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Table LU-1: 2013 - Land Use by Percent of the City's Total Land Area.	Table LU-1: 2013 2019 - Land Use by Percent of the City's Total Land	Revise to 2019 existing land use.	State Growth Management Act
	Area.		(GMA)
No table number	Table LU-2: 2044 Growth Targets.	Revise growth targets and label table. Include affordable housing targets per HB 1220.	State (GMA)
Table LU-2: Residential Densities and Comparable Zones	New Table LU-2 3: Residential Densities and Comparable Zones		State (GMA)
Fig. LU-1. Comprehensive Land Use Map.	New Fig. LU-1: Comprehensive Land Use Map	Change land use designations per any directed	State (GMA)
		land use changes. Consider changing name of "Low Density Residential land use.	
Goal LU-1: Manage community growth and redevelopment to ensure:	Goal LU-1: Guide Manage-community growth and redevelopment to	Removing references to ambiguous phrases	Equity Review
•An orderly pattern of land use;	ensure:	such as "community character" and	
A balanced and complete community;	•An orderly pattern of land use that accommodates growth and	incorporates Kirkland 2044 Vision Statement	
Maintenance and improvement of the City's existing character; and	promotes a welcoming, connected, and sustainable community;	phrasing.	
Protection of environmentally sensitive areas.	•An accessible balanced and complete community with ample housing		
	and employment opportunities;		
	•Support of the City's 2044 Vision Maintenance and improvement of		
	the City's existing character; and		
	Protection of environmentally sensitive areas.		
Policy LU-1.1: Maintain clear and predictable development regulations that are	Policy LU-1.1: Maintain clear and predictable development regulations		
consistent with City goals and policies.	that are <u>easy to understand and</u> consistent with City goals and policies.		
Policy LU-1.2: Create logical boundaries between land use districts that take into	Policy LU-1.2: Maintain Create logical boundaries between land use		
account such considerations as existing and planned land uses, access, property	districts that take into account such considerations as existing and		
lines, topographic conditions, and natural features.	planned land uses, access, property lines, topographic conditions, and		
	natural features, and identify opportunities to condense the number of		
	individual zones into related groups based on existing conditions and		
	planning objectives.		
No existing policy.	New . Policy LU-1.#: Identify opportunities to simplify development		
	standards in zoning districts by completing actions such as: renaming		
	zones to better describe the allowed mix of uses therein;		
	consolidating multiple zones into a single, simplified zone to simpify		
	future Zoning Code amendments; standardizing development		
	standards across similar zones, etc.		

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Policy LU-1.3 : Encourage attractive site and building design that is compatible in	1 .		
scale and in character with existing or planned development.	promotes valued community characteristics such as pedestrian		
	activation, high quality materials, publicly accessible and welcoming		
	spaces, and transition strategies to mitigate differences is compatible		
	in scale between areas with varying allowed heights and in character		
	with existing or planned development.		
Policy LU-1.4: Create effective transitions between different land uses.	Policy LU-1.4: Create effective transitions between different land uses.	Consider removing in lieu of revised Deligy III	
Policy LO-1.4 : Create effective transitions between different land uses.	l ·	-	
		1.3.	
Policy LU-1.5: Regulate land use and development in environmentally sensitive	Policy LU-1.5: Regulate land use and development in environmentally		
areas to improve and protect environmental quality and avoid unnecessary	sensitive areas to improve and protect environmental quality and		
public and private costs.	avoid unnecessary public and private costs , and encourage public		
ľ	access.		

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Goal LU-2: Promote a compact, efficient, and sustainable land use pattern in Kirkland that: •Supports a multimodal transportation system that efficiently moves people and goods; •Minimizes energy use, greenhouse gas emissions, and service costs; •Conserves land, water, and natural resources; and •Provides sufficient land area and development intensity to accommodate Kirkland's share of the regionally adopted population and employment targets.	Goal LU-2: Promote a compact, efficient, and sustainable land use pattern in Kirkland that: •Supports a multimodal transportation system that efficiently moves people and goods; •Minimizes energy use, greenhouse gas emissions, and service costs; •Conserves land, water, and natural resources;-and •Provides sufficient land area and development intensity to accommodate growth likely to occur in Kirkland based on regional planning objectives and local goals Kirkland's share of the regionally adopted population and employment targets; • Preserves cultural resources and support of new cultural resources identified; and, • Promotes access to opportunity, particularly for: Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color communities; immigrants and refugees; people with low incomes; people with disabilities; seniors; and communities with language access needs.	Incorporates King County Equity policies and explicitly recognizes historically underserved communities; adds suggested reference to cultural resources per Comprehensive Plan Equity Review .	King County Countywide Planning Policies; Equity Review
Policy LU-2.1: Support a range of development densities in Kirkland, recognizing environmental constraints and community character. Policy LU-2.2: Facilitate infill development and encourage redevelopment of	Policy LU-2.1: Support a range of development densities intensities in Kirkland, recognizing environmental constraints while enabling development to accommodate growth and community character. No change	Removing references to ambiguous phrases such as "community character."	Equity Review
underutilized land. Policy LU-2.3: Ensure an adequate supply of housing units and commercial floorspace to meet the required growth targets.	Policy LU-2.3: Ensure an adequate supply of housing units and commercial floorspace to meet the required growth targets, while also considering additional capacity that promotes the City's Vision and enables smart growth principles.	Adds additional consideration of meeting Kirkland's Vision to recognize that planning considers smart growth principles beyond the required growth targets.	
Table LU-3: Comparison of Growth Targets and Available Capacity.	New Table LU-3_4	Final capacity analysis pending (12/30/2023)	State GMA

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Policy LU-2.4: Support development patterns that promote public health and	Policy LU-2.4: Support development patterns that promote public	Incorporates language from King County	King County DP-6
provide opportunities for safe and convenient physical activity and social	health and address racially and environmentally disparate health	planning policy.	
connectivity.	outcomes and provide access to opportunities for safe and convenient		
	physical activity and social connectivity. Focus on residents with the		
	highest needs in providing and enhancing opportunities for		
	employment, safe and convenient daily physical activity, social		
	connectivity, protection from exposure to harmful substances and		
	environments, and housing in high opportunity areas.		
Goal LU-3: Provide a land use pattern and transportation network that promotes	Goal LU-3: Provide a land use pattern and connected transportation	Updated to link with specific Sustainability	Kirkland Sustainability Strategic
nobility, transportation choices, and convenient access to goods and services.	network that: promotes multi-modal safety and mobility;	Master Plan action to reduce VMT.	Plan
	transportation choices; and convenient access to schools, parks, goods		
	and services; and reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT).		
Policy LU-3.1: Create and maintain neighborhoods that allow residents and	Policy LU-3.1: Create and maintain neighborhoods that allow residents	Made language inclusive of all active	Equity review
employees to walk or bicycle to places that meet their daily needs.	and employees of all abilities to use active transportation to travel to-	transportation modes instead of just walking	
	walk or bicycle to places that meet their daily needs.	and biking.	
Policy LU-3.2: Encourage residential development within commercial areas.	Policy LU-3.2: Encourage residential development, including affordable		
	housing, within commercial areas.		
Policy LU-3.3: Encourage housing, offices, shops, and services at or near the par	k Policy LU-3.3: Encourage housing, offices, community facilities, shops,		
and ride lots.	and services at or near the park and ride lots.		
Policy LU-3.4: Locate higher density land uses in areas served by frequent transi	t Policy LU-3.4: Focus Locate higher density land uses primarily in areas		
service.	served by frequent transit service.		
Policy LU-3.5: Provide vehicular access for commercial development from	No change		
arterials or freeways and avoid vehicular access from residential streets.			
Policy LU-3.6: Incorporate features in new development projects that support	Policy LU-3.6 : Incorporate features in new development projects that		
transportation choices.	support <u>multi-modal</u> transportation choices.		
Policy LU-3.7 : Consider reducing minimum parking requirements in the Zoning	No change		Consistent with PC/City Counci
Code in walkable areas with convenient shops, services and good transit service			study issue for Land Use
			Element.

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No existing policy.	New. Policy LU 3-#: Consider reducing or removing minimum parking requirements in the Zoning Code for residential uses, including low-density, middle-housing, and stacked dwelling unit housing types.		Per PC/City Council study issu for Land Use Element.
Policy LU-3.8: Create a complementary relationship between adjoining land use and the Cross Kirkland Corridor and Eastside Rail Corridor, both in terms of shorterm nonmotorized access and future opportunities for high capacity transit.			
Policy LU-3.9: Encourage vehicular and nonmotorized connectivity.	Policy LU-3.9: Encourage vehicular and nonmotorized, active transportation connectivity, while prioritizing network improvements that will contribute to reducing the City's Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT).	Updated to link with specific Sustainability Strategic Plan action to reduce VMT, and including explicit reference to "active transportation."	Sustainability Strategic Plan; Equity Review
al LU-4: Protect and enhance the character and quality of residential ghborhoods while accommodating the City's growth targets.	Goal LU-4: Enhance opportunities for residential growth citywide, including infill development in lower-density residential areas, while accomodating the City's growth targets and enabling production of housing options for people of all income levels.		
Policy LU-4.1 : Maintain and enhance the character of Kirkland's residential areas.	Policy LU-4.1: Maintain and enhance the community's vision for safe, walkable, bikeable, and friendly neighborhoods that are connected to each other the character of Kirkland's residential areas.	Remove ambiguous phrasing such as "character" and replace with more specific values for neighborhoods.	Equity Review
No existing policy.	New. Policy LU-4.#: Identify opportunities to simplify development standards in primarily residential zones by completing actions such as: renaming "single-family residential zones" to better describe the allowed multi-family and commercial uses therein; consolidating low-density residential zones into a single zone to simplify future Zoning Code amendments; standardizing development standards across low-density residential zones, etc.	New policy will support adopted Planning Work Program tasks to implement new WA State housing legislation, optimize middle housing development standards, etc.	Per PC/City Council study issu for Land Use Element.
Policy LU-4.2 : Locate the highest density residential areas close to shops and services and transportation hubs.	Policy LU-4.2: Locate the highest density intensity residential areas close to shops and services and transportation hubs.		

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Policy LU-4.3: Allow for new residential growth consistent with the basic pattern of land use in the City.	Policy LU-4.3: Encourage Allow for new residential growth to meet City objectives of environmental sustainability, economic growth, and DEIB principles consistent the basic pattern of land use in the City, and including Washington State required allowances for middle-housing types such as Accessory Dwellling Units, Cottages, and multi-plexes in lower-density neighborhoods.	1 ' '	WA State HB 1110 (adopted 2023)
Policy LU-4.4: Consider neighborhood character and integrity when determining the extent and type of land use changes.	when determining the extent and type of land use changes.	Remove ambiguous phrasing such as "character" and replace with more specific values for neighborhoods. Policy redundant with Policy LU-4.1.	Equity Review
Policy LU-4.5: Allow neighborhoods to propose small scale neighborhood- oriented commercial uses within residential areas to meet local needs and reduce reliance on vehicle trips to meet daily needs.	Policy LU-4.5: Develop standards that allow neighborhoods to propose small scale neighborhood-oriented commercial uses within residential areas, including corner stores and commercial uses operated within homes, to meet local needs and reduce reliance on vehicle trips to meet daily needs.	,	Per PC/City Council study issue for Land Use Element.
No existing policy.	New. Policy LU-4.6: Evaluate planning in the Totem Lake and Greater Downtown regional growth centers and high-capacity transit station areas for their potential physical, economic, and cultural displacement of marginalized residents and businesses, and use a range of strategies to mitigate displacement impacts.	Incorporates PSRC Vision 2050 requirement.	MPP-DP-23
Fig. LU-2: Commercial and Mixed Use Areas	New Fig. LU-2: Commercial and Mixed Use Areas	Update if there any changes to the map with proposed land use designation changes.	

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Goal LU-5: Plan for a hierarchy of commercial and mixed use areas serving	No change.		
neighborhood, community, and/or regional needs.			
Policy LU-5.1: Reflect the following principles in development standards and	Policy LU-5.1: Reflect the following principles in development	With more mixed-use zones in the City, policy	
land use plans for commercial and mixed use areas:	standards and land use plans for commercial and mixed use areas:	revised to refer to focusing on transitions	
Urban Design	Urban Design	more between different intenities (e.g.,	
Create lively and attractive districts with a human scale.	Create lively and attractive districts with a human scale.	height, bulk, mass) than different uses.	
Create attractive, pedestrian-oriented streets through building placement and	Create attractive, pedestrian-oriented streets through building		
design and by minimizing the obtrusive nature of parking lots.	placement and design and by minimizing the obtrusive nature of		
•Support a mix of retail, office, and residential uses in multistory structures.	parking lots.		
Create effective transitions between commercial areas and surrounding	•Support a mix of retail, office, and residential uses in multistory		
residential neighborhoods.	structures.		
Access	Create effective transitions between areas of varying intensities		
Encourage multimodal transportation options.	commercial areas and surrounding residential neighborhoods.		
• Promote an intensity and density of land uses sufficient to support effective	Access		
transit and pedestrian activity.	Encourage multimodal transportation options.		
Promote a street pattern that provides through connections, pedestrian	Promote an intensity and density of land uses sufficient to support		
accessibility and vehicular access.	effective transit and pedestrian activity.		
•Encourage pedestrian travel to and within commercial and mixed use areas by	Promote a street pattern that provides through connections,		
providing:	pedestrian accessibility and vehicular access.		
oSafe and attractive walkways;	•Encourage pedestrian travel to and within commercial and mixed use		
oClose groupings of stores and offices;	areas by providing:		
oPlacement of parking in structures, underground, or to the back or side of	oSafe and attractive walkways;		
buildings.	oClose groupings of stores and offices;		
	oPlacement of parking in structures, underground, or to the back or		
	side of buildings.		
Policy LU-5.2: Maintain and strengthen existing commercial and mixed use areas			
by focusing economic development within them.			
Policy LU-5.3: Enhance and strengthen Kirkland's commercial and mixed use	No change.		
areas consistent with the neighborhood plan for each area.			
Policy LU-5.4: Provide opportunities for a variety of employment.	No change.		
Policy LU-5.5: Support the Greater Downtown area as an Urban Center/Regional	Policy LU 5.5: Support the Greater Downtown area as an Urban	Remove; obsolete policy with certification of	
Growth Center.	Center/Regional Growth Center.	Greater Downtown Regional Growth Center	
		by PSRC in 2023.	

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Policy LU-5.6: Maintain and enhance Kirkland's diverse Neighborhood Centers to	Policy LU-5.6: Maintain and enhance Kirkland's diverse Neighborhood	Remove ambiguous phrasing such as	Equity Review
serve as business centers and as walkable focal points for the local community.	Centers to serve as business centers and as walkable focal points for	"character" and replace with more specific	
Reflect the following principles in development standards and land use plans for	the local community. Reflect the following principles in development	values/vision identified by the community.	
these areas:	standards and land use plans for these areas:		
• Preserve and enhance neighborhood-serving retail, especially grocery stores.	• Preserve and enhance neighborhood-serving retail, especially grocery		
Promote a mix of complementary uses.	stores.		
•Support redevelopment at an intensity that helps meet Kirkland's required	Promote a mix of complementary uses.		
growth targets in walkable neighborhoods with good transit service.	•Support redevelopment at an intensity that helps meet Kirkland's		
Create gathering places and opportunities for social interaction.	required growth targets in walkable neighborhoods with good transit		
Create and maintain unique places that complement and reflect the character	service.		
of the surrounding neighborhood.	•Create gathering places and opportunities for social interaction.		
	•Create and maintain unique places that promote the City's 2044		
	<u>Vision</u> complement and reflect the character of the surrounding		
	neighborhood.		
Policy LU-5.7 : Encourage redevelopment and adaptive reuse of Kirkland's Light	No change.		
Industry/Office areas in a manner that supports the existing mix of allowed uses			
while enabling these areas to evolve into innovative areas for commerce and			
employment.			
Policy LU-5.8 : Allow for innovative land use and development within the Cross	No change.		
Kirkland Corridor Overlay where such innovation enhances the recreational,			
transportation, and economic development potential of the Corridor.			
No existing policy.	New. Policy LU-5.#: Conduct a study to identify regulatory barriers to		
livo existing policy.	development in the City's Neighborhood Commercial Centers		
	including, but not limited to: reducing minimum parking requirements,		
	removing land aggregation or minimum parcel size requirements,	-	
	increasing nearby housing densities, and removing minimum lot size		
	per housing unit requirements.		
No existing policy.	New. Policy LU-5.#: Identify potential physical, economic, and cultural		
	displacement of existing businesses that may result from		
	redevelopment and market pressure. Use a range of strategies to		
	mitigate displacement impacts to the extent feasible.		

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Goal LU-6: Establish a coordinated and connected system of open		
space throughout the City that:		
Preserves natural systems,		
 Protects wildlife habitat and corridors, 		
Provides land for recreation,		
• Promotes actions from the Sustainability Strategic Plan, and		
 Preserves natural landforms and scenic areas. 		
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New. Policy LU-6.#: Identify opportunities to work with pivate		
property owners to designate publicly accessible open space to create		
a more connected greenspace network.		
No change.		
No change.		
Policy LU-7.2: Decrease energy use, promote renewable energy, and	Made language inclusive of all active	Equity Review
promote public health through land use strategies that promote a mix	transportation modes instead of just walking	
of housing, employment, and services at intensities sufficient to	and biking.	
promote <u>active transportation</u> walking, bicycling, and transit.		
No change		
	underline. Goal LU-6: Establish a coordinated and connected system of open space throughout the City that: •Preserves natural systems, •Protects wildlife habitat and corridors, •Provides land for recreation, • Promotes actions from the Sustainability Strategic Plan, and •Preserves natural landforms and scenic areas. No change. Policy LU-7.2: Decrease energy use, promote renewable energy, and promote public health through land use strategies that promote a mix of housing, employment, and services at intensities sufficient to promote active transportation walking, bicycling, and transit.	Underline. Goal LU-6: Establish a coordinated and connected system of open space throughout the City that: Preserves natural systems, Protects wildlife habitat and corridors, Provides land for recreation, Promotes actions from the Sustainability Strategic Plan, and Preserves natural landforms and scenic areas. No change. No c

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Policy LU-8.1 : Work cooperatively with King County, the State and/or other cities to site essential public facilities.	No change		
 Policy LU-8.2: Consider the following in siting essential public facilities: Accessibility to the people served; Public involvement; Protection of neighborhoods; Preservation of natural resources; The cost-effectiveness of service delivery; Location near transit and mixed-use centers; and The goals and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Policy LU-8.3: Design essential public facilities as well as government and 	No change No change		
community facilities to reduce incompatibility with adjacent land uses.			
No existing policy.	New. <u>Policy LU-8.#</u> : Prioritize services and access to opportunity for people of color, people with low incomes, and historically underserved communities to ensure all people can attain the resources and opportunities to improve quality of life and address past inequities.	Adds equity considerations for siting of public facilities and provision of public services.	PSRC Vision 2050 MPP-RC-2
lo existing goal.	New. Goal LU-9: Intentionally advance the City's Sustainability goals and policies with patterns of land use and future amendments to development standards.		Kirkland Sustainability Strategic Plan
	New. Policy LU-9.#: Utilize the sustainable decision-making tool described in the City's Sustainability Strategic Plan to evaluate all land use and Zoning Code amendment decisions.		Kirkland Sustainability Strategic Plan
	New. Policy LU-9.#: Evaluate Zoning Code amendments to explore reducing barriers to energy-efficient development (such as solar installations, flexible mechanical unit placement, etc.).		Kirkland Sustainability Strategic Plan
	New. Policy LU-9.#: Identify appropriate areas or zones in the City to allow energy storage facilities, and develop standards that will provide flexibility for future installations.		Kirkland Sustainability Strategic Plan