GROWTH MANAGEMENT SERVICES

USEFUL RESOURCES FOR THE UPDATE OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANS AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

See also [www.commerce.wa.gov/growth](http://www.commerce.wa.gov/growth)

Airport Planning

Laws and Rules

- **RCW 35A.63.270; RCW 36.70A.510** Airport planning subject to **RCW 36.70.547**.
- **WAC 365-196-455** Land Use Compatibility Adjacent to General Aviation Airports.

Contacts


Resources

- **Aviation System Planning**
- **Aviation Land Use Compatibility Planning**
  - [WSDOT - Airports and Compatible Land-Use Program Guidebook](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation), Aviation Division, Washington State Department Of Transportation (WSDOT), 2011
  - [Airport Mapping Application and Airspace Calculator](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation), WSDOT Aviation,
  - [Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Airport Compatible Land Use Program Update](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation), (2011):

Capital Facilities

Laws and Rules

- **RCW 36.70A.020(12); RCW 36.70A.030(12), (13), (17), and (20); WAC 365-196-200, (13) and (16)** Goals and definitions.
- **RCW 36.70A.070(3) and WAC 365-196-415** Capital Facilities Element.
- **RCW 36.70A.120** Budget decisions consistent with comprehensive plan.
- **RCW 36.70A.150** Lands useful for public purposes.
- **WAC 365-196-840** Concurrency.
- **RCW 82.02.050 through 100; WAC 365-196-850** Impact fees.

Resources

- [Department of Commerce, Capital Facilities Planning](http://www.commerce.wa.gov/growth)
- **Updating Your Capital Facilities Element, Department of Commerce (2013)**
- [Capital Facilities Planning Template](http://www.commerce.wa.gov/growth)
• Database of infrastructure funding opportunities from the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC), [www.infrafunding.wa.gov/](http://www.infrafunding.wa.gov/).

• Funding for Local Government Infrastructure, Puget Sound Regional Council, 2009

**Compact Urban Development**

**Laws and Rules**

- **RCW 36.70A.020(1),(2)** Planning Goals
- **WAC 365-196-300** Urban Density, **WAC 365-196-325** Sufficient Land Capacity Suitable for Development

**Resources**

- *Affordable Housing Techniques*, Municipal Research and Services Center, 1992.
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Web site on affordable housing design.
- National Multi Housing Council Web site with slide shows regarding density.
- Housing Innovations Program-PSRC:
- The Development Toolkit: *Success Stories from the Regional Growth Centers*-PSRC (2003):

**Critical Areas**

**General Assistance**

**Laws and Rules**

- **RCW 36.70A.020(10); RCW 36.70A.030(5), (9), and (21)** Goals and definitions.
- **RCW 36.70A.060** and **RCW 36.70A.170** Critical areas designations and regulations.
- **WAC 365-190-080** (Critical Areas); **WAC 365-196-485** (in the Comprehensive Plan);
  **WAC 365-196-830** (Protection of).
- **RCW 36.70A.172** and **WAC 365-195** Best available science.

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**Resources**

- *Critical Areas Assistance Handbook: Protecting Critical Areas Within the Framework of the Washington Growth Management Act*
- *Small Communities Critical Areas Ordinance Implementation Guidebook*
Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas (CARAs)

Laws and Rules

- **RCW 90.44, 90.48, and 90.54**
- **WAC 365-190-100** Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas.
- **WAC 173-100** Groundwater Management Areas and Programs.
- **WAC 365-196-735** Consideration of state and regional planning provisions (list).

Contacts

- Laurie Morgan (360) 407-6483.

Resources

- Washington State Department of Ecology, CARA Resource Page

Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas

Laws and Rules

- **WAC 365-190-130** Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas

Contacts

**Department of Fish and Wildlife, Priority Habitats and Species**

- Land Use Policy – Olympia Headquarters (360) 902-2229
- Habitat Program (360) 902-2534
- Eastern Washington – Region 1 (509) 456-4082
- North Central Washington – Region 2 (509) 754-4624
- South Central Washington – Region 3 (509) 575-2740
- North Puget Sound – Region 4 (425) 775-1311
- Southwest Washington – Region 5 (360) 696-6211
- Coastal Washington – Region 6 (360) 249-4628

Resources

- The Priority Habitats and Species Program (PHS), Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
- *Management Recommendations for Washington’s Priority Habitats WDFW*
- WDFW Aquatic Habitat Guidelines
- WDFW Stream Habitat Restoration Guidelines
- Puget Sound Partnership, [www.psp.wa.gov](http://www.psp.wa.gov)
Stream Typing

Laws and Rules

**WAC 222-16-030** Water Typing System

Contacts
Department of Natural Resources, Forest Practices (360) 902-1428

Resources
- Department of Natural Resources, Water Typing Information

Frequently Flooded Areas

Laws and Rules
- **RCW 86.16** Floodplain Management
- **WAC 365-190-110** Frequently Flooded Areas

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Resources
- Department of Ecology Floods Section
- *Comprehensive Planning for Flood Hazard Management* 91-44
  Comprehensive Planning for Flood Hazard Management are available from Ecology. The model ordinance may be used to satisfy state and federal flood protection requirements. However, additional measures may be necessary to fully comply with the GMA requirement to protect critical areas.
- Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Insure Maps (FIRM or FIM) are the primary tools for identifying and locating frequently flooded areas. To obtain maps for your community, contact Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Map Service Center (800) 358-9616.
- Additional FEMA resources on floodplain mapping

Geologically Hazardous Areas

Laws and Rules
- **WAC 365-190-120** Geologically Hazardous Areas

Contacts
- Washington Department of Natural Resource
  Geology and Earth Resources Division (360) 902-1450

Resources
- Washington State Geologic Information Portal
- Washington Department of Natural Resource – Geology and Earth Resources Division
• **Coastal Erosion** Maps in the Puget Sound region
• USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
• **Seismic Hazards** The U.S. Geological Survey and the Pacific Northwest Seismograph Network are sources for technical information about earthquakes.
• **Channel Migration Zones** Washington Department of Ecology

**Voluntary Stewardship Program**

**Laws and Rules**
- RCW 36.70A.700 – 904 for statutory elements of the program.

**Contacts**
- Ron Shultz, Washington State Conservation Commission (360) 407-7507

**Resources**
- For further information, consult the Washington State Conservation Commission
- Fact Sheet – What is the Voluntary Stewardship Program

**Wetlands**

**Laws and Rules**
- RCW 36.70A.175 and, RCW 90.58.380 Wetland Delineation
- WAC 365-190-090 Wetlands
- WAC 173-22-035 Wetland delineation.

**Contacts**
- Department of Ecology Wetlands Contacts

**Resources**
- Department of Ecology, Wetlands Section
- Comprehensive List of Ecology’s publications regarding wetlands, https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/UIPages/PublicationList.aspx?IndexTypeName=Topic&NameValue=Wetlands&DocumentTypeName=Publication
- See Ecology’s wetland delineation web page for information on the most current delineation manual: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/wetlands/delineation.html


• Mitigation That Works: Ecology’s Wetland Mitigation Resource Page

Cultural Resources

See Historic and Archaeological Resource Protection

Energy and Climate Change

Laws and Rules

• RCW 70.235.020, Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions

• RCW 47.01.440, Adoption of statewide goals to reduce annual per capita vehicle miles traveled by 2050

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Resources


Essential Public Facilities

Laws and Rules
- RCW 36.70A.200, WAC 365-196-550

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Resources
- Coordinating Transportation and Growth Management Planning (1998 Legislation HB: 1487 – “Level of Service Bill”), Washington State Department of Transportation and CTED, 1998. The Office of Financial Management’s list of essential state public facilities that are required or likely to be built within the next six years

Growth Management Hearings Board

Laws and Rules
- RCW 36.70A.250 through RCW 36.70A.345 relating to Growth Management Hearings Boards.
- WAC 365-196-040 Standard of Review
- WAC 242-03 GMHB Rules of Practice and Procedure

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Resources


Historic and Archaeological Resource Protection

Laws and Rules
- RCW 36.70A.020(13) Historic preservation and archaeology planning goal.
- RCW 27.53 Archeological Sites and Resources
- RCW 27.44 Indian Graves and Records
- RCW 68.50 Skeletal Human Remains
- RCW 68.60 Abandoned & Historic Cemeteries and Historic Graves
- Governor's Executive Order 0505
- 16 U.S.C. 470 National Historic Preservation Act
- 36 CFR Part 800 Section 106 Process
- WAC 365-196-450 Historic preservation

Contacts
- Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP)
  - Web Site: www.dahp.wa.gov
  - Phone: (360) 586-3065

Resources
- DAHP website: http://www.dahp.wa.gov/programs/shpo-compliance

Housing

Laws and Rules
- RCW 36.70A.020(4) Housing Goal.
- RCW 36.70A.070(2), WAC 365-196-410 Housing Element.
  Manufactured Housing. 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. [National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5401, et reg.)]
- RCW 36.70A.400 and RCW 43.63A.215(3) Accessory apartments.
- RCW 36.70A.410 and WAC 365-196-860 Non-discrimination for handicap residences.
- RCW 36.70A.450 Non-discrimination against family daycares [12 or fewer children RCW 74.15.020(f)] in all residential and commercial zones.
- RCW 36.70A.540 and WAC 365-196-870 Affordable Housing Incentive Programs
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Resources
- Affordable Housing Techniques; A Primer for Local Government Officials, Municipal Research and Services Center, 1992.
- PSRC Housing Innovations Program:
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Multicounty Planning Policies

Laws and Rules
- RCW 36.70a.210(7), RCW 47.80
- WAC 365-196-305(8) Multicounty Planning Policies

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Yorik Stevens-Wajda (206) 464-6179

Resources
- VISION 2040 (2008)

Hazard Mitigation Planning

Laws and Rules

Contacts
Office of Emergency Management is responsible for state emergency planning, and has plans, some grants and assistance for a wide variety of emergency needs,
Peter Tassoni, Hazard Mitigation Strategist (253) 512-7142

Resources
- Washington DNR - Washington State Geologic Information Portal on hazards such as volcanoes, earthquakes, landslides, and tsunamis
Resource Lands Of Long-Term Commercial Significance

Laws and Rules
- **RCW 36.70A.020(8)**; **RCW 36.70A.030(2), (8), (10), and (11)** **WAC 365-195-200(2), (8), (10), and (11)** Goals and definitions.
- **RCW 36.70A.060(1)**, Development Regulations required.
- **RCW 36.70A.170, WAC 365-196-480** Natural Resource Lands Designations.
- **RCW 36.70A.177, WAC 365-196-815** Agricultural lands, innovative zoning techniques – Accessory uses.
- **WAC 365-190** Minimum Guidelines to Classify Agriculture, Mineral Lands, and Critical Areas.

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Resources
- Washington Office of Farmland Preservation
- Washington State Conservation Commission
- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
- USDA Economic Research Service
- Designation of Agricultural Lands in Chelan, King, Lewis and Yakima Counties, December, 2004

Forest Lands and Forest Practices Act

Laws and Rules
- **RCW 76.09.240** Class IV Conversions – Local governments required to assume authority.

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Resources
- Washington Department of Natural Resources

Mineral Resource Lands

Laws and Rules
- **RCW 36.70A.131, WAC 365-190-070** Mineral Resource Lands.

Contacts
Department of Commerce, Growth Management Services.
Resources

- DNR information on mineral resources available at the DNR Publications list – Information Circulars #s 91-97 for some counties
- Designation of Mineral Resource Lands under the Growth Management Act

Parks and Recreation

Laws and Rules

- RCW 36.70A.070(8); WAC 365-196-440 – Parks and Recreation Element.

Resources

- Planning for Parks, Recreation and Open Space in your Community, CTED, Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation, February 2005

Permitting

Laws and Rules

- RCW 36.70B, WAC 365-196-845 Local Project Review.
- RCW 36.70A.120 Planning activities and capital budget decisions – Implementation in conformity with comprehensive plan.

Contacts

Office of Regulatory Assistance (800) 917-0043, assistance@ora.wa.gov

Resources

- Office of Regulatory Assistance – guidance on environmental regulation,

Population

Laws and Rules

- RCW 36.70A.110(2); RCW 43.62.035 OFM population projections.

Contacts

Washington Office of Financial Management, Forecasting Office (360) 902-0599

Resources

- Urban Growth Areas Guidebook, September 2012
- VISION 2040 – Regional Growth Strategy (2008):

Public Participation

Laws and Rules

- RCW 36.70A.020(11) GMA Goal.
- RCW 36.70A.035 and WAC 365-195-600 Public Participation.
• **RCW 36.70A.140** Comprehensive plans, Ensure public participation.

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**Resources**
• **Shaping Washington's Growth Management Future: Citizen participation and Community Visioning Guidebook, 2008**

**Rural Lands**

**Laws and Rules**
• **RCW 36.70A.030(15) and (16) Definitions.**
• **RCW 36.70A.070(5) and WAC 365-195-330 Rural Element.**
• **RCW 36.70A.362 WAC 365-196-460 Master Planner Resorts**
• **RCW 36.70A.365 WAC 365-196-465 Major Industrial Developments**
• **RCW 36.70A.367 WAC 365-196-470 Industrial Land Banks**

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**Resources**
• **Keeping the Rural Vision:** Protecting Rural Character and Planning for Rural Development, CTED, 1999.
• **Rural Town Centers and Corridors Project (2003):**
• **Options and Innovations Toolkit:** Context Sensitive Solutions for Rural Town Centers and Corridors (2004):
• **Master Planner Resorts “Washington Style”** MRSC
• **Essential Smart Growth Fixes for Rural Areas, US-EPA**
• **Puget Sound Watershed Characterization Project.**
• **Puget Sound Watershed Characterization Volume 1:** The Water Resource Assessments (Water Flow and Water Quality)

**State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)**

**Laws and Rules**
• **RCW 36.70B and Project Consistency (WAC 365-197), CTED, 2001.**
• **RCW 43.21C State Environmental Policy Act.**
• **WAC 197-11 SEPA Rules.**
• **WAC 365-196-620** Integration of State Environmental Policy Act process with creation and adoption of comprehensive plans and development regulations

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Resources
• The SEPA Handbook
• SEPA and the Promise of the GMA: Reducing the Costs of Development, CTED, 2003.

Stormwater

Laws and Rules
• RCW 36.70A.070(1); RCW 36.70A.070(3) Land Use and Capital Facility Plan Elements.

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Resources
• Washington Stormwater Center

Municipal Stormwater
• Washington State Department of Ecology resources on stormwater. Training and Guidance
• Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington, Volumes I-V, or
• Stormwater Management Manual for Eastern Washington
• Municipal Stormwater Permits issued by the Washington Department of Ecology pursuant to RCW 90.48.260 for jurisdictions subject to Phase I, Western Washington Phase II, or Eastern Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permits:

Low Impact Development
• Integrating LID into Local Codes: A Guidebook for Local Government (July 2012) Puget Sound Partnership
• US EPA Low impact Development Site
• Also, City of Seattle’s Natural Drainage Systems program

Other Stormwater Resources

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• Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) Plans.

Takings

Laws and Rules
• RCW 36.70A.370, WAC 365-196-855 Protection of Private Property

Resources
• Commerce web page, property rights goal

Transportation

Laws and Rules
• RCW 36.70A.020(3) Transportation Goal.
• RCW 36.70A.070(6) and WAC 365-196-430 Transportation Element.
• RCW 36.70A.200; RCW 47.06.140; WAC 365-196-550 Regional Transportation Facilities as Essential Public Facilities.
• RCW 36.70A.420 and RCW 36.70A.430 Transportation Projects.
• RCW 70.94.521-551 Transportation Demand Management.
• WAC 365-196-840 Concurrency.
• RCW 47.80.026 Regional Transportation Planning Organization Plan Certification

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Resources

General Transportation Resources
- WSDOT Community Planning Portal – Data and Maps for your Transportation Element
- Your Community’s Transportation System: A Guide to Reviewing and Updating Your Transportation Element
- WSDOT Recommended Resources for the Transportation Element Update

Energy, Transportation and Climate Change

Level-of-Service and Concurrency
- Puget Sound Regional Council’s study on Concurrency
- Concurrency Resources
- State Highway Level of Service Standards
- Adopted Level of Service Standards for Regionally Significant State Highways
- The Possibilities Of Transportation Concurrency - Proposal And Evaluation Of Measurement Alternatives, Washington State Transportation Center (TRAC) at the University of Washington, 2003

State Transportation Facilities and Context Sensitive Design
- List of transportation facilities of statewide significance located in Appendix F of the Washington State Highway System Plan 2003-2022,
- Main Street When a Highway Runs Through It: A Handbook for Oregon Communities 1999, Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
- Puget Sound Regional Council’s Web Rural Town Centers and Corridors project
- WSDOT’s Context Sensitive Design Web Page

Physical Activity and Nonmotorized Transportation
- WSDOT Bicycle and pedestrian planning information and resources
- National Center for Bicycling and Walking
- Washington Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity
- PSRC Active Communities Toolkit (2012)
- WSDOT’s Complete Streets Web Page

Regional Transportation Planning
- Directory of Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (Includes links to regional transportation plans).

Urban Growth Areas

Laws and Rules
- RCW 36.70A.020(1) and (2) Goals for urban growth and to reduce sprawl.
- RCW 36.70A.030(18) and (19) Definitions.
- RCW 36.70A.110 and WAC 365-195-335 Urban Growth Areas.
• **RCW 36.70A.210(3)** Countywide Planning Policies.

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**Resources**
• **Urban Growth Area Guidebook, Commerce, 2012**
• **Buildable Lands Program Guidelines**