

**Attachment I to Ordinance 18427
Technical Appendix R to 2016 Comprehensive Plan**



King County

2016
King County Comprehensive Plan Update

**TECHNICAL APPENDIX R:
PUBLIC OUTREACH FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2016
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

November 22, 2016

Overview

The **2016 Comprehensive Plan Update** included a strong and on-going public engagement process; the process is summarized below by phases.

Phase 1: Scoping and Development of Public Review Draft. This process included the following components:

- Meetings with community groups, interested parties, County Commissions, the Planning Directors groups, and others in multiple stages of the update process in 2015.

• King County Planning Directors (2/26) – 30 attendees	• Four Creeks/Tiger Mountain CSA Open House (5/12) – 40 attendees
• Greater Maple Valley UAC (3/1) – 10 attendees	• Maple Valley CSA Open House (5/19) – 70 attendees
• Skyway-West Hill Technical Advisory Committee (3/13) – 15 attendees	• West Hill/Skyway CSA Open House (5/21) – 35 attendees
• Four Creeks/Tiger Mountain CSA (3/18) – 10 attendees	• SE King County/Green Valley CSA Open House (6/2) – 85 attendees
• Bear Creek / Sammamish CSA Open House (4/13) – 16 attendees	• Rural Forest Commission (7/9) – 15 attendees
• Snoqualmie Valley/NE King County CSA Open House (4/21) – 52 attendees	• Greater Maple Valley UAC (8/24) – 8 attendees
• North Highline/White Center CSA Open House (April 23) – 25 attendees	• Agricultural Commission (9/17) – 20 attendees
• Vashon-Maury Island CSA Open House (4/28) – 32 attendees	• King County Planning Directors (10/22) – 30 attendees
• Fairwood/Renton CSA Open House (5/5) – 55 attendees	• Rural Forest Commission (11/12) – 15 attendees

Approximately 560 residents and stakeholders attended these meetings.

- Stakeholders were informed that comments would be accepted throughout the process, rather than solely during public comment period. This led to a significant amount of early public comments which allowed some issues to be resolved and included in the Public Review Draft.
- Attended and presented at all of the Community Service Area Open Houses; these meetings allowed the Comprehensive Plan to be presented at high-level to a much wider audience. At these meetings, names were added to the email list.

- Updates to the Comprehensive Plan website to make commenting and joining an e-mail list easier; the email list grew to over 500 contacts.
- Distributed a series of "eNewsletters" that helped those on the e-mail list remain informed of milestones in the update process. This included every group listed in the Adopted Scope of Work through Motion 14351, all the email contacts from the 2012 Comprehensive Plan update list, contacts for community weekly newspapers, contacts provided by the Office of Equity and Social Justice in the Executive's Office, and others.

Phase 2: Development of Executive Recommended Plan. This process included the following components:

- Placed advertisements in community papers advertising Community Meetings; six community meetings were held and were attended by almost 300 participants in late 2015 and early 2016. Meetings were held as follows:

Vashon-Maury Island (Nov. 9) – 10 attendees	Snoqualmie Valley – Bear Creek – Sammamish Area (Dec. 2) –110 attendees
Four Creeks – Maple Valley (Nov. 17) – 15 attendees	Vashon-Maury Island (follow-up Meeting on Dec. 14) –40 attendees
West Hill / North Highline/ Urban Annexation Areas (Nov. 19) – 35 attendees	East Cougar Mountain Potential Annexation Area (Jan. 28) – 70 attendees

- Provided a 2 month public comment period between November 6, 2015 and January 6, 2016. This comment period was extended to solicit public comment on an Area Zoning and Land Study that began late in the process, and this comment period went from January 27 to February 3, 2016.
- During these periods, nearly 90 comment letters/emails/comment cards were submitted, containing hundreds of individual comments that were used in the development of the draft Plan.

Combined, over 850 stakeholders participated in the development of the Public Review Draft and Executive Recommended Plan for the 2016 King County Comprehensive Plan Update.

Phase 3: Council review of and updates to Executive Recommended Plan, and adoption of 2016 Comprehensive Plan. This process has included and/or is anticipated to include the following components:

- Distribution of newsletters to dedicated Comprehensive Plan email list (649 subscribers as of November, 2016) to inform the public of Comprehensive Plan committee briefings, schedule updates, news, and public comment opportunities.
- Utilization of the Council's Comprehensive Plan website to provide:
 - Opportunity to sign-up for the Comprehensive Plan email list,
 - Ability to submit written online public testimony, and
 - Up-to-date information on the schedule, committee agendas and staff reports, news, proposed Comprehensive Plan and land use amendments, and public hearing notices.

- Issuance of press releases to media outlets to provide updates on public comment opportunities.
- Inclusion of Comprehensive Plan committee briefing dates and public comment opportunities in "Coming Up At Council" media email list (print, broadcast, and social media).
- Written communication with Docket proponents regarding public comment opportunities.
- Briefings with County Commissions and community groups, as requested.
- A public comment period from time of transmittal (March 1, 2016) through adoption (December, 2016), including:
 - Receipt of written comments via letters, emails, or online testimony.
 - Verbal testimony in committee and before the full Council, as follows:

March 15 at Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee	June 28 at special Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee
April 5 at Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee	July 5 at Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee
April 6 at special Committee of the Whole evening Town Hall in Ravensdale	August 16 at Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee
May 3 at Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee	August 24 at special Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee
May 17 at Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee	September 6 at Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee
May 31 at Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee	September 20 at Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee
June 7 at Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee	November 28 publicly advertised formal public hearing at full Council
June 21 at Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee	

- Inclusion of received written comments in the published committee packets as part of the Comprehensive Plan staff reports.
- State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review and public comment period prior to final adoption at the full Council.
- Published advertisement in newspapers for formal public hearing prior to final adoption at full Council.
- Mailed notice of public hearing to property owners adjacent to parcels proposed for land use designation and zoning changes prior to final adoption at full Council.