

Appendix A. Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan GPOs.

Table 1. Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan GPO General Policy Statements

GPO Number	General Policy Statements
2.2	Protect, preserve, maintain, and enhance the County's natural resource industry base, natural environment, and rural character, including but not limited to timber, agriculture, mineral, water and energy resources. The County shall avoid land use conflicts with its resource industry by applying low residential densities to lands adjacent to resource lands.
2.3	The County should diversify economic development by providing broader employment opportunities.
2.4	Encourage urban growth and development in those areas where public roads and services can support such growth, and where development will cause minimal environmental degradation, reduce the conversion of land for development, and concentrate future growth in established cities and urban growth areas.
2.7	Kittitas County will maintain a flexible balance of land uses which will protect, preserve, and enhance the rural character, historical forest lands, agricultural industries, mineral lands, and high quality environment.
2.15	The development of resource based industries and processing should be encouraged in all areas of Kittitas County. When such uses are located in rural and resource lands, criteria shall be developed to ensure the protection of these lands to ensure compatibility with rural character. Consider adding a definition for "resource based industry" to the definitions in Title 17, Zoning.
6.18	Decisions made regarding utility facilities should be consistent with and complementary to regional demand and resources and should reinforce an interconnected regional distribution network.
6.36	Develop a study area encompassing the entire county to establish criteria and design standards for the siting of solar farms.
8.1	Rural lands are characterized by a lower level of services; mixed residential, agricultural and open space uses; broad visual landscapes and parcels of varying sizes, a variety of housing types and small unincorporated communities.
8.3	The County shall promote the retention of its overall character by establishing zoning classifications that preserve rural character identified to Kittitas County.
8.4	Development in rural areas is subject to agricultural and forestry activities that may take place as a right on adjacent properties.
8.8	A certain level of mixed uses in rural areas and rural service centers is acceptable and may include limited commercial, service, and rural industrial uses
8.11	Policies will reflect a "right to farm" in agricultural lands.
8.13	Encourage development activities and establish development standards which enhance or result in the preservation of rural lands.
8.14C	Development shall be located distances from streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands, critical areas determined necessary and as outlined within existing Shorelines Management Program, the Critical Areas Ordinance and other adopted resource ordinances in order to protect ground and surface waters.
8.15	Uses common in rural areas of Kittitas County enhancing rural character, such as agriculture uses in Lower Kittitas and rural residential uses and recreation uses in Upper Kittitas shall be protected from activities which encumber them.
8.16	Give preference to land uses in Rural designated areas that are related to agriculture, rural residential development, tourism, outdoor recreation, and other open space activities.
8.17	Land use development within the Rural area that is not compatible with Kittitas County rural character or agricultural activities as defined in RCW 90.58.065(2)(a) will not be allowed
8.21	Kittitas County will provide criteria within its zoning code to determine what uses will be permitted within rural zone classifications in order to preserve rural character.
8.44	Growth and development in Rural lands will be planned to minimize impacts upon adjacent natural resource lands.
8.129	Encourage development projects whose outcome will be the significant conservation of farmlands.

Table 2. Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan GPO Zoning Implementation Statements

GPO Number	Zoning Implementation Statements
6.7	Decisions made by Kittitas County regarding utility facilities will be made in a manner consistent with and complementary to regional demands and resources.
6.9	Process permits and approvals for all utility facilities in a fair and timely manner, and in accordance with development regulations that ensure predictability and project concurrency.
6.10	Community input should be solicited prior to county approval of utility facilities, which may significantly impact the surrounding community.
6.23	Kittitas County reserves the right to review all applications for utilities placed within or through the County for consistency with local policies, laws, custom and culture.
6.36	Develop a study area encompassing the entire county to establish criteria and design standards for the siting of solar farms.
8.5	In order to protect and preserve Resource Lands, non-resource development and activities on adjacent Rural lands shall require preservation of adjacent vegetation, existing landforms (e.g. ravines) or use of other methods that provide functional separation from the resource land use.
8.9	Protecting and preserving resource lands shall be given priority. Proposed development allowed and adjacent to resource lands shall be conditioned to protect resource lands from negative impacts from that development.
8.21B	Functional separation and setbacks found necessary for the protection of water resources, rural character and/or visual compatibility with surrounding rural areas shall be required where development is proposed. The first sentence of this policy shall not apply to agricultural activities as defined in RCW 90.58.065(2(a)). When required by the county shoreline master program or critical area regulations, buffers shall be provided.