

Kitsap County
 Comprehensive Plan Update
 Let's Hear Kitsap, We'd like to hear from you!

Participants		Let's Hear Kitsap, We'd like to hear from you! (OUTLINE)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community / Citizens 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elected Officials 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appointed Officials 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Partners and Partner Agencies 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ County Staff, Planning Staff 	
Action Goals		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explain to community members how officials and staff will receive, review, and process comprehensive plan update input from citizens and other stakeholders 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inform community of the Growth Management Act and Kitsap County comprehensive plan update efforts 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify community ideas, issues, and concerns early in the comprehensive plan update process 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work to ensure elected officials, appointed officials, and County staff understand community concerns 	
Outcome Goals		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Engage community in local growth management challenges and solutions 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encourage public support and trust between community and government officials and staff 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning coordination and consistency with Kitsap County jurisdictions 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Decrease likelihood of hearings board challenges 	
Locations		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Throughout Kitsap County, in-person, and online 	
Let's Hear Kitsap Dates		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ June 2014 to May 2016 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase I Let's Hear Kitsap Action Goal Tactics, June 2014 to May 2015 Phase II Let's Hear Kitsap Findings Review, June 2015 to August 2015 Phase III Comprehensive Plan Draft Review, Through May 2016 Phase IV Adoption, Dates TBA 	
Purpose:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To meet the Outcome Goals listed above including: positive community engagement, fostering healthy discussion about local growth management, improved coordination between jurisdictions inside the County, and to meet the public participation requirement under the Growth Management Act. 	

Participants	Let's Hear Kitsap, We'd like to hear from you! (ACTION PLAN)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community / Citizens 	<p>Kitsap County is home to many vibrant and active residential and business communities. During development of the comprehensive plan update, County officials and staff will actively engage community member for input on their vision for the County. Community members include neighborhood associations, civic and social organizations, business organizations, employers as well as individual citizens.</p>
	<p>Elected Officials include County Commissioners, Assessor, Auditor, Sheriff, Prosecutor, Treasurer, Judges and others</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appointed Officials 	<p>include Kitsap County Planning Commissioners, advisory groups, CACs and others</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Partners and Partner Agencies 	<p>County staff will work with partners to help shape ideas as the County plans for the future. Examples of federal partners include Naval Base Kitsap, the Veterans Administration, the USPS, NOAA and others. Partners at the state level include DSHS, Employment Security, Department of Licensing and others. At the local level, partners include, other Kitsap jurisdictions including Bremerton, Bainbridge Island, Port Orchard and Poulsbo, the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council, Kitsap Public Health District, Kitsap Regional Library, Kitsap Transit, Port Districts, School Districts and others.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ County Staff 	<p>include Community Development, Public Works, Parks, Special Projects, Sheriff's Department, Human Services and others</p>
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<p>The action goals above direct County staff efforts on specific steps to take during the comprehensive plan update development and revision period. These action goals focus on outreach to the community members listed above. Throughout June 2014 to May 2015 County officials and staff will use a variety of methods to connect with citizens. Community members will be informed of the comprehensive plan update via a mailed post card directing them to the County website for more information. Public meetings will be held to discuss comprehensive plan update efforts and gather input from citizens. Electronic media will provide forums for people in the community to learn about the comprehensive plan update as well as use these media to share their comments to County staff. County staff, through partnering with public and private sector groups, will reach additional member of the community. For example County staff will attend Chamber meetings, PTO meetings, and other public events to share information about the comprehensive plan update and solicit feedback.</p>	
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<p>Differing from the Action Goals in the previous section, Outcome Goals articulate the specific end results desired by <i>Let's Hear Kitsap</i> the Public Participation Plan. Successfully meeting these Outcome Goals will help to assure a solid, implementable comprehensive plan update that will provide communities with vision as well as specific directions for the years ahead. Great communities don't just happen; they take vision, planning, and team work. Working together through the comprehensive plan update guidelines, community members, partners, officials and County staff have the opportunity to tackle challenges, to expand on successes and to shape the future.</p>	

Locations

- **Throughout Kitsap County, in-person, and online**

During the 12 months from June 2014 to May 2015, County staff will schedule events around the County including meetings in all the major urban centers such as Silverdale and Central Kitsap, and other communities such as Kingston, Hansville and Manchester. Staff will also be on site at cities including Poulsbo, Port Orchard, Bremerton, and Bainbridge Island. Staff will conduct outreach in residential and rural areas as well. Using a web-presence, County staff will work to reach residents online to both share information about the comprehensive plan update and receive input from citizens.

Let's Hear Kitsap Dates

- **June 2014 to May 2016**

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Phase IV	Adoption, Dates TBA

Purpose:

- **Public participation is required under the Growth Management Act.**

The requirement for public participation under the Growth Management Act is found in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.70A.140-- *every jurisdiction- shall establish and broadly disseminate to the public a public participation program identifying procedures providing for early and continuous public participation in the development and amendment of comprehensive land use plans and development regulations implementing such plans.*

- **The complete text can be found in Chapter 36.70A of the RCW.** Washington state has passed some of the country's most comprehensive and holistic planning legislation to guide local jurisdictions to recognize the importance of; affordable housing, early and continuous public participation, economic development, environmental protection, property rights historic lands and buildings, natural resource industries, open space and recreation, permit processing, public facilities and services, regional transportation, shoreline management, and sprawl reduction. A key element in successfully meeting these challenges in inclusive public participation, therefore its inclusion in the RCW.