Yes Section 3.4	No	Section 3.4 covers agricultural, forest, and mineral resources lands of long-term commercial significance. Designation and de-designation policies are identified and consistent with RCW.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
l. Policies for agriculturally designated lands limiting nonagricultural uses to lands with poor soils or otherwise not suitable for agricultural purposes, and policies limiting the allowable range of accessory uses to those allowed by statute. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.177(3)</a>	Section 3.4	No	Section 3.4 covers agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance and consistency with RCW.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

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m. Policies encouraging the conservation of productive forest and agricultural lands and discouraging incompatible uses. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.020(8)</a> , <a href="#">WAC 365-190-050</a> , <a href="#">WAC 365-196-815</a>	Yes Section 3.4	No	Section 3.4 Policies all relate to retention, preservation, and tax incentives for agricultural lands.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
n. If there is an airport within the county: policies, land use designations (and zoning) to discourage the siting of incompatible uses adjacent to general aviation airports. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.510</a> , <a href="#">RCW 36.70.547</a>  Note: The plan (and associated regulations) must be filed with the <a href="#">Aviation Division of WSDOT</a> . <a href="#">WAC 365-196-455</a>	Yes Section 2.3.7	No	Section 2.3.7 includes policies relating to the continued use of existing airports and discouraging incompatible uses. See policy LU-P54.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
o. Where applicable, a review of drainage, flooding and stormwater run-off in the area and nearby jurisdictions and provide guidance for corrective actions to mitigate or cleanse those discharges that pollute waters of the state. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(1)</a> (amended in 2023) and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-405(2)(e)</a>  Note: <a href="#">RCW 90.56.010(27)</a> defines waters of the state.  Additional resources: <a href="#">Commerce's climate guidance</a> , <a href="#">Protect Puget Sound Watersheds</a> , <a href="#">Building Cities in the Rain</a> , <a href="#">Ecology Stormwater Manuals</a> , <a href="#">Puget Sound Partnership Action Agenda</a>	Yes 2.3.10 Natural Environment Policies Climate Element	No	The existing natural environment policies (Section 2.3.10) covers a wide range of topics including flooding, stormwater, groundwater, and shorelines, The new climate and resiliency element outlines policies to support county actions that may relate to the proper administration and construction of stormwater runoff facilities.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

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<p>p. Policies to designate and protect critical areas including wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat protection areas, frequently flooded areas, critical aquifer recharge areas, and geologically hazardous areas. In developing these policies, the county must have included the best available science (BAS) to protect the functions and values of critical areas, and give “special consideration” to conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries.</p> <p><a href="#">RCW 36.70A.030(6)</a>, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.172</a>, <a href="#">WAC 365-190-080</a> Best Available Science: see <a href="#">WAC 365-195-900 through -925</a></p> <p><b>Note:</b> a voluntary stewardship program is an alternative for protecting critical areas in areas used for agricultural activities. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.700</a> through .904. Visit the <a href="#">WA State Conservation Commission (SCC) VSP webpage</a></p>	Yes Section 2.3.10 Natural Environment Policies	No	<p>The CAO has been revised as of 2025, and will be revised one more time before the end of 2026 to be compliant with recent changes to best available science.</p> <p>The County has already established a voluntary stewardship program. The VSP is managed through the Kittitas County Conservation District which just completed their biennial report. This context is provided in the revised version of the Comprehensive Plan.</p>	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
<p>q. If forest or agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance are designated inside a UGA, there must be a program authorizing transfer (or purchase) of development rights. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.060(4)</a>, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.170</a></p>	Yes Section 3.4	No	The County does not have any agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance within urban growth areas.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
<p>r. If there is a military base within or adjacent to the jurisdiction employing 100 or more personnel: policies, land use designations, (and consistent zoning) to discourage the siting of incompatible uses adjacent to military bases. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.530(3)</a>, <a href="#">WAC 365-196-475</a></p>	No	No	There is not a military base employing more than 100 people within the County boundaries.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

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s. New section <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.142 (2022)</a> , <a href="#">HB 1799</a> : Development regulations newly developed, updated, or amended <i>after January 1, 2025</i> allow for the siting of organic materials (OM) management facilities as identified in local solid waste management plans (SWMP) to meet OM reduction and diversion goals. Siting must meet criteria described in <a href="#">RCW 70A.205.040(3)</a>  See also <a href="#">RCW 36.70.330</a> . For applicability, see <a href="#">RCW 70A.205.540</a>	No Chapter 17.15	Yes	Siting of organic materials has been added to the permitted use tables for County Code.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
t. Give special consideration to achieving environmental justice in goals and policies, including efforts to avoid creating or worsening environmental health disparities. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(1)</a> amended in 2023.	Yes Section 10.2.2	Yes	Section 10.2.2 addresses vulnerable populations, overburdened communities, and considerations for environmental justice. The County has added policies intended to collaborate with cities and property owners to analyze potential impacts of environmental justice.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
u. The land use element must reduce and mitigate the risk to lives and property posed by wildfires by using land use planning tools and through wildfire preparedness and fire adaptation measures. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(1)</a> amended in 2023.  See also: <a href="#">International Wildland-Urban Interface Code</a> updated in 2021 and <a href="#">WAC 51-55</a> amended in 2023	Section 10.7.5	Yes	Section 10.7.5 of the Climate and Resiliency Element addresses County actions to reduce risk of wildfire in the County. The County is coordinating with fire districts and working with the State on recent changes to mapping risk and wildfire areas. County has existing code language in KCC Fire and Safety establishing minimum safety requirements.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

# Housing Element

New legislation substantially amended the housing-related provisions of the Growth Management Act (GMA), [RCW 36.70A.070\(2\)](#). Local governments should review local comprehensive plan policies and countywide planning policies to be consistent with the updated requirements. Please refer to [Commerce’s housing webpage](#) for further information.

	In Current Plan? Yes/No  If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute?  Yes/No	Notes	
<p><b>Notice:</b> For more information about what these housing element requirements involve and what Commerce staff will be reviewing for, please see the <a href="#">Expanded Housing Checklist</a> located on the <a href="#">Updating GMA Housing Elements webpage</a>.</p>			The expanded housing checklist,	
<p>a. Goals, policies and objectives for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the preservation, improvement and development of housing <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(2)(b)</a>;</li> <li>moderate density housing options including, but not limited to, duplexes, triplexes, and townhomes, within an urban growth area boundary, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(2)(b)</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-410(2)(a)</a>; and</li> <li>Consideration of housing locations in relation to employment locations and the role of ADUs. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(2)(d)</a> new in 2021</li> </ul> <p><b>Notice:</b> <i>These items were separately listed in the previous version of the checklist. No content was changed.</i></p>	Yes Section 3 H-G2-4, H-G5-7, H-P1-12	No	Housing policies and goals in section 3 include the promotion of a variety of housing types, ADUs, and compatible housing per workforce demand. Goals and policies within the UGA are not explicitly listed	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
<p>b. An inventory and analysis of existing and projected housing needs over the planning period, by income band, consistent with the jurisdiction’s share of countywide housing need, as provided by Commerce. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(2)(a)</a> amended in 2021, <a href="#">WAC 365-196-410(2)(b)</a> and (c)</p>	Yes Section 3.2.2, Table 3-2	No	List of projected units over the planning period and a breakdown of required housing stats in table 3-2	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

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c. Identification of capacity of land for housing including, but not limited to, government-assisted housing, housing for moderate, low, very low, and extremely low-income households, manufactured housing, multifamily housing, group homes, foster care facilities, emergency housing, emergency shelters, permanent supportive housing, and within an urban growth area boundary, consideration of duplexes, triplexes, and townhomes. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(2)(c)</a> amended in 2021, <a href="#">WAC 365-196-410(2)(e)</a> and (f)	Yes Section 3.2.3, Table 3-2	Yes	While the plan addresses the LCA in Table 3-2, updates will need to be made to account for amendments related to housing types and levels	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
d. Adequate provisions for existing and projected housing needs for all economic segments of the community, including documenting barriers and actions needed to achieve housing availability. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(2)(d)</a> amended in 2021, <a href="#">WAC 365-196-010(1)(g)(ii)</a> , <a href="#">WAC 365-196-300(4)(f)</a> , <a href="#">WAC 365-196-410</a> and see Commerce's Housing Action Plan (HAP) guidance: <a href="#">Guidance for Developing a Housing Action Plan</a>	No Section 4.2	Yes	The Housing Needs assessment completed for the Housing Element includes, in the appendix of the Comprehensive Plan a breakdown of housing by economic segment that aligns with the Countywide Planning Policies.	Completed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date:
e. Identify local policies and regulations that result in racially disparate impacts, displacement, and exclusion in housing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zoning that may have a discriminatory effect;</li> <li>• Disinvestment; and</li> <li>• Infrastructure availability</li> </ul> <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(2)(e)</a> new in 2021	Appendix: Community Profile and Housing Needs	Yes	A racially disparate impact analysis was completed as part of the Housing Needs Assessment analysis for the County. Some challenging policies were identified in this analysis. Some changes to the affordable housing policies have been suggested based on this.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

<p>f. Establish policies and regulations to address and begin to undo racially disparate impacts, displacement, and exclusion in housing caused by local policies, plans, and actions.  <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(2)(f) new in 2021</a></p>	<p>Yes Section 4.3</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The County includes a revised group of affordable housing policies intended to support displacement, however, the County will need to coordinate with cities for most of the economic segments and minority populations.</p>	<p>Completed:  <input type="checkbox"/> Date:</p>
	<p>In Current Plan?  Yes/No  If yes, cite section</p>	<p>Changes needed to meet current statute?  Yes/No</p>	<p>Notes</p>	
<p>g. Identification of areas that may be at higher risk of displacement from market forces that occur with changes to zoning development regulations and capital investments.  <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(2)(g) new in 2021</a>  Establish anti-displacement policies, with consideration given to the preservation of historical and cultural communities as well as investments in low, very low, extremely low, and moderate-income housing; equitable development initiatives; inclusionary zoning; community planning requirements; tenant protections; land disposition policies; and consideration of land that may be used for affordable housing.  <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(2)(h) new in 2021</a>  See also: <a href="#">Support Materials for Racially Disparate Impacts, Exclusion and Displacement Work</a></p>		<p>Yes</p>	<p><b>The</b> County includes a revised group of affordable housing policies intended to support displacement, however, the County will need to coordinate with cities for most of the economic segments and minority populations.</p>	<p>Completed:  <input type="checkbox"/> Date:</p>

## Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) Element

To serve as a check on the practicality of achieving other elements of the plan, covering all capital facilities planned, provided and paid for by public entities including local government and special districts, etc., including water systems, sanitary sewer systems, storm water facilities, schools, parks and recreational facilities, police and fire protection facilities. Capital expenditures from park and recreation elements, if separate, should be included in the CFP Element. The CFP Element must be consistent with CWPPs, and [RCW 36.70A.070\(3\)](#) amended in 2023. Changes made to this element through [HB 1181](#) (climate change and resiliency) are not required, although jurisdictions should make a good faith effort to incorporate these items to be consistent with the new legislation.

a. The capital facilities plan element must identified the transportation facilities, and public facilities and services needed to serve the UGA and the funding to provide the transportation facilities and public facilities and services. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.130 amended in 2022 (see SB 5593)</a>	Yes Section 6.3.	No	Some inventory is included in Section 6.3. The County's full inventory is included in the 6-year CIP which is included	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
b. Policies or procedures to ensure capital budget decisions are in conformity with the comprehensive plan. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.120</a>	Yes Section 6.2	No		Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
c. An inventory of existing capital facilities owned by public entities, including green infrastructure. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(3)(a) amended in 2023</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-415(1)(a)</a>	Yes Section 6.3	No	Some inventory is included in Section 6.3. The County's full inventory is included in the 6-year CIP which is included	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
d. A forecast of needed capital facilities. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(3)(b)</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-415(1)(b)</a>  <b>Note:</b> The forecast of future need should be based on projected population and adopted levels of service (LOS) over the planning period.	Yes, Chapter and Appendix	No	The County's full inventory is included in the 6-year CIP which is included in the appendix. No new land use changes are taking place as part of this update, levels of service in rural areas are anticipated to continue as established.  5.5 outlines the six-year plan of future facilities, Appendix 3 is the CIP with facilities and 5.2.4 is the methodology used for future facilities	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
e. Proposed locations and capacities of expanded or new capital facilities. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(3)(c)</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-415(1)(c) and (3)(c)</a>  <b>Note:</b> infrastructure investments should consider equity and plan for any potential displacement impacts.	Yes Chapter 6 and appendix	No	The County's full inventory is included in the 6-year CIP which is included in the appendix. No new land use changes are taking place as part of this update, levels of service in rural areas are anticipated to continue as established.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
f. A six-year plan (at minimum) that will finance such capital facilities within projected funding capacities	Yes Chapter 6 and Appendix	No	The CIP in Appendix 3 describes the project, location, funding source, description, schedule, and project cost.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

and identify sources of public money to finance planned capital facilities. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(3)(d)</a> , <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.120</a> , <a href="#">WAC 365-196-415(1)(d)</a>				
g. A policy or procedure to reassess the <a href="#">land use element</a> if probable funding falls short of meeting existing needs. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(3)(e)</a> , <a href="#">WAC 365-196-415(2)(d)</a> <b>Note:</b> park and recreation facilities shall be included in the capital facilities plan element	No Section 2	Yes	The Comprehensive Plan discusses coordination with Cities for land use changes should probable funding fall short to meet adequate levels of service. Because the County is taking a small amount of growth t	Completed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date:
h. If impact fees are collected: identification of public facilities on which money is to be spent. <a href="#">RCW 82.02.050(5)</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-850(3)</a>	Yes Chapter 6	No	County conducts impact fees through an ILA with the City of Ellensburg, otherwise no additional impact fees are imposed.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
i. Identify and include information about all public entities, including special purpose districts that own capital facilities. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(3)</a> amended in 2023	Yes Appendix	No	The County includes a full list of the capital facilities and utility providers in the 6-year Capital Improvement Plan included in the appendix of the Comprehensive Plan.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

## Utilities Element

Consistent with relevant CWPPs and [RCW 36.70A.070\(4\)](#) amended in 2023. Utilities include, but are not limited to: sanitary sewer systems, water lines, fire suppression, electrical lines, telecommunication lines, and natural gas lines. Changes made to this element through [HB 1181](#) (climate change and resiliency) are not required, although jurisdictions should make a good faith effort to incorporate these items to be consistent with the new legislation.

a. The general location, proposed location and capacity of all existing and proposed utilities, to include telecommunications. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(4)(a)</a> amended in 2023 and	Yes, Appendix	No	The County includes a full list of the capital facilities and utility providers in the 6-year Capital Improvement Plan included in the appendix of the Comprehensive Plan.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
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<a href="#">WAC 365-196-420</a>				
b. Identify and include information and contact information about all public entities, including special purpose districts that own utility systems. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070 (4)(b)</a> new in 2023	No	No	The utilities element has been updated with applicable information of utilities in Kittitas County to coordinate with for population, housing, and jobs, identified in the other elements.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

## Transportation Element

Consistent with relevant CWPPs and [RCW 36.70A.070\(6\)](#) amended in 2023 by [HB 1181](#). See also the new [climate element](#) below for jurisdictional requirements.

a. The transportation element must identify the transportation facilities, and public facilities and services needed to serve the UGA and the funding to provide the transportation facilities and public facilities and services. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.130</a> amended in 2022 (see <a href="#">SB 5593</a> )	Yes, Appendix	No	Transportation facilities, their funding sources, project location, schedule, and cost are included in the appendix.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
b. An inventory of air, water, and ground transportation facilities and services, including transit alignments, state-owned transportation facilities, and general aviation airports. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(A)</a> amended in 2023 and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-430(2)(c)</a> .	Yes Section 5.2 Appendix	No	Section 5.2 Transportation Network Conditions and Trends, and the Appendix with the 20-Year Transportation Plan.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
c. Adopted multimodal levels of service (LOS) standards for all locally-owned arterials, transit routes and state highways. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(B) and (C)</a> , <a href="#">WAC 365-196-430</a>	Yes Chapter 5, Appendix	No	Chapter 5 overview the LOS standards and <a href="#">Concurrency final draft.pdf</a> covers the LOS in detail as part of the county code.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
d. Identification of specific actions to bring transportation facilities and services to established multimodal LOS. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(D)</a> amended in 2023,	Yes, Chapter 5	No	Section 5.2 Transportation Network Conditions and Trends, and the Appendix with the 20-Year Transportation Plan.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

<a href="#">WAC 365-196-430</a>				
<p>e. A forecast of multimodal transportation for a minimum of 10 years including land use assumptions used in estimating travel.</p> <p><a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(i)</a>, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(E)</a> amended in 2023, <a href="#">WAC 365-196-430(2)(f)</a></p>	No	No	<p>A section in the Transportation Element has been added called Land Uses and Key Destinations which discusses the land use element and the expected Transportation needs for the land uses for the next 10 years.</p>	<p>Completed:  <input type="checkbox"/> Date:</p>
<p>f. A projection of state and local system needs to equitably meet current and future demand and equitably implement the multimodal network.</p> <p><a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(F)</a> amended in 2023, <a href="#">WAC 365-196-430(1)(c)(vi)</a> and <a href="#">RCW 47.06</a></p>	T-G8, and T-P31	Yes	<p>Goals and policies have been added to review potential infrastructure projects against demographic, climate, or historical implementation trends that may signal an unequal distribution of facilities is present and should be corrected.</p>	<p>Completed:  <input type="checkbox"/> Date:</p>

	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
g. A transition plan for transportation as required in <a href="#">Title II of ADA</a> . Perform self-evaluations of current facilities and develop a program access plan to address deficiencies and achieve the identification of physical obstacles, establish methods, perform modifications and identify leadership roles. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(G)</a> new in 2023.	Yes ADA Transition Plan (Adopted Separately)	No	Kittitas County has an adopted ADA Transition plan which is acknowledge in the Transportation Element.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
h. An active transportation component to include collaborative efforts to identify and designate planned improvements for active transportation facilities and corridors that address and encourage enhanced community access and promote healthy lifestyles. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(vii)</a> amended in 2023, <a href="#">WAC 365-196-430(2)(j)</a>	Chapter 5	No	Chapter 5 contains the plans and goals to increase and sustain pedestrian and bike facilities throughout the county. Section 11 contains policies supporting the funding, maintenance, and promotion of outdoor recreation.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
i. A description of any existing and planned transportation demand management (TDM) strategies, such as HOV lanes or subsidy programs, parking policies, etc. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(vi)</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-430(2)(i)(i)</a>	Yes, Chapter 5	Yes	T-P10 calls for the establishment of a TDM program and CF-P4 prioritizes updating facilities including roads and transportation networks to an adequate LOS. Review this section for updated multimodal integration and planned transportation network enhancements.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
j. An analysis of future funding capability to judge needs against probable funding resources. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iv)(A)</a> , <a href="#">WAC 365.196-430(2)(k)(iv)</a>	Yes, Section 4.6.1	No	Section looks at expected funding sources compared to needs for transportation and outlines the strategy to balance the budget.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
k. A multi-year financing plan based on needs identified in the comprehensive plan, the appropriate parts of which serve as the basis for the 6-year street, road or transit program. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iv)(B)</a> and <a href="#">RCW 35.77.010</a> , <a href="#">WAC 365-196-430(2)(k)(ii)</a>	Yes, Appendix 3, TIP	No	Six-year plan has transportation funding. Which is also contained in the County's <a href="#">TIP</a>	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
<p>l. If probable funding falls short of meeting identified needs of the transportation system, including state transportation facilities, a discussion of how additional funds will be raised, or how land use assumptions will be reassessed to ensure that LOS standards will be met. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iv)(C) amended in 2023</a>, <a href="#">WAC 365-196-430(2)(l)(iii)</a></p>	<p>Yes, Section 4.6</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>This section outlines potential new revenue sources to make up for any shortfall of funds. There is not a stated contingency plan. Such plan may be prepared to meet this requirement</p>	<p>Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:</p>
<p>m. A description of intergovernmental coordination efforts, including an assessment of the impacts of the transportation plan and land use assumptions on the transportation systems of adjacent jurisdictions and how it is consistent with the regional transportation plan. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(v)</a>; <a href="#">WAC 365-196-430(1)(e)</a> and <a href="#">430(2)(a)(iii)</a></p>	<p>Yes, Section 4.5</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>This is discussed in the Transportation Element and the Countywide Planning policies. Section 4.5 outlines the necessary coordination undertaken with all entities with transportation jurisdiction in the county. It does not outlines many specifics on how land use is related which may required additional information, but this section is likely satisfied</p>	<p>Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:</p>

## Rural Element

Consistent with [RCW 36.70A.070\(5\)](#), [RCW 36.70A.011](#), [RCW 36.70A.030 \(15, 16 and 17\)](#), and should consider [WAC 365-196-425](#). Rural lands are lands not included in urban growth areas or designated as agricultural, forest, or mineral resource lands.

	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
<p>a. A rural element that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish patterns of rural densities and uses considering local circumstances, including a written record explaining how the rural element harmonizes the planning goals of the GMA and meets the requirements of <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(5)</a>;</li> <li>Allows rural development, forestry and agriculture in rural areas;</li> <li>Provides for a variety of rural densities, uses, essential public facilities and rural governments services; and</li> <li>Includes measures that apply to rural development and protects the rural character of the area.</li> <li>Establishes policies for Limited Areas of More Intense Rural Development (LAMIRDs). <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(5)</a>, amended in 2024 (<a href="#">SSB 6140</a>)</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">RCW 36.70A.030 (15, 16 and 17)</a>, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(5)</a>, <a href="#">WAC 365-196-425</a></p> <p><b>Note:</b> this subsection shall not be interpreted to permit in the rural area a major industrial development or a master planned resort unless otherwise specifically permitted under <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.360</a> and <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.365</a></p>	<p>Yes, Section 8</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>8.1 explains congruency with GMA, Goals and policies in 8.2 and 8.3 (13 of them) concern upholding rural use and character in development regulations. Policies in 8.4.3 concern utilities, facilities, land use, and densities of rural lands, RR-P18,20 and section 8.4.5 give state compliant descriptions and policies for LAMIRDs</p>	<p>Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:</p>

	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
<p>b. Policies that limit urban services in rural areas.  <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.110(4)</a> amended in 2021</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The plan may include optional techniques such as limited areas of more intensive rural development (LAMIRDs), clustering, density transfer, design guidelines, and conservation easements to accommodate rural uses not characterized by urban growth as specified in <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(5)(b)</a>, <a href="#">(d)</a> amended in 2021 (<a href="#">SB 5275</a>), <a href="#">WAC 365-196-425(4)</a></p>	Yes Chapter 3 Section 3.3	No	<p>“Allow for residential opportunity with rural character and a variety of densities outside UGAs without population expecting all urban services.”</p> <p>2.3.2 GMA Compliance and Rural Resource Lands Protection implemented through zoning codes</p> <p>Limits commercial zones to NOT be allowed outside UGA/ LAMIRDs</p>	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

## Shoreline

For shorelines of the state, the goals and policies of the shoreline management act as set forth in [RCW 90.58.020](#) are added as one of the goals of the Growth Management Act (GMA) as set forth in [RCW 36.70A.480](#). The goals and policies of a shoreline master program for a county or city approved under [RCW 90.58](#) shall be considered an element of the county or city's comprehensive plan.

<p>a. The policies, goals, and provisions of <a href="#">RCW 90.58</a> and applicable guidelines shall be the sole basis for determining compliance of a shoreline master program with this chapter except as the shoreline master program is required to comply with the internal consistency provisions of <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070</a>, <a href="#">36.70A.040(4)</a>, <a href="#">35.63.125</a>, <a href="#">35A.63.105</a>, <a href="#">36.70A.480</a></p>	Yes, 11.7.3	No	RCW 90.58 is referenced for the Stormwater management plan (SMP) in section 11.7.3, page 173. The comp plan outlines the SMP's authority and policy. <a href="#">2021 SMP Document FINAL.pdf</a>	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
<p>b. Shoreline master programs shall provide a level of protection to critical areas located within shorelines of the state that assures no net loss of shoreline ecological functions necessary to sustain shoreline natural resources as defined by WA State Department of Ecology (Ecology) guidelines adopted pursuant to <a href="#">RCW 90.58.060</a>. See <a href="#">Ecology's Shoreline planners' toolbox</a> for the SMP Checklist and other resources.</p>	Yes, SMP	No	SMP section 5.5, policy 4 prohibits net losses of shoreline space and function	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
	In Current Plan? Yes/No	Changes needed to meet current statute?	Notes	

	If yes, cite section	Yes/No		
c. Shorelines of the state shall not be considered critical areas under this chapter except to the extent that specific areas located within shorelines of the state qualify for critical area designation based on the definition of critical areas provided by <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.030(5)</a> and have been designated as such by a local government pursuant to <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.060(2)</a>	No, in SMP	No	Section 5.2, Policy 2 of the SMP designated critical areas within shoreline jurisdiction for protection under WAC 173-26	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
d. If a local jurisdiction's master program does not include land necessary for buffers for critical areas that occur within shorelines of the state, as authorized by <a href="#">RCW 90.58.030(2)(f)</a> , then the local jurisdiction shall continue to regulate those critical areas and their required buffers pursuant to <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.060(2)</a> .	N/A	No	Buffers are required and are listed in section 5.5 of the county's SMP	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

## Provisions for siting essential public facilities (EPFs)

Consistent with CWPPs and [RCW 36.70A.200](#) amended in 2021. This section can be included in the Capital Facilities Element, Land Use Element, or in its own element. Sometimes the identification and siting process for EPFs is part of the CWPPs.

a. A process or criteria for identifying and siting essential public facilities (EPFs). <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.200</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-550(1)</a>  <b>Notes:</b> <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.200</a> amended 2021 regarding reentry and rehabilitation facilities. EPFs are defined in RCW 36.70A.200. Regional transit authority facilities are included in the list of essential public facilities.	Yes Chapter 6	No	The Countywide Planning Policies dictate procedures for essential public facilities. See policies 13.13 – 13.19.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
b. Policies or procedures that ensure the comprehensive plan does not preclude the siting of EPFs. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.200(5)</a>  <b>Note:</b> If the EPF siting process is in the CWPPs, this policy may be contained in the comprehensive plan as well. <a href="#">WAC 365-196-550(3)</a>	Yes Chapter 6	No	The Countywide Planning Policies dictate procedures for essential public facilities. See policies 13.13 – 13.19.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

## Tribal Participation in Planning

New in 2022 (see [HB 1717](#)). A federally recognized Indian tribe may voluntarily choose (opt-in) to participate in the local and regional planning processes. See Commerce's new [Tribal Planning Coordination for GMA](#) webpage for guidance and staff contacts.

	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
a. Mutually agreeable memorandum of agreement between local governments and tribes in regard to collaboration and participation in the planning process unless otherwise agreed at the end of a mediation period. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.040(8)(a)</a> new in 2022, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.190</a> new in 2022	Yes Chapter 6	No	This process is completed through the Countywide Plan Policies for coordination on Essential Public Facilities.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
b. <i>Urban Growth Areas</i> : counties and cities coordinate planning efforts for any areas planned for urban growth with applicable tribe(s). <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.110(1)</a> amended 2022, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.110(9)</a> , new in 2024, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.040(8)</a>	Yes Chapter 6	No		Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

## Climate Change and Resiliency

New in 2023, see [HB 1181](#). WAC updates are forthcoming.

A new required element for comprehensive plans and new goal of the GMA. Designed to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, plan for resilience and support environmental justice. Climate elements must maximize economic, environmental and social co-benefits and prioritize environmental justice in order to avoid worsening environmental health disparities. A climate element can take the form of a single comprehensive plan chapter or be integrated into several chapters/elements such as housing, transportation and land use. Visit [Commerce's Climate Program](#) webpage for further guidance, grants, tools and staff contacts. Per HB 1181, GHG reduction goals, policies, and programs not specifically identified in the [guidelines](#) must be based on scientifically credible projections and scenarios likely to result in equivalent harm avoidance, GHG emission reductions and/or per capita vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reductions.

All fully planning jurisdictions must have a resilience sub-element as part of their broader climate element. The following counties and their cities with a population greater than 6,000 as of April 1, 2021 must also have a greenhouse gas emissions reduction sub-element. Please also review the [Appendix](#) for requirements due in the upcoming periodic update.

- December 31, 2025 Deadline: Clark, Skagit, Thurston, Whatcom
- June 30, 2026 Deadline: Benton, Franklin, Spokane
- June 30, 2029 Deadline: These jurisdictions are only required to update two elements this cycle — the transportation and climate elements.

Jurisdictions may submit their greenhouse gas emissions reduction sub-element to Commerce for approval per [RCW 36.70A.096](#). Please contact Commerce for submittal requirements if you think your jurisdiction will request approval.

	In Current Plan? Yes/No  If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute?  Yes/No	Notes	
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### Resiliency sub-element: items [a through d](#) are required for all fully planning jurisdictions

a. Specific goals, policies and programs that identify, protect and enhance natural areas to foster resiliency to climate impacts, as well as areas of vital habitat for safe passage and species migration. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(9)</a> new in 2023	Section 2.3.10	Yes	Natural Environment policies in the Land Use Element have been revised to review potential future impacts from climate change.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
b. Specific goals, policies and programs that identify, protect and enhance community resiliency to climate change impacts, including social, economic and built environment factors that support adaptation to climate impacts consistent with environmental justice. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(9)</a> new in 2023	Multiple Policies	Yes	Policies in the Land use, economic development, transportation, rural and resource, housing, and utilities element have been revised to consider potential resiliency and climate change impacts that improve of resiliency of social, economic, and built environment factors.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
c. Specific goals, policies and programs that address natural hazards created or aggravated by climate change, including sea level rise, landslides, flooding, drought, heat, smoke, wildfire and other effects of changes to temperature and precipitation patterns. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(9)</a> new in 2023  <b>Note:</b> include a goal and supportive policy for each climate-exacerbated hazard that is relevant to your jurisdiction.	Section 10.7	Yes	Goals and policies for unique climate-exacerbated hazards have been drafted in the climate and resiliency element.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
d. Prioritize actions (pursuant to a-c) that benefit overburdened communities that will disproportionately suffer from compounding environmental impacts and will be most impacted by natural hazards due to climate change. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(9)</a> new in 2023	Section 10.2	Yes	Data shows that these populations are currently concentrated around the City of Ellensburg, the County has included a larger range of policies to coordinate with the City and focus services in these areas.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
<b>Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction sub-element: items <u>e through i</u> are only required for jurisdictions identified above</b>				
e. Greenhouse gas emissions reduction sub-elements must include goals and policies to reduce emissions and per capita vehicle miles traveled. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(9)</a> new in 2023  <b>Note:</b> Commerce <a href="#">recommends</a> that jurisdictions use 2022 as a baseline year for their GHG inventories and set incremental targets that lead to achieving Washington's economy-wide target of net zero emissions in 2050 set forth in <a href="#">RCW 70A.45.020(1)</a> . Commerce also recommends that jurisdictions should, at a minimum, include goals and policies within the following sectors: Transportation; Buildings & Energy; and, Zoning & Development. The <a href="#">rulemaking</a> process is underway.	N/A	N/A	****Kittitas County is not required to plan for GHG Reduction <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.095(1.a-c)</a> ****	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
	In Current Plan?	Changes needed to meet current statute?	Notes	

	Yes/No If yes, cite section	Yes/No		
f. Identified actions that the jurisdiction will take during the planning cycle that will result in reductions in overall GHG emissions generated by transportation within the jurisdiction. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(9)</a> new in 2023	N/A	N/A	****Kittitas County is not required to plan for GHG Reduction <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.095(1.a-c)</a> ****	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
g. Identified actions that the jurisdiction will take during the planning cycle that will result in reductions in overall GHG emissions generated by land use within the jurisdiction. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(9)</a> new in 2023	N/A	N/A	****Kittitas County is not required to plan for GHG Reduction <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.095(1.a-c)</a> ****	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
h. Identified actions that the jurisdiction will take during the planning cycle that will result in reductions in per capita vehicle miles traveled (VMT) within the jurisdiction. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(9)</a> new in 2023	N/A	N/A	****Kittitas County is not required to plan for GHG Reduction <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.095(1.a-c)</a> ****	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
i. Prioritize GHG and VMT reductions that benefit overburdened communities in order to maximize the co-benefits of reduced air pollution and environmental justice. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(9)</a> new in 2023	N/A	N/A	****Kittitas County is not required to plan for GHG Reduction <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.095(1.a-c)</a> ****	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

## Future required elements: pending state funding

As of 2022, these elements have not received state funding to aid local jurisdictions in implementation. Therefore, these elements are not required to be added to comprehensive plans at this time. Commerce encourages jurisdictions to begin planning for these elements, pending the future mandate.

	In Current Plan? Yes/No  If yes, cite section	Notes	
<p><b>Economic Development</b></p> <p>Although included in <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070, amended in 2017</a>, “mandatory elements” an economic development element is not currently required because funding was not provided to assist in developing local elements when this element was added to the GMA. However, provisions for economic growth, vitality, and a high quality of life are important, and supporting strategies should be integrated with the land use, housing, utilities, and transportation elements.</p>	Yes, Chapter 8	Chapter 8 ‘Economic Development’ includes economic data, an economic SWOT analysis, and a substantial goals and policies section. While no explicit connections are drawn throughout sections, it can be assumed economic development is intimately linked with many other facets of this plan.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
<p><b>Parks and Recreation</b></p> <p>Implements and is consistent with the capital facilities plan. Include a ten-year demand estimate, evaluation of service and facilities needs and evaluation of tree canopy coverage within UGAs. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(8) amended in 2023</a></p> <p>Although included in <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070, amended in 2017</a>, “mandatory elements” a parks and recreation element is not required because the state did not provide funding to assist in developing local elements when this provision was added to the GMA. However, park, recreation, and open space planning are GMA goals, and it is important to plan for and fund these facilities.</p>	Yes, Chapter 9	<a href="#">Microsoft Word - 0-Kittitas County PROS Plan - 0.docx</a> Kittitas county has both a parks and recreation element and a PROS plan linked above. Section 11 describes existing conditions, future improvements, and goals and policies for parks, recreation, and tourism.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

## Optional Elements

Pursuant to [RCW 36.70A.080](#), a comprehensive plan may include additional elements, items, or studies dealing with other subjects relating to the physical development within its jurisdiction, including, but not limited to:

	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Notes	
Sub-Area Plans	Yes, Appendices	See the appendices of the Comprehensive Plan for Subarea Plans for Suncadia, Snoqualmie Pass, and Easton.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
Conservation	No		Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
Recreation	Yes, Chapter 9	Included as part of parks and tourism	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
Solar Energy	No		Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

## Consistency is required by the GMA

	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
a. All plan elements must be consistent with relevant county-wide planning policies (CWPPs) and, where applicable, multi-county planning policies (MPPs) and the GMA. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.100</a> and <a href="#">210</a> , <a href="#">WAC 365-196-305</a> ; <a href="#">400(2)(c)</a> ; <a href="#">510</a> and <a href="#">520</a>	Yes Section 1.4 and 1.3	No	Elements following the most recent Countywide Planning Policies, and other regional plans including the regional transportation plan from QuadCo.	Con <input type="checkbox"/> D
b. All plan elements must be consistent with each other. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070 (preamble)</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-197-040</a>	Yes Section 1.5 and 1.6	No	All elements use the revised populations projections and land use designations map.	Con <input type="checkbox"/> D
c. The plan must be coordinated with the plans of adjacent jurisdictions. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.100</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-520</a>	Countywide Planning Policies	No	The Countywide Planning Policies establish methods of communication and consistency between the County and cities and all comprehensive plans are consistent with the procedures established.	Con <input type="checkbox"/> D

## Public Participation

a. Plan ensures public participation in the comprehensive planning process. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.020(11)</a> , <a href="#">.035</a> , and <a href="#">.140</a> , <a href="#">WAC 365-196-600(3)</a> provide possible public participation choices.	Yes Section 1.1	No	The Public Participation Plan and public participation are included in the appendix. The plan includes broad outreach to as many groups as possible and opportunities for all to participate in the plan. Participation opportunities include surveys, written and oral comment periods, and public meeting in-person and online meetings, with stakeholder interviews.	Con <input type="checkbox"/> D
b. If the process for making amendments is included in the comprehensive plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The plan provides that amendments are to be considered no more often than once a year, not including the exceptions described in <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.130(2)</a>, <a href="#">WAC365-196-640</a></li> <li>The plan sets out a procedure for adopting emergency amendments and defines</li> </ul>	Yes Section 1.8	No	Section 1.8 sets forth procedure and authority for amendments	Con <input type="checkbox"/> D

<p>emergency. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.130(2)(b)</a> and <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.390</a> new in 2021, (<a href="#">HB 1220</a> sections 3-5), <a href="#">WAC 365-196-650(4)</a></p>				
	<p>In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section</p>	<p>Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No</p>	<p>Notes</p>	
<p>c. Plan or program for monitoring how well comprehensive plan policies, development regulations, and other implementation techniques are achieving the comp plan's goals and the goals of the GMA. <a href="#">WAC 365-196-660</a> discusses a potential review of growth management implementation on a systematic basis.</p> <p><a href="#">New 2022 legislation HB 1241</a> provides that those jurisdictions with a periodic update due in 2024 have until December 31, 2024 to submit. This legislation also changed the update cycle to every ten years after the 2024-2027 cycle. Jurisdictions that meet the new criteria described in <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.130(9)</a> will be required to submit an implementation progress report five years after the review and revision of their comprehensive plan.</p>	<p>Implementation Chapter</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>See the implementation chapter with prioritized policies and actions to help the County move toward achieving new goals and policies over the next 10-years.</p>	<p>Con <input type="checkbox"/>D</p>
<p>d. Considerations for preserving property rights. Local governments must evaluate proposed regulatory or administrative actions to assure that such actions do not result in an unconstitutional taking of private property, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.370</a>. For further guidance see the <a href="#">2018 Advisory Memo on the Unconstitutional Taking of Private Property</a></p>	<p>Yes Section 2.2.7</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>In describing compliance with the GMA, which the plan is consistent with, the plan ensure private property will not be taken in an unconstitutional manner</p>	<p>Con <input type="checkbox"/>D</p>
<p>e. Encourage the involvement of citizens in the planning process, <i>including the participation of vulnerable populations and overburdened communities</i>, and ensure coordination between communities and jurisdictions to reconcile conflicts. <a href="#">HB 1181 (2023)</a> revised <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.020</a> <i>Planning Goals</i> for inclusion of</p>	<p>Yes Section 1.7</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Section 1.7 is the public participation plan. The plan includes broad outreach to as many groups as possible and opportunities for all to participate in the plan.</p>	<p>Con <input type="checkbox"/>D</p>

vulnerable populations and overburdened communities. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.035</a> <i>Public Participation</i> was not amended under HB 1181.				
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## Section II: Development Regulations

Must be consistent with and implement the comprehensive plan. [RCW 36.70A.040](#), [WAC 365-196-800](#) and [810](#)

### Critical Areas

Regulations protecting critical areas are required by [RCW 36.70A.060\(2\)](#), [RCW 36.70A.172\(1\)](#), [WAC 365-190-080](#) and [WAC 365-195-900 through 925](#).

Please visit Commerce’s [Critical Areas webpage](#) for resources and to complete the [Critical Areas Checklist](#). Critical areas regulations must be reviewed and updated, as necessary, to incorporate legislative changes and best available science. Jurisdictions using periodic update grant funds to update critical areas regulations must submit the critical areas checklist as a first deliverable, in addition to this periodic update checklist.

### Zoning Code

Note: Please review the new 2023 housing laws in the [Washington State Housing Laws of 2019 through 2023 guidance](#), on Commerce’s [Planning for Housing webpage](#).

	In Current Regs? Yes/No  If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute?  Yes/No	Notes	
<b>Notice:</b> For more information about housing regulatory changes regarding supportive housing types, see <a href="#">Supportive Housing Types Review Checklist</a> on the <a href="#">Updating GMA Housing Elements webpage</a> . And for additional information on middle housing and ADU regulations, see the <a href="#">Middle Housing webpage</a> .				Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
a. Zoning designations are consistent and implement land use designations that accommodate future housing needs by income bracket as allocated through the countywide planning process. <b>(RCW 36.70A.070(2)(c) - Amended in 2021 with HB 1220)</b>  <b>Note:</b> Zoning must reflect sufficient land capacity for all income housing needs, including emergency housing and permanent supportive housing.	Appendix Land Capacity Analysis	No	The Land Capacity Analysis findings found that within the existing land use designations and zoning, the County’s allocated growth can be accommodated within the existing land use framework.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

	In Current Regs? Yes/No  If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute?  Yes/No	Notes	
b. The number of unrelated persons that occupy a household or dwelling unit except as provided in state law, for short term rentals, or occupant load per square foot shall not be regulated or limited by counties. <a href="#">(HB 5235)</a> , <a href="#">RCW 36.01.227</a> new in 2021	17.08.230 Family. (Definition)  17.08.211 Dwelling Unit	No	There is no limit on the number individuals related or unrelated in 17.08.230 and there is no maximum number of individuals for dwelling unit.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
c. Family day care providers are allowed in all residential dwellings located in areas zoned for residential or commercial <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.450</a> . Review <a href="#">RCW 43.216.010</a> for definition of family day care provider and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-865</a> for more information.	17.08.195 Day care facilities (definition)	Yes – zoning matrix needs review and clarity for definitions	Add definition of family day care provider compared to day care facility, and then allow in the Residential, Urban Residential, Agriculture 3, Rural 3, Rural 5, Limited Commercial and General Commercial zones	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
d. Manufactured housing is regulated the same as site built housing. <a href="#">RCW 36.01.225</a> amended in 2019.  A local government may require that manufactured homes: (1) are new, (2) are set on a permanent foundation, and (3) comply with local design standards applicable to other homes in the neighborhood, but may not discriminate against consumer choice in housing. See: <a href="#">National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974</a>	17.08.391 Manufactured Home. (Definition)/ 17.15 Allowed Uses (Permitted in all Residential Zones)	No		Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
e. Accessory dwelling units (ADUs): counties (and cities) must adopt or amend by ordinance, and incorporate into their development regulations, zoning regulations and other official controls. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.680</a> amended in 2023, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.681</a> amended in 2023, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.696</a> amended in 2023, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.697</a> amended in 2020, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.698</a> amended in 2020, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.699</a> amended in 2020  <b>Must be adopted by 6 months after the periodic update deadline, or be superseded by state law.</b>  <b>Note:</b> see new Commerce <a href="#">ADU guidance</a> and <a href="#">ADU checklist</a> .	17.15.080.2 (24) Footnote on ADUs/ 17.08.022 Accessory Dwelling Unit (definition)	No	County adopted accessory dwelling unit updates in 2025 prior to the completion of the periodic update under Ordinance 2025-011.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
<p>f. Co-living must be allowed as a permitted use on any lot located within an urban growth area that allows at least six multifamily residential units, including on a lot zoned for mixed use development. <b>HB 1998, new in 2024</b>, contains specific standards for size, density calculations, connection fees and parking.</p> <p><b>Must be adopted by December 31, 2025</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> guidance will be available fall of 2024</p>	No	Co-living in not defined or in permitted uses for UGA section. Amend Chapter 17.11	Add definition of co-living. Add section to allow for permitted use in UGA applicable sections of code.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
<p>g. Residential structures occupied by persons with handicaps, and group care for children that meets the definition of “familial status” are regulated the same as a similar residential structure occupied by a family or other unrelated individuals. No city or county planning under the GMA may enact or maintain ordinances, development regulations, or administrative practices which treat a residential structure occupied by persons with handicaps differently than a similar residential structure occupied by a family or other unrelated individuals.</p> <p><a href="#">RCW 36.70A.410</a>, <a href="#">RCW 70.128.140</a> and <a href="#">150</a>, <a href="#">RCW 49.60.222-225</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-860</a></p>	No	Yes	Adjusting language to make sure this is addressed. See definition changes to family.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

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<p>h. Within UGAs, affordable housing programs enacted or expanded under <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.540 amended in 2022</a> comply with the requirements of this section. Examples of such programs may include: density bonuses within urban growth areas, height and bulk bonuses, fee waivers or exemptions, parking reductions, expedited permitting conditioned on provision of low-income housing units, or mixed-use projects. <a href="#">WAC 365-196-300</a></p> <p>See also <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.545</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-410(2)(e)(i)</a></p> <p>“affordable housing” is defined in <a href="#">RCW 84.14.010</a>, new in 2024 (<a href="#">ESSB 6175</a>)</p> <p>Review <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.620(3)</a> amended in 2020, for minimum residential parking requirements.</p>	<p><a href="#">Chapter 2.14</a> County Housing Authority</p>	No	<p>The County works with the City of Ellensburg through an ILA and adopts their code by reference in the UGA. This should be included in the new code update.</p> <p>15A.11.020(5)(e) identifies development agreement/ standards requirement for affordable housing</p> <p>Chapter 2.14 Identifies/ establishes Housing Authority of Kittitas County</p> <p>Action: County should review districts within UGA and identify opportunities for code revisions to address affordable housing incentives and opportunities.</p>	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
<p>i. Limitations on regulating: outdoor encampments, safe parking efforts, indoor overnight shelters and temporary small houses on property owned or controlled by a religious organization. <a href="#">RCW 36.01.290</a> amended in 2020, <a href="#">RCW 35.21.915</a> amended in 2020</p>	9.55	No	No onerous regulations in the code	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
<p>j. Any limitations on emergency housing and emergency shelter must be connected to public health and safety and allow the siting of a sufficient number of units and beds necessary to meet projected needs (see <a href="#">Housing Element Book 2</a>, pages 41-48), new in 2023</p> <p>“emergency housing” is defined in <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.030</a></p>	No	Yes	No codes on emergency housing and shelters, code amendments needed.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
k. Parking requirements must allow tandem, gravel or grass pavers, and new spaces must be at least 8 by 20 feet in size. Existing and non-conforming parking must be allowed to meet parking requirements for up to six spaces. <a href="#">SB 6015, new in 2024</a> , must be addressed with the periodic update.  <b>Note:</b> guidance coming fall 2024	17.08.440 <b>Parking space.</b> <a href="#">17.11.039</a> Off-street parking	Yes	Allows for stacked or tandem parking, references public works standards but not dimensions, gravel or grass pavers, revisions are needed to the appropriate code sections.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
l. Within UGAs, allow an increased density bonus consistent with local needs for any affordable housing development of any single-family or multi-family residence located on real property owned or controlled by a religious organization. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.545, amended in 2019</a> (HB 1377).	No	Yes	The County coordinates higher density housing in the Ellensburg through an ILA this will need to be adopted through the Ellensburg Code.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
m. Must not adopt, impose or enforce requirements on an affordable housing development that are different than the requirements imposed on housing developments generally. <a href="#">RCW 36.130.020</a> (2008)  <b>Note:</b> This applies to cities, counties, other local government entities and agencies.	No	Yes	No reference to affordable housing currently in the code. The County will adopt the City of Ellensburg ILA code which should comply.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
n. Rural regulations allow innovative techniques such as clustering, density transfer, design guidelines, and conservation easements to support rural economic advancement, a variety of densities, and uses that are not characterized by urban growth and that are consistent with rural character. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(5)(b) and (c)</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-425(5)</a>	<a href="#">16.09 Cluster Platting, Conservation and Agricultural Platting</a>	No	Links code to comprehensive plan initiatives surrounding techniques to support development of urban, rural and resource designated lands at appropriate densities while conserving resource lands, protecting rural character, protecting the environment and maintaining a high quality of life in Kittitas County.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
o. Adopt policies and regulations related to rural regulations for Type 1, 2 and 3 Limited Areas of More Intense Rural Development (LAMIRDs). <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070 (5)(d)</a> , see also <a href="#">WAC 365-196-425(6)</a>	<a href="#">17.15.070 Allowed Uses in Rural LAMIRD Lands.</a>	No	LAMIRD regulations and policies outlines with type 1, 2, and 3 relating to more intense and limited areas of rural development.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
	In Current Regs? Yes/No	Changes needed to meet current statute?	Notes	

	If yes, cite section	Yes/No		
p. Regulations discourage incompatible uses around general aviation airports. <a href="#">RCW 36.70.547</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-455</a> . Incompatible uses include: high population intensity uses such as schools, community centers, tall structures, and hazardous wildlife attractants such as solid waste disposal sites, wastewater or stormwater treatment facilities, or stockyards.  For more guidance, see <a href="#">WSDOT's Aviation Land Use Compatibility Program</a> .	<a href="#">Title 19 Airports</a> 17.58.050 Uses, development requirements and restrictions	No	References intent of code chapter for appropriate uses, also has design standards and regulations referenced in code.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
q. If a U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) military base employing 100 or more personnel is within or adjacent to the jurisdiction, zoning should discourage the siting of incompatible uses adjacent to military base. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.530(3)</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-475</a> . Visit <a href="#">Military One Source</a> to locate any bases in your area and help make determination of applicability. If applicable, inform the commander of the base regarding amendments to the comprehensive plan and development regulations on lands adjacent to the base.	N/A	N/A	There is no military base that employees more than 100 personnel within the County boundary according to the Military One Source link provided.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
r. Electric vehicle infrastructure (jurisdiction specified: adjacent to Interstates 5, 90, 405 or state route 520 and other criteria) must be allowed as a use in all areas except those zoned for residential, resource use or critical areas. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.695</a>	<a href="#">10.38 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations</a>  <a href="#">17.66 Electronic Vehicle Infrastructure</a>	No	10.38 Addresses EV on public roads and county property  EV Infrastructure addressed in section 17.66 relating to EV station types, zones and criteria	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

## Shoreline Master Program

Consistent with [RCW 90.58](#) Shoreline Management Act of 1971

a. Zoning designations are consistent with Shoreline Master Program (SMP) environmental designations. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.480</a>	<a href="#">Title 17B shorelines</a>	No	Zoning and SMP designations are consistent	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
	In Current Regs? Yes/No  If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute?  Yes/No	Notes	

<p>b. If updated to meet <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.480 (2010)</a>, SMP regulations provide protection to critical areas in shorelines that is at least equal to the protection provided to critical areas by the critical areas ordinance. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.480(4)</a> and <a href="#">RCW 90.58.090(4)</a></p> <p>See <a href="#">Ecology's shoreline planners' toolbox</a> for the SMP Checklist and other resources and <a href="#">Ecology's Shoreline Master Programs Handbook webpage</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Title 17B shorelines</a></p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Consistent with CAO/ Shoreline regulations</p>	<p>Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:</p>
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## Resource Lands

Defined in [RCW 36.70A.030 \(3, 12 and 17\)](#) and consistent with [RCW 36.70A.060](#) and [RCW 36.70A.170](#)

<p>a. Zoning is consistent with natural resource lands designations in the comprehensive plan and conserves natural resource lands. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.060(3)</a>, <a href="#">WAC 365-196-815</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-190-020(6)</a>. Consider innovative zoning techniques to conserve agricultural lands of long-term significance <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.177(2)</a>. See also <a href="#">WAC 365-196-815(3)</a> for examples of innovative zoning techniques.</p>	<p><a href="#">17.15.050 Allowed Uses in Resource Lands</a></p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Consistent</p>	<p>Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:</p>
<p>b. Regulations to assure that use of lands adjacent to natural resource lands does not interfere with natural resource production. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.060(1)(a)</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-190-040</a></p> <p>Regulations require notice on all development permits and plats within 500 feet of designated natural resource lands that the property is within or near a designated natural resource land on which a variety of commercial activities may occur that are regulations to implement comprehensive plan</p>	<p><a href="#">17.19.010 Purpose and Intent R-3 Zone</a> 17.57.140 Resource activity notification.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Consistent with natural resource lands protection adjacent to natural resource lands, minimizing effects</p> <p>500' notification in 17.57.140</p>	<p>Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:</p>
	<p>In Current Regs? Yes/No  If yes, cite section</p>	<p>Changes needed to meet current statute?  Yes/No</p>	<p>Notes</p>	

<p>c. For designated agricultural land, regulations encourage nonagricultural uses to be limited to lands with poor soils or otherwise not suitable for agricultural purposes. Accessory uses should be located, designed and operated to support the continuation of agricultural uses. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.177(3)(b)</a></p>	<p>17.08.035/ 17.08.165</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>17.08.035 Agriculture Study Overlay Zone. – designates prime farmland soils 17.08.165 Commercial Activities Associated with Agriculture. – designates commercial development to land limited to poor soils 3 different agriculture implementing zones</p>	<p>Completed: <input type="checkbox"/>Date:</p>
<p>d. Counties must conduct a comprehensive countywide analysis when classifying, designating and de-designating natural resource lands. <a href="#">WAC 365-190-040(10)(c)</a></p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The County is not planning to designate or de-designate natural resource lands as part of this periodic update, and, therefore, no land use changes or development regulation changes are being considered.</p>	<p>Completed: <input type="checkbox"/>Date:</p>
<p>e. Designate mineral lands and associated regulations as required by <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.131</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-190-040(5)</a>.  For more information review the <a href="#">WA State Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR)'s Geology Division site</a></p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The County has already followed RCW and WAC requirements for existing mineral lands, no new mineral lands are being contemplated at this time.</p>	<p>Completed: <input type="checkbox"/>Date:</p>

<h2>Siting Essential Public Facilities</h2> <p>Regulations for siting essential public facilities should be consistent with <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.200</a> and consider <a href="#">WAC 365-196-550</a>. Essential public facilities include those facilities that are typically difficult to site, such as airports, state education facilities, state or regional transportation facilities, state and local correctional facilities, solid waste handling facilities, and in-patient facilities including substance abuse facilities, mental health facilities, group homes, and secure community transition facilities. Regulations may be specific to a local jurisdiction, but may be part of county-wide planning policies (CWPPs).</p>				
	<p>In Current Regs? Yes/No  If yes, cite section</p>	<p>Changes needed to meet current statute?  Yes/No</p>	<p>Notes</p>	
<p>Regulations or CWPPs include a process for siting EPFs and ensure EPFs are not precluded. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.200 amended in 2023</a>, <a href="#">WAC 365-196-550(6)</a> lists process for siting EPFs. <a href="#">WAC 365-196-550(3)</a> details preclusions. EPFs should be located outside of known hazardous areas.  Visit <a href="#">Commerce's Behavioral Health Facilities Program page</a> for information on establishing or expanding new capacity for behavioral health EPFs.  <b>Note:</b> RCW 36.70A.200 amended by <a href="#">SB 5536</a> to include EPFs for opioid treatment programs</p>	<p>15A.03.040 Determination of Completeness (4)(e) ii.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>While there are references to EPFs, amendments need to be made to address definition as outlined in state regulations.  15A.03.040 Determination of Completeness (4)(e) ii. Requires approval of a new fully contained community as provided in <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.350</a>, a master planned resort as provided in <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.360</a>, or the siting of an essential public facility as provided in <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.200</a>;</p>	<p>Completed: <input type="checkbox"/>Date:</p>

## Subdivision Code

	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
a. Subdivision regulations are consistent with and implement comprehensive plan policies. RCW <a href="#">36.70A.030(5)</a> and <a href="#">36.70A.040(4)</a> .	Yes - 16.08.060; 16.12.040; 16.12.070	No	16.08.060 Comprehensive plan 16.12.040 Comprehensive Plan conformance (preliminary plats) 16.12.070 Comprehensive Plan conformance	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
b. Written findings to approve subdivisions establish adequacy of public facilities. <a href="#">RCW 58.17.110 amended in 2018</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Streets or roads, sidewalks, alleys, other public ways, transit stops, and other features that assure safe walking conditions for students.</li> <li>Potable water supplies, sanitary wastes, and drainage ways. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.590 amended 2018</a></li> <li>Open spaces, parks and recreation, and playgrounds</li> <li>Schools and school grounds</li> </ul> Other items related to the public health, safety and general welfare <a href="#">WAC 365-196-820(1)</a> .	16.20.050 Dedications, easements, alleys. 16.28.010 Application approval.	No	Various sections address required public facilities	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
c. Preliminary subdivision approvals under <a href="#">RCW 58.17.140</a> are valid for a period of five or seven years (previously five years). See also <a href="#">RCW 58.17.170</a> <b>Note:</b> preliminary plat approval is valid for: seven years if the date of preliminary plat approval is on or before December 31, 2014; five years if the preliminary plat approval is issued on or after January 1, 2015.	<a href="#">16.12.250 Expiration.</a>	No	Links to RCW	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
d. Include in short plat regulations procedures for unit lot subdivisions allowing division of a parent lot into separately owned unit lots. <a href="#">RCW 58.17.060(3) new in 2023 by SB 5258 - section 11</a>	16.08.186 Short Subdivision.  <a href="#">16.32 Short Plat Requirements</a>	No	Addressed short plat division up to 9 lots and procedures. Under SB 5258 Counties are exempt from unit lot subdivisions.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

## Stormwater

	In Current Regs? Yes/No  If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute?  Yes/No	Notes	
<p>a. Regulations protect water quality and implement actions to mitigate or cleanse drainage, flooding, and storm water run-off that pollute waters of the state, including Puget Sound or waters entering Puget Sound. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(1)</a> Regulations may include: adoption of a stormwater manual consistent with Ecology's latest manual for Eastern or Western Washington, adoption of a clearing and grading ordinance –See <a href="#">Commerce's 2005 Technical Guidance Document for Clearing and Grading in Western Washington</a>.</p> <p>Adoption of a low impact development ordinance. See <a href="#">Puget Sound Partnership's 2012 Low Impact Development guidance</a> and Ecology's <a href="#">2013 Eastern Washington Low Impact Development guidance</a>.</p> <p>Additional Resources: <a href="#">Federal Grants to Protect Puget Sound Watersheds</a>, <a href="#">Building Cities in the Rain</a>, <a href="#">Ecology Stormwater Manuals</a>, <a href="#">Puget Sound Partnership Action Agenda</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Article V Stormwater Management</a></p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Regulations require stormwater management plans to address runoff and mitigation measures</p>	<p>Completed: <input type="checkbox"/>Date:</p>
<p>b. Provisions for corrective action for failing septic systems that pollute waters of the state. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(1)</a>. See also: <a href="#">DOH Wastewater Management</a>, <a href="#">Ecology On-Site Sewage System Projects &amp; Funding</a></p>	<p><a href="#">13.75.010 Initiation of enforcement action.</a></p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Addressed</p>	<p>Completed: <input type="checkbox"/>Date:</p>

## Organic Materials Management Facilities

New in 2022, HB 1799 added a section to the GMA aimed at reducing the volumes of organic materials collected in conjunction with other solid waste and delivered to landfills, supporting productive uses of organic material wastes and reduction of methane gas (a greenhouse gas).

	In Current Regs? Yes/No  If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute?  Yes/No	Notes	
<p>New section <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.142</a>; new in 2022 legislation <a href="#">HB 1799</a>: Development regulations newly developed, updated, or amended <i>after January 1, 2025</i> allow for the siting of organic materials (OM) management facilities as identified in local solid waste management plans (SWMP) to meet OM reduction and diversion goals. Siting to meet criteria described in <a href="#">RCW 70A.205.040(3)</a></p> <p>See also <a href="#">RCW 36.70.330</a>. For applicability, see <a href="#">RCW 70A.205.540</a></p>	Revised Land Use Tables in Chapter 17.15 Allowed Uses	Yes	Adjusted zoning table to include solid waste management facilities.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

## Impact Fees

May impose impact fees on development activity as part of the financing for public facilities, provided that the financing for system improvements to serve new development must provide for a balance between impact fees and other sources of public funds; cannot rely solely on impact fees.

<p>a. If adopted, impact fees are applied consistent with <a href="#">RCW 82.02.050</a> amended in 2015, <a href="#">RCW 82.02.060</a> amended in 2023 by <a href="#">SB 5258</a>, <a href="#">.070</a>, <a href="#">.080</a>, <a href="#">.090</a> amended in 2018 and <a href="#">.100</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">WAC 365-196-850</a> provides guidance on how impact fees should be implemented and spent.</p>	<p><a href="#">9.50.190</a> City of Ellensburg Park Impact Fees adopted within the City's Urban Growth Area.</p> <p><a href="#">12.08</a> <a href="#">Transportation Impact Fees</a></p>	No	City of Ellensburg Park/ Transportation Impact Fees adopted within the City's Urban Growth Area	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
<p>b. Jurisdictions collecting impact fees must adopt and maintain a system for the deferred collection of impact fees for single-family detached and attached residential construction, consistent with <a href="#">RCW 82.02.050(3)</a> amended in 2016</p>	N/A	No	Ellensburg collects and is referenced in County Code	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
<p>c. If adopted, limitations on impact fees for early learning facilities. <a href="#">RCW 82.02.060</a> amended in 2021</p>	N/A	N/A	No impact fees adopted for early learning facilities	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
d. If adopted, exemption of impact fees for low-income and emergency housing development. <a href="#">RCW 82.02.060</a> amended in 2023. See also definition change in <a href="#">RCW 82.02.090(1)(b)</a> amended in 2018	N/A	N/A	No impact fees adopted for housing	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
e. Ensure impact fees are not assessed on the construction of accessory dwelling units that are greater than 50 percent (50%) of the impact fees that would be imposed on the principal unit. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.681</a> new in 2023 by <a href="#">HB 1337</a>	N/A	N/A	No impact fees adopted for housing	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
f. The schedule of impact fees reflects the proportionate impact of new housing units, including multifamily and condominium units, based on the square footage, number of bedrooms, or trips generated, in the housing unit in order to produce a proportionally lower impact fee for smaller housing units. <a href="#">RCW 82.02.060</a> amended in 2023 by <a href="#">SB 5258</a>	N/A	N/A	No impact fees adopted for housing	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

## Concurrency and Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

Ensures consistency in land use approval and the development of adequate public facilities as plans are implemented, maximizes the efficiency of existing transportation systems, limits the impacts of traffic and reduces pollution.

	In Current Regs? Yes/No  If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute?  Yes/No	Notes	
<p>a. The transportation concurrency requirement includes specific language that prohibits development when level of service standards for transportation facilities cannot be met. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(6)(b)</a> amended in 2023, <a href="#">WAC 365-196-840</a>.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Concurrency is required for transportation, but may also be applied to park facilities, etc.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p><a href="#">Title 12 - Article II. Concurrency &amp; Transportation Impact Analysis</a></p> <p>12.04.02.080</p>	No	<p>12.04.02.080 Concurrency Determination.</p> <p>Development permits will not be approved unless there are adequate transportation facilities to meet the level of service standards for existing and approved uses</p>	<p>Completed:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Date:</p>
<p>b. Measures exist to bring into compliance locally owned transportation facilities or services that are below the levels of service established in the comprehensive plan. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(B) and (D)</a>. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(6)(b)</a> amended in 2023</p> <p>Levels of service can be established for automobiles, pedestrians and bicycles. See <a href="#">WAC 365-196-840(3)</a> on establishing an appropriate level of service.</p>	<p>12.04.030 Levels of Service Standards</p>	No		<p>Completed:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Date:</p>
<p>c. Highways of statewide significance (HSS) are exempt from the concurrency ordinance. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(C)</a></p>	<p>12.01.020 Applicability 4.</p>	No	<p>The development regulations are consistent with the Transportation Element which acknowledges the Highways of Statewide Significance and their exemptions from local or regionally established LOS and/or Concurrency.</p>	<p>Completed:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Date:</p>
<p>d. Traffic demand management (TDM) requirements are consistent with the comprehensive plan. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(vi)</a>. Examples may include requiring new development to be oriented towards transit streets, pedestrian-oriented site and building design, and requiring bicycle and pedestrian connections to street and trail networks. <a href="#">WAC 365-196-840(4)</a> recommends adopting methodologies that analyze the transportation</p>	<p>No</p>	No	<p>Currently, the Comprehensive Plan establishes levels of service across the County and does not distinguish between urban and rural areas. TDM strategies in urban areas are coordinated with the Cities and especially with the City of Ellensburg through an ILA. This is consistent with the treatment in the development regulations and the WAC..</p>	<p>Completed:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Date:</p>

system from a comprehensive, multimodal perspective.				
	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
e. If required by <a href="#">RCW 82.70</a> , a commute trip reduction (CTR) ordinance to achieve reductions in the proportion of single-occupant vehicle commute trips has been adopted. The ordinance should be consistent with comprehensive plan policies for CTR and Department of Transportation rules.	N/A	N/A	Not required.	Completed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date:

### Tribal Participation in Planning

New in 2022 (see [HB 1717](#)). A federally recognized Indian tribe may voluntarily choose (opt-in) to participate in the county or regional planning process. See Commerce’s new [Tribal Planning Coordination for GMA](#) webpage for guidance and staff contacts.

a. Mutually agreeable memorandum of agreement between local governments and tribes in regard to collaboration and participation in the planning process unless otherwise agreed at the end of a mediation period. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.040(8)(a)</a> new in 2022	No	No		Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
b. Policies consistent with countywide planning policies that address the protection of tribal cultural resources in collaboration with federally recognized Indian tribes that are invited, provided that a tribe, or more than one tribe, chooses to participate in the process. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.210(3)(i)</a> new in 2022	17B.05.010 Cultural, Archeological, and historical resources	No	There are processes for historic and cultural resources in the development regulations and follow state historic guidance.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

### Regulations to Implement Optional Elements

a. New fully contained communities are consistent with comprehensive plan policies, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.350</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-345</a>	N/A	N/A	Kittitas County has not and does not intend to implement Fully Contained Communities.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
b. If applicable, master planned resorts are consistent with comprehensive plan policies, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.360</a> , <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.362</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-460</a>	<a href="#">17.37 Master Planned Resorts</a>	No	Consistency with comprehensive plan required for master planned resorts	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
c. If applicable, major industrial developments and master planned locations outside of UGAs are consistent with comprehensive plan policies, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.365</a> , <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.367</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-465</a>	Title 17.34	Yes	New process for Major Industrial development is being introduced.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
d. Regulations include procedures to identify, preserve, and/or monitor historical or archaeological resources. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.020(13)</a> , <a href="#">WAC 365-196-450</a>	17B.05.010 Cultural, archaeological and historical resources.	No	Existing Comprehensive Plan policies and code regulations do not need to change.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
e. Other development regulations needed to implement comprehensive plan policies such as energy, sustainability or design are adopted. <a href="#">WAC 365-196-445</a>	Chapter 17.61A Wind Farm Resource Overlay Zone Chapter 17.61B Small Wind Energy Systems Chapter 17.61C.040 Solar Overlay Zones	No	The County will continue working on revised development regulations for wind/solar/micro nuclear siting and standards into 2027.	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
f. Design guidelines for new development are clear and easy to understand; administration procedures are clear and defensible.	N/A	N/A	No design standards except H-T-C Zone <a href="#">17.24.050</a>	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
g. Local design review includes one or more ascertainable guideline, standard or criterion by which an applicant can determine whether a given building design is permissible under that development regulation.  May not result in a reduction in density, height, bulk or scale below the generally applicable development regulations for a development proposal in the applicable zone.  <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.630</a> new in 2023 by <a href="#">HB 1293</a>	N/A	N/A	No design review	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

## Project Review Procedures

In 2023, [SB 5290](#) substantially amended local permit review processes. Codification and additional resources from Commerce are forthcoming.

	In Current Regs? Yes/No  If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute?  Yes/No	Notes	
<p>Project review processes integrate permit and environmental review. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.470</a>, <a href="#">RCW 36.70B</a> and <a href="#">RCW 43.21C</a>.</p> <p>Resources include <a href="#">WAC 365-196-845</a>, <a href="#">WAC 197-11</a>(SEPA Rules), <a href="#">WAC 365-197</a> (Project Consistency Rule, Commerce, 2001) and <a href="#">Ecology SEPA Handbook</a>.</p> <p>Integrated permit and environmental review procedures for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notice of application</li> <li>• Notice of complete application</li> <li>• One open-record public hearing</li> <li>• Combining public hearings &amp; decisions for multiple permits</li> <li>• Notice of decision</li> <li>• One closed-record appeal</li> </ul> <p>Note: new in 2023, see Commerce's new guidance for <a href="#">Local Project Review</a> and <a href="#">SB 5290</a></p>	Title 15A Project Permit Application Process	No	This was adopted under Kittitas County <a href="#">Ordinance 2025-003</a>	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

## Plan & Regulation Amendments

If procedures governing comprehensive plan amendments are part of the code, then assure the following are true:

a. Regulations limit amendments to the comprehensive plan to once a year (with statutory exceptions). <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.130(2)</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-640(3)</a>	<a href="#">15B.03.030 Docketing</a>	No	Limits to once a year with exceptions	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
b. Regulations define <i>emergency</i> for an emergency plan amendment. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.130(2)(b)</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-640(4)</a>	<a href="#">15B.03.020 Concurrent review except during emergencies</a>	No	Provides path for emergency amendment and definition	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Date:

<p>c. Regulations include a docketing process for requesting and considering plan amendments. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.130(2)</a>, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.470</a>, and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-640(6)</a></p>	<p><a href="#">15B.03.030 Docketing</a></p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Process and regulations in place for docketing</p>	<p>Completed: <input type="checkbox"/>Date:</p>
	<p>In Current Regs? Yes/No  If yes, cite section</p>	<p>Changes needed to meet current statute?  Yes/No</p>	<p>Notes</p>	
<p>d. A process has been established for early and continuous public notification and participation in the planning process. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.020(11)</a>, <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.035</a> and <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.140</a>. See <a href="#">WAC 365-196-600</a> regarding public participation and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-610(2)</a> listing recommendations for meeting requirements.</p>	<p><a href="#">15B.03.040 Procedures</a></p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Early and ongoing engagement is clear in code for amendments</p>	<p>Completed: <input type="checkbox"/>Date:</p>
<p>e. A process exists to assure that proposed regulatory or administrative actions do not result in an unconstitutional taking of private property <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.370</a>. See the <a href="#">2018 Advisory Memo on the Unconstitutional Taking of Private Property</a></p>	<p>Yes Chapter 1.24 Private Property Taking Impact Analysis</p>	<p>No</p>		<p>Completed: <input type="checkbox"/>Date:</p>
<p>f. Provisions ensure adequate enforcement of regulations, such as zoning and critical area ordinances (civil or criminal penalties). See implementation strategy in <a href="#">WAC 365-196-650(1)</a>.</p>	<p><a href="#">17.04.050 Penalty for violation Chapter 17.05 Penalties</a></p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Multiple sections on penalties and violations in zoning and critical areas</p>	<p>Completed: <input type="checkbox"/>Date:</p>
<p>g. Adoption of a policy and regulation establishing the effective date of an action that expands a UGA; creates or expands a LAMIRD; establishes a new fully contained community; or creates or expands a master planned resort. The effective date is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60 days after the date of public notice of adoption of the comprehensive plan, development regulation or amendment to the plan or regulation, implementing the action as provided in <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.290(2)</a>; or</li> <li>• If a petition for review to the Growth Management Hearings Board is timely filed, upon the issuance of the Board's final order. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.067</a>, new in 2022</li> </ul>	<p>Countywide Planning Policies</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The Urban Growth Area expansion process is established in the Countywide Planning Policies, these will be revised at a later date, but UGA expansions will follow conditions established in State law and especially 36.70A.290 and 36.70A.067.</p>	<p>Completed: <input type="checkbox"/>Date:</p>

Appendix: Element updates per HB 1181– Climate Change and Resiliency

	Required Updates to GMA Elements per HB 1181						
GMA Periodic Update Due Dates	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Sub-element	Climate Resilience Sub-element	Transportation Element	Land Use Element	Capital Facilities Element*	Utilities Element*	Parks & Recreation Element*
<b>For jurisdictions with a 2024 deadline and subject to GHG Emissions Reduction [Sec. 15 (10)]</b>	Due 2029	Due 2029	Due 2029	Due in 2034			
<b>For jurisdictions with a 2025 &amp; 2026 deadline and subject to GHG Emissions Reduction [Sec. 4 (1) and (2)]</b>	X	X	X	X	X*	X*	X*
<b>Jurisdictions <u>not</u> subject to GHG Emissions Reduction (all years) [Sec. 4 (3) and 9(e)(i)]</b>	Optional	X See RCW 36.70A.070(9)(e)	**	Only counties over 20k pop.	X*	X*	X*

Table notes: “X” indicates a GMA update requirement. One asterisk (\*) indicates jurisdictions should make a good faith effort to update their elements to be consistent; refer to HB 1181 (Chapter 228, Laws of 2023) for specifics. Two asterisks (\*\*) indicates 22 cities that need to update their transportation element based on population, not whether or not their county is among those that must develop a GHG emissions element.