

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION+

NO. 2005-148

**RESOLUTION TO SET THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE
2006 UPDATE OF THE KITTITAS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS: Kittitas County is required to update its Comprehensive Plan under the Requirements of RCW 36.70A, by December 1, 2006. The Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan was originally adopted on July 26, 1996 by the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners.

WHEREAS: Kittitas County has complied with the requirements of RCW 36.70A.140, by including public participation early in the update process and continuously through discussion and consideration of public input during weekly public meetings regarding the update; and

WHEREAS: The Kittitas County Board of Commissioners has reviewed and considered input from the citizens of Kittitas County through public testimony from meetings held in September 2005 in the City of Cle Elum and the City of Ellensburg, seeking recommendations for items to be included in the review and update of the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS: As the legislative and executive authority of the County, the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners has the duty, authority and responsibility to determine the scope of the required update to the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS: The Kittitas County Board of Commissioners has determined that in addition to a number of mandatory items which must be updated to reflect changes that have occurred in the County over the last ten years, there is adequate evidence to indicate that there is a need to review and update the items from the attachment hereby referenced as "Scope of 2006 Update to the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan," and

WHEREAS: The Board of County Commissioners recognizes that Community Development Services is the appropriate County department to continue development of the update process, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The Board of County Commissioners directs Community Development Services to implement the update process as required by the Growth Management Act provisions and to include those items identified in the attachment hereby referenced as "Scope of 2006 Update to the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan," while incorporating a broadly disseminated public participation program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise for a public hearing to be held on November 1, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Auditorium.

ADOPTED this 1st day of November 2005, at Ellensburg, Washington.

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KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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ATTEST:

Interim Debbie Myers
Clerk of the Board

“Scope of 2006 Update to the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan”

Items approved for the scope of the Comprehensive Plan Update process in addition those within the mandatory elements as identified in RCW 36.70A.070.

- 1. Specifically evaluate existing UGA’s and UGN’s for:**
 - a. Review location, current use and policies regarding commercial and industrial lands adequacy to meet needs over next 20 years while incorporating commercial and industrial inventory of lands required element.**
 - b. Identify sub areas requiring more specific policies for a scheduled update process for future adoption and prioritize a sub area plan update schedule.**
 - c. Produce land use and zoning maps that identify existing commercial areas outside UGA’s and UGN’s for addressing need for more rural convenience stores, etc.**
 - d. In addition to the population forecast required element:**
 - i. Determine impact of vacation and second homes on land supply.**
 - ii. Actively seek County and City coordination on all required GMA population estimates.**
 - e. Consider use of the “buildable lands model” to address issues requiring an inventory as part of Comprehensive Plan policy development.**
- 2. Affordable housing element:**
 - a. In addition to this mandatory element for cities and counties planning under the Growth Management Act:**
 - i. Address changing work force needs.**
 - ii. Consider policy regarding accessory dwelling units – focus on affordable housing and aging parent housing.**
 - iii. Consider policies that provide additional tax incentives to allow low and moderate income citizens to stay in their homes.**
 - iv. Consider policy to encourage use of low interest programs for home purchases.**
- 3. Form Resource Lands Citizen Advisory Committee to deal with the following items in addition to the mandatory elements identified in RCW 36.70A.070;**
 - a. Address the effects of the changing demographics of the County population, i.e. less farming, more tourism recreation, and consider policy implications.**
 - b. Address the reduced economic viability of farming, review tax policies related to farming, the issues relevant to the granting of open space, and consider the impacts of existing local regulations on the economic viability of farming.**
 - c. Consider techniques and policies to support the preservation of farm land.**
 - d. Consider techniques and policies to support preservation of natural resource land.**
 - e. Consider techniques and policies to leverage private and public money to protect natural resource lands.**
- 4. Related to adoption of other County Plans;**
 - a. Consider policies to address transportation related issues in the Comprehensive Plan in manner compatible with the Kittitas County Transportation Plan but more focused on land use and related issues.**
 - b. Consider policies to address capital facilities and infrastructure related issues in the Comprehensive Plan in a manner compatible with the Capital Facilities Plan and development regulations but more focused on land use and related issues.**

c. Connect recreation related policies in the Comprehensive Plan in a manner compatible with the adopted Kittitas County Recreation Plan.

- i. Incorporate the Recreation Plan into daily planning.**
- ii. Incorporate policy direction in into the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations.**
- iii. Access to public lands – encourage through incentives in development – design standards – policy to reduce checkerboard ownerships.**

5. Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Develop policies to promote better access to land use information for the general public.**
- b. Develop policies to promote better education of public with regard to land use.**