

Recommend Conditional Certification of Comprehensive Plans

Growth Management Policy Board | September 4, 2025



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Overview



Today:

- Conditional certification overview
- Recommend conditional certification of Kitsap County and Snoqualmie plans



Possible Certification Outcomes

Certification	Conditional Certification	Not Certified
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Fully consistent with VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan, and state law requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Meets majority of planning requirements▪ Requires limited additional work for full conformity▪ Still eligible for regional funding, provided conditions of approval are followed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Inconsistent with VISION 2050, Regional Transportation Plan, or state law requirements▪ Did not submit for certification review



Conditional Certification Approach



- Plan meets most, but not all, certification criteria
- Plan would meet criteria through limited amendment
- Agreement to resolve issues within a defined time frame
- Jurisdictions with conditions remain eligible for funding
- Provides for flexibility in process and incentive for full compliance



Growth Management Hearings Board



- PSRC certification is a separate process from appeals before the Growth Management Hearings Board
- However, appeals may address certification-related issues
- PSRC may delay certification until the Hearings Board process is complete
- Mercer Island and Kitsap County decisions in August 2025
- First major decisions regarding challenges to new HB 1220 housing requirements





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Plan Certifications

Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan

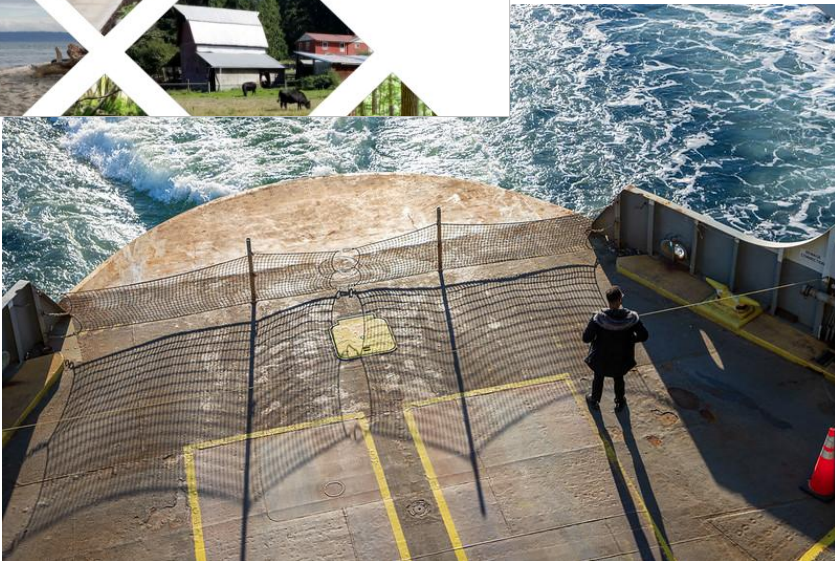


Unincorporated Population: 185,110

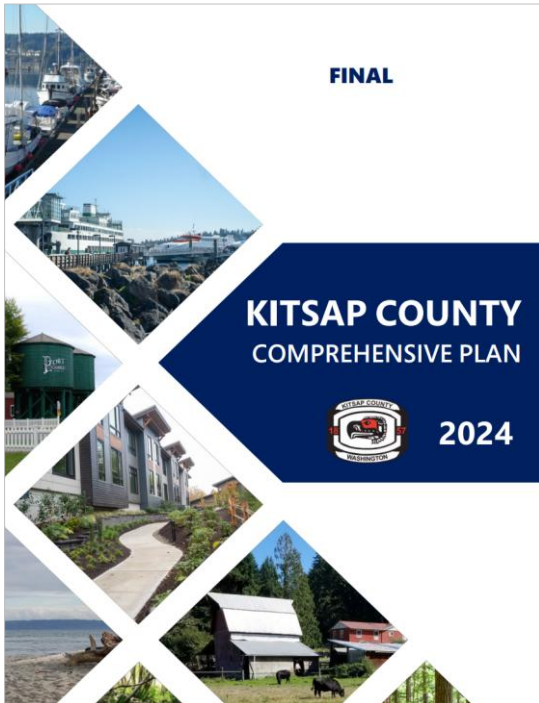
Regional Geography: HCT Communities, Urban Unincorporated, Rural, and Resource

Plan Highlights:

- Supports work with Tribes on planning issues and equity in planning and public engagement
- Focusing additional growth in the Silverdale regional center and increased opportunities for multifamily development
- New Climate Change element to reduce emissions and prepare for climate impacts

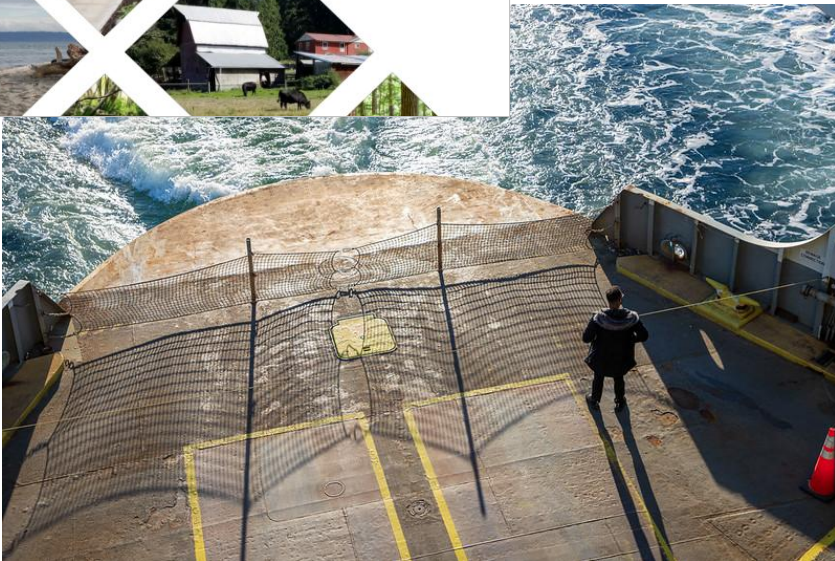


Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan



Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments:** Climate requirements, housing implementation, multimodal level of service standards
- **Rural:** Continue to reduce the rate of rural growth
- **Centers:** Complete planning for Silverdale regional growth center
- **Transportation:** Include additional transportation analysis in the adopted plan

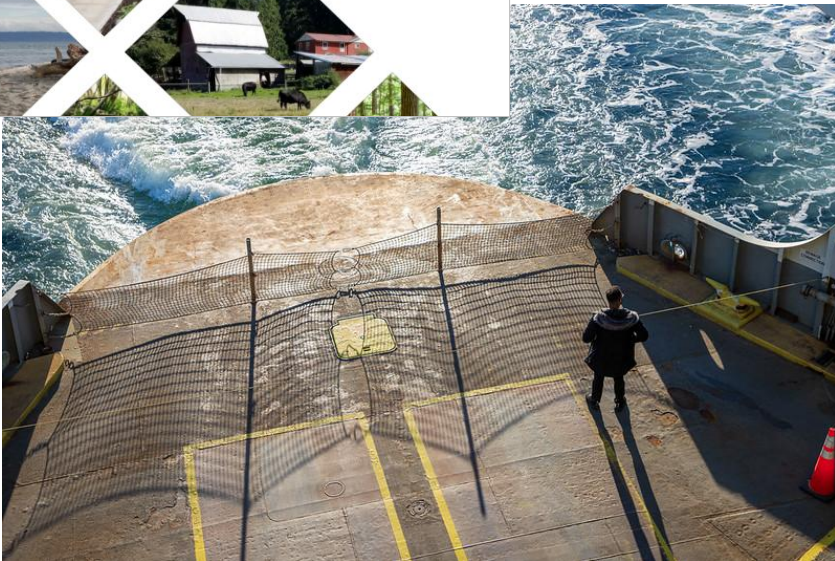


Kitsap County Certification Conditions

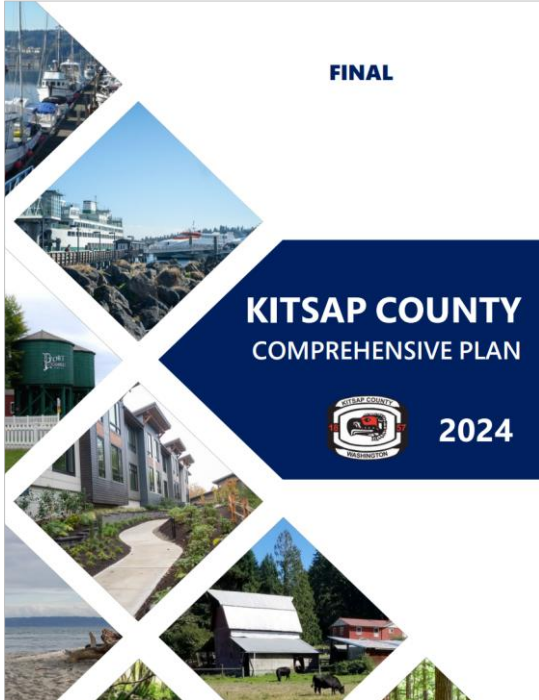


At Issue: Growth Management Hearings Board (GMHB) appeal

- Kitsap's plan was appealed following December 2024 adoption
- GMHB decision issued in August 2025
- GMHB directed Kitsap County to address:
 - Residential capacity by income band
 - "Adequate provisions" to plan for affordability
 - Wildfire land use planning tools
 - Multimodal evacuation routes
- Compliance due to GMHB by February 2026



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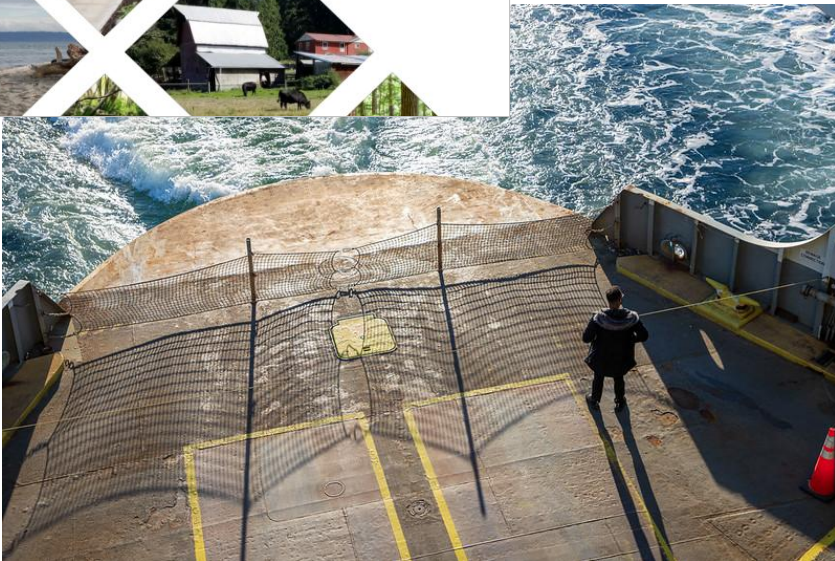
At Issue: Employment Capacity, Air Quality

Update comprehensive plan to include:

- Demonstrate capacity for employment targets
- Required air quality policy

Timeline

- Work plan resolution due November 30, 2025
- Address compliance with GMHB by board-directed deadlines
- Amendments for certification due by June 30, 2026



City of Snoqualmie Comprehensive Plan

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
2024 – 2044



Population: 14,550

Regional Geography: Cities and Towns

Plan Highlight: Supports Tribal coordination, policies supporting a resilient river corridor

Policies to support a unique sense of place and a walkable downtown commercial district

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments:** Climate requirements, housing implementation, multimodal level of service standards
- **Climate:** Include additional policies and analysis
- **Transportation:** Include additional information on financing and projects for 20-year period



City of Snoqualmie Certification Conditions

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
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At Issue: Growth Targets & Housing

- King County is revising housing targets and housing need allocations for Snoqualmie and Carnation

Update comprehensive plan to include:

- Revised housing growth targets and housing need allocations
- Capacity for housing need allocations by income band

Timeline

- Work plan resolution due November 30, 2025
- Amendments due December 31, 2026



Certification Finding

Plan Review



Found the plans to be substantially consistent with the transportation-related components of VISION 2050 and GMA, provided amendments are incorporated to address conditions:

- Regional Collaboration
- Regional Growth Strategy
- Environment
- Climate Change
- Housing
- Economy
- Transportation
- Public Services



Staff Recommendation

Recommend the Executive Board conditionally certify that the transportation-related provisions of the Snoqualmie and Kitsap County comprehensive plans conform to the Growth Management Act and are substantially consistent with multicounty planning policies and the Regional Transportation Plan, provided that additional amendments are incorporated into the comprehensive plan



Next Steps

- September 11: **Transportation Policy Board** recommendation on consent agenda
- September 25: **Executive Board** action to certify
- 2026/27: **Certify** plan amendments





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Thank You!

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