



## Appendix 3.9-1

# County Goals and Policies Related to Transmission Facilities

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## A3.9-1 Comprehensive Plans

As discussed in Section 3.9, Land and Shoreline Use, certain counties, and the cities they contain, are required to follow specific actions and processes to plan for future population growth under the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA). This appendix compiles relevant county-wide comprehensive plan goals or policies related to the development of transmission facilities at the time of publishing the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)<sup>1</sup>. Goals and policies identified in this document are based on language that suggests a requirement or obligation as it relates to the siting or development of transmission facilities. Each county's planning requirements per Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.70 or 36.70A are identified to provide additional context when reviewing the comprehensive plan goals and policies. This appendix also associates each goal and policy with the appropriate section(s) of the Programmatic EIS. Consideration for each goal or policy is provided for future applicants to incorporate into the planning and development of a proposed project.

There may be other comprehensive goals and policies that support or align with the development of transmission facilities. These goals and policies may include the following:

- Economic development through job creation and infrastructure investment
- Improved utility service reliability, which may support both residential and commercial growth
- Increased local tax revenues
- Support for climate action and decarbonization, consistent with the Clean Energy Transformation Act and local climate resilience strategies

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<sup>1</sup> Prior to referencing information in the appendix, care should be taken to make sure that there are not newer or updated comprehensive plans.

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# A3.9-1.1 Adams County (July 2015)

Adams County is considered a Partially Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by June 30, 2027.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Agricultural Lands	<b>Goal</b> Because of their importance to the continued economic viability of the County, agricultural lands will be preserved and maintained to the greatest extent possible.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on agricultural lands.
	<b>Policy 4</b> Protect and retain existing and future agricultural lands from conflicting non-farm uses and influences.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural lands.
	<b>Policy 5</b> Support the existing economic base by discouraging the unnecessary or speculative rezoning of agricultural lands to non-farm use.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts should transmission facility development require rezoning agricultural lands to a non-farm use.
	<b>Policy 10</b> Preserve agricultural tracts that are adequate in size, in relation to the particular activity, to maintain the economic viability of farming operations.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural tracts that are adequate in size.
Recreational Lands	<b>Policy 1</b> Ensure each land development application is thoroughly considered for potentially significant negative impacts. Require appropriate mitigation measures to control unavoidable impacts. Applications that would cause significant negative impacts even with mitigation should be denied.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potentially significant impacts on recreational lands.
Facilities & Utilities	<b>Policy 1</b> Increased infrastructure needs triggered by future development proposals should be financed by developer investment.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it funds any additional infrastructure triggered by transmission facility development.
	<b>Policy 4</b> Future expansion to various utilities and facilities that serve the needs of people in Adams County should be considered within the context of the Comprehensive Plan.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the goals and policies within the Adams County Comprehensive Plan, should transmission facility development serve the people of Adams County.
	<b>Policy 6</b> Coordinate county long range planning efforts with private and public service providers to ensure sufficient infrastructure capacity for future growth.	Public Services and Utilities	Consider early coordination with Adams County to identify potential long-range planning opportunities.

# A3.9-1.2 City of Asotin<sup>2</sup> (2020)

Asotin County is considered a Partially Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by June 30, 2027.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Land Use	<b>Policy A.1.8</b> Closely coordinate with Asotin County to ensure future expansion of county facilities located in the City of Asotin will be compatible with the City’s Comprehensive Plan.	Land and Shoreline Use	Coordinate with Asotin County to ensure transmission facility development is compatible with the city’s Comprehensive Plan.
Physical Environment	<b>Policy A.3.1</b> The City shall work with regional air quality authorities to develop measures to address air quality problems.	Air Quality	Consider coordinating with the county and city to implement measures to address construction-related air quality impacts.
	<b>Policy A.3.2</b> Manage stormwater to minimize erosion and to limit the amount of pollutants entering the Snake River.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements best management practices and mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate potential impacts on water quality.
Physical Environment	<b>Policy A.3.3</b> Review and establish requirements for on-site detention of stormwater. Design and implement stormwater drainage facilities to minimize local flooding. Stormwater policies and regulations should incorporate the State Department of Ecology’s Stormwater Manual for Eastern or Western Washington.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s stormwater policies and regulations.
	<b>Policy A.4</b> The City shall review drainage, flooding, and storm water run-off within the city and provide guidance for corrective actions to mitigate or cleanse those discharges that pollute waters of the state.	Water Resources	Consider coordinating with the county and city to implement best management practices or mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate potential impacts on water resources.
	<b>Policy A.4.1</b> Through its Critical Areas Ordinance and other development regulations, the City shall designate and protect critical areas using the best available science (BAS) in developing policies to protect the functions and values of critical areas, and giving “special consideration” to conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s development regulations within critical areas.
Natural Resource Lands and Critical Areas	<b>Policy B.2</b> Groundwater should be identified and protected, including appropriate protection of aquifer recharge areas. Supplies of potable domestic water, irrigation water, and firefighting water should be ensured in the rural, suburban, and urban areas.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on groundwater and aquifer recharge areas.
	<b>Policy B.4</b> Maintenance of the quality of the City's environment through the existing environmental review process of State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the applicable environmental analysis processes under SEPA.
	<b>Policy B.5</b> The City should approve only those requests for land use activities (a) which would not result in an important wetland or fish and wildlife habitat conservation area being degraded, (b) which would not put its citizens or their property in positions of unacceptable risk with respect to floods or geological hazards, (c) which would not aggravate a geologically hazardous area, and (d) which would not harm a critical recharging area for aquifers that are used for drinking water.	Water Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on important wetland or fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, flood or geologic hazard areas, or water recharge areas.
	<b>Policy B.6</b> When reviewing land use activities, the City should utilize mitigating measures, if the measures adequately protect the critical area	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	Coordinate with the county and city to identify and implement measures to protect critical areas, people, and property.

<sup>2</sup> In the absence of a readily available Comprehensive Plan for Asotin County, the City of Asotin Comprehensive Plan was analyzed.

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	and people and property involved, so that desired land use activities can occur.		
	<b>Policy B.7</b> Environmental review will have particular emphasis upon the protection of individual property rights and the customs and cultures of the region.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on private properties to the greatest extent practicable.
Urban Area	<b>Policy A.2</b> Joint Review of Development Proposals. Development proposals and public projects within the urban area should be jointly reviewed by the County and City.	Land and Shoreline Use	Coordinate the county and city to conduct the joint review of project-specific applications when they occur in urban areas.
	<b>Policy A.3</b> The County should consider the use of joint lead agency status with the City, through the SEPA process to ensure coordination of activities.	Land and Shoreline Use	Coordinate with the county and city to identify lead agency status for the SEPA process.
	<b>Policy A.9</b> Implementing measures may include interlocal agreements, contracts, memorandums of understanding and joint ordinances, or a combination thereof.	Land and Shoreline Use	Consider implementing avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures through interlocal agreements, contracts, memorandums of understanding, joint ordinances, or a combination thereof.
Development	<b>Policy A.4</b> Development Impact Fees. a. A system of development impact fees should be developed and levied against all new development in order to assign a fair and proportionate share of future infrastructure within the urban area and other designated service areas. b. Other forms of financing for improvements related to urban growth are recognized, such as: Local Improvement District (LID) with established benefit areas. In areas where LIDs exist, the levying of development impact fees may duplicate payment for infrastructure. Land use actions may be subject to the condition of waiver of protest to its inclusion within these LIDs to be formed for specific infrastructure directly associated with the proposed land use action. This condition shall be recorded with the approval of each land use action, annexation, or rezone and shall run with the land and be binding on successors and assigns of the benefited property.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the city and county to identify necessary development impact fees associated with transmission facility development.
	<b>Policy A.7</b> All actions regarding new proposed activities, both public and private, should include observation of the planning areas, their associated goals and policies and the uses identified as appropriate within them.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the goals and policies within the associated planning area.
Community Development	<b>Objective A.1</b> Support public and private efforts to retain historical sites and buildings in the City.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on historical resources.
	<b>Objective A.2</b> Recognize historic buildings as an important community resource.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on historical resources.
	<b>Objective D.1</b> Create development standards that recognize and will protect for the future the views and vistas now enjoyed by all residents of Asotin.	Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it complies with the county’s development standards to protect views and vistas in Asotin.
	<b>Objective D.2</b> Revitalize and protect Asotin Creek.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on Asotin Creek.

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	<b>Policy D.3</b> Protect and develop adequate public spaces.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers providing public spaces as part of transmission facility development.
	<b>Policy A.2</b> Encourage the private sector to locate new recreational facilities in the City.	Recreation	Consider providing public spaces as part of transmission facility development, where practicable.
Utilities	<b>Policy</b> Coordinate future planning with private utility servers, promoting improved, knowledgeable involvement.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with local government early in the planning process to ensure efficient and knowledgeable utility planning.
	<b>Policy</b> Designate the general location, proposed location and capacity of existing and proposed electric utility facilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with local government to identify existing and proposed electric utility facilities.
	<b>Policy</b> Maps and a facility inventory designating the general location of proposed electric utility facilities shall reflect future additions and improvements within the City required to serve local and regional needs.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with local government to identify proposed electric utility facilities.
	<b>Policy</b> Map designations of the general location of proposed electric utility facilities will apply to a general utility corridor area rather than to a specific site.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with local government to identify proposed electric utility facilities.
	<b>Policy</b> Ensure that all elements of the Comprehensive Plan and implementing development regulations are consistent with and do not otherwise impair the fulfillment of the public service obligations imposed by federal and state law.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with all elements of the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations.
Utilities	<b>Policy</b> Decisions made by the City regarding electric utility facilities within the City will be made in a manner consistent with and complementary to regional electrical demands and resources.	Public Services and Utilities	Ensure transmission facilities are consistent with and complementary to regional electrical demand.

### A3.9-1.3 Benton County (May 2024)

Benton County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by December 31, 2026.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Land Use	<b>Goal LU 1</b> Ensure that land uses are compatible with surrounding uses that maintain public health, safety, and general welfare.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facility development is compatible with the surrounding uses and development maintains public health, safety, and general welfare.
	<b>Policy 3</b> Maximize the opportunities for compatible development within land use designations to serve a multitude of compatible uses and activities.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers developing transmission facilities on lands that can serve as multiple uses and activities.
	<b>Policy 4</b> Establish regulations for site planning and design to avoid or reduce potential impacts associated with "land use incompatibility" of proposed non-farm developments on parcels adjacent to lands designated	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts associated with land use incompatibility of agricultural or rural lands.



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	GMA Agriculture, Rural Resource, or adjacent to lands being farmed commercially within other rural designations.		
	<b>Policy 13</b> Encourage the reduction of fire risk and urban/wildland interface through fire-wise principles, prevention measures, and other programs.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it incorporates measures to reduce fire risk and urban/wildland interface.
Resource Lands	<b>Goal NR 1</b> Conserve and maintain agricultural land of long-term commercial significance as the local natural resource most essential for sustaining the County's agricultural economy.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on agricultural land of long-term commercial significance to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy 1</b> Conserve areas designated “GMA Agriculture” in the Comprehensive Plan for a broad range of agricultural uses to the maximum extent possible and protect these areas from the encroachment of incompatible uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in GMA Agriculture areas to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy 3</b> Recognize that only uses related or ancillary to, supportive of, complementary to, and/or not in conflict with agricultural activities are appropriate in areas designated GMA Agriculture.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in GMA Agriculture areas to the maximum extent possible and ensures proposed activities on GMA Agriculture lands do not conflict with agricultural activities.
	<b>Goal NR 2</b> Identify and protect mineral resource lands of commercial significance and from being significantly compromised by encroaching land uses that are incompatible with mining activity uses.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on designated mineral resource lands of commercial significance and ensures transmission facility development would not interfere with mining activity uses.
	<b>Policy 2</b> Discourage incompatible uses from encroaching upon and compromising the exploitation of protected mineral and aggregate resources.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in protected mineral resource areas.
Water Resources	<b>Goal WR 2</b> Protect and enhance surface and groundwater water quality for human health, drinking water supply, and to meet water quality standards.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures all required permits, best management practices, and measures are implemented to ensure surface and groundwater water quality is not compromised.
	<b>Policy 1</b> Prohibit developments which have the potential for significant individual or cumulative impacts on ground and surface water quality; or alternatively, site and design developments to avoid or mitigate such impacts.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements all required permits, best management practices, and measures to ensure no significant individual or cumulative impacts on water resources would occur.
	<b>Goal WR 3</b> Support continued multi-purpose uses of the Columbia River.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures continued multi-purpose uses of the Columbia River.
Water Resources	<b>Goal WR 2</b> Protect and enhance surface and groundwater water quality for human health, drinking water supply, and to meet water quality standards.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on surface and groundwater resources.
	<b>Policy 1</b> Prohibit developments which have the potential for significant individual or cumulative impacts on ground and surface water quality; or alternatively, site and design developments to avoid or mitigate such impacts.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on surface and groundwater resources.
	<b>Policy 2</b> Protect surface and groundwater quality as a resource essential to the public health, safety and welfare, economic growth, and prosperity of Benton County.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on surface and groundwater resources.

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	<b>Goal WR 3</b> Support continued multi-purpose uses of the Columbia River.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it supports and maintains multi-purpose uses of the Columbia River.
	<b>Goal WR 4</b> Protect and enhance surface water resources to support rivers, streams, and wetlands that support fish and wildlife species and associated habitats.	Water Resources; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on surface water resources.
	<b>Policy 4</b> Protect and enhance water quality to improve habitat conditions for salmonids.	Water Resources; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures best management practices and measures are implemented to protect water quality.
Critical Areas	<b>Goal CA 1</b> Protect the functions and values of critical areas within the County with land use decision-making and development review.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the functions and values of critical areas within the county.
	<b>Policy 1</b> Apply standards, regulations, and mitigation strategies to development during the permitting and development approval process that protect critical areas functions and values.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements the required standards, regulations, and mitigation strategies that protect functions and values of critical areas identified by the county during the permitting and development approval process.
	<b>Policy 2</b> Encourage new development and redevelopment in UGAs and large developments outside of UGAs to comply with low-impact development standards as applicable.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it incorporates low impact development standards as applicable.
	<b>Goal CA 2</b> Protect life and property and avoid or mitigate significant risks to public and private property and to public health and safety that are posed by frequently flooded and geologic hazard areas.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts associated with frequently flooded and geologic hazard areas.
	<b>Policy 1</b> Limit developments in areas with higher risk for natural disaster or geologic hazard unless it can be demonstrated by the project proponent that the development is sited, designed, and engineered for long-term structural integrity and that life and property on- and off-site are not subject to increased risk as a result of the development.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas with high risk for natural disaster or geologic hazards, unless it can be demonstrated that the development is sited, designed, and engineered for long-term structural integrity and that life and property on- and off-site are not subject to increased risk as a result of the development.
	<b>Goal CA 3</b> Protect the County’s natural areas, shorelines, and critical areas as unique assets to the community.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the county’s natural areas, shorelines, and critical areas.
	<b>Policy 2</b> Identify and protect river, stream, wetlands, and fish and wildlife habitat conservation area functions and values.	Land and Shoreline Use; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the county’s natural areas, shorelines, and critical areas.
	<b>Policy 4</b> Ensure public access to shorelines on public land, subject to regulations protecting public safety, sensitive habitat areas, and wildlife.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures that access to shorelines on public lands is maintained.
	<b>Policy 7</b> Any developments, uses, and/or activities in the channel migration zone should be consistent with the standards in the Shoreline Master Program.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development within the channel migration zone is consistent with the SMP.
	<b>Policy 8</b> Protections associated with landslide areas should be maintained according to the standards in the County CAO and SMP.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the standards identified in the county’s Critical Area Ordinance (CAO) and Shoreline Management Program (SMP).
	<b>Goal CA 4</b> Sustain a diverse, productive, and high-quality natural environment for the use, health, and enjoyment of County residents.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the natural environment to the greatest extent possible.

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	<b>Policy 1</b> Work with private and public property owners during development to ensure protection and appropriate use of the County’s natural resources.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county early in the planning process to identify and protect natural resources.
	<b>Goal CA 5</b> Achieve balance among economic uses of land and critical areas protection.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it coordinates with the county early in the planning process to identify strategies for balancing economic uses and critical areas protection.
	<b>Policy 3</b> Apply Best Management Practices and the conservation practices outlined in the County VSP Work Plan to lands historically and currently used for the production of food, agricultural products, and grazing of livestock.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements the relevant best management practices and the conservation practices outlined in the county Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) Work Plan.
Economic Development	<b>Goal ED 1</b> Create a balanced and diverse economy that provides an opportunity to make economic and lifestyle choices for Benton County residents.	Socioeconomics	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it improves economic opportunities in Benton County.
	<b>Policy 4</b> Facilitate economic growth and prosperity while preserving the existing rural quality of life and character, as it is defined by rural residents.	Socioeconomics	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it improves economic opportunities while preserving the rural quality of life and character in Benton County.
Transportation Element	<b>Policy 2</b> Encourage transportation planning and projects that: 1. Conform with and serve the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan 2. Facilitate the flow of people, goods, local products, and services to strengthen and assist the expansion of the local and regional economy 3. Enable the conservation of energy	Transportation; Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it conforms with and serves the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan.
	<b>Policy 4</b> Minimize the segmentation, loss, and compromising of agricultural lands and productivity resulting from new road construction.	Transportation; Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it does not require the construction of permanent roads that result in the segmentation or loss of agricultural lands and productivity.
	<b>Policy 11</b> Review new development under the County’s designated LOS on County owned roads.	Transportation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it would not result in a level of service (LOS) lower than the county's standards.
	<b>TE Goal 5</b> Protect public safety and property by establishing development regulations that discourage the siting of incompatible uses and airspace obstructions adjacent to general aviation airports that serve the public.	Transportation; Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it would not result in impacts on general aviation airports that serve the public.
Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Historic Preservation	<b>Goal PL 2</b> Work with cities and agencies to protect greenways and open spaces along the riverine corridor of the lower Yakima River.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facility development near greenways or open space areas along the lower Yakima River riverine corridor to the greatest extent possible.
	<b>Goal PL 3</b> Conserve visually prominent naturally vegetated steep slopes and elevated ridges that define the Columbia Basin landscape and are uniquely a product of the ice age floods.	Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the visually prominent features that define the Columbia Basin landscape to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Goal PL 4</b> Preserve significant historic structures, districts, and cultural resources that are unique to Benton County.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures that transmission facility development would not have a significant adverse impact on historic structures, districts, or cultural resources that are unique to Benton County.

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	<b>Policy 1</b> Coordinate with local tribes to protect historic and cultural resources.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with local tribes to protect historic and cultural resources.
	<b>Policy 2</b> Preserve archaeologically significant sites by siting and designing development to avoid or mitigate impacts.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures that transmission facility development would not have a significant adverse impact on archaeologically significant sites.
	<b>Goal PL 5</b> Identify, preserve, and protect historic, cultural, and archaeological resources found to be significant by recognized local, state, tribal or federal processes.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures that transmission facility development would not have a significant adverse impact on significant cultural resources.
	<b>Policy 3</b> Preserve areas that contain valuable historical or archaeological sites of federal, state, tribal, or local significance including those maintained in the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation's database, areas known only to tribes and areas of higher risk potential. Maintain and enforce development code provisions that require conditioning of project approval on findings made by a professional archaeologist for development activities on sites of known cultural, historical, or archaeological significance.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures that transmission facility development would not have a significant adverse impact on areas that contain valuable historical or archaeological sites.
	<b>Policy 4</b> Prior to demolition, moving, or alteration to any designated historic, cultural, and archaeological landmark, ensure that due consideration is given to its preservation or, at a minimum, documentation of its historic, cultural, or archaeological value.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures that due consideration is given to the preservation of cultural and historic resources.
Utilities	<b>Goal UE 1</b> Ensure utilities support the land use and economic development goals of the County.	Public Services and Utilities; Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures the siting of transmission facility development is consistent with the adopted land use policies in the county's Comprehensive Plan.
	<b>Policy 1</b> Siting of proposed public facilities should be consistent with adopted land use policies.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures the siting of transmission facility development is consistent with the adopted land use policies in the county's Comprehensive Plan.
	<b>Goal UE 3</b> Facilitate efficiency in utility land use and development.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures that transmission facility development is implemented in an efficient manner.
	<b>Policy 2</b> Encourage multiple uses, including passive recreational use, in utility corridors where practical.	Public Services and Utilities; Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers incorporating multiple uses, including passive recreational uses, along transmission facility corridors.
	<b>Policy 3</b> Facilitate maintenance and rehabilitation of existing utility systems and facilities and encourage the use of existing transmission/distribution corridors.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers siting transmission facilities within existing transmission/distribution corridors.



# A3.9-1.4 Chelan County (December 2017)

Chelan County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by June 30, 2026.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Land Use	<b>Policy LU 1.2</b> Protect residential neighborhoods from impacts associated with incompatible land uses through application of development standards and permit conditioning.	LaLand and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on residential neighborhoods and implements appropriate development standards and permit conditions.
	<b>Goal LU 4</b> Preserve the integrity of significant natural, historic, and cultural features by minimizing the impacts of development.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on significant natural, historic, or cultural features.
	<b>Policy LU 4.1</b> Encourage development that is compatible with the natural environment and minimizes impacts to significant natural and scenic features.	Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on significant natural and scenic features.
	<b>Goal LU 11</b> Preserve open space for the enjoyment of County residents and visitors.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it minimizes impacts on open space areas to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy LU 11.2</b> Encourage multiple uses of public lands to support open space and recreational use in the County.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers providing recreational facilities along transmission facility corridors to support multiple uses where practicable.
	<b>Policy LU 11.3</b> Encourage preservation of outstanding natural and scenic resources, critical areas, and significant historic and cultural resources.	Visual Quality; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural and scenic resources, critical areas, or significant historic and cultural resources.
Rural Element	<b>Goal RE 1</b> Maintain a balance between human uses and the natural environment in rural areas of the County.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers maintaining a balance with the natural environment in rural areas.
	<b>Policy RE 2.4</b> Encourage the preservation and protection of unique, rare and fragile natural features, scenic vistas, unstable bluffs, and culturally significant features.	Earth Resources; Visual Quality; Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on unique, rare, and fragile natural features, scenic vistas, unstable bluffs, and culturally significant features.
	<b>Policy RE 2.8</b> Protect hillside areas from erosion by requiring development to adequately capture storm drainage and avoid duplication of road systems.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it incorporates appropriate storm water capture and drainage systems as necessary and ensures access roads are not duplicative of the existing road network.
Mineral Resource Land	<b>Policy ML 1.5</b> Encourage development locating adjacent to designated mineral resource lands to incorporate screening, buffers, open space, or other design features to prevent conflicts with existing or future mineral resource extraction activities.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it incorporates screening, buffers, open space, or other design features to prevent conflicts with existing or future mineral resource extraction activities.
Forest/Timber Resource Land	<b>Goal FL 1</b> Conserve forest lands of long term commercial significance. Encourage sustainable timber production in rural and resource lands as a viable, permanent land use and a significant economic activity within the community.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on forest lands of long-term commercial significance.

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	<b>Policy FL 1.1</b> Conserve forest lands for productive economic use by identifying and designating forest resource lands where the principle and preferred land use is commercial resource management.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on forest lands of productive economic use.
	<b>Policy FL 1.2</b> Promote multiple uses of forest resource lands where such uses do not eliminate or limit commercial forest resource management.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers development agreements that would allow for multiple forest uses and ensures transmission facility development would not eliminate or limit commercial forest resource management.
Critical Area	<b>Goal CL 1</b> Identify and protect critical areas from adverse environmental impacts while providing for reasonable use of private property.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on designated critical areas.
	<b>Policy CL 1.3</b> Classify, designate and protect all critical areas, including frequently flooded areas, wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, aquifer recharge areas and geologically hazardous areas using best available science, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.172 and WAC 365-190	Water Resources; Earth Resources; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on designated critical areas.
	<b>Policy CL 1.5</b> Discourage development on unstable soils or steep slopes and in areas susceptible to landslide, flood, or avalanche.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas susceptible to landslides, floods, or avalanches.
	<b>Policy CL 1.8</b> Critical area regulations shall not preclude reasonable use of property or affect a taking in violation of the U.S. Constitution, the Constitution of the State of Washington, or substantive due process.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on designated critical areas.
	<b>Policy CL 1.10</b> When reviewing development proposals, the County shall apply appropriate conditions to avoid or mitigate negative impacts to critical areas. Proposal review should also include evaluation of the cumulative impacts of development proposals in critical areas.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	Consider early coordination with county staff and implement recommended avoidance and/or mitigation measures to minimize impacts on critical areas.
	<b>Policy CL 1.16</b> The goals and policies of the Chelan County Shoreline Master Program, as amended, are considered an element of the comprehensive plan, and are included by reference as if fully set forth herein.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the goals and policies found in the Chelan County SMP.
Natural Systems	<b>Goal NS 1</b> Protect and maintain air quality. The protection of air quality is important for the public health, the local economy, the environment, and helps to maintain the high quality of life enjoyed by County residents and visitors alike.	Air Quality; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on air quality.
	<b>Policy NSL 1.1</b> Support future and ongoing air quality monitoring programs. Monitoring of air quality helps to determine the impacts of growth and development to air quality. Should air quality problems arise, determining the sources of air quality degradation, and educational and regulatory tools to maintain or improve air quality would be necessary.	Air Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with existing air quality monitoring programs.
Natural Systems	<b>Goal NS 2</b> Icicle River Valley: Encourage retention of the scenic character and environmental quality of the Icicle Valley.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the scenic quality of Icicle Valley.
	<b>Policy CL 2.1</b> Continue to utilize the Icicle Valley Design Review Overlay District or design guidelines to retain the scenic and environmental qualities of the Icicle Valley.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the Icicle Valley Design Review Overlay District or design guidelines.
	<b>Policy CL 2.3</b> Implement visual quality standards within the Icicle Valley Design Review Overlay District to protect scenic resources.	Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the visual quality of the Icicle Valley.

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Utilities Element	<b>Policy UE 2.1</b> Require the under grounding of all new and existing electrical distribution and communication lines for development, where reasonably feasible.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers undergrounding transmission facilities within the county to the maximum extent practicable.
	<b>Policy UE 2.4</b> Ensure that all maintenance, repair, installation, and replacement activities for utility facilities are consistent with the County’s critical area regulations.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures all maintenance and operations of transmission facilities are consistent with critical area regulations.
	<b>Policy UE 2.5</b> Development regulations shall provide for adequate buffering and screening of utility facilities where such facilities may have a negative visual impact on surrounding land uses or where public access to such facilities should be limited for safety concerns.	Public Services and Utilities; Visual Quality; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it incorporates adequate buffering and screening of transmission facilities to ensure the visual quality of the area is not degraded and public access to transmission facilities is limited.

## A3.9-1.5 Clallam County (December 2024)

Clallam County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by December 31, 2025.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Agricultural Resources	<b>Goal 1</b> Clallam County shall work to promote a strong, economically viable and ecologically responsible agricultural economy.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids the disruption of agricultural practices and the viability of such resources.
	<b>Goal 4</b> Clallam County should ensure that public actions are managed to minimize disruption of agricultural activity. When permanent conservation of a parcel of farmland is assured, utilities and transportation should be designed to minimize conflicts with farming.	Land and Shoreline Use	Consider adjacent farmlands and ensure the continuity of farming.
Forest Land	<b>Goal 1</b> Retain suitable forest land in the County in commercial forest land use, because of general economic benefits to the people of the County derived from forests, including timber production and processing, watershed conservation, recreation, and fish and wildlife conservation.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it preserves the productivity of forest lands and associated uses, including watershed, recreation, and fish and wildlife.
	<b>Goal 7</b> Clallam County shall conserve forest and mineral resources for productive use by designating resource lands where the principal and preferred land uses will be commercial resource management activities.	Land and Shoreline Use; Earth Resources	Preserve the productivity of forest and mineral resource lands.
	<b>Goal 14</b> Lands designated as commercial forest shall remain in large parcels and ownership patterns conducive to forestry.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids the parcelization of forest lands.

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Forest Land	<b>Goal 23</b> Land designated as commercial forest shall remain in this classification unless a strong case can be made that the zoning could be changed without affecting the commercial viability of the surrounding forest land. Zone change applications shall meet one of the following criteria: (a) An error was made in application of the criteria establishing the zone; or (b) The Board of County Commissioners after giving careful consideration to the value of the resource to the community finds that commercial forestry cannot generate a reasonable return on investment when compared to other forested properties and that growth could not be directed to other nonforested rural lands in the same vicinity.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids the re-zoning of forest land unless the viability of surrounding forest resources can be unchanged with the development of transmission facilities.
	<b>Goal 24</b> Essential public facilities may be located in designated commercial forest lands provided the County finds that such facilities cannot otherwise be located in urban areas, are largely self-contained or served by urban governmental services in a manner that adjacent rural or urban development is not promoted. The siting of essential public facilities in resource lands should not interfere with resource management on adjacent resource lands.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the siting of transmission facilities on forest or rural lands, provided transmission facilities cannot be in urban areas.
Mineral Land	<b>Goal 2</b> Development regulations to conserve mineral resource lands shall be as follows: (e) Once a mineral resource site has been established, such site shall be considered a preferred land use and receive protection under a “right to practice mining” ordinance, and development proposals within 600 feet of such sites will be reviewed for compatibility with mineral extraction activities.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes the siting of development facilities on lands established as mineral resource lands.
Public Utilities, Facilities and Services <sup>3</sup>	<b>Goal 8</b> Essential Public Facilities. <b>Policy No. 17</b> Essential public facilities are public capital facilities of a County-wide or State-wide nature which are typically difficult to site. Essential public facilities may be located in designated commercial forest or rural lands provided the County finds that such facilities cannot otherwise be located in urban areas, are largely self-contained or served by urban governmental services in a manner that adjacent rural or urban development is not promoted, and the facility does not cause nuisances (noise, dust, light, etc.) on adjacent properties that cannot be adequately mitigated. The siting of essential public facilities in resource lands should not interfere with resource management on adjacent resource lands.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers siting transmission facilities on forest or rural lands, provided transmission facilities cannot be in urban areas.
Environment and Open Space Goals	<b>Goal 1.a, Policy No. 1</b> Best conventional technology shall be used to prevent or treat the environmental impacts of conventional pollutants.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers technological advances to improve and treat the environmental impacts of conventional pollutants.

<sup>3</sup> Public utilities, facilities, and services include streets, roads, highways, sidewalks, street and road lighting systems, traffic signals, domestic water systems, storm and sanitary sewer systems, parks and recreational facilities, schools, electrical lines, telecommunication lines, fire protection, law enforcement, public health, environmental protection, and other governmental services. This section will briefly describe the proposed general distribution, location and extent of public utilities, facilities, and services to be available throughout Clallam County, which encourages urban growth and discourages sprawl. For more specific policies, please refer to the utilities or transportation section.



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	<b>Goal 1.c, Policy No. 3</b> The critical areas ordinance shall be utilized by Clallam County to help achieve environmental objectives, prevent environmental degradation, and to manage land use activities within the natural and intrinsic constraints of the landscape. The interim critical areas ordinance which classifies, designates and protects critical areas shall be adopted as the County’s final critical areas ordinance. The ordinance shall be amended as necessary to implement watershed or special area studies and to maintain consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. Practices under this chapter should be evaluated periodically to ensure regulatory effectiveness in achieving stated objectives and fair notification to affected property owners.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	Ensure consistency with the CAO of Clallam County.
	<b>Goal 4.b, Policy No. 11</b> Clallam County has a responsibility to protect the quality of groundwater used for domestic water supplies. Water provision and waste disposal should be provided by the most efficient method available which does not jeopardize existing resources.	Water Resources	Avoid the degradation of groundwater quality.
	<b>Goal 6.b, Policy No. 17</b> Clallam County shall preserve the scenic, aesthetic and ecological qualities of the marine shorelines of Clallam County, in harmony with those uses which are deemed essential to the life of its citizens. Clallam County shall implement marine resource goals through the Clallam County Shoreline Master Program and/or critical areas ordinance, as now or hereafter amended.	Land and Shoreline Use	Ensure consistency with the Clallam County SMP to preserve scenic, aesthetic, and ecological qualities.
	<b>Goal 7.a, Policy No. 18</b> Land use practices should protect and enhance habitat corridors, diversity and richness, and ensure protection of wildlife corridors and habitat for threatened and endangered species. Wildlife corridors and riparian areas should be maintained as important community infrastructure.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the enhancement and protection of habitat corridors for threatened and endangered species and avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities near these resources.
	<b>Goal 7.b, Policy No. 19</b> Clallam County should protect, maintain and enhance fish and shellfish spawning, rearing, and migration habitat, and work to ensure harvestability of fish and shellfish. Damaged and degraded habitat should be identified, prioritized and restored. Recognize the various levels of government which have a vested interest in protection, maintenance and restoration of habitat.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	Consider the impact that the development of transmission facilities would have on the surrounding fish habitat and avoid degradation to these resources.

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Environment and Open Space Goals	<b>Goal 8, Runoff and Erosion. Policy No. 21</b> Stormwater quality and quantity should be managed to protect shellfish beds, fish habitat, and other resources; to prevent the contamination of sediments from urban runoff and combined sewer overflows; and to achieve standards for water and sediment quality by reducing and eventually eliminating harm from pollutant discharges from stormwater and combined sewer overflows. This goal should be achieved through a variety of means including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Protection of natural drainages, habitat and wetlands;</li><li>Use of best management practices to control and treat pollution at the source;</li><li>Control of erosion and sedimentation from development;</li><li>Requirements for stormwater facilities concurrent with new development;</li><li>Development of watershed or basin plans;</li><li>Implementation of operation and maintenance programs for publicly owned stormwater systems;</li><li>Requirements for operation and maintenance of privately owned stormwater systems;</li><li>Public education about stormwater impacts and effects of waste oil dumping; and</li><li>Monitoring compliance and publishing the results.</li></ul>	Water Resources; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it protects habitat through the incorporation of best management practices for stormwater to reduce runoff and erosion.
	<b>Goal 9c, Policy No. 24</b> To limit potential for infrastructure damage from major and minor flood events, low intensity land use activities including agricultural and recreational land uses in floodplain areas should be encouraged, and other land uses in these areas discouraged. The need for emergency measures should be reduced or prevented through planning, structural, and nonstructural measures.	Water Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to transmission facility development in flood-prone areas.
	<b>Goal 10 Hazardous Areas. Policy No. 26</b> The public should be protected from personal injury, loss of life, or property damage from environmental hazards. Land use practices in hazard areas should not cause or exacerbate natural processes which endanger the lives, property and resources of citizens. Undevelopable hazardous areas should be utilized as open space whenever possible.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to transmission facility development in hazardous areas.
	<b>Goal 11b, Policy No. 28</b> To reduce light pollution while meeting the needs for public safety, encourage the use of reflectors and appropriate aiming on new outdoor lighting to minimize the upward scattering of light. Performance standards for commercial lighting should be developed which minimize night glare and hours of operation at the minimum level to protect property and public safety.	Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers implementing best management practices and appropriate design features to minimize light pollution.
Environment and Open Space Goals	<b>Goal 11c, Policy No. 29</b> Noise pollution should be reduced by providing for appropriate densities in rural areas and buffers between residential and non-residential land uses in urban areas. Street trees and landscaping should be required to filter dust, reduce glare, and diffuse noise in commercial areas.	Noise	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers adjacent uses and incorporates adequate noise buffering techniques.

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Transportation	<b>Goal 14d, Policy No. 37</b> Open space should be retained in a natural state where possible to protect intrinsic functions and values.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it preserves open space habitat to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Goal 4a, Policy 16</b> Maintain air transportation as a safe, efficient, economical, and environmentally acceptable travel mode serving the needs of County citizens.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the operation of civilian airports.
	<b>Goal 4c, Policy 18</b> Coordinate land use development in and adjacent to public use airports to reduce hazards that may endanger the lives and property of the public and aviation users and to protect the viability of Clallam County’s public use general aviation airports.	Land and Shoreline Use; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with Clallam County to ensure the siting of transmission facilities protects the viability of Clallam County’s general aviation airports.
	<b>Goal 4f, Policy 21</b> Discourage siting of incompatible land uses around public use airports. Pursue a balance between this requirement and other goals of the Growth Management Act including, but not limited to, protection of private property rights, providing adequate housing, and appropriate economic development in rural and urban areas.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to the siting of transmission facilities near airports.
	<b>Goal 4g, Policy 22</b> Protect navigable airspace, as provided in Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 14 Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 77 – Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace, from obstructions that are of sufficient height as to constitute a danger to aircraft flight. See Figure 31.02.420(A) for an illustration of objects penetrating FAR Part 77 airspace.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations regarding protecting navigable airspace.
	<b>Goal 4k, Policy 26</b> Discourage airport hazards including, but not limited to, the siting of land uses adjacent to airports that foster an increase in bird or wildlife populations, create visual hazards, discharge emissions of any particulate matter in the air that could impair airport operations, emit electrical transmissions that would interfere with aviation communications and/or instrument landing systems, or otherwise obstruct or conflict with aircraft patterns or result in potential hazards to aviation.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers airport hazards in the design of the transmission facilities to avoid obstruction or conflict with aircraft patterns.
Utilities	<b>Goal 3</b> Utility lines shall be underground for new land divisions. The County, city and service providers should work to place existing above-ground utility lines underground along major highway corridors inside urban growth areas.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it prioritizes underground transmission facilities where feasible.

# A3.9-1.6 Clark County (August 2023)

Clark County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by December 31, 2025.

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Rural Areas	<b>Policy 3.1.10</b> Activities in rural areas shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the Clark County Shoreline Master Program, if in shoreline jurisdiction.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the Clark County SMP.

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Forest Lands	<b>Goal 3.4</b> To maintain and enhance the conservation of productive forestlands and discourage incompatible uses associated with forestry activities.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on productive forest lands to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy 3.4.1</b> Forest lands as designated in the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map shall be managed primarily for the conservation of long-term commercial significant forest lands for productive economic use.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on productive forest lands to the greatest extent practicable.
Agriculture Lands	<b>Goal 3.5</b> To maintain and enhance productive agriculture lands and minimize incompatibilities with adjacent uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on productive agricultural lands to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy 3.5.1</b> Agriculture lands as designated in the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map shall be managed primarily for the conservation of long-term commercial significant agriculture lands for productive economic use.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on productive agricultural lands to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy 3.5.6</b> Agriculture activities shall be encouraged by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ limiting residential development in or near agricultural areas;</li><li>▪ limiting public services and facilities which lead to the conversion of agricultural lands to non-resource uses;</li><li>▪ maintaining public roads in capital improvement plans to accommodate the transport of agricultural commodities;</li><li>▪ cooperative resource management among agricultural land owners, environmental groups, state and federal resource agencies and federally recognized Native American tribes for managing the county’s public and private agricultural lands;</li><li>▪ supporting land trades that result in consolidated agricultural ownership;</li><li>▪ encouraging the maintenance of agricultural lands in current use property tax classifications, including those classifications as provided for in RCW 84.34 and CCC Chapter 3.08;</li><li>▪ working with agricultural landowners and managers to identify and develop other incentives for continued farming; and,</li><li>▪ encouraging agricultural land use as a clean industry incorporating tax breaks, right to farm, purchase of development rights, transfer of development rights and other economic means and develop strategies to support farming practices.</li></ul>	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on productive agricultural lands to the greatest extent practicable.
Mineral Lands	<b>Goal 3.6</b> To protect and ensure appropriate use of gravel and mineral resources of the county and minimize conflict between surface mining and surrounding land uses.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on or adjacent to lands with designated mineral resource lands to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy 3.6.4</b> Ensure that the use of adjacent lands will not interfere with the continued use of designated Mineral Resources lands for the extraction of minerals in the accustomed manner and in accordance with best management practices.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on or adjacent to lands with designated mineral resource lands to the greatest extent practicable.

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Environmental Element	<b>Policy 4.2.4</b> Reduce risk to life and property from hazards associated with development in geologically hazardous and floodplain areas by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>prohibiting or discouraging development in areas of steep slopes or other areas with high potential for geological hazards;</li><li>limiting the removal of vegetation during development in order to reduce storm runoff and erosion;</li><li>requiring geotechnical studies to determine construction methods and technologies necessary to further public safety in geologically hazardous areas including landslide areas and steep slopes. Development design and construction technology used shall be appropriate to the soil limitations of the particular site; and,</li><li>prohibiting development in the floodway. In the flood fringe, development impacts shall be mitigated through the use of appropriate construction designs, methods and timing. Floodplain functions will be protected to the extent possible.</li></ul>	Earth Resources; Public Health and Safety; Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts associated with geologic hazards and flooding.
	<b>4.2.5</b> Limit clearing of vegetation from stream banks and restore the integrity of stream banks where degraded by development.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts resulting from clearing of vegetation along stream banks.
	<b>4.2.6</b> Encourage the use of northwest native plants in landscaping, particularly adjacent to critical areas and discourage the use of invasive non-natives (e.g., English ivy).	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the use of native planting for revegetation and landscaping, particularly adjacent to critical areas.
	<b>4.2.7</b> Coordinate with other jurisdictions and agencies to protect environmentally critical lands, particularly ecosystems and watershed processes that span jurisdictional boundaries. Encourage consistency regarding methods of critical area definition, mapping, mitigation strategies and policy treatment.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers early coordination with the county and other jurisdictions and agencies to identify and resolve potential conflicts with environmentally critical lands.
	<b>4.3.1</b> In cooperation with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), establish appropriate avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures that functionally replace or improve affected species habitat.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with WDFW to establish appropriate measures because of potential impacts on affected species habitat.
	<b>4.3.2</b> Solicit review assistance from the (WDFW) for development proposals directly affecting state or federal sensitive, threatened, or endangered species.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates, as appropriate, with WDFW to ensure effective analysis of potential impacts on state or federally listed species.
	<b>4.4.1</b> Restore and maintain properly functioning ecosystem conditions for salmonids in all county waters. Implement recovery plans adopted by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the ecosystems that support salmonids. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements recovery plans as necessary.
	<b>4.6.2</b> Maintain stormwater standards substantially equivalent to those in the Washington State Department of Ecology Stormwater Management Manual and continue to monitor and update the stormwater control ordinance and related policies and standards to reduce on-site run-off that implement and enhance stormwater management.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) Stormwater Management Manual and implements measures to protect water quality.
	<b>4.6.4</b> Limit the clearing of vegetation in order to reduce storm water runoff and erosion.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes the amount of vegetation clearing needed during construction to reduce stormwater runoff and erosion.



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Environment and Open Space Goals	<b>4.7.1</b> Clark County's Shoreline Master Program as included in Chapter 13 of this comprehensive plan and as codified in CCC Chapter 40.460 shall be implemented to protect and enhance the shorelines of Clark County.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the goals and policies outlined in Clark County's SMP.
	<b>Goal 4.9</b> Maintain and enhance the region's air quality.	Air Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures construction and operation of transmission facilities minimize potential impacts on air quality to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Goal 4.10</b> Minimize property damage from geological hazards and flooding.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas with geological hazards and flooding and/or mitigates potential impacts on property.
Public Services and Utilities	<b>6.8.1</b> Encourage location of underground transmission lines within rights-of-way.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes locating underground transmission facilities within rights-of-way.
	<b>6.8.2</b> Maintain policies for the siting of substation facilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the policies in place regarding the siting of substation facilities.
	<b>6.8.5</b> Encourage and coordinate with other utility providers in the provision of electric, gas, telecommunications and cable.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers coordinating with other utility providers early in the planning and development process.

## A3.9-1.7 Columbia County (March 2023)

Columbia County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by June 30, 2027.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Support of Agriculture	<b>Goal A</b> Support and protect agriculture in Columbia County.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural land in Columbia County.
	<b>Policy A2</b> Buffer zones or strips should be provided between agricultural areas and conflicting use types.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements appropriate buffer zones and/or strips between agricultural areas and transmission facilities.
Land Distribution	<b>Goal C</b> Ensure that land uses are compatible with surrounding uses that maintain public health, safety, and general welfare.	Land and Shoreline Use; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facilities are compatible with the surrounding area to ensure the county can maintain public health, safety, and general welfare.
	<b>Policy C10</b> Protect and enforce state and local regulations of the established floodplain and floodway zones within the boundaries of Columbia County.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with state and local floodplain and floodway regulations.
Rural Character	<b>Policy D3</b> Preserve the historical elements of the County, i.e., cemeteries, buildings, and trees.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on historical resources.

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	<b>Policy E13</b> Limit non-residential uses in rural areas that are primarily residential to those that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Do not result in heavy traffic, noise, smoke, or other significant adverse impacts</li><li>Do not require public services beyond those appropriate in rural areas</li><li>Provide convenient local services for nearby residents</li><li>Require location in a rural area residential community (for example, some utility installations)</li></ul>	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development in rural areas is not inconsistent with the limitations provided in this policy.
	<b>Policy E14</b> The County should ensure that the new rural development has visual compatibility with the surrounding rural area.	Visual Quality	Ensure the design of transmission facilities is compatible with the rural area.
Resource Protection	<b>Goal I</b> To provide for an effective stewardship of the environment, protect Critical Areas, conserve agricultural, forest, and mineral lands for resource production, and conserve air, water, cultural, and energy resources.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facility development does not impede the productivity of critical areas and agricultural, forest, and mineral lands and conserves air, water, cultural, and energy resources.
	<b>Policy I1</b> Rural development shall minimize potential adverse impacts to water quality, slope stability, vegetation, wildlife, and aquatic life as implemented through the County’s critical Area codes, Shoreline Master Program, and hydrology manual. Actively implement development regulations, such as the County’s Critical Areas code and Shoreline Master Program, consistent with the policies of this Comprehensive Plan and the recently updated regulations and ensure the protection of the attributes, functions, and amenities of cultural resources and the conservation of agricultural, forest, and mineral lands.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on county critical areas, wildlife, and aquatic life by ensuring consistency with the CAO, SMP, hydrology manual, and Comprehensive Plan.
	<b>Policy I3</b> Ensure compatibility of land use with topography, geology, soil suitability, surface water, groundwater, frequently flooded areas, wetlands, climate, scenic and cultural resources, and vegetation and wildlife.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development is compatible with the natural environment.
	<b>Policy I7</b> Maintain and enhance natural resource-based industries, including productive timber, agricultural, mineral, and fisheries industries.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural resource-based industries.
	<b>Policy I8</b> Ensure land-use regulations, such as the zoning and Critical Areas code, prevent future development from creating additional impacts upon Critical Areas or further advancing the likelihood of hazards in Critical Areas such as frequently flooded areas or geologically hazardous areas.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts and contributions to hazards in critical areas.
	<b>Policy I13</b> Support and encourage the use of and application of Firewise principles and other fire risk reduction measures to reduce fire risk for urban development, urban subdivisions, rural subdivisions, and large rural developments susceptible to wildfires. Encourage the implementation of the Firewise principles, or similar best management measures, applicable to individual lots on all lots at risk from wildfires.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements Firewise principles and other fire risk reduction measures to reduce fire risk.
	<b>Policy K2</b> Encourage the retention of open space and development of recreational opportunities, conserve fish and wildlife habitat, increase access to natural resource lands and water, and develop parks.	Recreation; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers retaining open space to the greatest extent practicable and providing recreation opportunities.

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	<b>Goal M</b> Preserve the County’s historical resources.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on significant cultural resources.
	<b>Policy M1</b> Encourage the protection and preservation of significant historical, archaeological, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural resources.	Visual Quality; Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on significant cultural and visual resources.
	<b>Goal O</b> To protect the interests and priorities of the County, create a process to identify, coordinate, and assist in resolving land use conflicts within the MTRs in all areas of the County to ensure new development is compatible with military operations and to safeguard mission training requirements and support military readiness. Sustain public health, safety, and general welfare while fostering viability of the MTRs in support of national defense.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it coordinates with the county to ensure transmission facility development is compatible with military operations.
Resource Protection	<b>Policy O1</b> Ensure that all future development located within the MTRs is compatible with the military use of the airspace by establishing discretionary land use controls that limit height of new structures.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if the development of transmission facilities is consistent with the height requirements required by military and airspace uses.
	<b>Policy O2</b> Use the zoning ordinance (including but not limited to discretionary use permit and variance provisions) to require discretionary review of all proposed development projects within the MTRs that may produce height obstructions that could impact military operations.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it uses early planning to obtain discretionary approval of height restrictions.
	<b>Policy P2</b> Do not preclude the siting of essential public facilities but generate standards to ensure that reasonable compatibility with other land uses can be achieved.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development is consistent with standards for compatible land use planning.
	<b>Goal P</b> To ensure that public facilities are located so as to protect environmental quality, optimize access and usefulness to all jurisdictions, and equitably distribute economic benefits/burdens throughout the County.	Public Services and Utilities; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on environmental quality.
	<b>Policy 3</b> When essential public facilities are proposed, the potentially-affected city(s) and/or town(s) and the County shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Appoint an Advisory Project Analysis and Site Evaluation Committee composed of citizen members and government representatives selected to represent a broad range of interest groups. The committee shall develop specific siting criteria for the proposed project and identify, analyze, and rank potential project sites if possible. In addition, the committee shall establish a reasonable time frame for completion of the task.</li><li>▪ Ensure public involvement through the use of timely press releases, newspaper notices, public information meetings, and public hearings.</li><li>▪ Notify adjacent cities and towns and other governmental entities of the proposed project and solicit review and comment on the recommendations made by the Advisory Project Analysis and Site Evaluation Committee.</li></ul>	Public Services and Utilities; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s regulatory process for siting and design of transmission facilities.



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Resource Protection	<p><b>Policy 4</b> In siting of essential public facilities, the Advisory Project Analysis and Site Evaluation Committee shall consider at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Essential public facilities shall be developed in a timely, orderly, and efficient arrangement, and be so located as not to adversely affect the safety, health, or welfare of the citizens residing around or near the facility.</li><li>▪ Essential public facilities sited near existing public water and sewer services shall be required to use such services.</li><li>▪ Essential public facilities sited where public water and sewer services are not immediately available shall be required to be constructed so as to be able to be serviced by public water and sewer services when they are available and, further, the essential public facilities shall be required to connect to such water and sewer services when they are available.</li><li>▪ Land adjacent to existing and proposed essential public facilities that may be developed in the future shall be compatible with such uses.</li><li>▪ Proposed essential public facilities shall be compatible with existing land uses.</li><li>▪ Adequate fire protection water supplies shall be required in all developed areas where essential public facilities may be sited.</li><li>▪ Undesigned landfills, dredging, waste discharges, and other activities with potential deleterious environmental impacts shall be controlled with appropriate rules and regulations adopted and enforced by the jurisdiction with authority.</li><li>▪ Essential public facilities shall not be located in Resource Lands or Critical Areas if incompatible.</li><li>▪ Essential public facilities shall not be located outside of UGAs unless they are self-contained and do not require the extension of urban governmental services.</li></ul>	Public Services and Utilities; Public Health and Safety	Consider the county’s evaluation process for siting and design of transmission facilities.
	<p><b>Policy B4</b> Locate Public Services and Utilities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) maximize the efficiency of services provided,</li><li>b) minimize their costs, and</li><li>c) minimize their impacts upon the natural environment, particularly to Critical Areas.</li></ul>	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers siting transmission facilities as outlined in this policy.
Utility Element	<p><b>Goal A</b> Process permits and approvals for utility facilities in a fair and timely manner and in accord with the development regulations to encourage predictability.</p>	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it coordinates with the county to determine the permitting and approval process for utility facilities.
	<p><b>Policy A1</b> Promote, when reasonably feasible, co-location of new public and private utility distribution facilities in shared trenches and coordination of construction timing to minimize construction-related disruptions and reduce the cost of utility delivery.</p>	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers co-locating transmission facility development in shared trenching and coordinates construction timing.
Utility Element	<p><b>Policy A2</b> Provide timely effective notice to utilities to encourage coordination of public and private utility trenching activities for new construction and maintenance and repair of existing roads.</p>	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with other utilities to identify potential upgrades, maintenance, and repairs.

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	<b>Policy A5</b> The County should ensure that all maintenance, repair, installation, and replacement activities by utilities are consistent with the County’s Critical Areas code.	Public Services and Utilities	Avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate potential impacts on the county’s critical areas.
	<b>Policy A6</b> The County should encourage system design practices intended to minimize the number and duration of interruptions to customer service.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers system design practices to minimize the number and duration of utility interruptions.
	<b>Goal B</b> Facilitate the provision of utilities that are environmentally-sensitive, safe and reliable, aesthetically-compatible with the surrounding land uses, and available at a reasonable economic cost.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facility development is environmentally sensitive, safe and reliable, and aesthetically compatible with the surrounding land uses.
	<b>Policy C3</b> Ensure that the Comprehensive Plan designates areas available for the location of utility facilities.	Land and Shoreline Use; Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the designated areas available for the location of utility facilities identified in the Comprehensive Plan.
	<b>Policy C5</b> Coordinate with the military experts to site renewable energy facilities in a manner that does not significantly impact military operations. Give due consideration to issues including, equipment testing and operation, personnel training, and flight operations. Facilitate collaboration between stakeholders to ensure balanced and compatible land use priorities.	Land and Shoreline Use; Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with military experts to ensure transmission facility development does not significantly impact military operations.

## A3.9-1.8 Cowlitz County (2017)

Cowlitz County is considered a Partially Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by December 31, 2026.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Natural Environment and Resources	<b>Goal NER.1</b> Manage the natural environment to protect critical areas and sufficient land, air, water, and energy resources.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids construction and operation practices that result in an insufficient use of land, air, water, and energy resources.
	<b>Policy NER 1.4</b> Avoid clearing of native vegetation that maintains slope stability, reduces erosion, shades shorelines, buffers wetlands and stream corridors, and provides wildlife and aquatic habitat.	Earth Resources; Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to vegetation removal that are pertinent to viable earth and water resources, such as shaded shorelines, wetland buffers, and vegetation, that is pertinent to reducing erosion.
	<b>Policy NER 1.6</b> Encourage the removal of invasive plant species through non-mechanical and non-herbicidal means, especially within critical areas and associated buffers.	Vegetation; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers removing invasive plants by nonmechanical and nonherbicidal means, especially within critical areas and associated buffers.
	<b>Policy NER 1.7</b> Ensure prompt restoration of land after grading and vegetation removal through phased clearing and grading, replanting requirements, and other appropriate re-vegetation and engineering techniques.	Vegetation; Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements prompt and appropriate revegetation plans once construction is completed.

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	<b>Goal NER.3</b> Minimize the loss of life and property from landslides, seismic, volcanic, or other naturally occurring events, and minimize or eliminate, whenever possible, land use impacts on geologically hazardous areas.	Earth Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in geologically hazardous areas to reduce the risk of loss of life and property.
	<b>Goal NER.4</b> Protect the human environment and fish and wildlife habitats, including salmon habitat, by preserving, restoring, and enhancing critical areas; and linking habitat within ecosystems.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids development that would have impacts on critical areas and/or would disrupt linkages within habitats and ecosystems.
Land Use	<b>Policy LU 11.4</b> Consider compatibility issues and seek to reduce conflict during review of development proposals adjacent to lands used for agriculture or timber management.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers early coordination with the county to identify and resolve potential land use compatibility conflicts.
Parks, Trails, and Recreation	<b>Policy PTR 3.1</b> Encourage preservation and enhancement of identified distinctive areas, sites, structures and objects of historic, cultural, architectural and archaeological significance.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on cultural resources.
	<b>Policy PTR 3.2</b> Seek compatibility between existing and proposed uses during development review on or adjacent to identified areas, sites, structures and objects of historic, cultural, architectural and archaeological significance.	Land and Shoreline Use; Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures compatibility with existing identified historic and cultural resources.
Public Services, Facilities, and Utilities Element	<b>Policy PSFU 2.3</b> Encourage joint planning for construction of linear infrastructure such as transportation, water, sewer, power, and telecommunications.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers early coordination with other utility providers for joint planning efforts.
	<b>Policy PSFU 2.4</b> Encourage utility facilities within or adjacent to public rights-of-way and encourage undergrounding of distribution lines in accordance with state rules and regulations.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers siting transmission facilities underground and within or adjacent to existing public rights-of-way.
	<b>Policy PSFU 3.3</b> Encourage the joint use of utility corridors and facilities by multiple utility service providers, provided such joint use is consistent with applicable law and prudent utility practice.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers siting transmission facilities within utility corridors that are used by multiple utility service providers.
	<b>Goal PFSU 12</b> Encourage the placement of new Electrical Facilities to best serve developing areas.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers siting transmission facilities near developing areas within the county.
	<b>Policy PSFU 12.2</b> Encourage the location of power substations in non-residential areas and those least susceptible to flooding, earthquake damage and other natural hazards.	Public Services and Utilities; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers siting transmission substations away from residential areas and high-risk areas for natural hazards.
	<b>Policy PSFU 12.3</b> Encourage the undergrounding of existing and proposed electrical facilities at the time of new development.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes undergrounding of transmission lines, where feasible.

# A3.9-1.9 Douglas County (September 2021)

Douglas County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by December 31, 2026.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Land Use	<b>Policy G-11</b> Establish siting and design criteria to provide buffering or other mechanisms that will protect adjacent land uses from potential conflicts between incompatible uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements buffering techniques to minimize potential conflicts with adjacent land uses.
Agriculture	<b>Policy A-3</b> Protect agricultural lands and activities from conflicting non-farm uses and influences.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural lands and farming activities to the greatest extent possible.
Mineral	<b>Policy M-1</b> The County will encourage the retention and protection of long-term mineral resource sites of commercial grade aggregate for new development, roads and other uses, provided mineral resources sites can be located and developed consistent with plan policies.	Earth Resources	Avoid and/or minimize siting transmission facilities on designated mineral resource lands of commercial significance and ensure transmission facility development would not interfere with mining activity uses.
Capital Facilities	<b>Policy CF-8</b> Require developments to pay for their fair share of impacts to capital facilities, and condition their approval to maintain adopted levels of service standards.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with local municipalities to accurately identify necessary impact fees and associated adopted performance standards.
Utilities	<b>Policy U-6</b> Promote multi-jurisdictional cooperation between cities, the County, special purpose purveyors and other private utilities for utility planning and implementation.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers coordinating with other cities and counties for utility planning and implementation.
	<b>Policy U-10</b> Promote the continued use, maintenance, development and revitalization of existing utilities whenever possible.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers upgrading and/or modifying existing utilities to the maximum extent practicable.
	<b>Policy U-11</b> Encourage the siting of utilities and utility corridors within rights of way.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers siting transmission facilities within existing rights-of-way.
	<b>Policy U-15</b> The provision of electrical power to Douglas County users should be given top priority before selling power to outside entities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers providing electrical power to Douglas County as part of the project-specific application.
Wetlands	<b>Policy CA-1</b> Protection of and preservation of wetlands shall be preferred to alteration and mitigation of impacts to wetlands.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids the alteration of wetlands and mitigates only when all other alternatives are deemed infeasible.
	<b>Policy CA-5</b> Wetlands will be protected as much as reasonable from alterations due to land use changes that may create adverse impacts to the wetland.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids the alteration of wetlands and mitigates only when all other alternatives are deemed infeasible.
	<b>Policy CA-8</b> Development proposals that encompass wetland areas will have a site-specific review process required to determine the classification.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers early planning when transmission facility development has the potential to impact wetland areas. If wetland areas are to be impacted, a project should comply with the site-specific review process outlined by the county.
	<b>Policy CA-9</b> Projects containing a wetland should submit a comprehensive wetland mitigation plan that includes sufficient monitoring and contingencies to ensure natural wetland persistence.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it develops and implements a comprehensive and timely wetland mitigation plan as necessary.



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	<b>Policy CA-10</b> Activities or uses that would strip the shoreline of vegetative cover, cause substantial erosion or sedimentation, or significantly, adversely affect aquatic life will be prohibited.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures that transmission facility construction and development would not remove vegetative cover along the shoreline, cause substantial erosion or sedimentation, or significantly adversely affect aquatic life.
	<b>Policy CA-11</b> A wetland buffer area of adequate width will be maintained between wetlands and adjacent new development to protect the functions and integrity of the wetland. The ultimate width of the established buffer should be based on the function and sensitivity of the wetland, the characteristics of the existing buffer, the potential impacts associated with the adjacent and proposed land use, as well as other existing regulations which may control the proposed activity.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it provides and maintains an adequate buffer between wetlands and transmission facility development, as identified by the county.
Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation	<b>Policy CA-13</b> Impacts of new development on the quality of land, wildlife and vegetative resources will be considered as part of the environmental review process and require any appropriate mitigating measures. Such mitigation may involve the retention and/or enhancement of habitats.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wildlife and vegetative resources to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy CA-14</b> The maximum amount of vegetation should be maintained in its natural state and be disturbed only as minimally necessary for the development. Disturbed areas should be re-vegetated with native vegetation as soon as possible. Re-vegetation will be maintained in good growing conditions, as well as being kept free of noxious weeds.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it maintains native vegetation to the greatest extent possible. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements prompt and appropriate revegetation plans once construction is completed.
Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation	<b>Policy CA-16</b> Fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas should be considered during the review for development. Preservation of blocks of habitat and connectivity between them and restoration of damaged habitat should be included as part of the review. Where a development proposal involves more intense uses, such as MPRs, all or part of the required open space (common and/or private) will be dedicated to fish and wildlife habitat conservation based on the extent and importance of the habitat.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, particularly large blocks of habitat and linkages.
Aquifer Recharge	<b>Policy CA-28</b> It is the responsibility of the developer(s) to prove that their proposal would not adversely affect the recharge of an aquifer.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it identifies and avoids potential impacts on the recharge of an aquifer. If necessary, a project should develop adequate mitigation measures to ensure the proposed activity would not have an adverse effect on the aquifer.
	<b>Policy CA-30</b> Development which could substantially and negatively impact the quality of an aquifer will not be allowed unless it can be demonstrated conclusively that these negative impacts would be overcome in such a manner as to prevent the adverse impacts. Alternative site designs, phased developed and/or groundwater quality monitoring may be required to reduce contaminant loading where site conditions indicate that the proposed action will measurably degrade groundwater quality.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures development of transmission facilities would not have a potential adverse impact on aquifers. As required, a project provide alternative site designs and adequately demonstrate any negative impacts can be reduced to prevent adverse impacts.
Flooded Areas	<b>Policy CA-38</b> Prevent the development of structures in areas unfit for human usage due to danger from flooding, unsanitary conditions, or other hazards.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids development in areas prone to hazards, particularly flood hazards.

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Geologically Hazardous Areas	<b>Policy CA-42</b> Development proposals should be evaluated to determine 1) whether the proposal is located in a geologic hazard area, 2) the project's potential impact on geologic hazard areas, and 3) the potential impact of geologic hazards on the proposed project.	Earth Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids development in geologically hazardous areas. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it develops and implements avoidance and minimization measures to ensure the project would not result in a potential adverse impact.
	<b>Policy CA-43</b> Where feasible, an adequate buffer of existing vegetation should be maintained around all sides of geologic hazard areas to maintain the natural integrity of the site and to protect the environment, and the public health and safety.	Earth Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on geological hazard areas by maintaining a buffer of existing vegetation around the identified area.
	<b>Policy CA-44</b> At such time there are volcanic or seismic hazards identified and mapped in the County, any application for development in or near that area must show its location in relation to the hazard area, and/or it must be designed so that it will be as safe from any earthquake damage as a similar development which is not located in a seismic hazard area.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in geologically hazardous areas.
	<b>Policy CA-45</b> At such time there is a mine hazard identified and mapped in the County, any application for development in or near that area must show it's location in relation to the hazard area, and/or it must be designed so that it will be as safe from damage from the mine hazard as a similar development which is not located in a mine hazard area.	Public Health and Safety; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in or near a mine hazard areas and/or ensures the development is designed as safe from damage from the mine hazard as a similar development that is not located in a mine hazard area.
Geologically Hazardous Areas	<b>Policy CA-47</b> Applications for development within or in close proximity of a geologically hazardous area shall include preliminary information to assist the County in determining the need for any specialized reports from a geologist or geo-technical engineer. Review criteria will be established to assist county staff in making said determination.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it includes preliminary site information in project-specific applications should development occur within or near geologically hazardous areas.
	<b>Policy CA-48</b> All proposed development projects located within a geologic hazard area, or that have the potential to adversely affect the stability of one of these areas, may be required to provide studies performed by qualified consultants describing the existing nature of the hazard and necessary safety precautions. The subsequent report from the geo-technical engineer and/or geologist should clearly identify the risk of damage from the project, both on-site and off-site, whether the proposal increases the risk of occurrence of the hazard, and whether the proposal has incorporated measures to eliminate or reduce the risk of damage due to the hazard.	Earth Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prepares geotechnical studies describing the existing nature of the hazard and necessary safety precautions should development occur within or near geologically hazardous areas.
Pangborn Memorial Airport	<b>Policy PA-1</b> Ensure that public or private development around existing airports allows the continued use of that facility as an airport. Land within aircraft approach and departure zones will be protected from inappropriate development.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development does not preclude the continued use of airports and is consistent with applicable FAA standards and regulations.
	<b>Policy PA-5</b> Land use proposals, structures, or objects that would interfere with the safe operation of aircraft will be examined for compatibility as defined in CFR Title 14, FAR Part 77 and FAA Terminal Instrument Procedures (TERPS) Chapter 12, and WA 31. The object is to permit land uses which allow safe aircraft operations as defined in the documents referenced above.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development is consistent with FAA standards, where applicable.

# A3.9-1.10 Ferry County (September 2012)

Ferry County is considered a Partially Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by June 30, 2027.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Land Use and Rural	<b>Goal L2</b> Preserve agricultural lands of long term commercial significance.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance.
	<b>Goal L3</b> Preserve natural resources throughout the county and offer special protection to areas designated as critical areas, or environmentally sensitive areas.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural resources, specifically critical and environmentally sensitive areas.
	<b>Policy L15</b> Encourage the protection of the county's unique scenic beauty through compliance with various county ordinances and regulations.	Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the county's unique scenic beauty by implementing applicable county ordinances and regulations.
	<b>Policy L17</b> Protect and preserve the quality and quantity of ground and surface water resources through enforced compliance with Ferry County Shorelines Management Plan, Ferry County Comprehensive Plan, Ferry County Floodplain Ordinance, and other water quality management guidelines.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on ground and surface water resources and complies with applicable management plans.
Land Use and Rural	<b>Policy L19</b> Work with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to take measures to protect the habitat of wildlife in Ferry County, especially those listed on the endangered species list.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers early coordination with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to identify measures required to protect wildlife habitat.
Heritage	<b>Policy HE1</b> Protect private property rights when environmental protection necessitates use of private land.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on private property.
	<b>Policy HE2</b> Promote the protection of the physical environment and conservation of fish and wildlife.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the physical environment.
	<b>Goal HE2</b> Support multiple use on public lands. Require federal and state agencies to abide by existing laws which instruct them to conduct joint planning with the county for proposals on federal and state lands within the county.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures coordination with the county for a project-specific application on federal and state lands.
	<b>Goal HE3</b> To avoid the loss of archaeological and historic information.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on archaeological and historic resources.
	<b>Policy HE4</b> Conform to state laws and guidelines, until such a time that Ferry County develops its own ordinance.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with appropriate state laws and guidelines as they relate to historic and cultural resources.
Economic Development	<b>Policy E7</b> Promote and protect the historical and archaeological features of Ferry County.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on archaeological and historic resources.
	<b>Goal E4</b> Recreation and tourism are an integral part of the economy of Ferry County. The goal for recreational land is to encourage and	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers providing recreational facilities along transmission facility corridors to support multiple uses where practicable.

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	accommodate as many diverse recreational activities and areas as possible that are compatible with other land uses.		
	<b>Policy E12</b> Promote the natural resources and beauty of the area.	Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on significant natural and scenic features.
	<b>Policy E17</b> Support the goals of the Ferry County Parks and Recreation Districts.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the goals of the Ferry County Parks and Recreation District.
Critical Areas	<b>Goal 7.4.3</b> The County’s goal is to protect wetlands with a no net loss of wetland area or function; to ensure continuation of their natural functions; to encourage conservation rather than replacement of wetlands in the best economic interest of landowners and residents; and to protect private property rights and ensure that no reasonable use of property will be denied without just compensation nor without due process of law. In those cases where property rights conflict with the County’s goal of protecting wetlands, wetland impacts may include restoration, enhancement, creation or off-site compensation for a loss of wetland functions and values.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands to ensure no net loss of wetland area or function.
	<b>Goal 7.4.7</b> The goals of the Comprehensive Plan is to identify and designate the Flood Plain areas within Ferry County, as well as other critical areas, such as shoreline, and wetlands, protect them from further degradation, provide for public participation, and protect private property rights.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on floodplain areas and other critical water resource areas.
	<b>Goal 7.4.16</b> To protect and maintain the fish and wildlife habitat resources which are under the jurisdiction of Ferry County.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in fish and wildlife habitat resource areas.
Critical Areas	<b>Policy 7.4.16</b> Incorporate cooperative, coordinated and reasonable land-use planning consistent with the County’s discretion and authority to balance and prioritize the goals of chapter 36.70A RCW.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with Chapter 36.70A RCW to protect and maintain habitat, wildlife, and fish.
	<b>Goal 7.4.26</b> 1. Avoid potential disasters which damage homes and property, degrade water quality and quantity, and increase flood hazards. Determine characteristics in soil, slope and geology that will indicate areas where development should be prohibited, restricted or controlled. 2. Prevent or control hazards such as open mine workings, portals, shafts, and other open holes that may present significant risk of harm to individuals, wildlife, and livestock. Where these features may adversely affect water quality, mitigate the conditions.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts associated with geologic and mine hazards.
	<b>Goal 7.4.29</b> Maintain and enhance natural resource-based industries in the county and provide for the stewardship and productive use of agricultural, forest, and mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance.	Land and Shoreline Use; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural, forest, and mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance.
	<b>Policy 7.4.30</b> Ensure that the use of lands adjacent to agricultural, forest or mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance does not interfere with the continued use, in the accustomed manner and in accordance with best management practice, of the designated lands.	Land and Shoreline Use; Vegetation, Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural, forest, and mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance.



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	Goal 7.4.32 1. Maintain and enhance the agricultural resource-based industries in the county and provide for the stewardship and productive use of agricultural resource lands of long-term commercial significance. 2. To conserve agricultural lands for continued agricultural use, regardless of designation or soil types	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on agricultural lands to the greatest extent practicable.
	Goal 7.4.36 1. Preserve and protect forest lands, particularly forest lands of long-term commercial significance from activities that would adversely affect the primary use of forest land from commercial forest management. 2. Minimize the loss of forest land acreage, function, and values through a combination of land use and development regulation and non-regulatory means such as public education, technical assistance to land owners, and tax incentives.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on forest lands to the greatest extent practicable.
	Goal 7.4.40 To conserve mineral lands, and protect mineral lands of long-term commercial significance for economic production, and to minimize loss of paleontological information.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on mineral resource lands with long-term commercial significance. Furthermore, a project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it minimizes and/or mitigates impacts on paleontological resources.

## A3.9-1.11 Franklin County (June 2021)

Franklin County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by December 31, 2026.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Land Use Element	Goal 3 Encourage the maintenance, preservation, conservation, and otherwise continue in existence adequate open space lands for the production of food and fiber and to assure the use and enjoyment of natural resources.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in open lands capable of producing food and fiber to the greatest extent practicable.
	Goal 5 Policy 3 Review applications for Conditional Use Permits for potential conflicts with surrounding farming activities and operations.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures that development of transmission facilities would not conflict with agricultural lands or farming activities.
	Goal 6 Policy 6 Foster a harmonious relationship between the natural and developed environment, and protect scenic view and geological features from intensive development.	Earth Resources; Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the natural environment, scenic views, and geologic features.
	Goal 6 Policy 7 Ensure adequate mitigation, such as buffering and transition requirements, between incompatible land use types.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it incorporates adequate buffering between adjacent lands that are incompatible with transmission facilities.

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	<b>Goal 7</b> Achieve the maximum degree of compatibility between adjacent land uses	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers all adjacent land uses and ensures compatibility to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Goal 7 Policy 1</b> Achieve the maximum degree of compatibility between adjacent land uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers all adjacent land uses and ensures compatibility to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Goal 7 Policy 2</b> Wherever practical, buffering should be employed for the aesthetic enhancement between differing land uses.	Land and Shoreline Use; Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it incorporates adequate buffering between adjacent lands that are incompatible with transmission facilities.
	<b>Goal 8</b> Prevent development which will infringe upon, or be incompatible with, present and future airport uses and operations.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facility development does not preclude the continued use of airports and is consistent with applicable FAA standards and regulations.
	<b>Goal 8 Policy 3</b> Maintain communication with the appropriate personnel when land use proposals, SEPA review, or permits are considered in areas where military training flights occur, that could result in the development of very tall structures, including but not limited to wind turbines.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with appropriate military personnel to ensure transmission facility development does not significantly impact military training operations.
Rural Lands Sub-Element	<b>Goal 1</b> Recognize agriculture as an important economic activity within designated rural areas, protect the right to farm and conserve existing agricultural lands.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural lands and activities within rural areas.
	<b>Goal 1 Policy 2</b> Encourage resource-based, nonagricultural uses to be limited to lands with poor soils or lands otherwise not suitable for agricultural purposes. Non-agricultural uses will not be allowed in agricultural resource areas without site-specific review subject to standards related to protections needed for agricultural uses, and the nature of the proposed non-agricultural use. Discourage land uses that are incompatible with farming activities.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes siting transmission facilities in areas with soils that are not suitable for agricultural purposes.
	<b>Goal 1 Policy 4</b> Land use activities adjacent to commercial farming operations should be located and designed to minimize conflicts with farm-related activities.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural lands and farming activities to the greatest extent possible.
Natural Environment Element	<b>Goal 1</b> Promote the protection, conservation, and restoration of natural areas, shorelines, and critical areas as unique assets to the community and promote non-motorized public access to public lands for enjoyment of such areas based on the ability of the resource to support the use.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural areas, shorelines, and critical areas.
	<b>Goal 1 Policy 3</b> Ensure public access to shorelines on public land, subject to regulations protecting public safety, sensitive habitat areas, and wildlife in accordance with the policies of the Shoreline Master Program.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the policies in the SMP.
	<b>Goal 1 Policy 4</b> Identify rivers, streams, creeks, natural drainage ways, lakes, wetlands, riparian habitats, and fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas and protect their functions and values.	Water Resources; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water resources and fish and wildlife habitat.
	<b>Goal 1 Policy 7</b> Integrate natural areas and critical areas into a linked pattern of open lands where feasible to serve multiple open space functions such as buffers, visual resources, and wildlife habitat corridors and connectivity, specifically maintain connectivity of shrub steppe habitat.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids development that would have impacts on critical areas and/or would disrupt linkages within habitats and ecosystems.

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	<b>Goal 3 Policy 1</b> Limit development in areas with higher risk for natural disaster or geologic hazard unless it can be demonstrated by the project proponent that the development is sited, designed, and engineered for long term structural integrity and that life and property on- and off-site are not subject to increased risk as a result of the development.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids development in geologically hazardous areas, unless it can be demonstrated that the project would not result in a potential adverse impact.
	<b>Goal 3 Policy 2</b> Regulate development in frequently flooded areas in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Program and Ecology guidelines.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with National Flood Insurance Program and Ecology guidelines.
	<b>Goal 3 Policy 3</b> Prevent developments within floodways and inherently unstable slopes as they are not suitable for developments.	Water Resources; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates for development within floodways and unstable slopes.
	<b>Goal 5</b> Development through appropriate design should protect natural features such as rivers, shorelines, and steep slopes.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it protects rivers, shorelines, and steep slopes through appropriate design features and/or measures.
	<b>Goal 5 Policy 1</b> Development should be sensitive to existing topography, landscape, and critical areas, and should avoid, minimize, or mitigate environmental impacts.	Earth Resources; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential environmental impacts on sensitive areas.
	<b>Goal 5 Policy 2</b> Require a dust control plan be submitted to the County whenever ground cover is disturbed in a development.	Air Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prepares and submits a dust control plan where ground cover is disturbed.
	<b>Goal 6 Policy 4</b> Locate new facilities outside of areas vulnerable to the impacts of natural hazards.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas at risk of natural hazards.
	<b>Goal 11 Policy 1</b> Seek opportunities to enhance or preserve natural areas that will attract visitors and foster tourism in Franklin County (i.e. Juniper Dunes, Palouse Falls).	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it protects or enhances natural areas that could attract visitors and tourism.
Historical & Cultural Resources Element	<b>Goal 1</b> Identify and encourage the preservation of lands, sites, and structures that have historical or archaeological significance.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on archaeological and historic resources.
Community Facilities Element	<b>Goal 6 Policy 1</b> Natural wetlands should be maintained as open space areas. A. The Esquatzel Coulee, Smith Canyon and Basin City Bluff, the Ringold Wasteway, and the White Bluffs are some important areas for waterfowl.	Water Resources; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural wetlands and specifically, the important areas identified in the policy for continued use by waterfowl.
	<b>Goal 6 Policy 2</b> Animal migration corridors should be maintained as open space to allow for herd movement. A. There is an area in the northeast corner of the County identified by Washington Fish and Wildlife as the Southern Columbia Basin Mule Deer Concentration Area. B. In the northwest corner of the County, the WBIO Wasteway is a site with concentrations of mule deer.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in migration corridors and/or mitigates to allow for continued herd movement.
	<b>Goal 6 Policy 3</b> Areas which have been identified as nesting areas for endangered species, should be maintained as open space unless already developed. A. Basin City Bluff, the White Bluffs, and Ryle-Grass Coulee-Smith Canyon are some key area areas for nesting habitat.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in nesting areas for endangered species corridors and/or mitigates to allow for continued nesting occurrences.
	<b>Goal 9 Policy 5</b> The Tri-Cities Airport is designated as an essential public facility as described in RCW 36.70A.200. A. Development and planning for lands adjacent to the airport shall be evaluated for consistency with the	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it adheres to WSDOT Aviation Division’s standards and FAA regulations when designing transmission facilities.

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	recommendations contained in the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation Division’s “Airports and Compatible Land Use” publications prepared pursuant to RCW 36.70.547 and RCW 36.70A.510. B. Height restrictions and noise impacts and mitigation are per FAA regulations (14 CFR Part 77 and 150. C. Mitigation measures including, but not limited to, land use or site plan restrictions, buffering, aviation easements or other notices to buyers and sellers shall be required on development projects located within the safety zones identified in the WSDOT criteria.		
Utilities Element	<b>Goal 6</b> Minimize impacts associated with the siting, development, and operation of utility services and facilities on adjacent properties and the natural environment.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on adjacent properties and the natural environment.
	<b>Goal 6 Policy 3</b> Ensure that utility providers utilize the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan in planning for expansion of their facilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan when upgrading or modifying utilities.
	<b>Goal 6 Policy 4</b> Monitor the siting of new utility facilities so as to avoid or mitigate adverse environmental consequences.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures the siting of transmission facilities would avoid and/or mitigate adverse environmental impacts.

## A3.9-1.12 Garfield County and the City of Pomeroy (June 2019)

Garfield County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by June 30, 2027.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Land Use Element	<b>Goal</b> The City and County will ensure that the character and location of land uses optimizes the combined potentials for economic benefit and the enjoyment and protection of natural and cultural resources while minimizing the threat to health, safety and welfare posed by hazards, nuisances, incompatible land uses and environmental degradation through the following:  3. Neighborhood Conservation: Achieve a well balanced and well organized combination of open space, commercial, industrial, recreation and public uses served by a convenient and efficient transportation network while protecting the fabric and character of residential neighborhoods; and  4. Environmental Preservation and Conservation: Ensure the natural and built environments through preservation, conservation and enhancement.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures the siting of transmission facilities is balanced and organized within the city and county. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or mitigates any potential conflicts to land uses and the natural environment.
	<b>Policy 10</b> Protect the city and county from land uses that create adverse environmental impacts.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the environment because of land use conflicts.



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	<b>Policy 12</b> Outside of the Urban Growth Area, the County should carefully consider the impact of commercial development on farm and timberlands. In agriculturally designated lands, commercial, industrial and non-ag uses should be limited to lands with poor, non-productive soils or otherwise not suitable for ag purposes. Encourage development in urban areas where adequate public facilities and services exist or can be provided in an efficient manner.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers siting transmission facilities in areas designated with poor, non-productive soils or that are otherwise not suitable for agricultural purposes.
	<b>Objective D</b> The City and County shall provide for an effective stewardship of the environment, protect critical areas, conserve land, air, water, cultural, historic and energy resources. Safeguard community-wide environmental conditions and resources because these are systems which depend on each other.	Earth Resources	Avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate potential impacts on critical areas, air and water quality, and cultural and historic resources.
	<b>Policy 1</b> The City and County shall continue to amend and adopt land development regulations which ensure the protection of the attributes, functions and amenities of cultural and historic resources and the natural environment under all projected growth scenarios.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it adheres to city and county regulations that protect the cultural resources under projected growth estimations.
	<b>Policy 3</b> The City and County will ensure compatibility of land use with topography, geology, soil suitability, surface water, ground water, frequently flooded areas, wetlands, climate, scenic and cultural resources, and vegetation and wildlife.	Land and Shoreline Use; Water Resources; Earth Resources; Visual Quality; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with city and county land uses pertaining to the natural environment.
	<b>Policy 7</b> Maintain and enhance natural resource-based industries, including productive timber, agricultural, and fisheries industries.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on timber, agricultural, and fishery lands and industries.
Land Use Element	<b>Policy 8</b> Through its Critical Areas Ordinance and other development regulations, the city and county shall designate and protect critical areas using the best available science (BAS) in developing policies to protect the functions and values of critical areas, and giving “special consideration” to conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	Avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate potential impacts on critical areas.
	<b>Policy 9</b> The City and County shall review drainage, flooding, and storm water run-off within the City and County and provide guidance for corrective actions to mitigate or cleanse those discharges that pollute waters of the state.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water quality because of stormwater runoff.
	<b>Policy 10</b> The City and County shall adopt a Critical Areas ordinance which protects aquifer recharge areas, seeking to maintain the quality of the ground water, with particular attention to recharge areas of high susceptibility.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on aquifer recharge and groundwater quality.
	<b>Policy 11</b> The City and County shall adopt a Critical Areas ordinance which identifies frequently flooded areas. Floodplains and other areas subject to flooding perform important hydrologic functions and may present a risk to persons and property. The protective measures should be consistent with FEMA regulations.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in or near frequently flooded areas. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it mitigates potential impacts consistent with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulations.
	<b>Policy 12</b> The City and County shall adopt a Critical Areas ordinance which identifies geologically hazardous areas including areas susceptible to erosion, sliding, earthquake, or other geological events. They pose a threat to the health and safety of citizens when incompatible commercial,	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts associated with geologic hazards and flooding.

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	residential, or industrial development is sited in areas of significant hazard.		
	<b>Policy 13</b> The City and County shall adopt a Critical Areas ordinance which identifies fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas. Fish and wildlife habitat conservation means land management for maintaining species in suitable habitats within their natural geographic distribution.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures appropriate coordination and consultation is conducted per the habitat conservation plans in place at the time of planning and development.
	<b>Policy 14</b> Wetlands, their buffers and their functions shall be protected by the Critical Areas ordinance.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands.
Recreation and Cultural Development	<b>Objective E</b> Maintain and support existing and future recreational and cultural activities through the dedication of properties for such uses.	Recreation; Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on recreational and cultural resources.
	<b>Policy 3</b> Encourage the retention of open space and development of recreational opportunities, conserve fish and wildlife habitat, increase access to natural resource lands and water, and develop parks.	Recreation; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers avoiding and/or retaining open space for recreational and wildlife habitat.
Historic Resources	<b>Objective F</b> Encourage the protection, preservation, and revitalization of significant historic resources in the City through implementation of the City’s historic preservation program and design review process, and establishing a Garfield County preservation program.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on significant historic resources in the city through implementation of the city’s historic preservation program and design review process.
	<b>Policy 1</b> Safeguard the heritage of the City of Pomeroy as represented by those buildings, districts, objects, sites and structures, which reflect significant elements of the City of Pomeroy history.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on significant elements of the City of Pomroy’s history.
Military Training Areas	<b>Objective I</b> Within Garfield County there are several military training routes (MTRs) that function as “highways in the sky” used by military aircraft to practice high-and low-altitude training exercises and define routes used by military aircraft to traverse between military installations. Specifically, the MTR can be defined as a three-dimensional airspace designated for military training and transport activities that have a defined floor (minimum altitude) and ceiling (maximum altitude) above mean sea level (MSL). MTR boundaries and minimum altitudes are depicted in the map on the following page. When planning for new development within Garfield County, it is important to consider the critical role of military training areas in support of national defense.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it considers military training routes when siting transmission facilities and ensures development would not impact national defense operations.
	<b>Policy 1</b> To protect the interests and priorities of the County, create a process to identify, coordinate, and assist in resolving land use incompatibilities within the MTRs in all areas of the County to ensure new development is compatible with military operations and to safeguard mission training requirements and support military readiness.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it adheres to the county’s process in coordinating and resolving land use incompatibilities within military training route (MTR) areas.
Utilities Element	<b>Goal I</b> A. To facilitate the development of all utilities at the appropriate levels of service to accommodate growth that is anticipated to occur in the City and County. B. To facilitate the provision of utilities that are environmentally sensitive, safe and reliable, aesthetically compatible with the surrounding land uses, and available at reasonable economic costs.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers growth projections while ensuring the provision of utilities would be compatible with surrounding uses.

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	C. To process permits and approvals for utility facilities in a fair and timely manner and in accord with the development regulations which encourage predictability through use of comprehensive environmental and project planning review processes.		
	<b>Policy 1</b> The City and County shall promote, when reasonably feasible, co-locate new public and private utility distribution facilities in shared trenches and coordination of construction timing to minimize construction-related disruptions and reduce the cost of utility delivery.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers coordinating with other utility providers to co-locate utilities and minimizes construction-related disruptions.
	<b>Policy 2</b> The City and County will provide timely effective notice to utilities to encourage coordination of public and private utility trenching activities for new construction and maintenance and repair of existing roads.	Public Services and Utilities	Coordinate with other utility providers to streamline utility construction and potential upgrades.
	<b>Policy 3</b> The City and County shall encourage provision of an efficient, cost effective and reliable utility service by ensuring land will be made available for the location of utility lines, including location with transportation corridors.	Public Services and Utilities	Consider siting transmission facilities within designated utility areas and transportation corridors.
	<b>Policy 4</b> The City will promote the extension of distribution lines to and within the urban growth area. Coordinate land use and facility planning to allow eventual siting and construction of utility distribution lines within right-of-ways which are being dedicated or within roads which are being constructed or reconstructed.	Public Services and Utilities	Consider siting transmission facilities within rights-of-way within transportation corridors that are being constructed or reconstructed.
Utilities Element	<b>Policy 6</b> The City and County will encourage communication amongst the WUTC, and utilities regulated by the WUTC, regarding the requirements of the Growth Management Act, especially the requirement that service be provided concurrently with or in advance of demand.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the requirements of the GMA.
	<b>Policy 7</b> The City and County shall encourage system design practices intended to minimize the number and duration of interruptions to customer service.	Public Services and Utilities	Consider developing system design practices intended to reduce service interruptions.
	<b>O Policy 1</b> Coordinate City and County land use planning with the utility providers’ planning. Adopt procedures that encourage providers to utilize the Land Use Element and Urban Growth Area in planning future facilities	Public Services and Utilities	Cooperate with city and county UGA planning efforts.
Rural Element	<b>GOAL</b> Garfield County should preserve Rural Areas with low residential densities and appropriate public improvements and services to provide for a rural lifestyle and protect rural character.	Land and Shoreline Use	Preserve the rural character of surrounding areas.
	<b>Ob A Policy 4</b> Priority rural areas land uses should be small scale farms, forestry and mining areas, outdoor recreation and other open space activities, scattered residences and rural residential development.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures the rural character and uses of the area, such as farming, forestry, mining, and outdoor recreation, remain viable.
	<b>Ob A Policy 12</b> Nonresidential uses in Rural Areas that are primarily residential should be limited to those that: a) Do not result in heavy traffic, noise, smoke or other significant adverse impacts; and b) Do not require public services beyond those appropriate in Rural Areas; and c) Provide convenient local services for nearby residents; or d) Require location in a Rural Area residential community (for example, some utility installations).	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures the development of transmission facilities does not impede the rural character lifestyle through heavy traffic, noise, smoke, or other adverse impacts.

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	<b>Objective D</b> Establish rural infrastructure standards that are consistent with appropriate rural development patterns and densities. In general, such standards will preclude the development of public wastewater collection and public storm water collection systems in rural areas, reflecting lower densities and land coverage in these areas. Public water supply systems may be developed in the rural areas to meet the requirements of rural residents. Water sources and transmission lines may be developed in rural areas to meet the needs of urban growth areas.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it adheres to the relevant rural infrastructure standards provided by the city or county.
Parks & Recreation Element	<b>Goal</b> Encourage the retention of open space and development of recreational opportunities, conserve fish and wildlife habitats, increase access to natural resource lands and water.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids the degradation of open space so that these lands can continue to serve as recreational areas and habitats for wildlife.
	<b>Objective 4</b> Protect existing park and greenbelt areas, particularly along Pataha Creek, as open space.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it maintains open space as park and recreation opportunities.

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Land Use	<b>Goal LU-5</b> Conserve or enhance important natural, cultural, historic, and scenic resources.	Historic and Cultural Resources; Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on historic and cultural resources, and scenic resources.
	<b>Goal LU-6</b> Encourage open space conservation.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers avoiding adverse impacts on open space.
Land Use	<b>Goal LU-7</b> Identify and protect open space corridors within and between UGAs. These corridors should include trails and other lands useful for recreation, while emphasizing wildlife habitat, and connection of critical areas, where feasible.	Recreation; Wildlife, Habitat, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on open space corridors within and between UGAs.
	<b>Goal LU-8</b> Promote coordination among the County, State, cities, Grant County Public Utility District (PUD), and other appropriate jurisdictions in order to protect linked greenbelts, parks, and open spaces.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it coordinates as necessary among municipalities and agencies to ensure protection of greenbelts, parks, and open spaces.
	<b>Goal RU-5</b> Support and facilitate agricultural and mineral productions.	Land and Shoreline Use; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facilities do not have an adverse impact on agricultural and mineral production in rural areas.
Agricultural Resource Lands	<b>Goal RE-1</b> Preserve Agriculture Lands of Long-Term Commercial Significance.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facilities allow for the continued and future use of agricultural lands.
	<b>Policy RE-1.5</b> Prohibit “spot rezoning” of non-agricultural uses on Designated Agriculture Lands.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on Designated Agricultural Lands that would require a “spot re-zone.”



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	<b>Policy RE-1.7</b> The County discourages the establishment or expansion of utility local improvement districts, or sewer, water, or PUDs on designated agricultural lands which result in the imposition of assessments, rates, or charges on designated agricultural land.	Land and Shoreline Use; Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on Designated Agricultural Lands.
	<b>Goal RE-2</b> Mitigate conflicts between agricultural and non-agricultural land uses in designated agricultural resource lands	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it develops and implements appropriate mitigation measures to effectively resolve incompatible land use conflicts over Designated Agricultural Lands.
	<b>Policy RE-2.3</b> Anticipated conflicts between a proposed new or modified land use and existing agricultural activities should be mitigated by the newer proposed use prior to issuance of development permits.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it develops and implements appropriate mitigation measures to effectively resolve incompatible land use conflicts over agricultural activities.
	<b>Policy RE-2.5</b> Require setbacks and buffers as part of new, non-agricultural development proposals on lands within or adjacent to Designated Agricultural Lands. Such buffer areas should be of sufficient size to protect Designated Agricultural Lands from the impacts of incompatible development and to mitigate against the effects of agricultural operations on adjacent land uses. Such buffers should occur on the non-agricultural parcel for which a development right or permit is being sought.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures appropriate buffers are implemented to protect Designated Agricultural Lands from the impacts of incompatible land use and mitigates potential impacts on agricultural operations.
Mineral Resource Lands	<b>Goal RE-6</b> Mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance should be preserved in order to encourage an adequate resource base for long-term use.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance.
	<b>Goal RE-7</b> Mitigate conflicts between mining and other land uses in designated mineral resource lands.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on mineral resource lands.
	<b>Policy RE-7.2</b> Anticipated conflicts between a proposed new or modified land use and existing mineral extraction activities should be mitigated by the newer proposed use prior to issuance of development permits.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on mineral extraction activities.
	<b>Policy RE-7.4</b> Appropriate setback and buffer requirements should be required as part of new, non-mining development proposals on lands within or adjacent to Designated Mineral Lands.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it adheres to setback requirements when siting transmission facilities adjacent to Designated Mineral Lands.
Public Facilities	<b>Policy CF-3.4</b> Public utility services within UGAs and areas of more intense development should be phased outward from the urbanizing core in order to promote infilling.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers siting transmission facilities away from urbanized areas.
	<b>Goal CF-5</b> Public entities and utility providers should mitigate adverse impacts on the environment and other public facilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures mitigation would reduce adverse impacts on the environment and other public facilities.
	<b>Policy CF-5.1</b> Impacts on water resources, drainage systems, natural habitat, significant cultural resources, geologically hazardous areas, other sensitive areas and transportation systems should be considered and adverse impacts avoided or mitigated.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Water Resources; Historic and Cultural Resources; Earth Resources; Transportation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water and earth resources, plant and animal habitat, cultural resources, and transportation systems.
Utilities	<b>Policy U-1.2</b> Encourage the location of necessary utility facilities within existing and planned transportation and utility corridors.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the siting of transmission facilities within existing and planned transportation and utility corridors.
	<b>Policy U-1.3</b> Coordinate land use planning with the planning activities of electrical, telephone, and cable providers for existing and future facilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county early in the planning and development process to streamline land use planning activities.

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	<b>Goal U-2</b> Minimize impacts associated with the siting, development, and operation of utility services and facilities on adjacent properties, significant cultural resources, and the natural environment.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on adjacent properties and cultural and natural resources through thoughtful siting, development, and operation of transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy U-2.1</b> Electric power substations should be reasonably sited, designed, and buffered.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers thoughtful design of substations and ensures adequate buffering.
	<b>Policy U-2.2</b> Encourage implementation of resource conservation practices and best management practices during the construction, operation, and maintenance of utility systems.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements best management practices and resource conservation practices for construction and operation of the transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy U-2.3</b> Work cooperatively with surrounding municipalities in the planning and development of multi-jurisdictional utility facility additions and improvements	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with other jurisdictions to effectively plan potential utility facility additions and improvements.
	<b>Policy U-2.4</b> Where practical, utilities should be encouraged to place facilities underground and encourage the reasonable screening of utility meter cabinets, terminal boxes, pedestals, and transformers in a manner reasonably compatible with the surrounding environment.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers placing transmission lines underground to the maximum extent practicable and incorporates appropriate screening and buffering of facilities where adjacent lands are incompatible.
	<b>Policy U-2.5</b> Where possible, the joint use of transportation rights-of-way and utility corridors should be encouraged, provided that such joint use is consistent with limitations as may be prescribed by applicable law and prudent utility practice.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers siting transmission facilities within transportation corridors and rights-of-way.
	<b>Policy U-2.6</b> The County should maintain updated County ordinances for regulating use of rights-of-way by utilities to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the applicable version of the county’s ordinance pertaining to utilities at the time of development.
	<b>Goal U-3</b> Maintain consistency, compatibility, and concurrency between utility providers.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it cooperates with and ensures consistency with other utility providers.
	<b>Policy U-3.1</b> The extension and sizing of distribution system components should be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures the extension and sizing of transmission facilities are consistent with the Grant County Comprehensive Plan.
	<b>Goal U-4</b> Coordinate and encourage timely, safe, cost-effective, and reliable installations of utility systems through improved permit procedures, joint use of utility corridors, and interlocal agreements.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it adheres to the latest county permit procedures and considers interlocal agreements for efficient installation and joint use of transmission corridors for timely, safe, and cost-effective utility systems.
Utilities	<b>Policy U-4.1</b> Agreements should be developed with private utility providers and public agencies as required to facilitate the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Joint use of utility corridors and public rights-of-way</li><li>• Coordination between this Comprehensive Plan and utility capital facility plans</li><li>• Timely notices of new road construction and maintenance of existing roads with utility construction activities</li><li>• Coordinated permit applications and meetings to include all necessary utilities affected by related projects</li></ul>	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates, develops, and implements agreements with other private utility providers and public agencies for efficient installation of transmission facilities.

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	• Coordination of land acquisition, land use, and enhancement of utility corridors where appropriate, for pedestrian and equestrian trails and wildlife corridors		
	<b>Policy U-4.2</b> New facility designs should include joint usage where possible.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers joint uses to the maximum extent practicable.
	<b>Goal U-5</b> Site utility facilities in conformance with the Land Use Element	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it adheres to policies within the Grant County Land Use Element for the siting of the transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy U-5.1</b> Utility providers should avoid placement of facilities in areas designated as environmentally sensitive or critical areas unless no feasible alternative exists and only after a site assessment and mitigation plan has been approved under the provisions of Grant County’s Resource Lands and CAO.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids environmentally sensitive and critical areas, and where alternatives are infeasible, establishes mitigation plans guided by site assessments that are approved under the provisions of Grant County’s Resource Lands and CAO.
Natural Setting – Critical Areas	<b>Goal NS-1</b> Wetlands should be protected for the important ecological functions they provide.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands.
	<b>Policy NS-1.1</b> Wetland areas should be identified and delineated by the development applicant and reviewed by the County prior to development.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it identifies and delineates any potential wetlands for the county’s review prior to development.
	<b>Policy NS-1.3</b> Wetlands should be protected from alterations due to land use changes that may create adverse impacts to the wetland consistent with the Resource Lands and CAO.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands.
	<b>Policy NS-1.5</b> Whenever feasible, innovative techniques that enhance a wetland and promote it as a useful, functioning part of the development should be encouraged, such as conservation practices under the County’s VSP program, along with other applicable programs.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers implementing innovative techniques that enhance a wetland, such as those under the county’s VSP program.
	<b>Policy NS-1.7</b> Wetland protection and enhancement strategies should be coordinated with appropriate local, state, and federal agencies and private conservation organizations to take advantage of both technical and financial assistance and to avoid duplication of efforts.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with appropriate local, state, and federal agencies on the development of wetland avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures.
	<b>Goal NS-2</b> Areas demonstrated to be critical aquifers and/or which play a crucial role in recharging groundwater supplies should be preserved to protect potable water sources.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on groundwater quality.
Natural Setting – Critical Areas	<b>Policy NS-2.4</b> Fertilizer and pesticide management practices of schools, parks, golf courses, and other recreational or institutional facilities that maintain large landscaped areas should be evaluated at the time of development in relation to best management practices. Existing facilities are strongly encouraged to also incorporate best management practices.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures that any pesticides that may be used to maintain transmission facility corridors are identified in the project-specific application.
	<b>Policy NS-2.5</b> Within aquifer recharge areas, divisions of land and subsequent developments should be evaluated for their impact on groundwater quality.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it evaluates and discloses potential impacts on groundwater quality.
	<b>Policy NS-2.6</b> Development that could substantially and negatively impact the quality of an aquifer should not be allowed unless it can be demonstrated that these negative impacts can be mitigated.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on aquifers.

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	<b>Policy NS-3.3</b> Protect floodplains by locating roads and structures above the flood level. Where filling is allowed, development should mitigate impacts, such as the existing flood storage capacity and fish and wildlife habitat lost to filling.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities under the flood level and mitigates potential impacts on the existing flood storage capacity and fish and wildlife habitat lost to filling.
	<b>Policy NS-3.4</b> Encourage growth and development compatible with natural drainage features, and discourage alteration of natural drainage features.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids altering natural drainage features to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy NS-3.5</b> Encourage control of erosion at its source as a means of controlling water pollution, flooding, and habitat damage downstream.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water quality to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy NS-3.6</b> Development in frequently flooded areas that poses a threat to human health and property by reason of flooding, unsanitary conditions, or other hazards should be limited and/or mitigated.	Water Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates for development in frequently flooded areas to minimize threat to human health and property.
	<b>Goal NS-4</b> Take appropriate measures to either avoid or mitigate significant risks to public and private property and to public health and safety that are posed by geologically hazardous areas.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts associated with development in geologically hazardous areas to reduce risks to public and private property and public health and safety.
	<b>Policy NS-4.1</b> Require documentation of probable significant adverse impacts from geologically hazardous areas identified during the review of a development application, which fully addresses potential impacts and identifies alternative mitigation measures to eliminate or minimize the impacts.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it documents probable impacts from geological hazardous areas and identifies mitigation measures that eliminate or minimize those impacts for development review.
	<b>Policy NS-4.2</b> Grading and clearing for both private developments and public facilities or services should be limited to the minimum necessary to accomplish engineering design, with reclamation of disturbed areas being a top priority.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it minimizes areas needed for grading and clearing to the maximum extent practicable and implements a site restoration plan.
	<b>Policy NS-4.3</b> To minimize blowing soil during development, appropriate water and mulch material should be required on any areas without a vegetative cover, as indicated in an approved erosion control plan.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements an erosion control plan and includes measures to minimize blowing soil during development.
	<b>Policy NS-4.4</b> To maintain the natural integrity of landslide hazard areas, protect the environment, and protect the public health and safety, an adequate buffer of existing vegetation should be maintained around all sides of landslide hazard areas.	Earth Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it maintains an adequate buffer of existing vegetation should development be required in landslide hazard areas.
Natural Setting – Critical Areas	<b>Policy NS-4.5</b> Development on steep slopes should prevent damage to property and public safety and environmental degradation.	Earth Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to development on steep slopes, preventing damage and ensuring safety.
	<b>Goal NS-5</b> Protect fish and wildlife habitat areas as an important natural resource, particularly in regard to their functions and economic, ecological, aesthetic, and quality of life values.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural resources that offer economic, ecological, and aesthetic quality.
	<b>Policy NS-5.2</b> Consider the impacts of new development on the quality of land, wildlife, and vegetative resources as part of the environmental review process, and require appropriate mitigating measures. Such mitigation may involve the retention and/or enhancement of habitats.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the impact development would have on habitat, wildlife, and fish, and mitigates these impacts.



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	<b>Policy NS-5.3</b> Encourage the preservation of blocks of habitat and the connections between them, as well as the restoration of lost and damaged fish habitat.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within blocks of habitat.
	<b>Policy NS-5.4</b> Encourage proper riparian management that maintains existing riparian habitat and is consistent with conservation practices implemented under VSP.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on riparian habitat.
	<b>Policy NS-5.5</b> Land uses adjacent to naturally occurring water bodies and other fish and wildlife habitat areas should not negatively impact the habitat areas. If a change in land use occurs, adequate buffers should be provided to the habitat areas.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facilities are compatible to naturally occurring waters and uses buffers where appropriate.
	<b>Policy NS-5.6</b> Activities allowed in fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas and open space should be consistent with the species located there, and in accordance with all applicable state and federal regulations and/or best management practices for the activity regarding that species.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it adheres to all applicable state and federal regulations and/or best management practices for the activity regarding that species.
Natural Resources – Water Resources	<b>Goal NS-7</b> Development should be conducted in a manner that protects surface and groundwater quality and habitat, prevents chronic flooding from stormwater runoff, maintains natural stream hydrology, and protects aquatic resources.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it develops and implements best management practices for erosion and stormwater control during construction and operation.
	<b>Policy NS-7.1</b> The County should attempt to limit potential damage, dangers, or public costs associated with inappropriate land development by reasonable regulation of and application of uniform surface water and erosion control standards.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with applicable regulations pertaining to surface water and erosion control standards.
	<b>Policy NS-7.2</b> New development activities, including site designs and construction practices, should make provisions for surface water and erosion and sedimentation control during and after construction.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it develops and implements best management practices for erosion and stormwater control during construction and operation.
	<b>Policy NS-7.5</b> Public improvements and private developments should not alter natural drainage systems without acceptable mitigating measures that limit the risk of flooding or negative impacts to water quality.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts relating to the alteration of natural drainage systems.
	<b>Policy NS-7.7</b> Surface water runoff from development adjacent to steep slopes, ravines, or bluffs should be routed so it does not cause erosion or landslides. Runoff should be sufficiently diffused so that flows do not create erosion.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to runoff from development on or adjacent to steep slopes.
Natural Resources – Water Resources	<b>Policy NS-7.8</b> Natural stream channels should be preserved, protected, and enhanced for their hydraulic, ecological, and aesthetic functions through development regulations, land dedications, easements, acquisition, and other means.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to natural stream channels.
	<b>NS Goal 9</b> Protect and enhance surface and groundwater water quality for human health, drinking water supply, and to meet water quality standards.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids groundwater contamination through adherence with water quality standards.
	<b>Policy NS-9.1</b> Prohibit developments that have the potential for significant individual or cumulative impacts on ground and surface water quality or, alternatively, site and design developments to avoid or mitigate such impacts.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to groundwater contamination through adherence with water quality standards at the project and cumulative levels.



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	<b>NS Goal 10</b> Support continued multi-purpose uses of the Columbia River.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facilities allow for the continued multi-purpose uses of the Columbia River.
	<b>Policy NS-10.1</b> Encourage use of the Columbia River and its reservoirs as a key element in ensuring long-term availability of water supply, power generation, and flood control and support for population growth, agricultural production, industry, fisheries, and economic development.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facilities allow for the continued multi-purpose uses of the Columbia River.
Natural Setting – Cultural Resources	<b>Goal NS-12</b> Identify, preserve, and protect historic, cultural, and archaeological resources found to be significant by recognized local, state, or federal processes.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on significant historic, cultural, and archaeological resources.
	<b>Policy NS-12.3</b> Preserve areas that contain valuable historical or archaeological sites of federal, state, tribal, or local significance. Maintain and enforce provisions to the Resource Lands and CAO requiring conditioning of project approval on findings made by a professional archaeologist for development activities on sites of known cultural, historical, or archaeological significance.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to the siting of transmission facilities in areas that contain valuable historical or archaeological sites of significance.
	<b>Policy NS-12.4</b> Prior to demolition, moving, or alteration to any designated historic, cultural, and archaeological landmark, ensure that due consideration is given to its preservation or, at a minimum, documentation of its historic, cultural, or archaeological value.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers preserving cultural resources, or at a minimum, documenting its historic, cultural, or archaeological value.
Natural Setting – Fire Hazards	<b>Policy NS-13.1</b> The County should prepare an implementation plan for fire safety, fire prevention for rural and resource lands, and development standards.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers implementing measures outlined in the county’s fire safety and prevention plan and adheres to the latest development standards as applicable.
Natural Setting – Shoreline Management	Shoreline policies that follow have been crafted to recognize the unique and valuable shoreline resources and to protect them for the benefit of future generations. The policies are intended to be consistent with the Shoreline Management Act (Chapter 90.58 RCW). <sup>4</sup>	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it reviews and ensures consistency with the shoreline policies found within the county’s Comprehensive Plan and SMP.

## A3.9-1.14 Grays Harbor County (May 1961)

Grays Harbor County is considered a Partially Planning county under the GMA, and is required to update its comprehensive plan by June 30, 2027.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Natural Setting – Shoreline Management	<b>Goal 12</b> Public facilities and services necessary to support development shall be adequate to serve the development at the time the development is available for occupancy and use without decreasing current service levels below locally established minimum standards.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures the addition of services provided by the transmission facilities would not interfere with local standards at occupancy.

<sup>4</sup> Review of the County’s Shoreline Master Program was not completed as part of this PEIS; however, a transmission facility project will need to ensure consistency with applicable SMPs to the greatest extent practicable.

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	<b>Policy 1</b> The overall character of the rural lands should consist of rural residential uses of appropriate low densities, forestry and agricultural uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures the character of rural lands is maintained at low densities.
	<b>Policy 9</b> Parks and recreational areas to serve both neighborhood and regional needs should be provided within the rural lands as development occurs. Within already developed areas the county should encourage the provision of parks and recreational areas.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers multi-use transmission facilities specifically for recreation.
	<b>Policy 14</b> The habitats of threatened or endangered species and locally significant natural areas should be protected from the adverse impacts of development and conversion to incompatible land uses. The critical habitats of threatened or endangered species and natural areas with exceptional scientific or biological value should be retained in their natural state.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures critical habitats are retained to provide scientific and biological value.
	<b>Policy 15</b> Sites of exceptional historical or archaeological value should be protected from conversion tot uses incompatible with the scientific study and long term protection of the site.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids development on sites that contain archaeological and historical value.

A3.9-1.15 Island County (December 2016)

Island County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by December 31, 2025.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Land Use	<b>Goal 1</b> Achieve a staged and orderly development pattern that accommodates growth, fosters a high-quality living environment, and protects rural character, natural resources, and historic properties.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers surrounding uses and character, and ensures these patterns are maintained.
	<b>Policy LU 2.2</b> Private property will not be taken for public use without just compensation having been made. The property rights of landowners shall be protected from arbitrary and discriminatory actions.	Socioeconomics	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids the take of private property unless just compensation has or can be made.
	<b>Policy LU 4.2.2</b> Non-urban development in the UGA should only be allowed if it will be compatible with future urban development.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures development within the UGA is compatible with future urban development through coordination with the county, associated municipalities, and service providers.
	<b>Policy LU 4.2.7</b> Provide open space corridors between the UGAs as shown in the Natural Resources Element of this plan.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures open space corridors are maintained, as identified by the Natural Resources Element of Island County.
	<b>Policy LU 6.1.3.5</b> In Light Manufacturing (LM) areas, protect surrounding uses from adverse effects by providing adequate landscape buffers and open space, and designating compatible surrounding uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it incorporates adequate landscaped buffers between incompatible uses should development occur in light manufacturing areas.
	<b>Policy LU 6.1.5.1</b> In Airport (AP) areas, ensure compatibility with existing uses in Wes Lupin Air Park, Whidbey Air Park or Camano Air Field.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures compatibility with local aviation uses, standards, and regulations.

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Land Use	<b>Policy LU 6.1.5.3</b> Protect surrounding uses from adverse effects by providing adequate landscape buffers and open space, and designating compatible surrounding uses with a focus on protecting critical lands, residential, rural and resource areas.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it incorporates adequate landscaped buffers between incompatible uses.
	<b>Policy LU 6.1.5.4</b> Cluster structures within AP areas and provide adequate expansion space for compatible activities.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers clustering transmission facilities when siting with airport areas.
	<b>Policy LU 6.1.5.7</b> Protect existing airport areas from encroachment by incompatible land uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within airport areas when uses are incompatible.
	<b>Policy LU 6.1.7.1</b> In the Camano Gateway Area, establish sustainable building practices, use of low impact development, reduction in water consumption, sensitive design, minimizing bulk and mass, participation in local economic development strategies, and reduction in traffic. Incentives should be provided to developers so that the benefits outweigh the costs.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers low impact development and participation in local economic development strategies when siting transmission facilities in the Camano Gateway Area.
	<b>Policy LU 6.3</b> Ensure compatibility with adjacent uses through compliance with rural design guidelines.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with rural design guidelines of Island County.
	<b>Policy LU 9.6</b> All non-residential uses within the Rural designation must comply with rural design guidelines to assure compatibility with adjacent uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with rural design guidelines of Island County.
	<b>Policy LU 10.5</b> Encourage the conservation of lands suitable for agricultural use to support farming as an activity valued in the County.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on lands suitable for agricultural use.
	<b>Policy LU 10.5.1</b> Limit non-agricultural uses to lands with poor soils or areas otherwise not suitable for agricultural purposes.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes siting transmission facilities on lands with poor soils.
Land Use - Resource Lands	<b>Goal 12</b> Ensure the long-term conservation of natural resource lands, and preclude land uses and developments that are incompatible within natural resource lands, while allowing existing and ongoing resource management operations and preserving long-term commercial viability of those uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures development within natural resource lands continues to allow for ongoing commercial viability of resources.
	<b>Policy LU 12.2</b> Reserve lands which because of their size, soil type, and active management are part of an essential land base for continued commercial agriculture. Assure that these lands have continued viability to serve as a resource for food, fiber, feed, and forage.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures that lands essential to commercial agriculture have continued viability through appropriate siting and design of transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy LU 12.3</b> Conserve long term mineral lands to ensure the continued supply of sand, gravel, and non-renewable minerals, and their protection for urban encroachment, as well as environmental protection through appropriate siting, operation, reclamation standards and groundwater protection measures.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on lands essential to mineral extraction and production.
	<b>Policy LU 13.2</b> Ensure that public or private development around existing airports allows the continued use of that facility as an airport. Land within aircraft approach and departure zones will be protected from inappropriate development.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facilities do not interfere with the continued use of the airport.

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Land Use - Resource Lands	<b>Policy LU 13.8</b> Land use proposals, structures, or objects that would interfere with the safe operation of aircraft will be examined for compatibility as defined in CFR Title 14, FAR Part 77 and FAA Terminal Instrument Procedure (TERPS) Chapter 12, and WA 31. The object is to permit land uses which allow safe aircraft operations as defined in the documents referenced above.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if, after the county examines the project, it would not interfere with the safe operation of aircraft.
	<b>Goal 14</b> Provide for unique areas in the County where special review shall be required through the master plan process to protect lands and structures that have historical archaeological or environmental significance.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it identifies unique sites that have historical archaeological and/or environmental significance and adhere to the county’s special review process.
	<b>Policy LU 14.2</b> Protect lands and structures that have historical, archaeological or environmental significance while allowing a unique combination of uses that enhance, conserve or highlight these features of significance.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on lands and structures that have historical, archaeological or environmental significance.
	<b>Policy ED 1.3</b> Acknowledge as a basis for planning that the goals of preserving rural lands and enhancing economic vitality are complementary and not mutually exclusive, as the County’s rural character is a direct economic asset.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the economic benefit for Island County when siting on rural lands.
Shoreline Master Program	Shoreline Master Program <sup>5</sup>	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it reviews and ensures consistency with the shoreline policies found within the Island County Comprehensive Plan and SMP.
Historic Preservation	<b>Policy HP 1.1</b> Adhere to the standards of the Comprehensive Plan for Ebey’s Landing National Historical Reserve as set forth in the Interlocal Agreement with the National Park Service, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, and Town of Coupeville, or as amended.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the standards set forth in the Comprehensive Plan for Ebey’s Landing National Historical Reserve.
	<b>Policy HP 1.2</b> Development in the Ebey’s Landing National Historical Reserve or other valued scenic or heritage areas will be designed to protect identified historic sites, structures, and panoramic vistas. Vegetative screening, setbacks, exterior design measures, view corridor protection and other suitable forms of mitigation will be used to lessen the impact of development within such areas.	Historic and Cultural Resources; Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on historic sites, structures, and panoramic vistas. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it incorporates adequate vegetative screening and setbacks as identified in coordination with the county and appropriate agencies.
	<b>Policy HP 2.4</b> Where a proposed development is located on or near an archaeological site, the County will require the property owner or project proponent to engage a qualified professional archaeologist to investigate and report to the County upon the location, condition, extent of the site and any recommendations in regard to treatment.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on or near a known archaeological site.  Should development be near a known archaeological site, a project should engage a qualified archaeologist to investigate and prepare an archaeological report, which includes consultation with the affected Indian tribe and proposed measures to avoid, protect, or mitigate potential impacts.
	<b>Policy HP 2.5</b> No permit for an application requiring an archaeologist’s report will be issued prior to the receipt by Island County of a required archaeological report and any comments submitted to the County by the Tribes.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures an archaeologist report with any comments by the Tribe is submitted to the county prior to requesting a development permit.

<sup>5</sup> Review of the County’s Shoreline Master Program was not completed as part of this PEIS; however, a transmission facility project will need to ensure consistency with applicable SMPs to the greatest extent practicable.



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Historic Preservation	<b>Policy HP 2.6</b> The County shall require property owners or project proponents to immediately halt work if, during the course of development, and particularly during actual construction, human remains or archaeological resources are encountered.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it immediately halts work in the event that human remains or archaeological resources are encountered. Furthermore, project personnel should contact the affected Native American Tribe, the county, and the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. This contact would initiate the consultation process for determining subsequent actions.
Natural Resources	<b>Policy NR 1.1</b> Include the best available science in development policies and development regulations to protect the functions and values of critical areas and give special consideration to conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s latest policies and regulations regarding the protection of critical areas.
	<b>Policy NR 3.1</b> Protect, preserve, and enhance wetlands to achieve no net loss of wetland functions.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands to ensure no net loss of wetland functions.
	<b>Policy NR 3.1.1</b> Avoid land development that causes loss of wetland functions. Where there is no reasonable alternative, minimize and mitigate adverse impacts to wetland functions.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands to ensure no net loss of wetland areas.
	<b>Policy NR 3.1.5</b> Provide continuity of natural systems by establishing protected corridors of native vegetation between wetland systems using buffer averaging, density incentives, site design, and other techniques.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on continuous natural systems.
	<b>Policy NR 3.3</b> Development will be located away from regulated wetlands by use of buffers and Planned Residential Developments.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it utilizes buffers where development is nearby regulated wetlands.
	<b>Policy NR 3.5</b> Alteration will occur only after careful consideration of the function of the area, the potential environmental cost of alterations, the sensitivity of the area to disturbance, and the intensity and potential risks associated with a proposed land use	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it carefully considers the function of the wetland area and ensures appropriate mitigation is applied to ensure impacts are reduced to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Goal 4</b> Protect Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas.
	<b>Policy NR 4.3.3</b> Based on the recommendations of Biological Site Assessment or Habitat Management Plan, provide physical buffers or timing restrictions around specific habitat areas used by designated species commensurate to the seasonal use of the area (where that is the case), the sensitivity of the species and habitat, the relative importance of the species and habitat, and the intensity of proposed and actual uses.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements applicable physical buffers or timing restrictions around species habitat areas.
	<b>Policy NR 4.3.4</b> Landscaping, screening, or vegetated buffers required through development review should retain, salvage, or re-establish native vegetation.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it retains, salvages, or re-establishes native vegetation where possible.
	<b>Policy NR 4.3.5</b> Limit the use of non-native and prohibit the use of invasive plant species in Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it limits the use of non-native species and prohibits the use of invasive plant species in fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas.
	<b>Policy NR 4.4</b> Protect all streams	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on streams.
	<b>Policy NR 4.5</b> Protect near shore habitats, including commercial and recreational shellfish areas; kelp and eelgrass beds; herring, sand lance, and smelt spawning areas.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on nearshore habitats.



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	<b>Policy NR 4.5.2</b> Require buffers for new development adjacent to streams and marine habitats.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it requires buffers adjacent to streams and marine habitats.
Natural Resources – Frequently Flooded Areas	<b>Goal 5</b> Protect public health, safety, and welfare, to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in frequently flooded areas.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts resulting from development in frequently flooded areas.
Natural Resources – Geologically Hazardous Areas (Steep/Unstable Slopes)	<b>Goal 6</b> Protect the public health, safety, and welfare from threats resulting from incompatible development being sited on or near steep and/or unstable slopes.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts resulting from development being sited on or near steep and/or unstable slopes.
	<b>Policy NR 6.1</b> Minimize damage to life, health, property, and natural resources caused by geological processes.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts associated with geological hazards and processes.
	<b>Policy NR 6.1.1</b> Require thorough geotechnical investigation of localized conditions during the review of proposed development within areas of steep/unstable slopes. The amount of information required will be proportionate to the severity of the geologic hazard and the susceptibility of the proposed development.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it conducts thorough geotechnical investigations where transmission facilities are sited within areas of steep/unstable slopes.
	<b>Policy NR 6.1.2</b> Encourage, and where appropriate, require use of special engineering, site design, and modified construction conditions.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it uses the latest and best practices to ensure transmission facilities are appropriately designed.
	<b>Policy NR 6.1.3</b> Prohibit activities and land uses which cause or exacerbate existing hazardous geological conditions.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facilities would not cause or exacerbate existing hazardous geological conditions.
Natural Resources – Water Resources	<b>Goal 7</b> Manage and protect ground water and provide for resource protection through a common goal of non-degradation for existing and future residents of Island County.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on groundwater resources.
	<b>Policy NR 7.1</b> Protect the quantity and quality of groundwater resources for existing and future residents of Island County.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on groundwater resources.
	<b>Goal 8</b> Protect aquifer recharge areas from contamination and insure long term recharge potential.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on aquifer recharge areas.
	<b>Policy NR 9.4</b> The location and design of development will be carefully guided in order to minimize potential adverse impacts on the quality of ground and surface waters.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with applicable agencies for appropriate design and development of transmission facilities.
	<b>Goal 11</b> Prioritize the protection of natural lands that coincide with other valuable resources including ecological, historical, agricultural, recreational, and cultural lands.	Land and Shoreline Use; Historic and Cultural Resources; Recreation; Wildlife, Habitat, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on lands that have compounding values, including ecological, historical, agricultural, recreational, and cultural resources.
	<b>Policy NR 11.1.2</b> Prioritize the protection of natural lands that contain historic or archaeological sites, structures and landscapes which are important to local culture and retain the county’s rural quality and character	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural lands that contain locally significant cultural resources, quality, and character.
	<b>Policy NR 11.2</b> Conserve agricultural lands for the continued profitable production of crops, timber, and livestock.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the production of crops, timber, and livestock and ensures continued profitability.

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	<b>Policy NR 11.2.1</b> Discourage the conversion of properties identified as having prime farmland soils to non-agricultural uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on lands identified as having prime farmland soils.
	<b>Policy NR 11.3</b> Enhance recreational opportunities for County residents	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers incorporating recreational opportunities with the siting of transmission facilities, where appropriate.
	<b>Goal 12</b> Protect natural, scenic, cultural and historic lands as community assets	Wildlife, Habitat, and Fish; Visual Quality; Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the degradation of natural, scenic, cultural and historic lands.
Natural Resources – Resource Lands	<b>Goal 15</b> Protect existing and ongoing resource management operations and preserving long-term commercial viability of those uses	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facilities would not preclude ongoing resource management operations.
	<b>Policy N5 15.9</b> Protect Agricultural operations from incompatible uses by using measures including, but not limited to: Ensuring that uses on adjacent lands do not interfere with continuing agricultural good management practices on resource lands Setbacks and buffer strips should be on land within the development unless an alternative is mutually agreed on by adjacent landowners; and Public education concerning resource activities and the common benefits derived from them	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures appropriate measures, including those identified in this policy, are implemented as part of a transmission facility project.
	<b>NR 15.17.1.1</b> Assure that the use of lands adjacent to mineral resource lands do not interfere with the continued use, in accordance with best management practices, of lands designated for the extraction of minerals	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facilities would not preclude or interfere with the continued extraction of minerals.
Parks & Recreation	<b>Goal 1</b> Provide a quality, diverse and, sustainable system of park land that effectively balances recreation and habitat conservation needs.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers incorporating recreational opportunities with the siting of transmission facilities, where appropriate.
Utilities	<b>Policy U 1.2</b> Planning for utilities is the primary responsibility of the utility providers and must be coordinated with the County Comprehensive Plan	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it plans and develops utilities in coordination with the county Comprehensive Plan.
	<b>Goal 2</b> Ensure that utility service is provided in a manner that is environmentally sensitive, safe, reliable, economical, and aesthetically compatible with surrounding land uses	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the safety, reliability, economics, and aesthetics of transmission facilities with surrounding land uses.
	<b>Policy U 2.1</b> When reasonable and feasible, promote the co-location of public and/or private utility distribution facilities. Coordination construction timing to minimize disruptions to the public and disturbances to the environment and archaeological resources, and to reduce the costs to the public for utility delivery.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers co-locating transmission facilities with other public and/or private utility distribution facilities. Furthermore, a project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates construction timing with other relevant agencies and utility providers.
	<b>Policy U 2.2</b> Use utility corridors for shared uses, such as trails, open space, and recreation	Public Services and Utilities, Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers incorporating recreational opportunities with the siting of transmission facilities, where appropriate.
	<b>Policy U 2.3</b> Provide timely and effective notification to utilities providers of road construction, and of maintenance and upgrades of existing roads to facilitate coordination of public and private utility trenching activities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it provides timely and effective notification to utilities providers of road construction and of maintenance and upgrades of existing roads.

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	<b>Policy U 2.5</b> Coordinate land use and facility planning to allow eventual siting and construction of distribution lines within right-of-ways which are being dedicated or within roads which are being constructed or reconstructed.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county early in the planning and development phases to identify potential locations for the siting of transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy U 2.6</b> Encourage system design practices intended to minimize the number and duration of interruptions to customer service, including underground utility lines where practical.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers undergrounding utility lines where practical.
	<b>Policy U 2.8</b> Once in place, continuing maintenance of utility facilities may disturb sensitive areas. Utility facilities should therefore be located outside such sensitive areas.	Public Services and Utilities; Wildlife, Habitat, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in sensitive areas.
Utilities	<b>Policy U 2.9</b> While harmful biological effects due to the proximity to utility facilities such as electrical transmission lines or cellular tower sites have not been conclusively demonstrated, significant concerns remain, and study of the issues is ongoing. To address these environmental and health concerns, the County and affected utilities should:  Promote siting of facilities with respect for natural features, sensitive areas, and water quality and quantity.  Monitor research into the heath effects from utility facilities.  Adopt standards as necessary to protect the public from known health hazards.	Public Services and Utilities; Wildlife, Habitat, and Fish; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural features, sensitive areas, and water quality, and adheres to the latest policies identified by the county.

## A3.9-1.16 Jefferson County (December 2018<sup>6</sup>)

Jefferson County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by December 31, 2025.

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Land Use	<b>Policy LU-P-1.2</b> Acknowledge and protect the rights of private property owners in preparing land use, development, and environmental regulations, prohibit arbitrary and discriminatory actions, and preserve reasonable uses for regulated properties.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with applicable agencies to ensure development of transmission facilities does not result in arbitrary discriminatory actions.
	<b>Policy LU-P-1.5</b> If the County chooses to adopt methods of paying for new services and facilities related to new development that causes additional demand for new public facilities or services, by shifting the cost from the community at large to those who benefit, determine through a public process how to apportion the fair share of funding for required public facilities, services, and amenities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the fair share of impact fees required for development would be guided by a public process.
	<b>Policy LU-P-2.3</b> Continue to partner with Navy Region Northwest and other applicable military partners on evolving missions, installation planning, transportation planning, military construction projects, land	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with military personnel should transmission facility development impact Naval Base Kitsap.

<sup>6</sup> At the time of publication, a draft version of the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan Update was available.

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	use compatibility programs, such as Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration, and other issues affecting Jefferson County.		
	<b>Goal LU-G-7</b> Preserve the functions and values of critical environmental areas and protect development from the risks of environmental hazards.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on critical environmental areas and environmental hazards.
	<b>Policy LU-P-7.1</b> Ensure that land use decisions consider climate change and are based on land use ordinances which are in compliance with the Critical Areas Ordinance and all applicable state environmental laws.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the CAO and considers impacts development could have on climate change.
Land Use	<b>Policy LU-P-7.5</b> Ensure that land use decisions along Jefferson County shorelines protect the shoreline environment, facilitate public access, recognize the needs of water-oriented activities and cooperate with regional plans for protection and management of shorelines. In areas of the County under the jurisdiction of the Shoreline Management Act (Chapter 90.58 RCW), activities which are water-oriented will be preferred over those activities which are not, all other factors being equal, consistent with the Shoreline Management Act and the land use designations, goals, and policies of this Comprehensive Plan.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it allows for public access to the shoreline, avoids development in areas under the jurisdiction of the Shoreline Management Act, and ensures consistency with the county’s SMP.
	<b>Policy LU-P-7.9</b> Continue to protect aquifer recharge areas from depletion of aquifer quantity or degradation of aquifer quality under the Critical Area Ordinance (CAO). Continue to periodically review and update CAO regulations relating to aquifer recharge, including best available science.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on aquifer recharge areas.
	<b>Policy LU-P-7.10</b> Continue to protect flood hazard areas from development and uses that compromise the flow, storage, and buffering of flood water, normal channel functions, and fish and wildlife habitat, and minimize flood and river process risk to life and property under the Critical Area Ordinance (CAO). Continue to periodically review and update CAO regulations relating to flood hazards, including best available science.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to developing transmission facilities within flood hazard areas.
	<b>Goal LU-G-8</b> Continue to address stormwater management and drainage issues with private property owners and resource agencies to protect shellfish beds, fish habitat and other natural resources and to reduce nonpoint sources of pollution.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on stormwater runoff.
	<b>Goal LU-G-9</b> Protect life and property from flood hazards and retain the flood storage capacity of rivers and streams.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids alterations to rivers and streams to ensure that flood storage is not compromised.
	<b>Policy LU-P-9.2</b> Encourage community-based flood hazard management planning through participation in the National Flood Insurance Program’s “Community Rating System” (CRS).	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers participating in the National Flood Insurance Program’s “Community Rating System.”
	<b>Goal LU-G-10</b> Ensure a sustainable and safe water supply for residential, economic, and environmental needs that rely on conservation and other current technologies, while incorporating the most current climate projections into supply planning.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water quality.



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Land Use	<b>Goal LU-G-11</b> Protect the quality and quantity of surface, ground, and marine water resources through locally implemented shoreline, critical areas, and other related environmental programs.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures consistency with local environmental programs to protect surface, ground, and marine water resources.
	<b>Policy LU-P-11.2</b> Preserve the environmental functions of surface and ground water resources by retaining native vegetation and open spaces where feasible and by requiring mitigation measures for land use activities that may adversely impact surface and ground water.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on native vegetation and open spaces to preserve surface and groundwater resources.
	<b>Policy LU-P-11.4</b> Promote best management practices and voluntary open space conservation to protect critical areas in land use regulations related to septic systems, forest management, agricultural practices, industry, and other development.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the protection of critical areas through best management practices and voluntary open space conservation areas.
	<b>Policy LU-P-15.1</b> Identify and implement rural land uses, densities, and environmental standards which preserve and protect rural character. Evaluate environmental quality as critical to the preservation of rural character when reviewing development applications in rural areas	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures environmental quality is maintained in rural land areas for continued rural character.
	<b>Policy LU-P-15.2</b> Protect open space consistent with the goals and policies of this plan and in cooperation with County Conservation Futures and other land conservation programs.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan.
	<b>Goal LU-G-16</b> Ensure that development is accomplished in a manner which protects the longterm habitability, significant historical and cultural areas, and natural beauty of Jefferson County.	Historic and Cultural Resources; Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on visual quality and significant historical and cultural areas of Jefferson County.
	<b>Policy LU-P-16.2</b> Encourage project proponents to mitigate potential adverse impacts to the public health, safety, and welfare as a result of a proposed project, action, or use concurrent with project development.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Jefferson County and mitigates any potential adverse impacts.
	<b>Policy LU-P-16.3</b> Preserve, protect, and enhance cultural amenities by protecting tribal cultural artifacts, historic structures, farms and other historical settlements throughout the rural landscape, through cultural and historical preservation planning efforts. Local tribes should be consulted and included early in the planning process to ensure that tribal recommendations are thoughtfully considered.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on cultural resources. Furthermore, a project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it consults local tribes to protect valued resources and considers the recommendations early in the planning process.
	<b>Policy LU-P-16.4</b> Consider elements of a Night Sky ordinance and lighting provisions in the Jefferson County Code.	Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers incorporating elements of the Night Sky ordinance during construction and operation.
	<b>Goal LU-G-19</b> Foster sustainable natural resource-based industry in rural areas through the conservation of lands that support forestry, agriculture, mineral extraction, and aquaculture industries and local employment opportunities.	Land and Shoreline Use; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural resource-based industries and employment opportunities.
	<b>Goal LU-G-29</b> Conserve and manage the forest, agriculture, aquaculture, and mineral resources of Jefferson County for sustainable natural resource-based economic activities that are compatible with surrounding land uses.	Land and Shoreline Use; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural resource-based industries and employment opportunities.
	<b>Policy LU-P-32.3</b> Ensure future infrastructure improvements are appropriately sized and scaled to the planned population projections and development densities in the County. The level of urban infrastructure must serve the needs of the public, protect the environment and be	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers population projections and health impact assessments to right-size development of transmission facilities.



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	affordable. Use Health Impact Assessments in the decision-making process of prioritizing capital projects, in order to make progress on healthy community goals.		
	<b>Goal LU-G-36</b> Identify and protect open space corridors within and abutting the Urban Growth Area.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on open space corridors within and abutting the UGA.
Natural Resources	<b>Goal NR-G-1</b> Encourage the conservation and long term sustainable use of resource lands so their continued future use will not be precluded by other uses; and encourage the long-term sustainability of natural resource-based economic activities throughout Jefferson County.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural resource-based industries and employment opportunities.
	<b>Goal NR-G-2</b> Encourage resource-based economic activities, including markets for ecosystem services, that are compatible with environmental quality.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the compatibility of transmission facilities with environmental quality and resource-based economic activities.
	<b>Goal NR-G-3</b> Conserve and protect Forest Resource Lands for long-term economic use and environmental and health benefits.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on forest resource lands.
	<b>Goal NR-G-4</b> Minimize potential conflicts between forest management activities and land use activities within or adjacent to designated forest lands.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on forest resource lands to minimize potential conflict with forest management activities.
	<b>Goal NR-G-6</b> Conserve and protect Mineral Resource Lands for long-term economic use, while providing for mitigation of potential adverse impacts associated with mineral extraction and processing operations.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on designated mineral resource lands of long-term economic use and ensures transmission facility development would not interfere with mining activity uses.
	<b>Goal NR-G-8</b> Conserve and protect the agricultural land base and its associated economy and lifestyle.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in agriculture areas to the maximum extent possible.
	<b>Goal NR-G-9</b> Conserve and protect lands covered with water, aquaculture resources & the lands that sustain them, and associated facilities in order to ensure a long-term commercial and recreational resource base.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in lands covered with water to the maximum extent possible.
	<b>Policy NR-P-9.1</b> Refer to the Shoreline Management Plan, JCC 18.25.440(1) for all policies related to aquaculture in Jefferson County.	Land and Shoreline Use	Adhere to the applicable policies of the county’s SMP.
Open Space, Parks & Recreation, Historical & Cultural Preservation	<b>Policy OS-P-4.8</b> Encourage the provision of public parks and private parks concurrent with development.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers incorporating public and private parks in the design of transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy OS-P-1.1</b> Work collaboratively with public and private groups, individuals, and tribes to develop a financially sustainable, high quality, diversified open space system, including campgrounds and trail network linkages, that preserves and enhances significant environmental resources and features. Continue to look at feasibility of expanding campground parks as a revenue generator.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers collaborating with the county or other public land administrators to provide recreational facilities along transmission facility corridors.
	<b>Policy OS-P-1.4</b> Identify and conserve critical wildlife habitat, including nesting sites, foraging areas, and migration corridors within or adjacent to natural areas, open spaces, and developed urban areas. Preserve especially sensitive habitat sites that support threatened species and wildlife habitat in developed areas.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on critical wildlife habitat.

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Open Space, Parks & Recreation, Historical & Cultural Preservation	<b>Policy OS-P-1.5</b> Promote open space network linkages throughout the county that connect Urban Areas, Rural Centers, schools, parks, or recreation sites, and supports tourism by bicycle, horse, or foot.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers providing recreational facilities along transmission facility corridors to promote network linkages throughout the county.
	<b>Policy OS-P-1.6</b> Preserve and protect significant environmental features including unique wetlands, open spaces, woodlands, shorelines, waterfronts and other characteristics that support wildlife and reflect Jefferson County’s resource heritage. Improve public access to environmentally sensitive areas and sites that are especially unique to the Jefferson County area in a sustainable manner.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on significant environmental features and improves public access to environmentally sensitive areas.
	<b>Goal OS-G-2</b> Develop a high-quality system of multipurpose park trails and corridors that access significant environmental features, public facilities and developed local neighborhoods and business districts.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers providing recreational facilities along transmission facility corridors to support multipurpose trails where practicable.
	<b>Policy OS-P-4.8</b> Encourage the provision of public parks and private parks concurrent with development.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it collaborates with the county to include park facilities concurrent with development as applicable.
	<b>Goal OS-G-5</b> Work with Tribes and other appropriate agencies to identify and preserve historical and pre-contact sites, structures, settlements, and artifacts that have value as cultural resources.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it coordinates with local tribes to protect historic and cultural resources.
	<b>Policy OS-P-5.2</b> Encourage that new development located adjacent to structures and sites of archeological, historical, or cultural significance is compatible with the character of the site.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development adjacent to sites with cultural significance is compatible with the character of the site.
	<b>Goal EN-G-4</b> Implement Chapter 18.25 JCC to protect shoreline functions and processes while allowing appropriate development and uses within the shorelines of Jefferson County.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it adheres to the applicable policies of the county’s SMP.
	<b>Policy EN-P-6.1</b> Continue to protect aquifer recharge areas from depletion of aquifer quantity or degradation of aquifer quality under the Critical Area Ordinance (CAO). Continue to periodically review and update CAO regulations relating to aquifer recharge, including best available science.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it identifies and avoids potential impacts on the recharge of an aquifer. If necessary, it develops adequate mitigation measures to ensure the proposed activity would not have an adverse effect on the aquifer. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the latest policies under the CAO.
	<b>Policy EN-P-6.2</b> Continue to protect flood hazard areas from development and uses that compromise the flow, storage, and buffering of flood water, normal channel functions, and fish and wildlife habitat, and minimize flood and river process risk to life and property under the Critical Area Ordinance (CAO). Continue to periodically review and update CAO regulations relating to flood hazards, including best available science.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to transmission facility development in flood-prone areas. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the latest policies under the CAO.
	<b>Policy EN-P-6.3</b> Continue to ensure that landslide, erosion, and seismic hazard areas are appropriately designated and that measures protecting public health and safety are implemented for hazardous areas under the Critical Areas Ordinance. Continue to periodically review and update CAO regulations relating to geologic hazard areas, including best available science.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to transmission facility development in hazardous areas. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the latest policies under the CAO.
	<b>Policy EN-P-6.4</b> Continue to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat under the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO). Continue to periodically review	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wildlife and vegetative resources to the greatest extent practicable. A project is likely to

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	and update CAO regulations relating to fish and wildlife habitat, including best available science.		be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the latest policies under the CAO.
Open Space, Parks & Recreation, Historical & Cultural Preservation	<b>Policy EN-P-6.5</b> Continue to protect existing wetland area and functions, while encouraging wetland enhancement and restoration under the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO). Continue to periodically review and update CAO regulations relating to wetlands, including best available science.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetland areas and their functions. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the latest policies under the CAO.
Capital Facilities & Utilities	<b>Goal CF-G-11</b> Ensure continuation of the airport as a safe and efficient essential public facility.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facility development does not preclude the continued use of airports and is consistent with applicable FAA standards and regulations.
	<b>Policy CF-P-11.3</b> Limit and regulate all uses within the Jefferson County International Airport Runway Protection Zone, except for facilities and structures determined necessary to ensure the safe operation of aircraft.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with regulations and standards within the Jefferson County International Airport Runway Protection Zone.
	<b>Policy CF-P-11.4</b> Prohibit any new use which involves release of airborne substances, such as steam, dust, and smoke which interfere with aircraft operations within the Airport Approach or Runway Protection Zones.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to the release of airborne substances, including dust, within the Jefferson County International Airport Approach Runway Protection Zone.
	<b>Policy CF-P-11.5</b> Prohibit any new uses which emit light, direct or indirect (reflections), which may interfere with a pilot’s vision within the Airport Approach or Runway Protection Zones.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers glare potential in design for development of transmission facilities within the Jefferson County International Airport Runway Protection Zone.
	<b>Policy CF-P-11.6</b> Install facilities which emit electrical currents in a manner that does not interfere with communication systems or navigational equipment.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facilities would not interfere with communication systems or navigational equipment.
	<b>Goal CF-G-12</b> Provide adequate utility capacity for future growth consistent with the requirements of the Growth Management Act.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers projected growth and ensures operations are consistent with that growth.
	<b>Policy CF-P-12.1</b> Identify where infrastructure is not adequate to support future growth, initiate planning for the development of infrastructure required for future growth and ensure that utility infrastructure is adequate to support projected population growth and economic development.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers projected growth and ensures operations are consistent with that growth.
	<b>Goal CF-G-13</b> Coordinate planning and provision of utility services among Jefferson County, the State of Washington, local governments, and utility service providers.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it collaborates with various levels of regulatory agencies to support the planning and development of transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy CF-P-13.1</b> Provide coordination between Jefferson County, agencies, and utility providers to ensure consistency between utility systems development and the growth plans of the County.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it collaborates with various levels of regulatory agencies to support the planning and development of transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy CF-P-13.2</b> Require utility providers to consistently utilize the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element in utility systems planning.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element to support the planning and development of transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy CF-P-13.3</b> Assist in making multiple use of utility corridors, easements, and areas for utilities, whenever possible, provided that such	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers coordinating with other utility providers to co-locate utilities.

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	shared use is consistent with limitations prescribed by applicable law and prudent utility system practice.		
	<b>Policy CF-P-13.4</b> Coordinate and cooperate with other jurisdictions when transmission facility additions or improvements cross jurisdictional boundaries. Coordination to include maximizing efforts to achieve consistency between jurisdictions in efficient permitting.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it facilitates cross-jurisdictional planning efforts to maximize efforts and consistency between various jurisdictions.
Capital Facilities & Utilities	<b>Policy CF-P-13.6</b> Require that utility infrastructure associated with new development, which the County will assume maintenance/ownership, will be constructed to comply with Jefferson County growth projections and standards.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers Jefferson County growth projections and adheres to applicable utility infrastructure standards.
	<b>Goal CF-G-14</b> Minimize adverse environmental impacts of utility systems development through proper utility design, siting, regulation, ongoing monitoring, and education.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it uses property design, siting, regulation, monitoring, and education when planning and developing transmission facilities to minimize adverse environmental impacts.
	<b>Policy CF-P-14.1</b> Support utility planning that takes precautionary actions to prevent importation and distribution of noxious weeds; implements the most environmentally sensitive and effective approaches to eradicate noxious weeds in utility corridors; and implements quick-action plans to eradicate new infestations. Discourage recurring use of herbicides to control general vegetative growth around utility facilities and encourage alternative methods, such as mowing or selective treatment.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements environmentally sensitive approaches to eradicate noxious weeds in corridors and avoids using herbicides to control general vegetative growth.
	<b>Policy CF-P-14.4</b> Encourage siting and installation of locally owned and operated renewable energy sources, power production and storage systems, consistent with land use development regulations.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures siting and construction of transmission facilities are consistent with land use development regulations.
	<b>Goal CF-G-17</b> Encourage innovative and renewable forms of electricity, conservation of electricity, and efficient siting of electrical utilities infrastructure, consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures the development of transmission facilities are consistent with the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan.
	<b>Policy CF-P-17.1</b> Accommodate additions and improvements to electric utility facilities which improve capacity and reliability of regional electrical utility services, particularly when multiple jurisdictional benefits within the region can be achieved.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers multiple jurisdictional benefits of siting transmission facilities within Jefferson County.
	<b>Policy CF-P-17.2</b> Accommodate electrical distribution facilities as a permitted use in appropriate locations to ensure that land is available for the siting of electrical facilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers compatible uses to adjacent lands when siting transmission facilities.



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King County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA, with its next comprehensive plan update due by December 31, 2034.

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Rural Area & Natural Resource Lands	<p><b>R-201</b> King County’s land use regulations and development standards shall protect and enhance the following attributes associated with rural character and the Rural Area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The natural environment, particularly as evidenced by the health of wildlife and fisheries (especially salmon and trout), aquifers used for potable water, surface water bodies including Puget Sound and natural drainage systems and their riparian areas;</li><li>b. Commercial and noncommercial farming, forestry, fisheries, mining, home occupations, and home industries;</li><li>c. Historic resources, historical character, and continuity important to local communities, as well as archaeological and cultural sites important to Indian tribes;</li><li>d. Community small-town atmosphere, safety, and locally owned small businesses;</li><li>e. Economically and fiscally healthy Rural Towns and Rural Neighborhood Commercial Centers with clearly defined identities compatible with adjacent rural, agricultural, forestry, and mining uses;</li><li>f. Regionally significant parks, trails, and open space for all King County residents;</li><li>g. A variety of low-density housing choices compatible with adjacent farming, forestry, and mining, and not needing urban facilities and services;</li><li>h. Traditional rural land uses of a size and scale that blend with historical rural development; and</li><li>i. Rural uses that do not primarily serve the urban area.</li></ul>	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if the proposal is consistent with the land use regulations and development standards approved by King County for rural areas.
	<p><b>R-202</b> The Rural Area geography shown on the Land Use Map shall include areas that are rural in character and that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Have opportunities for significant commercial or noncommercial farming and forestry (large-scale farms and forest lands are designated as Natural Resource Lands);</li><li>b. Help buffer nearby Natural Resource Lands from conflicting urban uses;</li><li>c. Are contiguous to other lands in the Rural Area, Natural Resource Lands, or areas largely comprised of critical areas;</li><li>d. Have major physical barriers to providing urban services at reasonable cost, or that will help foster more logical boundaries for urban public services and infrastructure;</li><li>e. Are not needed for the foreseeable future that is well beyond the 20-year forecast period to provide capacity for population or employment growth;</li></ul>	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if the proposal meets one or more of the criteria identified in this policy.



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	f. Have outstanding scenic, historic, environmental, resource, or aesthetic values that can best be protected by a rural designation; or g. Have significant critical areas that make the area generally unsuitable for intensive urban development.		
	<b>R-205</b> Uses related to and appropriate for the Rural Area include those relating to agriculture, forestry, mineral extraction, and fisheries, such as the raising of livestock, growing of crops, creation of value-added products, and sale of agricultural products; small-scale home occupations and home industries; and recreational and small-scale tourism uses that rely on a rural location.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it is consistent with the allowed uses for designated rural areas.
	<b>R-208</b> King County should maintain Rural Forest Focus Areas in parcels of 20 acres or more, to retain large, contiguous blocks of rural forest. Regulations and/or incentives should seek to achieve a maximum density of one home per 20 acres.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures no designated Rural Forest Focus Area parcel is reduced to less than 20 acres.
	<b>R-323</b> Nonresidential uses in the Rural Area shall be consistent with the other applicable policies in this chapter and limited to those that: a. Provide convenient local products and services for nearby residents; b. Require location in a Rural Area; c. Support the economic vitality of natural resource-based industries; d. Provide adaptive reuse of significant historic resources; e. Provide recreational or tourism opportunities that are compatible with the surrounding Rural Area; f. Provide or support infrastructure for nearby residents; or g. In Rural Towns and on industrial-zoned properties, involve commercial or manufacturing-related development.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if the proposal meets one or more of the criteria identified in this policy.
	<b>R-324</b> Nonresidential uses in the Rural Area shall be sited, sized, and landscaped to complement rural character, prevent impacts on the environment, and function with rural services, including on-site wastewater disposal.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it is designed to complement rural character, limit impacts on the environment, and is compatible with the function of rural services.
	<b>R-332</b> Renewable energy technologies may be sited in the Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands, as appropriate. Development standards should ensure that the siting, scale, and design of these facilities respect and support rural character.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it employs renewable energy technologies, and as long as the siting, scale, and design of the facility supports rural character.
	<b>R-334</b> Public spending priorities for facilities and services within the Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands should be as follows: a. First, to maintain existing facilities and services that protect public health and safety; b. Second, to upgrade facilities and services when needed to correct level of service deficiencies without unnecessarily creating additional capacity for new growth; and c. Third, to support sustainable economic development that is sized and scaled at levels appropriate for the Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands and does not promote urbanization.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes public spending in the order outlined in this policy in rural and natural lands.
	<b>R-335</b> In the Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands, standards and plans for utility service should be consistent with long-term, low-density development and resource industries. Utility facilities that serve the	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it supports long-term, low-density development in the rural area and natural resource lands, or if the project is serving the UGA and is sited in a rural

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	Urban Growth Area but must be located in the Rural Area or on Natural Resource Lands (for example, a pipeline from a municipal watershed) should be designed and scaled to serve primarily the Urban Growth Area. Sewers needed to serve the previously established Redmond Ridge, Redmond Ridge East, and Trilogy neighborhoods, Cities in the Rural Area, Rural Towns, or new or existing schools pursuant to Policies R-328 and F-453 shall be tightlined and have access restrictions precluding service to other lands in the Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands.		area or on natural resource lands in a manner that is sized and scaled for rural areas and natural resource lands and that does not promote urbanization.
	<b>R-405</b> Rural Towns shall serve as activity centers for the Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands, may be served by a range of utilities and services, and may include several or all of the following land uses, if supported by necessary utilities and other services and if scaled and designed to protect rural character: a. Retail, commercial, and industrial uses to serve the surrounding Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands population; b. Residential development, including single detached residences on small lots, as well as multiunit housing and mixed-use developments; c. Other retail, commercial, and industrial uses, such as resource industries, tourism, commercial recreation, and light industry; and d. Public facilities and services such as community services, parks, religious facilities, schools, and fire stations.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers rural character if sited in rural towns.
	<b>R-706</b> Land uses, utilities, and transportation facilities within and adjacent to designated Agricultural and Forest Production Districts and designated Mineral Resource Sites shall be sited and designed to ensure compatibility with resource management.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it is sited and designed to ensure compatibility with resource management in these zones.
	<b>R-707</b> King County should encourage infrastructure and services that support Natural Resource Land management and resource-based businesses. These should be sited close to designated Agricultural and Forest Production Districts and designated Mineral Resource Sites when potential adverse impacts and incompatibilities can effectively be mitigated.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it supports natural resource land management and resource-based businesses.
	<b>R-742</b> King County shall continue to implement the objectives of the Farmland Preservation Program. Protection of property purchased under the Farmland Preservation Program shall be a high priority when balancing conflicting interests such as locating transportation, active recreation, utility facilities, or other uses that could have an adverse impact on farm operations.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it does not take priority over property purchased under the Farmland Preservation Program and does not impact farm operations.
	<b>R-744</b> Properties on which King County owns a Farmland Preservation Program easement, or that the County leases for agricultural purposes, should be limited to predominantly agricultural activities and agricultural support services.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers alternative locations when siting on properties on which King County owns a Farmland Preservation Program easement, or that the county leases for agricultural purpose.

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	<b>R-748</b> Agriculture shall remain the predominant land use in any Agricultural Production District. Permanent new construction within districts shall be sited to prevent conflicts with commercial farming or other agricultural uses, and nonagricultural uses shall be limited. New development shall not disrupt agriculture operations and shall have a scale compatible with an active farming district.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural uses.
	<b>R-759</b> Public services and utilities provided by King County and other entities within and adjacent to Agricultural Production Districts shall be designed to support agriculture and minimize significant adverse impacts on agriculture and to maintain total farmland acreage and the area’s historic agricultural character: a. Water lines, sewer lines, and other public facilities should avoid crossing Agricultural Production Districts. Installation should be timed to minimize negative impacts on seasonal agricultural practices; b. Road projects planned for the Agricultural Production Districts, including additional roads or the widening of roads, should be limited to those that are needed for safety or infrastructure preservation and that benefit agricultural uses. Arterials should be routed around the Agricultural Production Districts. Roads that cross Agricultural Production Districts should be aligned, designed, signed, and maintained to minimize negative impacts on agriculture, and to support farm traffic; c. In cases when King County concludes that regional public infrastructure projects cannot be located outside of, and must intrude into, Agricultural Production Districts, the County shall ensure that the infrastructure be built and located to minimize disruption of agricultural activity, and shall establish agreements with the relevant jurisdictions or agencies; and d. If infrastructure projects reduce total acreage in the Agricultural Production District, mitigation shall follow the criteria established in Policy R-761.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural production, character, and lands.
	<b>R-760</b> King County may allow lands to be removed from the Agricultural Production Districts only when it can be demonstrated that: a. 1. Removal of the land will not diminish the productivity of prime agricultural soils or the effectiveness of farming within the local Agricultural Production District boundaries; and 2. The land is determined to be no longer suitable for agricultural purposes; or b. The land is needed for public services or utilities as described in Policy R-759.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it does not remove land from the Agricultural Production Districts, or if the need to remove land is in agreement with this policy and policy R-759, above.
Urban Communities	<b>U-101</b> In all urban unincorporated areas, King County shall consider equity and racial and social justice in its planning, project development, and service delivery approach.	Socioeconomics	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers equitable practices in its siting and design.
Environment	<b>E-101</b> Environmental quality and important ecological functions shall be protected and hazards to health and property shall be minimized through development reviews and implementation of land use and environmental plans and programs.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on environmental quality, important ecological functions, and hazards to health and property.

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	<b>E-104</b> King County shall consider environmental justice and climate equity impacts and disparities in its planning, projects, and services to assess and mitigate unintended impacts on frontline communities and to ensure solutions that enhance conditions for people and the environment.	Socioeconomics	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers environmental justice and climate equity impacts in the design and siting of facilities.
	<b>E-109</b> King County should promote the efficient provision of utilities and public services by exempting minor activities from critical areas regulations if the agency develops a best management practices plan that: a. Is based on best available science; b. Accounts for no net loss of ecological functions; and c. Ensures projects that may affect habitats of endangered, threatened, sensitive, or candidate species, or species of local importance, are carried out in a manner that protects the resource and mitigates adverse impacts.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it develops a best management practices plan in critical areas.
	<b>E-202</b> King County shall reduce greenhouse gas emissions from its operations and actions, including but not limited to, those associated with construction and management of County-owned facilities, infrastructure development, transportation, and environmental protection programs, to achieve the emissions reductions targets set in Policy E-203 and to work towards the carbon neutral goal in Policy F-416	Air Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it reduces greenhouse gas emissions from operations and actions associated with the construction, maintenance, or upgrades of facilities.
	<b>E-201</b> The County's Strategic Climate Action Plan should guide the planning, development, and implementation of greenhouse gas reduction goals and actions, equitable and community-driven climate solutions, and policies and actions that reduce climate change vulnerabilities and increase climate resilience.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the county's Strategic Climate Action Plan policies and goals at all stages of the planning and developing process.
	<b>E-202</b> King County shall reduce greenhouse gas emissions from its operations and actions, including but not limited to, those associated with construction and management of County-owned facilities, infrastructure development, transportation, and environmental protection programs, to achieve the emissions reductions targets set in Policy E-203 and to work towards the carbon neutral goal in Policy F-416.	Air Quality; Energy and Natural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts from greenhouse gas emissions.
	<b>E-206</b> King County shall continue to implement an operational "social cost of carbon." The social cost of carbon should be used in life-cycle assessments and decision making related to County operations, including for purchase of vehicles, buses, and fuels, for facility construction and resource efficiency projects, and for related technology investments. King County should also consider using the social cost of carbon to inform broader County planning and decision making.	Energy and Natural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the "social cost of carbon."
	<b>E-220</b> King County shall prioritize an affordable transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy for frontline communities, and should expand the availability to those communities of utility assistance and measures for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and fossil fuel reduction and transition.	Energy and Natural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the renewable energy compatibility, especially for frontline communities.
	<b>E-222</b> King County shall plan and prepare for the likely impacts of climate change on County-owned facilities, infrastructure, and natural resources, and shall develop and, as feasible, implement strategies to incorporate climate change response into the design and operations of its facilities, infrastructure, and natural resources.	Energy and Natural Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it addresses impacts due to climate change in the design and operation of facilities.



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	<b>E-224</b> King County shall integrate estimates of the magnitude and timing of climate change impacts into capital project planning, siting, design, and construction and implement infrastructure operation and maintenance programs that consider full life-cycle costs and climate change impacts in asset management.	Energy and Natural Resources; Socioeconomics	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it addresses impacts due to climate change in the siting, design, construction, and maintenance of facilities.
	<b>E-227</b> To foster resilience to climate change in ecosystems and species, King County should prioritize efforts such as: the restoration of floodplains to improve the resilience of major rivers to changing flow regimes and temperatures; the protection and restoration of riparian vegetation and mature and old growth forests to reduce warming in cold water systems, of wetlands to reduce drought and flooding, and of connections between different habitats to maintain current seasonal migration; and facilitate migration opportunities for species whose ranges shift in latitude and altitude.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on ecosystems and species in a climate change context.
	<b>E-232</b> Through land use and transportation actions, King County should work to reduce climate change health inequities related to the exposure of vulnerable populations to poor air quality and extreme weather events.	Air Quality; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on vulnerable populations in a climate change context.
	<b>E-301</b> King County shall strive to conserve the native diversity of species and habitats in the county.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on habitats.
	<b>E-302</b> In the Urban Growth Area, King County shall strive to maintain a quality environment that includes fish and wildlife habitats that support the greatest diversity of native species consistent with Growth Management Act-mandated population density objectives.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the natural environment and is consistent with the Growth Management Act in Urban Growth Areas.
	<b>E-303</b> Outside the Urban Growth Area, the County should strive to maintain, protect, and recover ecological processes, native landscapes, ecosystems, and habitats that can support viable populations of native species. This should be accomplished through coordinated conservation planning and collaborative implementation.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the natural environment outside of UGAs.
	<b>E-304</b> King County should develop a biodiversity conservation framework and conservation strategy to achieve the goals of maintaining and recovering native biodiversity. King County should collaborate with other governments and private and nonprofit organizations on the creation and implementation of this strategy.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the county’s biodiversity conservation framework.
	<b>E-306</b> King County’s efforts to restore and maintain biodiversity should place priority on protecting and restoring ecological processes that create and sustain habitats and species diversity and support climate change resilience.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on ecological processes.
	<b>E-307</b> King County should map habitat connectivity corridors and biodiversity areas to protect fish and wildlife populations in a changing climate. Areas identified by this analysis should be prioritized by King County, and in collaboration with Indian tribes, the state, cities, and other landowners, for land conservation and restoration actions and programs.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on habitat connectivity corridors.
	<b>E-311</b> King County should conserve areas where conditions support dynamic ecological processes that sustain important ecosystem and habitat functions and values, and promote structural and landscape diversity.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on dynamic ecological processes.



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	<b>E-315</b> Terrestrial and aquatic habitats should be conserved and enhanced to protect and improve conditions for fish and wildlife.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on terrestrial and aquatic habitats.
	<b>E-316</b> King County shall designate and protect the following areas as Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas: a. Areas with which federal- or state-listed endangered, threatened, candidate, or sensitive species have a primary association; b. Habitats of Local Importance and habitats for Species of Local Importance, including Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas; c. Wildlife habitat networks designated by the County; d. Aquatic Areas e. Commercial and recreational shellfish areas; f. Kelp and eelgrass beds; g. Herring, smelt, and sand lance spawning areas; h. Riparian areas; and i. State aquatic reserves.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas outlined in this policy.
	<b>E-317</b> King County may increase the size of riparian areas, buffers, and critical area setbacks to protect adjacent wetland, aquatic area, and riparian habitat, native vegetated areas that connect wetlands complexes, and species of local importance and their habitats. Whenever possible, density transfers, clustering, buffer averaging, and other mechanisms should be utilized in order to protect and/or enhance ecological functions.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on ecological, function outlined in this policy.
	<b>E-319</b> Development, erosion control projects, and critical area mitigation and restoration should incorporate native plant communities, both through the preservation of existing plants and addition of new native plants. The introduction of nonnative and invasive species should be avoided.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it prioritizes the use of native plant species in facility design and development.
	<b>E-321</b> Habitat networks for threatened, endangered and Species of Local Importance shall be designated and mapped. Fish and wildlife habitat areas and habitat networks for other priority species should be identified, designated, and mapped using ecoregion and resource data. Mapping should be coordinated with state and federal ecosystem mapping efforts as appropriate.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on special habitat networks by using habitat maps.
	<b>E-327</b> Habitats for species that have been identified as endangered, threatened, or sensitive by the state or federal government shall not be degraded or reduced in size and shall be preserved and protected.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on special species habitats.
	<b>E-328</b> King County designates the following to be Species of Local Importance: a. Salmonids and other anadromous or freshwater fish – Kokanee salmon, Sockeye/red salmon, Chum salmon, Coho/silver salmon, Pink salmon, Chinook salmon, Coastal resident/searun cutthroat trout, Rainbow trout, steelhead trout, bull trout, Pygmy whitefish, Dolly Varden, Western river lamprey, Pacific lamprey, and Olympic mudminnow;	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on Species of Local Importance outlined in this policy.

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	<p>b. Native Freshwater Mussels – Western pearlshell mussel, Oregon floater, and western ridge mussel;</p> <p>c. Shellfish – Dungeness crab, Pandalid shrimp, Butter clam, Littleneck clam, and Olympia oyster;</p> <p>d. Marine Fish – White sturgeon; Pacific herring; Longfin smelt; Surfsmelt; Lingcod, Pacific cod; Pacific sand lance; Yelloweye, Brown, Copper, Bocaccio, Canary, and Quillback Rockfish; English sole; and Southern rock sole;</p> <p>e. Birds – Marbled Murrelet; Western grebe, Caspian Tern, Pigeon Guillemot, Pelagic Cormorant, American bittern, Great blue heron, Common Loon, Western High Arctic Brant, Harlequin duck, Bufflehead, Wood duck, Hooded merganser, Barrow’s goldeneye, Common goldeneye, Cinnamon teal, Tundra swan, Trumpeter swan, Surf scoter, White-winged scoter, Black scoter, Bald Eagle, Golden Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Northern Goshawk, Osprey, Spotted owl, Western screech-owl, Sooty grouse, Pacific coast band-tailed pigeon, Belted kingfisher, Olive-sided flycatcher, Western meadowlark, Cassin’s finch, Oregon Vesper Sparrow, Redeyed Vireo, Purple Martin, Vaux’s Swift, Purple finch, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Black-backed Woodpecker, American three-toed woodpecker, Hairy woodpecker, Pileated woodpecker, and the following bird concentrations:</p> <p>i. Waterfowl Concentrations (Anatidae excluding Canada Geese in urban areas); and</p> <p>ii. Western Washington nonbreeding concentrations of plovers (Charadriidae), sandpipers;</p> <p>f. Mammals – American marten, Wolverine, Fisher, Gray wolf, Cascade red fox, Douglas squirrel, Northern flying squirrel, Townsend’s chipmunk, Hoary marmot, Roosevelt elk, mountain goat, Pika, Townsend’s big-eared bat, roosting concentrations of Big-brown bat, Pallid bats, and Myotis bats, Killer whale (Orca), Gray whale, Dall’s and Harbor porpoise, Harbor seal, Stellar sea lions, and concentrations of California sea lions;</p> <p>g. Amphibians – Red-legged frog, Larch Mountain salamander, Oregon spotted frog, and Western toad;</p> <p>h. Reptiles – Western fence lizard and Northwestern pond turtle;</p> <p>i. Rare Plants –Tall bugbane, Triangular-lobed moonwort, Western moonwort, Stalked moonwort, Harvest brodiaea Alaska harebell, Few-flowered sedge, Long-styled sedge, Clubmoss mountainheather, Golden paintbrush, Weak thistle, Spleenwort-leaved goldthread, Tree clubmoss, Spotted Joe-pye weed, Kamchatka fritillary, Swamp gentian, Oregon goldenweed, Large St. Johns'-wort, Pacific peavine, Water lobelia, Northern bog clubmoss, Onecone clubmoss, White meconella, Branched montia, Old field blue toadflax, Brewer's cliffbrake, Whitebark pine, Choriso's bogorchid, Columbia white topped aster, and Flat-leaved bladderwort; and</p>		

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	j. Other invertebrates – Blue gray tailedropper, Hatch’s click beetle, Beller’s ground beetle, Pacific clubtail, Western bumblebee, Johnson’s hairstreak, and Valley silverspot.		
	<b>E-330</b> King County shall designate the following to be Habitats of Local Importance: a. Caves; b. Cliffs; c. Herbaceous balds; d. Old growth forest; e. Oregon white oak woodlands; f. Snag-rich areas; g. Sphagnum-dominated peat bogs; h. Talus; and i. Westside prairie.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on Habitats of Local Importance outlined in this policy.
	<b>E-331</b> King County should review federal and state candidate listings for information about candidate species that are under consideration for listing as an endangered or threatened species and found in King County. King County shall protect habitat for candidate species, as listed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife or a federal agency. Information regarding candidate species should be used to inform King County’s long-term wildlife conservation and planning efforts.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on federal and state candidate species.
	<b>E-334</b> Development proposals shall be assessed for the presence of King County Species of Local Importance. A comprehensive assessment should follow a standard procedure or guidelines and shall occur one time during the development review process. a. King County should consider species and habitats of cultural importance to Indian 56 tribes in its planning, development review, and capital projects.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it assesses for the presence of King County Species of Local Importance.
	<b>E-335</b> King County should conserve and restore salmonid habitats by ensuring that land use and facility plans (transportation, water, sewer, electricity, gas) include riparian and stream habitat conservation measures developed by the County, Indian tribes, cities, service providers, and state and federal agencies. Project review of development proposals within basins that contain hatcheries and other artificial propagation facilities that are managed to protect the abundance, productivity, genetic diversity, and spatial distribution of native salmon and provide harvest opportunities should consider significant adverse impacts to those facilities.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on salmonid habitats through the methods outlined in this policy.
	<b>E-336</b> King County shall continue to participate in the Water Resource Inventory Area salmon recovery plan implementation efforts and in other regional efforts to recover salmon and the ecosystems they depend on, such as the Puget Sound Partnership. King County’s participation in planning and implementation efforts shall be guided by the following principles: a. Focus on federally listed salmonid species and declining stocks protected under Indian tribal treaty rights first, then take an	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it is consistent with the Water Resource Inventory Areas salmon recovery plan.

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	ecosystem approach to habitat management and seek to address management needs for other species over time; b. Concurrently work on early actions and long-term projects and programs that will lead to improvements to, and information on, habitat conditions in King County that can enable the recovery of endangered or threatened salmonids, while maintaining the economic vitality and strength of the region; c. Address both King County’s growth management needs and habitat conservation needs; d. Use best available science as defined in Chapter 365-195 Washington Administrative Code; e. Improve water quality, water quantity, and channel characteristics; and f. Develop, implement, and evaluate actions within a watershed-based program of data collection and analysis that documents the level of effectiveness of specific actions and provides information for adaptation of salmon conservation and recovery strategies.		
	<b>E-337</b> King County should coordinate with Indian tribes, local jurisdictions, universities, federal and state agencies, special interest groups, special districts, businesses, and residents to implement, monitor, and update Water Resource Inventory Area salmon recovery plans for all areas of King County.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it coordinates with the groups outlined in this policy for implementation of Water Resource Inventory Area salmon plans.
	<b>E-344</b> Watershed-based plans should define how the natural functions and values of watersheds critical to salmonids are protected so that the quantity and quality of water and sediment entering the streams, lakes, wetlands and rivers can support salmonid spawning, rearing, resting, and migration.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it uses watershed-based plans to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate potential impacts on watersheds
	<b>E-349</b> King County should promote and restore native plant communities where sustainable, feasible, and appropriate to the site and surrounding ecological context and should incorporate climate change considerations into planting design, including: a. Management and control of nonnative invasive plants, including aquatic plants; b. Using environmentally safe methods to control noxious weeds; c. Use of locally or climate-adapted species for landscaping, restoration, rehabilitation, and erosion control on County-owned lands; and d. Routine maintenance of plantings to prevent invasive species and ensure survival of plantings.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on native plant communities through methods outlined in this policy.
	<b>E-352</b> King County shall be a good steward of public lands and protect water quality by reducing the use of insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides through integrated pest and vegetation management practices. Through training and other programs, King County should actively encourage the use of environmentally safe methods of vegetation control. Herbicide use on King County-owned and leased properties shall	Vegetation; Water Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it employs environmentally safe methods of vegetation control.



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	be restricted to low-toxicity products applied by trained and licensed staff or contractors, and used only as necessary.		
	<b>E-401</b> King County shall protect and should enhance surface waters, including streams, lakes, wetlands, and the marine waters and nearshore areas of Puget Sound, on a watershed basis by analyzing water quantity and quality problems and their impacts to beneficial uses, including fish and wildlife habitat, flood risk reduction, and erosion control. Conditions of and impacts to the downstream receiving marine beaches and waters of Puget Sound shall be included in watershed management efforts.	Water Quality; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on surface waters.
	<b>E-402</b> King County’s watershed management plans, Water Resource Inventory Area salmon recovery plans, flood management plans, master drainage plans, open space acquisition plans, and critical areas regulations should apply a tiered system of protection that affords a higher standard of protection for more significant resources.	Water Quality, Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it is consistent with plans outlined in this policy.
	<b>E-403</b> King County shall integrate watershed plans with marine and freshwater surface water, flood hazard management, stormwater, groundwater, drinking water, wastewater, and recycled water planning, as well as federal and state Clean Water Act compliance and monitoring and assessment programs, to provide efficient water resource management.	Water Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it is consistent with watershed plans that address the resources in this policy.
	<b>E-404</b> King County shall encourage the establishment of uniform countywide wetlands policies that provide protection of both regionally and locally highly rated wetlands.	Water Quality; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it complies with countywide wetland policies.
	<b>E-405</b> King County shall protect wetlands to achieve no net loss of wetland functions and values within each drainage basin. Acquisition, enhancement, regulations, and incentive programs shall be used to protect and enhance wetland functions and values. Watershed management plans, including Water Resource Inventory Area plans, should be used to coordinate and inform priorities for acquisition, enhancement, regulations, and incentive programs within unincorporated King County to achieve the goal of no net loss of wetland functions and values within each drainage basin.	Water Quality; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands through the methods outlined in this policy.
	<b>E-406</b> King County should identify upland areas of native vegetation that connect wetlands to upland habitats and that connect upland habitats to each other. The County should seek protection of these areas through acquisition, stewardship plans, and incentive programs such as the Public Benefit Rating System and the Transfer of Development Rights Program.	Vegetation, Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on upland areas.
	<b>E-407</b> The unique hydrologic cycles, soil and water chemistries, and vegetation communities of bogs and fens shall be protected through the use of incentives, acquisition, best management practices, and implementation of the King County Surface Water Design Manual to control and/or treat stormwater within the wetland watershed.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on bogs and fens.
	<b>E-411</b> Provided all wetland functions are evaluated, impact avoidance and minimization sequencing is followed, affected functions are appropriately mitigated, and mitigation sites are adequately monitored, alterations to wetlands may be allowed to:	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it alters wetlands only after meeting all the requirements outlined in this policy

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	a. Accomplish a public agency or utility development; b. Provide necessary crossings for utilities, stormwater tightlines and roads; or c. Allow constitutionally mandated “reasonable use” of the property.		
	<b>E-413</b> Wetland impacts shall be avoided if possible, and minimized in all cases. Applicants shall demonstrate that impacts are unavoidable due to circumstances outside of the applicant’s control, and not for the profit or convenience of development. Where impacts cannot be avoided, they should be mitigated on site if the proposed mitigation is practical, ecologically appropriate, and likely to continue providing equivalent or better biological functions in perpetuity. When it is demonstrated that there are not enough opportunities available for onsite mitigation, King County may approve off-site mitigation.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands.
	<b>E-421</b> The existing flood storage and conveyance functions and ecological values of floodplains, wetlands, and riparian areas shall be protected, and should be restored and enhanced through integrated actions that provide multiple benefits, such as preservation of open space and adjacent low-density development.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on existing flood storage, conveyance functions, and ecological values of floodplains, wetlands, and riparian areas.
	<b>E-424</b> River and stream channels, stream outlets, headwater areas, riparian areas, and areas where dynamic ecological processes are present should be preserved, protected, and enhanced for their hydraulic, hydrologic, ecologic, and aesthetic functions, including their functions in providing large wood to salmonid-bearing streams. Actions taken along river and stream channels should provide multiple benefits, including resiliency to climate change. Flood risk reduction actions should benefit all communities, especially frontline communities, consistent with equity and racial and social justice goals and the policies of the King County Flood Management Plan or successor plans.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on dynamic ecological processes in hydrologic areas.
	<b>E-427</b> To maintain and restore stream health, sources of uncontrolled stormwater flows contributing to peak flows in small streams should be managed using on-site structural or non-structural flow control techniques.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Water Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it employs on-site flow control.
	<b>E-428</b> King County should improve the management of alluvial fans through mapping the locations of existing alluvial fans and areas at risk of alluvial fan hazards, and through developing appropriate management strategies such as development standards and mitigation requirements. Strategies should: a. Address potential conflicts between adjacent landowners and natural alluvial fan hazards and processes; b. Take climate change into account; c. Protect intact habitat; d. Restore degraded habitat; and e. Reduce threats to public safety for existing land uses.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts from alluvial fans using techniques outlined in this policy.

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	<b>E-430</b> King County shall implement a comprehensive local floodplain management program that, consistent with the King County Flood Management Plan or successor plans: protects lives; minimizes damage and disruption to infrastructure and critical facilities; preserves and restores natural floodplain functions; uses integrated approaches to provide multiple benefits; is resilient to climate change; supports floodplain management actions that benefit frontline communities; and ensures that new development does not put people in harm’s way or cause adverse flooding impacts elsewhere.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it is consistent with the county’s comprehensive local floodplain management program.
	<b>E-434</b> Lakes shall be protected through management of lake watersheds and shorelines. Lakes should also be protected through the management of nutrients that stimulate potentially harmful algae blooms and aquatic plant growth. Where sufficient information is available, measurable standards for lake quality should be set and management plans established to meet the standards.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Water Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on lakes.
	<b>E-441</b> King County should protect and enhance the natural environment in those areas recommended or adopted as Aquatic Reserves by Washington State Department of Natural Resources. This should include participation in management planning for the aquatic reserves and working with willing landowners adjacent to the reserve on restoration and acquisition projects that enhance the natural environment.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Water Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on aquatic reserves.
	<b>E-442</b> King County shall support efforts of the Poverty Bay Shellfish Protection District to safeguard against threats to water quality that limit access to existing commercial shellfish harvesting areas.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Water Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the Poverty Bay Shellfish Protection District.
	<b>E-446</b> King County should protect the quality and quantity of groundwater countywide.	Water Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on groundwater.
	<b>E-447</b> King County should work with partners to implement adopted Groundwater Management Plans and approved Wellhead Protection Programs, to coordinate groundwater management among jurisdictions, and to monitor groundwater status and trends.	Water Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it complies with Groundwater Management Plans and approved Wellhead Protection Programs.
	<b>E-451</b> King County should protect groundwater in the Rural Area by: a. Preferring land uses that retain a high ratio of permeable to impermeable surface area, and that maintain and/or augment the natural soil’s infiltration capacity and treatment capability for groundwater; b. Evaluating impacts on groundwater, where appropriate, during review of commercial, industrial, and residential subdivision development projects that are proposed to be located within critical aquifer recharge areas, and, where appropriate, requiring mitigation for anticipated groundwater impacts to domestic water supply resulting from these projects; and c. Requiring standards for vegetation clearing, impervious surface limits, and, where appropriate, infiltration of surface water.	Water Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on groundwater in rural areas through the methods outlined in this policy.
	<b>E-453</b> Stormwater runoff shall be managed through a variety of methods, with the goal of protecting surface water quality, in-stream flows, and aquatic habitat; promoting groundwater recharge while protecting	Water Quality; Public Health and Safety; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts from stormwater runoff.

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	groundwater quality; reducing the risk of flooding; protecting public safety and properties; and enhancing the viability of agricultural lands.		
	<b>E-457</b> Development shall occur in a manner that supports continued ecological and hydrologic functioning of water resources and should not have a significant adverse impact on water quality, water quantity, or sediment transport, and should maintain base flows, natural water level fluctuations, unpolluted groundwater recharge in Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas, and fish and wildlife habitat	Water Quality; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on ecological and hydrologic functioning of water resources.
	<b>E-503</b> King County shall promote retention of forest cover and significant trees using a mix of regulations, incentives, and technical assistance.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if supports the retention of forests.
	<b>E-504</b> King County shall identify and implement recommended strategies to establish and protect corridors of forest with old growth characteristics, particularly in upper watershed areas and along major river corridors in support of habitat for salmon and other wildlife.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on forest with old growth characteristics.
	<b>E-507</b> King County shall promote, encourage, and require, where appropriate, the beneficial use and reuse of organic materials in soils and minimize their disposal, including but not limited to their use in the following activities: agriculture and silviculture; road, park, and other public project development; site development and new construction; restoration and remediation of disturbed soils; nursery and sod production; and landscaping. For these purposes, organic materials do not include fly ash.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the beneficial use and reuse of organic materials in soils and minimization of their disposal.
	<b>E-508</b> King County agencies shall use and promote compost whenever feasible to compensate for historical losses of organic content in soil caused by human actions, including development, landscaping, agricultural practices, and resource extraction. Where use of compost is not feasible, agencies shall consider use of other recycled organic products, such as biosolids.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the use of compost in facility development.
	<b>E-509</b> King County shall seek to enhance soil quality and protect water quality and biodiversity across the landscape by developing policies, programs, and incentives that support the goal of no net loss of organic material.	Earth Resources; Water Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on organic material.
	<b>E-510</b> King County supports and should explore ways to beneficially use biosolids locally, whenever feasible.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the use of biosolids in the development of facilities.
	<b>E-601</b> Land uses allowed in Erosion Hazard Areas shall minimize soil disturbance and should maximize retention and replacement of native vegetative cover.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on erosion in Erosion Hazards Areas.
	<b>E-602</b> Slopes with a grade of 40 percent or more shall not be developed unless the risks and adverse impacts associated with such development can be reduced to a non-significant level.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it develops grades with the requirements set in this policy.
	<b>E-605</b> Landslide hazard areas shall not be developed unless the risks and adverse impacts associated with such development are eliminated or minimized so that they are at a non-significant level. Development proposed in areas affected by landslide hazards shall be adequately reviewed and mitigated as needed to eliminate or minimize risk to the development as well as to ensure the development does not increase	Public Health and Safety; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts for development in landslide hazard areas.



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	landslide or erosion hazards that would adversely impact adjacent properties or natural resources.		
	<b>E-609</b> King County shall require all development proposals potentially subject to coal mine hazards to assess the mine-related hazards, including risks to structures, improvements, occupants, and public health and safety.	Public Health and Safety; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts for mine-related hazards.
	<b>E-610</b> King County shall allow development within coal mine hazard areas if the proposal includes appropriate mitigation for identified, mine-related hazards using best available engineering practices and if the development is in compliance with all other local, state, and federal requirements.	Public Health and Safety; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the requirements in this policy for siting facilities in local mine hazard areas.
	<b>E-701</b> King County shall consider high-priority strategies and actions identified in the King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan or successor plans in its land use and transportation planning, economic development efforts, and natural resource management, to reduce impacts from natural hazards such as earthquake, flooding, and landslides.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts from natural hazards.
Shorelines	<b>S-102</b> King County’s shoreline jurisdiction extends over the shorelines of the state and 100-year floodplain of the shorelines of the state in unincorporated King County. This includes shorelines, shorelines of statewide significance, shorelands, floodways, and the adjacent land extending 200 feet landward from the floodway.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the county’s shoreline jurisdiction outlined in this policy.
	<b>S-201</b> All proposed uses and development occurring within King County's shoreline jurisdiction shall conform to the Shoreline Management Act and to King County's Shoreline Master Program.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the Shoreline Management Act and King County’s SMP when siting and developing facilities in shoreline areas.
	<b>S-205</b> King County, when determining allowable uses and resolving use conflicts in the shoreline jurisdiction, shall apply the following preferences and priorities in the order listed below: a. Reserve appropriate areas for protecting and restoring shoreline ecological processes and functions to control pollution and prevent damage to the natural environment and to public health. b. Reserve shoreline areas for water-dependent and associated water-related uses. Harbor areas, established pursuant to Article XV of the State Constitution, and other areas that have reasonable commercial navigational accessibility and necessary support facilities, such as transportation and utilities, should be reserved for water-dependent and water-related uses that are associated with commercial navigation, unless adequate shoreline is reserved for future water-dependent and water-related uses and unless protection of the existing natural resource values of such areas preclude such uses. Shoreline mixed-use developments may be allowed if they include and support water-dependent uses and address specific conditions that affect water-dependent uses.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the allowable uses in shoreline jurisdiction outlined in this policy.

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	<p>c. Reserve shoreline areas for other water-related and water-enjoyment uses that are compatible with ecological protection and restoration objectives.</p> <p>d. Locate single detached residential uses where they are appropriate and can be developed without significant impact to shoreline ecological processes and functions or displacement of water-dependent uses.</p> <p>e. Limit nonwater-oriented uses to those locations that are inappropriate for higher priority uses or locations where the nonwater-oriented uses demonstrably contribute to the objectives of the Shoreline Management Act.</p>		
	<p><b>S-207</b> The following policy goals shall apply to all of the shoreline jurisdiction. The goals are not ranked in importance and have been assigned a letter for identification purposes only.</p> <p>a. The use of the shoreline jurisdiction for those economically productive uses that are particularly dependent on shoreline location or use.</p> <p>b. The use of the shoreline jurisdiction for public access and recreation.</p> <p>c. Protection and restoration of the ecological processes and functions of shoreline natural resources.</p> <p>d. Protection of the public right of navigation and corollary uses of waters of the state.</p> <p>e. The protection and restoration of buildings and sites having historic, cultural, and educational value.</p> <p>f. Planning for public facilities and utilities correlated with other shorelines uses.</p> <p>g. Prevention and minimization of flood damage.</p> <p>h. Recognizing and protecting private property rights.</p> <p>i. Preferential accommodation of single detached residential uses.</p> <p>j. Coordination of shoreline management with other relevant local, state, and federal agencies and programs.</p>	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers policy goals for the shoreline jurisdiction outlined in this policy.
	<p><b>S-209</b> In developing and implementing its Shoreline Master Program for shorelines of statewide significance, King County shall give preference, in the following order of preference, to uses that:</p> <p>a. Recognize and protect the statewide interest over local interest;</p> <p>b. Preserve the natural character of the shoreline;</p> <p>c. Result in long-term over short-term benefit;</p> <p>d. Protect the resources and ecology of the shoreline;</p> <p>e. Increase public access to publicly owned areas of the shorelines;</p> <p>f. Increase recreational opportunities for the public in the shoreline; and</p> <p>g. Provide for any other element as defined in Revised Code of Washington 90.58.100.</p>	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers preferred uses in shorelines of statewide significance outlined in the SMP and this policy.

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	<b>S-212</b> King County shall accommodate in the shoreline jurisdiction all reasonable and appropriate uses consistent with protecting against adverse effects to the public health, the land and its vegetation and wildlife, and the waters of the state, and consistent with public rights of navigation.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on public health, the land and its vegetation and wildlife, waters of the state, and public rights of navigation in shoreline jurisdiction areas.
	<b>S-213</b> Development regulations shall provide both shoreline use and protection by requiring permitted uses in the shoreline jurisdiction to be designed and conducted in a manner to avoid or minimize, in so far as practical, any resultant damage to the ecology and environment of the shoreline area and the public's use of the water.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on shoreline areas when permitted.
	<b>S-311</b> King County shall protect shoreline critical areas and, where possible, should restore degraded habitat and critical area functions and values.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on shoreline critical areas.
	<b>S-312</b> King County should consider and, when possible, require protection of scenic vistas of the shoreline jurisdiction when reviewing public and private development proposals.	Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on scenic vistas in shoreline areas.
	<b>S-314</b> Historic resources in the shoreline jurisdiction should be protected to prevent the destruction of, or damage to, any site having archaeological, historic, cultural, or scientific value through coordination and consultation with the appropriate Indian tribal, local, state, and federal authorities.  a. Cooperation among public and private parties should be encouraged in the identification, protection, and management of cultural resources.  b. Where appropriate, access to such sites should be made available to parties of interest. Access to such sites shall be designed and managed in a manner that gives maximum protection to the resource.  c. Opportunities for education related to archaeological, historical, and cultural features should be provided where appropriate and incorporated into public and private programs and development.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on cultural and historic resources in shoreline areas.
	<b>S-317</b> Cooperation among parties should be encouraged to protect historic, cultural, scientific, and educational resources.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it coordinates with appropriate parties and agencies on the protection of cultural and historic resources in shoreline areas.
	<b>S-321</b> If development is proposed adjacent to an historic resource, the proposed development should be designed and operated so as to be compatible with continued protection of the historic, cultural, or archaeological resource.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on adjacent cultural and historic resources in shoreline areas.
	<b>S-401</b> The King County Shoreline Master Program shall provide a level of protection for critical areas in the shoreline jurisdiction that ensures no net loss of shoreline ecological functions necessary to sustain shoreline natural resources.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on critical areas in shoreline areas.
	<b>S-504</b> In the High Intensity Shoreline Environment, King County shall give priority to non-residential land uses that are water-dependent or water-related.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers priority uses in High Intensity Shoreline Environments.

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	<b>S-505</b> King County shall discourage nonwater-oriented, non-residential land uses in the High Intensity Shoreline Environment. Shoreline mixed-use developments that include and support water dependent uses may be allowed. King County should allow nonwater-oriented land uses in the High Intensity Shoreline Environment only in limited situations and only if they do not conflict with or limit opportunities for water-dependent uses or are located on sites where there is no direct access to the shoreline.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers uses appropriate for High Intensity Shoreline Environments outlined in this policy.
	<b>S-506</b> Prior to allowing expansion of a high intensity nonwater-oriented use in the shoreline environment, King County shall determine that there is no feasible alternative for locating the expansion outside of the shoreline jurisdiction.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers all alternatives for expanding High Intensity Shoreline Environments for the siting of facilities in shoreline areas.
	<b>S-508</b> King County shall protect the aesthetic character of the shoreline in the High Intensity Shoreline Environment through development regulations, including sign controls, development siting criteria, screening requirements and architectural standards, landscaping requirements, and maintenance of natural vegetation.	Land and Shoreline Use; Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on shoreline aesthetic character in High Intensity Shoreline Environments.
	<b>S-509</b> King County shall require that the scale and intensity of new uses and development within the High Intensity Shoreline Environment is compatible with, and protects or enhances, the existing character of the area.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers compatibility of development of facilities in High Intensity Shoreline Environments.
	<b>S-512</b> King County shall require that the scale and intensity of new uses and development within the Residential Shoreline Environment is compatible with and protects or enhances the existing character of the area.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers compatibility of the existing character of Residential Shoreline Environments.
	<b>S-514</b> King County should discourage nonwater-oriented commercial uses in the Residential Shoreline Environment. A nonwater-oriented commercial use may be allowed as part of a shoreline mixed-use development or if the nonwater-oriented use provides a substantial benefit with respect to the goals and policies of this Program, such as providing public access or restoring degraded shorelines.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers compatibility the existing uses of Residential Shoreline Environments.
	<b>S-517</b> King County should limit uses in the Rural Shoreline Environment to those rural development activities and associated services that sustain the shoreline’s physical and biological resources and that protect options for restoration to the maximum extent feasible given the nature of rural development.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers compatibility the existing uses of Rural Shoreline Environments.
	<b>S-522</b> King County shall require that new uses or development in the Conservancy Shoreline Environment preserve the existing character of the shoreline consistent with the purpose of the environment, including: a. Limiting the total effective impervious surface in the shoreline jurisdiction to no more than 10 percent to maintain the existing hydrologic character of the site; and b. Allowing more effective impervious surface coverage on lots legally created prior to the date of adoption of this update to King County’s Shoreline Master Program. In these cases, effective	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers compatibility the existing character of Conservancy Shoreline Environments, including what is described in this policy.



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	impervious surface coverage shall be limited to the maximum extent feasible.		
	<b>S-525</b> King County should limit uses in the Resource Shoreline Environment to agricultural and mining activities.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers compatibility the existing uses of Resource Shoreline Environments.
	<b>S-528</b> A shoreline may be designated Forestry Shoreline Environment if the shoreland is within the Forest Production District and the shoreline is not designated as a Natural Shoreline or a Conservancy Shoreline Environment.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers compatibility of the existing uses of Forestry Shoreline Environments.
	<b>S-535</b> King County shall prohibit the following new uses in the Natural Shoreline Environment: a. Commercial uses; b. Industrial uses; c. Nonwater-oriented recreation uses that require shoreline modification to provide shoreline access; d. Mining and associated facilities, such as docks, piers, and loading facilities; and e. Transportation facilities, utility corridors, and parking areas that can be located outside of the Natural Shoreline Environment.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers compatibility the allowed uses of Natural Shoreline Environments outlined in this policy.
	<b>S-602</b> King County shall ensure that new uses, development, and redevelopment within the shoreline jurisdiction do not cause a net loss of shoreline ecological processes and functions.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on shoreline ecological processes and function.
	<b>604</b> King County shall require shoreline uses and modifications to be designed and managed to prevent degradation of water quality and alteration of natural hydrographic conditions to the maximum extent practical.	Water Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water quality in shorelines.
	<b>S-608</b> King County shall consider and address cumulative impacts of shoreline development on shoreline ecological processes and functions and on shoreline uses given priority under Chapter 90.58 Revised Code of Washington.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential cumulative impacts on shoreline ecological processes and function.
	<b>S-609</b> King County shall apply mitigation measures in the following sequence of steps listed in order of highest priority to lowest priority: a. Avoid the impacts altogether by not taking a certain action or parts of an action; b. Minimize impacts by limiting the degree or magnitude of the action and its implementation by using appropriate technology or by taking affirmative steps to avoid or reduce impacts; c. Rectify impacts by repairing, rehabilitating, or restoring the affected environment; d. Reduce or eliminate the impacts over time by preservation and maintenance operations; e. Compensate for impacts by replacing, enhancing, or providing substitute resources or environments; and f. Monitor the impact and the compensation projects and taking appropriate corrective measures.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on shoreline ecosystems using the mitigation provided in this policy.

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	<b>S-614</b> King County should allow alterations to wetlands only if there is no net loss of wetland functions and values and the alteration is consistent with the critical areas regulations.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers all regulations and loss when altering wetlands.
	<b>S-617</b> The King County Shoreline Master Program shall protect critical aquifer recharge areas consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan and critical areas regulations.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Water Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on critical aquifer recharge areas.
	<b>S-618</b> King County shall prohibit development and new lot creation in geologically hazardous areas if it would result in increased risk of injury to people or property damage, consistent with King County Code Chapter 21A.24.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts or injury to people or property damage in geologically hazardous areas.
	<b>S-619</b> King County shall provide a high level of protection to critical saltwater habitats due to the important ecological functions they provide.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on critical saltwater habitats.
	<b>S-622</b> Docks, bulkheads, bridges, fill, floats, jetties, utility crossings, and other human-made structures shall not intrude into or over critical saltwater habitats except when all of the conditions below are met: a. The public's need for such an action or structure is clearly demonstrated, and the proposal is consistent with protection of the public trust, as embodied in Revised Code of Washington 90.58.020; b. Avoidance of impacts to critical saltwater habitats by an alternative alignment or location is not feasible or would result in unreasonable and disproportionate cost to accomplish the same general purpose; c. The project, including any required mitigation, will result in no net loss of ecological functions associated with critical saltwater habitat; and d. The project is consistent with Indian tribal and state interests in resource protection and species recovery.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers conditions for uses allowed in critical saltwater habitats described in this policy.
	<b>S-624</b> King County shall provide a high level of protection to critical freshwater habitats due to the important ecological functions they provide.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on critical freshwater habitats.
	<b>S-626</b> King County shall regulate uses and development as necessary within and along stream channels, associated channel migration zones, wetlands, lake shorelines, floodplains, and other critical areas within the shoreline jurisdiction, to ensure that no net loss of shoreline ecological processes and functions results from new development near freshwaters of the state, including associated hyporheic zones.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers necessary uses and no loss of critical freshwater areas.
	<b>S-627</b> King County shall protect ecological functions associated with critical freshwater habitat as necessary to ensure no net loss from shoreline activities and associated changes.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on ecological functions in critical freshwater habitats.
	<b>S-629</b> The policies contained within the King County Flood Management Plan, or successor plan, constitute the policies for the protection of frequently flooded areas and channel migration within shorelines.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers and implements the policies contained within the King County Flood Management Plan.

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	Provisions implementing these policies are included in the critical areas regulations.		
	<b>S-631</b> King County shall adopt provisions to address vegetation conservation and restoration to ensure no net loss of shoreline ecological processes and functions, to avoid adverse impacts to soil hydrology, and to reduce the hazard of slope failures or accelerated erosion.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on shoreline vegetation.
	<b>S-632</b> Vegetation conservation provisions apply to all shoreline uses and developments, regardless of whether the use or development requires a shoreline permit.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it complies with vegetation conservation provisions in shoreline areas.
	<b>S-635</b> King County should adopt mechanisms to implement the vegetation conservation policies of this chapter. These mechanisms may include setback or buffer requirements, riparian widths sufficient to support the growth of mature trees and recruitment of woody vegetation, clearing and grading standards, regulatory incentives, environment designation standards, or other provisions. Selective pruning of trees for safety and view protection may be allowed. Removal of noxious weeds and invasive vegetation should be allowed as long as appropriate best management practices are followed.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers best management practices for addressing vegetation conservation policies.
	<b>S-636</b> King County should work to prevent impacts to water quality and stormwater quantity that would result in a net loss of shoreline ecological functions, degraded aesthetic qualities, loss of recreational opportunities, or reduction in water-dependent uses, such as aquaculture and fishing.	Water Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water quality and stormwater quantity in shoreline areas.
	<b>S-639</b> New development and improvements to existing development should take into account the impacts that can result from sea level rise.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the effects of sea level rise in the siting, design, and operation of facilities in shoreline areas.
	<b>S-640</b> King County shall ensure that new projects for and major maintenance or replacement of utilities, roads, and other public infrastructure consider the impacts of sea level rise in the location, design, and operation of the projects.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the effects of sea level rise in the siting, design, and operation of facilities in shoreline areas.
	<b>S-701</b> Development within the shoreline jurisdiction shall protect the public's health, safety, and welfare, as well as the land, including its vegetation and wildlife, and protect property rights, while implementing the policies of the Shoreline Management Act.	Public Health and Safety; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers impacts on areas outlined in this policy and complies with policies in the Shoreline Management Act.
	<b>S-702</b> Where there is a conflict between the uses permitted in the zoning code and the Shoreline Master Program for a site, the Shoreline Master Program shall control and preference shall be given first to water-dependent uses, then to water-related uses, and finally to water-enjoyment uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers land use conflicts and prioritizes the SMP and what is described in this policy.
	<b>S-704</b> The following types of uses and development should require a shoreline conditional use permit: a. Uses and development that may significantly impair or alter the public's use of the waters of the state; b. Uses and development which, by their intrinsic nature, may have a significant impact on shoreline ecological processes and functions depending on location, design, and site conditions; and	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the shoreline conditional use permit qualifications outlined in this policy.

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	c. Development in critical saltwater habitats.		
	<b>S-709</b> If land is being converted to a non-forest use through Class IV-General forest practice, the provisions of the King County Shoreline Program that apply to development activities govern the proposed land use.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it complies with the King County Shoreline Program for the conversion to nonforest land in shoreline areas.
	<b>S-711</b> For forest practice conversions and other Class IV-General forest practices, where there is a likelihood of conversion to nonforest uses, King County shall ensure that there is no net loss of shoreline ecological processes and functions and that there are no significant adverse impacts to other shoreline uses, resources, and values such as navigation, recreation, and public access.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on shoreline ecological processes due to the conversion to nonforest lands in a shoreline area.
	<b>S-763</b> Utility facilities shall be designed and located to ensure no net loss of shoreline ecological processes and functions, preserve the natural landscape, and minimize conflicts with present and planned land and shoreline uses, while meeting the needs of future populations in areas planned to accommodate growth.	Land and Shoreline Use; Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on shoreline ecological processes and lands through the siting and design of facilities.
	<b>S-764</b> King County shall allow modification of existing utility facilities and the location of new water-oriented portions of utility facilities in the shoreline jurisdiction provided that mitigation sequencing is applied consistent with Policy S-609 and there is no net loss of shoreline ecological processes and functions. To the maximum extent practical, those parts of utility production and processing facilities that are not water-oriented, such as power plants and sewage treatment plants, shall be located outside of the shoreline jurisdiction.	Land and Shoreline Use; Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on shoreline ecological processes and lands through the requirements outlined in this policy.
	<b>S-765</b> Transmission facilities for the conveyance of services, such as power lines, cables, and pipelines, shall be located outside of the shoreline jurisdiction wherever feasible.	Land and Shoreline Use; Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers siting facilities outside of shorelines, when feasible.
	<b>S-766</b> Utilities should be located in existing developed rights-of-way and corridors to the maximum extent practical.	Land and Shoreline Use; Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers siting facilities in existing developed rights-of-way, when possible.
	<b>S-767</b> Unless no other feasible alternative location exists, King County should discourage: a. Locating pipelines and cables in water, on tidelands, or roughly parallel to the shoreline; and b. The development of facilities that may require periodic maintenance that disrupts shoreline ecological processes and functions.	Land and Shoreline Use; Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the requirements outlined in this policy if no feasible alternative location exists outside of the shorelines.
	<b>S-809</b> King County shall: a. Require new shoreline development, including subdivisions and short subdivisions, to be located and designed to avoid the need for future structural slope or shoreline stabilization; b. Require new development to be set back from steep or eroding slopes so that structural slopes or shoreline stabilization is not needed for the life of the development; and	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the requirements outlined in this policy to avoid shoreline stabilization.



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	c. Not allow new development that requires shoreline stabilization that will cause significant impacts to adjacent or down-current properties and shoreline areas.		
	<b>S-811</b> King County shall allow new structural stabilization measures for new nonwater-dependent development, as follows: a. The erosion is not the result of upland conditions, such as the loss of vegetation and drainage; b. Nonstructural measures, such as locating the development further from the shoreline, planting vegetation, or installing on-site drainage improvements, are not feasible or not sufficient; c. The need to protect primary structures from imminent risk of damage due to erosion is demonstrated through a geotechnical report submitted by a qualified specialist. The damage must be caused by natural processes, such as tidal action, currents, and waves; and d. Mitigation is provided such that the shoreline stabilization will not result in a net loss of shoreline ecological processes and functions.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the allowed reasons for structural stabilization of the shoreline, which is outlined in this policy.
	<b>S-817</b> King County shall require the use of soft shoreline stabilization measures that use placement or growth of natural materials that closely resemble natural scales and configurations, or other soft stabilization measures where appropriate, and that provide restoration of shoreline ecological processes and functions waterward of the ordinary high water mark.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers soft shoreline stabilization measures for shoreline stabilization.
	<b>S-821</b> King County shall discourage new development and redevelopment on feeder bluffs. Where a legal building lot exists and the landowner has no option to locate new development or redevelopment away from feeder bluffs and other areas that affect beach sediment-producing areas, King County shall require that they avoid, to the maximum extent feasible, and then minimize the adverse impacts to sediment conveyance systems from erosion control measures.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on feeder bluffs in shoreline areas.
	<b>S-823</b> The impacts of erosion and mass wasting should be mitigated through protection of geological hazardous areas.	Earth Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on erosion and wasting in shoreline areas
	<b>S-829</b> King County shall require fill to be located, designed, and constructed to protect shoreline ecological processes and functions and ecosystem-wide processes, including channel migration and side channels.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on shoreline ecological processes and functions due to infill.
	<b>S-830</b> King County shall allow fill waterward of the ordinary high water mark only when necessary to support: a. Water-dependent use; b. Public access; c. Cleanup and disposal of contaminated sediments as part of an interagency environmental clean-up plan;	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the allowable reasons to fill in shoreline areas outlined in this policy.

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	d. Disposal of dredged material considered suitable under, and conducted in accordance with, the dredged material management program of the Washington Department of Natural Resources; e. Expansion or alteration of transportation facilities of statewide significance currently located on the shoreline and then only upon a demonstration that alternatives to fill are not feasible; f. Mitigation actions, environmental restoration, beach nourishment, enhancement projects; or g. Flood risk reduction projects implemented consistent with the goals, policies, and objectives of the King County Flood Management Plan where no reasonable alternative exists.		
	<b>S-831</b> King County shall require a shoreline conditional use permit for fill waterward of the ordinary high water mark for any use, except for projects for ecological restoration or for the maintenance, repair, or replacement of flood protection facilities.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it obtains a conditional use permit when filling in shoreline areas.
	<b>S-836</b> King County shall require that new development should be sited and designed to avoid, to the maximum extent practical, and then to minimize, the need for new or maintenance dredging.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers siting and designing facilities in shoreline areas to avoid dredging.
	<b>S-839</b> King County shall only allow disposal of dredge material on shorelands, in side channels within a river's channel migration zone, and in wetlands located through a shoreline conditional use permit.	Earth Resources; Water Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers appropriate areas for the disposal of dredge material on shorelands outlined in this policy.
	<b>S-840</b> King County shall require dredging to be conducted consistent with the King County Flood Management Plan or successor plans.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers King County Flood Management Plan policies for dredging.
Parks, Open Space, and Cultural Resources	<b>P-114</b> King County shall recognize and protect the natural character and ecological value of its natural areas. These areas are important for preserving fish and wildlife and their habitat, native vegetation, features of scientific and educational value, and Indian tribal cultural and historic resources. Development and public use may be limited to preserve the natural state and reduce disturbance of the natural and cultural resources. Site improvements should be focused on providing educational and interpretive opportunities. Public access should be directed to less-fragile portions of a site to ensure continued protection of the ecological and cultural resources.	Recreation; Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural areas.
	<b>P-127</b> A variety of measures should be used to acquire, protect, manage, and develop regional and local open space. Measures can include funding mechanisms, grants, partnerships, incentives, regulations, dedications, contributions from residential and commercial development based on their service impacts, trades of lands, and shared development activities.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on regional and local open space.
	<b>P-219</b> King County shall establish comprehensive review and protection procedures for historic properties affected by public and private projects	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on historical resources.
	<b>P-220</b> King County should condition public and private projects to protect historic properties. King County agencies shall coordinate with the Historic Preservation Program to provide consistent review and mitigation for their projects and undertakings throughout the county.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on historical resources in coordination with the Historic Preservation Program.

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	<b>P-221</b> King County shall encourage land uses and development that retain and enhance significant historic properties and sustain historic community character. County building and zoning codes and other regulations and standards should provide flexibility to accommodate preservation and reuse of historic properties. Zoning actions should take into account the effects of zoning on historic properties.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers historic properties and character in the siting, design, and operation of facilities.
Transportation	<b>T-136</b> King County should support expansion of private electric vehicle use and the provision of necessary charging infrastructure, including opportunities to improve equitable access to the benefits of electric vehicles and geographically dispersed access to public vehicle charging at King County-owned facilities and at partner locations, by taking action such as convening partners and leading grant proposals, administering grants, and supporting regional planning for electric vehicle infrastructure.	Transportation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers electric vehicle infrastructure compatibility in the siting, design, and operation of facilities.
	<b>T-311</b> King County shall maintain and preserve the unincorporated area road system to keep it operating safely, protect mobility and infrastructure investments, and maximize the useful life of transportation assets to the extent feasible under available funding levels.	Transportation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the unincorporated area road system.
	<b>T-324</b> King County shall support and encourage the preservation and enhancement of scenic, historic, and recreational resources along the designated Washington Scenic and Recreational Highways located in the county. The corridor management plans established for these highways should be considered in the development and implementation of King County’s plans, projects, and programs.	Visual Quality; Historic and Cultural Resources; Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the important resources along designated Washington Scenic and Recreational Highways.
	<b>T-401</b> King County should use its authority, including zoning, permitting, and development standards, to protect the Bandera, Vashon, and Skykomish public-use airports and private airports from encroachment of non-compatible land uses. Compatible airport land uses are those that comply with Federal Aviation Administration guidance on location, height, and activity that provide for safe aircraft movement, airport operations, including expansion, and community safety.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the compatibility of uses when siting, designing, and operating facilities near airports.
Services, Facilities, and Utilities	<b>F-101</b> King County shall seek to identify the needs and propose strategies for public facilities and services, including physical infrastructure and health, human, and public safety services necessary to support all communities at appropriate urban and rural service levels.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers service needs at appropriate levels when siting, designing, and operating facilities.
	<b>F-103</b> King County agencies shall engage communities in a culturally and audience-appropriate manner, including language access. King County agencies shall also engage communities most affected by proposed projects.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with communities effected by facilities in an appropriate manner.
	<b>F-104</b> King County shall consider historical inequities and historically underinvested communities both in rural and unincorporated urban areas in determining the priority areas for public funding of capital facilities, services, and infrastructure.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers underserved communities in the siting, design, and operation of facilities.
	<b>F-202</b> King County should work with cities and other service providers to establish priority areas for public funding of capital facilities, services, and infrastructure.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with cities and service providers to site, design, and operate facilities to support priority areas.

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	<b>F-401</b> Public spending to support growth should be directed to the Urban Growth Area and to maintain existing infrastructure in the unincorporated area, and should be prioritized through the Capital Facility Plan to comply with the concurrency requirements of the Growth Management Act.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers concurrency requirements of the GMA.
	<b>F-402</b> In the Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands, services provided by agencies shall support a rural level of development and support service that meets the needs of the community and not facilitate urbanization.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it does not support urbanization in rural areas.
	<b>F-427</b> King County shall strive to site essential public facilities equitably so that: a. No racial, cultural, or socio-economic group, or community, is disproportionately impacted by, nor benefits from, essential public facility siting or expansion decisions; and b. No single community should absorb an inequitable share of these facilities and their impacts. An assessment of existing facilities should be conducted when siting new facilities. Siting shall consider equity; environmental justice; and environmental, economic, technical, and service area factors. Communities with a disproportionate share of existing facilities shall be actively engaged in the planning and siting process for new facilities or the expansion of an existing facility.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers equitability in the siting, design, and operation of facilities.
	<b>F-428</b> King County should weigh the net impact of siting new essential public facilities against the net impact of expansion of existing essential public facilities, with appropriate buffering and mitigation.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it compares the expansion of existing facilities to the siting of new ones.
	<b>F-429</b> King County shall discourage essential public facilities that directly serve the public beyond their general vicinity from locating in the Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers impacts on rural areas and natural resource lands when siting facilities.
	<b>F-430</b> King County shall determine a facility to be an essential public facility if it has one or more of the following characteristics: a) a. The facility meets the Growth Management Act definition of an essential public facility; b) b. The facility is on a state, county, or local community list of essential public facilities; c) c. The facility serves a significant portion of the county or metropolitan region or is part of a countywide service system; or d. The facility is the sole existing facility in the county for providing that essential public service.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers qualifications for essential public facilities outlined in this policy.
	<b>F-431</b> The proponent’s siting analysis for proposed new or expansions to existing essential public facilities shall consist of the following: a. An inventory of similar existing essential public facilities in King County and neighboring counties, including their locations and capacities; b. A forecast of the future needs for the essential public facility; c. An analysis of the historical, current, and potential social, equity, health, and economic impacts and benefits and burdens to communities receiving or surrounding the facilities;	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers siting analysis consisting of the requirements outlined in this policy.



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	<p>d. An analysis of the proposal’s consistency with Policies F-425 through F-430;</p> <p>e. An analysis of alternatives to the facility, including decentralization, conservation, demand management, and other strategies;</p> <p>f. An analysis of economic and environmental impacts, including mitigation, of any existing essential public facility, as well as of any new site(s) under consideration as an alternative to expansion of an existing facility;</p> <p>g. An analysis of potential climate change impacts on the essential public facility, including consideration of sea level rise and options for reducing climate change impacts on the facility, including locating the facility outside of the mapped 500-year floodplain along the marine shoreline (except for water-dependent facilities, such as wastewater treatment facilities and associated conveyance infrastructure);</p> <p>h. To the extent allowable under the Growth Management Act, the locational criteria in Policies R-327 and R-328; and</p> <p>i. A cumulative impact analysis to include all other facilities, public or private, that may pose health risks, located near the proposed facility.</p>		
	<p><b>F-432</b> When new or expanded essential public facilities are proposed by the County or others, the proponent shall:</p> <p>a. Conduct extensive public involvement, which strives to effectively engage a wide range of racial, ethnic, cultural, and socio-economic groups, including the most-impacted communities; and</p> <p>b. Consider any applicable prior review conducted by a public agency, local government, or interested parties.</p>	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the public and interested parties and groups.
	<p><b>F-457</b> King County shall implement stormwater management that protects native vegetation and soils, restores disturbed soils, facilitates reuse of recycled or harvested water, maximizes the use of natural systems and protects the ecological function of natural systems by:</p> <p>a. Minimizing grey infrastructure in the Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands;</p> <p>b. Requiring low impact development to the maximum extent feasible, as a part of its strategy to mitigate impacts from new development;</p> <p>c. Considering additional supportive strategies, such as in-lieu fee mechanisms to result in overall benefits to regional stormwater management and water quality;</p> <p>d. Continuing to support innovative stormwater management programs, such as the RainScapes Green Stormwater Infrastructure Incentive program for private landowners; and</p> <p>e. Incorporate innovative stormwater management techniques into the design, construction, and operation of all County facilities and County-funded projects to the maximum extent feasible.</p>	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements stormwater management that is compliant with the measures outlined in this policy.

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	<b>F-501</b> King County should work to ensure that energy providers’ resource and facility plans be consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan and provide for a reliable source of energy in the event of natural disaster or other potential threats of disruption to service.	Land and Shoreline Use; Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers natural disaster or threats of disruption to service in the siting, design, and operation of facilities.
	<b>F-504</b> Results from an equity impact review shall be used as an important consideration to identify impacts and opportunities of new electric transmission lines in regional utility corridors and of new, modified, or expanded gas or hazardous liquid transmission pipelines, fossil fuel facilities, hydroelectric generation facilities, and nonhydroelectric generation facilities. The County’s equity and racial and social justice principles should be used to improve residents’ access to the determinants of equity.	Public Services and Utilities; Socioeconomics	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers results from an equity impact review to identify impacts from the siting, design, and operation of facilities.
	<b>F-505</b> All King County departments and divisions shall use the Strategic Climate Action Plan, or successor plans, as the basis for strategic energy planning and direction, including development and adoption of strategic energy management, efficiency, and conservation programs in their operations.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it utilizes the Strategic Climate Action Plan in the siting, design, and operation of facilities.
	<b>F-512</b> King County should encourage its energy utilities to provide energy efficiency services, renewable energy options, and fossil fuel use reduction strategies to all their customers. Additionally, the County should encourage the state and energy utilities to mitigate the environmental and greenhouse gas emissions impacts of energy and, as conservation and no- and low-carbon sources demonstrate capacity to address energy needs, phase out existing coal and other fossil fuelbased power plants, and replace such facilities with resource efficiency and renewable generation sources.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers energy efficiency and renewable energy using the methods included in this policy.
	<b>F-517</b> King County should support new energy resources and technologies that reduce energy use, support a resilient electrical grid, decarbonize energy sources, and electrify energy use in the building and transportation sectors. In supporting these efforts, King County should: a. Allow for siting of green energy and distributed energy resources, while considering appropriate use of land and associated impacts, including protection of designated Natural Resource Lands and open spaces; b. Accommodate the use of green energy and distributed energy resources, such as microgrids, in new and redeveloped properties; c. Reduce barriers to new and upgraded substations, transmission facilities, and the distribution system, for infrastructure that is needed to achieve County greenhouse gas reductions targets; d. Encourage and support the integration of new technologies and fuel sources; e. Minimize negative impacts on and maximize benefits for frontline communities resulting from related projects; f. Support equitable engagement strategies during project planning to actively solicit public participation and input from impacted frontline communities;	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it supports energy reduction and green energy through the methods outlined in this policy.

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	<p>g. Support equitable opportunities for frontline communities to participate in distributed energy resources;</p> <p>h. Focus especially on areas that are subject to frequent power outages;</p> <p>i. Partner with first responders to ensure adequate safety measures are in place for people and the environment;</p> <p>j. Support efforts by utilities and other entities to advance these outcomes; and</p> <p>k. Review and update development regulations periodically to ensure that they appropriately support new energy resources and technologies and mitigate for associated impacts.</p>		
	<p><b>F-520</b> To address the cumulative effects of multiple energy facilities, King County should continue to participate in the state and federal processes for licensing, authorizing, or certifying, and any such renewals, of existing and proposed power generation projects within King County. King County’s review of individual projects in the state and federal processes should consider consistency with designated land uses and environmental protection goals. Specifically, power generation projects should:</p> <p>a. Have climate change impacts considered and mitigated to the greatest extent practical;</p> <p>b. Be consistent with, and preferably directly incorporated in, utility integrated Resource Plans;</p> <p>c. Use renewable resources to the greatest extent practical;</p> <p>d. Include public engagement;</p> <p>e. Not significantly interfere with commercial forestry operations;</p> <p>f. Be located and operated in a manner such that impacts to salmonid fish and wildlife are minimized;</p> <p>g. Avoid unstable and erosion-prone areas;</p> <p>h. Include performance bonding to fund erosion control;</p> <p>i. Provide full mitigation for construction and operation impacts;</p> <p>j. Avoid, to the extent feasible, diminishing scenic values;</p> <p>k. Incorporate adequate public safety measures; and</p> <p>l. In the case of hydropower, not be located within a Protected Area as designated by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.</p>	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the policies outlined in this goal to address cumulative effects of multiple energy facilities.
	<p><b>F-521</b> King County should work with utilities to identify and preserve corridors, consistent with the Growth Management Act goal of focusing growth within the Urban Growth Area, to accommodate future electric power transmission and distribution lines. Corridor designation should include:</p> <p>a. Identification of appropriate shared uses and recognition of the values provided by nonutility uses, such as recreation;</p> <p>b. Recognition of county roads as utility corridors; and</p>	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the preservation and designation of corridors outlined in this policy.

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	c. Evaluation of proposed facility plans on a system-wide basis, rather than project-by-project.		
	<b>522</b> When new, expanded, or upgraded transmission is required, use of existing corridors that have above-ground utilities should be evaluated first. King County should facilitate appropriate corridor sharing among different utility types and owners.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers using existing corridors or sharing corridors for the siting or upgrading of facilities.
	<b>F-523</b> New electrical distribution lines should be installed underground where reasonably feasible and not a health or safety concern.	Public Services and Utilities; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers siting transmission lines underground, when possible.
Economic Development	<b>ED-401</b> King County shall support and partner on programs and strategies to maintain existing infrastructure and construct new infrastructure and facilities (including, but not limited to, transportation, utilities, schools, information, communications, and an adequate supply of housing), prioritizing historically underinvested areas, and as necessary to accommodate current and future economic demand, in locations and at a size and scale that is consistent with other policies in the Comprehensive Plan.	Socioeconomics	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers underserved areas for the siting, design, and operation of facilities.
	<b>ED-402</b> King County shall partner to support programs, and infrastructure, including electrification, to facilitate the efficient movement of freight and to promote global competitiveness for business and industry.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it supports electrification of freight.

## A3.9-1.18 Kitsap County (December 2024)

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	<b>Land Use Goal 3</b> Evaluate land use actions and decisions for their impact on the provision of full and equal access to opportunities and resources for all residents, regardless of identity, community, or socioeconomic circumstances.	Socioeconomics	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers accessibility to transmission facilities for residents of all backgrounds.
	<b>Land Use Policy 4.4.</b> New urban services and facilities shall be limited to UGAs, unless service extension is necessary to respond to a documented public health hazard caused by existing development which cannot otherwise reasonably be remedied.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes the siting of transmission facilities that serve urban areas to UGAs and consider public health hazards.
	<b>Land Use Goal 7</b> Preserve and celebrate historic, archaeological, and cultural resources.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers historic, archaeological, and cultural resources in the siting and design of facilities.
	<b>Land Use Policy 7.2.</b> Engage with affected tribes and the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation on development proposals that may have impacts to cultural and historic resources.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with and consults tribes and the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation during facility development.



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	<b>Land Use Goal 5.</b> Implement the strategies and recommendations of the 2015 Naval Base Kitsap Joint Land Use Study (JLUS).	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the strategies and recommendations of the 2015 Naval Base Kitsap JLUS.
	<b>Land Use Policy 5.1</b> Discourage the siting of incompatible uses near military bases that would affect the installations’ abilities for military readiness and proposed future expansion.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures development does not impede the abilities for military readiness when siting near military bases.
	<b>Land Use Policy 5.4.</b> Coordinate with the Navy when infrastructure is contemplated that would induce incompatible growth near installations.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers induced incompatible growth near Naval Base Kitsap.
	<b>Land Use Goal 6.</b> Promote health and quality of life in the built environment.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it promotes health and quality of life.
	<b>Land Use Policy 6.1.</b> Understand the impacts of land use decisions through such models as the social determinants of health (SDOH) approach, inclusive of income, housing, and transportation, to improve health outcomes.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers impacts of land use decisions on health outcomes.
	<b>Land Use Goal 9.</b> Ensure that land use decisions comport with Growth Management Act requirements concerning general aviation airports.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the GMA requirements for general aviation airports.
	<b>Land Use Policy 9.2</b> Land use decisions near or within the operating envelope of an airport must not compromise air safety.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with FAA regulations regarding protecting navigable airspace.
	<b>Land Use Goal 10.</b> Focus current and future planning on infill and redevelopment of existing Urban Growth Areas (UGAs).	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it promotes infill and redevelopment of existing UGAs.
	<b>Land Use Goal 15.</b> Direct development to designated Urban Growth Areas consistent with projected population growth, Growth Management Act, VISION 2050, and the Countywide Planning Policies.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if considers projected population growth, GMA, VISION 2050, and the countywide planning policies.
	<b>Land Use Policy 15.1</b> Consider development patterns that reduce sprawl, use urban land more efficiently, and incorporate feasible, innovative, and sustainable practices.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers sprawl and urban land use efficiency.
	<b>Land Use Goal 17.</b> Protect Kitsap County’s unique rural character.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the rural character in Kitsap County.
	<b>Land Use Policy 17.3.</b> Allow infill and redevelopment within LAMIRD boundaries consistent with the character of the existing LAMIRD in terms of building size, scale, use, and intensity and that does not increase the need for public facilities and utilities to urban levels	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the character of existing Limited Areas of More Intense Rural Development (LAMIRDs) when siting and sizing facilities.
	<b>Land Use Policy 17.5.</b> Allow for essential public facilities, other regional infrastructure, and rural governmental services.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it supports essential public facilities and other regional infrastructure in rural areas.
	<b>Land Use Goal 19.</b> Maintain and enhance the viability of agricultural uses and activities in rural areas, including cultivation, animal husbandry, and value-added production while protecting the environment.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers impacts on agricultural uses in rural areas.
	<b>Land Use Policy 19.2.</b> Continue regulatory and non-regulatory preservation of historic or working farmland.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the preservation of historic or working farmland.
	<b>Land Use Goal 20.</b> Maintain forest resource lands in Kitsap County for continued forestry production.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers impacts on forest resource lands.

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	<b>Land Use Policy 20.2.</b> Coordinate with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Tribal governments, community groups, and private forest landowners to promote long-term preservation of forest lands.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the stakeholders outlined in this policy when siting near or on forest lands.
	<b>Land Use Policy 20.4.</b> Allow the use of industry-standard Best Management Practices within designated Forest Resource Lands and the Rural Wooded designation, provided all applicable environmental laws and regulations are followed.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it follows best management practices in forest or wooded lands.
	<b>Land Use Goal 21.</b> Assess and maintain mineral resource lands in Kitsap County for continued mineral production.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers impacts on mineral production.
	<b>Land Use Policy 21.2.</b> Account for the continued use of properties for mineral extraction and associated activities and compatibility of these properties with surrounding lands.	Land and Shoreline Use; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it is compatible with surrounding mineral land uses.
Economic Development	<b>Economic Development Policy 1.3.</b> Invest in efficient, cost-effective capital improvements and programs necessary for commerce and industry to thrive and increase the prevalence of living-wage jobs	Socioeconomics	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers cost and job generation.
	<b>Economic Development Policy 2.2.</b> Make necessary infrastructure investments including transportation, sewer, water, electricity and broadband to accommodate Kitsap’s growth, maximize opportunity, and maintain a high quality of life.	Socioeconomics	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it accommodates Kitsap County’s growth and expectations.
	<b>Economic Development Policy 2.5.</b> Promote a balance between economic growth and protection of Kitsap County’s environmental assets and rural character.	Socioeconomics	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers environmental assets and rural character in the design and siting of facilities.
	<b>Economic Development Policy 4.6.</b> Ensure adequate water and energy for economic growth and existing businesses.	Socioeconomics	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it supports economic growth.
	<b>Economic Development Policy 5.2.</b> Encourage economic activity capable of providing living-wage jobs reasonably scaled to the needs of the community.	Socioeconomics	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers job creation at the scale of the community.
	<b>Economic Development Goal 6.</b> Provide opportunities for all people in Kitsap County to benefit equitably from economic development services, processes, and investments, regardless of identity, community, or socioeconomic circumstances.	Socioeconomics	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers equitable opportunities for benefits of facilities.
Environment	<b>Environment Goal 1</b> Protect and enhance the health, resilience, functions, and processes of natural environments and ecosystems, including forest lands, shorelines, freshwater systems, and critical areas to ensure functioning ecosystem services and fish and wildlife habitat are sustained into the future.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural environments.
	<b>Environment Policy 1.1.</b> Manage development to protect habitats and ecological processes.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on habitats and ecological processes.
	<b>Environment Policy 1.2.</b> Consider the functions and processes of the natural environment in project planning and review.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural environments.

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	<b>Environment Policy 1.3.</b> Protect and restore marine shorelines, riparian areas, wetlands, floodplains, and estuaries.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water areas and habitats.
	<b>Environment Policy 1.4.</b> Preserve and restore the functions of natural habitat to support ESA-listed species, state listed animal and plant species, and species of local importance.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural habitats and important species.
	<b>Environment Goal 2.</b> Designate and protect critical areas. Critical areas include wetlands, critical aquifer recharge areas, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, frequently flooded areas, and geologically hazardous areas.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on critical areas.
	<b>Environment Policy 2.2.</b> Give special consideration to conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the preservation or enhancement of anadromous fisheries.
	<b>Environment Policy 2.6.</b> Prioritize protection of open space and habitat corridors where connection between critical areas may be included.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on open space and habitat corridors where connection between critical areas may be included.
	<b>Environment Goal 3.</b> Protect aquifers and surface waters to ensure that water quality and quantity are maintained or improved.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on aquifers and surface waters.
	<b>Environment Goal 4.</b> Formally treat natural environments and ecosystems including forest lands, shorelines, freshwater systems, and critical areas as essential assets that are planned for, managed, and invested in to meet the needs of current and future generations.	Eart Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural environments.
	<b>Environment Goal 6.</b> Utilize best practices to protect people, property, and the natural environment.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers best practices to protect the natural environment.
	<b>Environment Policy 6.2.</b> Employ Best Management Practices to protect the long-term integrity of the natural environment, adjacent land uses, and the productivity of resource lands.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures that development of transmission facilities is complicit with relevant codes, development regulations, and implementing programs to preserve the natural environment.
	<b>Environment Policy 6.3.</b> Maintain and enhance long term quality and quantity of water resources.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water resources.
Transportation	<b>Environment Policy 6.4.</b> Reduce health impacts to vulnerable populations such as low-income communities, Black, Indigenous, and communities of color, people with disabilities, seniors, and communities that are disproportionately affected by noise, air pollution, or other environmental hazards.	Socioeconomics	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers disproportionate health impacts on vulnerable populations
	<b>Transportation Goal 2.</b> Maintain, preserve, and operate the County’s multi-modal transportation infrastructure in a State of Good Repair.	Transportation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on multi-modal transportation infrastructure.
	<b>Transportation Goal 6.</b> Preserve the County’s existing aviation facilities.	Transportation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on aviation facilities.

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Parks, Recreation and Open Space	<b>Parks Policy 1.3.</b> Restore, manage, and protect the natural and cultural resources within Kitsap County Parks for the benefit of the greater community and for future generations to safely enjoy.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on Kitsap County Parks.
	<b>Parks Policy 5.2.</b> Incorporate the Local Habitat Assessment completed by Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife to assist in identifying crucial corridor areas that may not necessarily be identified in the Shoreline Master Program or the Critical Areas Ordinance.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the Local Habitat Assessment.
	<b>Parks Policy 5.4.</b> Strive to limit conflict between wildlife and humans and decrease impact on habitat by improving identification of protected areas using the Kitsap Natural Resource Asset Management Program as an information source.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the Kitsap Natural Resource Asset Management Program.
Capital Facilities and Utilities	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 1.1.</b> Coordinate the provision of utilities with future development by designating appropriate sites for utility facilities in a manner that ensures equitable access to all communities and prioritizes addressing disparities for communities that have been historically underserved and disproportionately burdened.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers equitable access to all communities, especially underserved ones, when siting and designing facilities.
	<b>Capital Facilities and utilities Goal 2.</b> Implement a countywide process for siting essential public facilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the countywide process for siting essential public facilities.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 2.1.</b> Coordinate with jurisdictions and communities that may be impacted by the siting of essential public facilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with groups impacted by the siting of essential public facilities.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 2.2.</b> Essential public capital facilities such as schools and libraries that generate substantial travel demand should first be considered in Urban Growth Areas (UGAs) and then, along or near major transportation corridors and public transportation routes.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers UGAs and transportation corridors for siting.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 2.3.</b> Public facilities located beyond UGAs should be self-contained or be served by urban governmental services in a manner that will not promote sprawl. Utility and service consideration must be incorporated into site planning and development.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it does not promote sprawl.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 2.6.</b> Essential public facilities in designated resource lands, critical areas, or other areas should be carefully considered and other alternatives assessed.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural areas.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 2.8.</b> Promote the health and safety of the community and airport users through compatible land use planning adjacent to airports.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on airports.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 2.9.</b> The siting or expansion of essential public facilities must mitigate its impacts on the environment and public health, prioritizing the minimization of adverse impacts on historically marginalized populations and disproportionately burdened communities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on environment and public health, especially to marginalized communities.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 2.10.</b> Consider the effects of climate change, including enhanced risk from sea level rise, flooding, wildfire, and urban heat island, when evaluating and siting essential public facilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on climate change.



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	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Goal 3.</b> Ensure that those public facilities and services necessary to support development are adequate to serve that development at the time it is available for occupancy and use without decreasing service levels below locally established minimum standards.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it is developed concurrently with developments that facilities are meant to serve.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 3.1.</b> Follow the established requirements for concurrency as defined in WAC 365-196-840.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it follows concurrency requirements outlined in the policy.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Goal 5.</b> Coordinate capital facilities improvements with land development.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it coordinates with land development.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 5.5.</b> Ensure the coordination of capital improvements and land development is conducted in a manner that is accessible to all communities, especially those that have been historically underserved and marginalized, and provides clear, transparent, and timely information for impacted parties.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with land development accessibly.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Goal 6</b> Ensure utilities are provided in an efficient, coordinated and timely manner between Utility providers to meet the needs of the County’s future population.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it coordinates with other utility providers to ensure efficient and reliable service of utilities.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 6.1</b> Designate utility corridors and facilities in a manner consistent with the needs and resources of Kitsap County.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers developing transmission facility corridors in a manner consistent with the needs and resources of Kitsap County.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 6.2</b> Encourage siting of large, above ground utilities (e.g. antennas, towers) in industrial or commercial areas or along appropriate transportation and utility corridors.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes siting overhead transmission facilities in industrial or commercial areas, or along appropriate existing transportation and utility corridors.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Goal 7.</b> Maintain and enhance utility service and quality.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it supports the maintenance and quality of utility service.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 7.1</b> Coordinate with utility providers to eliminate existing gaps or deficiencies in utility service and quality through enhancements, repairs, and replacements of obsolete or worn-out facilities to meet the needs of current and future development.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers prioritizing the replacement or repair of obsolete transmission facilities.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 7.2.</b> In coordination between the County and utility providers, ensure that repairs and replacements of utilities are made to improve utility resilience to climate impacts, prioritizing improvements in areas that are disproportionately affected by climate change.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers areas that are disproportionately affected by climate change for the replacement or repair of obsolete transmission facilities.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 7.3.</b> Support utility programs and investments that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy conservation, including the retrofit of existing buildings, expansion of alternative/clean energy within the public and private sector, and the use of environmentally sustainable building techniques and materials.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers greenhouse gas emission reductions and energy conservation.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Goal 8</b> Minimize environmental impacts of utility facilities and operations.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential environmental impacts associated with the development of transmission facilities.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 8.2.</b> Continue to utilize emerging science and technologies to mitigate impacts from pollutants, increased rain events, and coastal flooding that may occur with these systems.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it uses best available science to address the effects of climate change.

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	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 8.3.</b> Evaluate and mitigate the environmental health impacts in facilities development, including efficient use of energy, water, and materials, waste reduction, protection of environmental quality, and ecologically sensitive site selection and development.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on environmental health.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 8.4.</b> Evaluate, minimize, and mitigate unavoidable impacts to groundwater and surface water quality and quantity during the planning and development review process.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on groundwater and surface water quality.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 8.5.</b> Analyze the cumulative impacts of existing and future capital facilities and utilities development on groundwater and surface water quantity and quality.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential cumulative impacts on groundwater and surface water quality.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 8.6.</b> Ensure utility project designs address the extent of and mitigate for the recharge-limiting effect of impermeable surfaces and other factors affecting groundwater and surface water quantity and quality and consider increased flooding and rain events due to climate change.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the recharge-limiting effect of impermeable surfaces.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 8.9.</b> Minimize the visual impact of utility facilities on view corridors, vistas, and adjacent properties by evaluating new or progressive design standards for cellular towers, antennas, power lines, and other types of utility facilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on visual resources and quality.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 8.10.</b> Protect the quality and quantity of groundwater used for domestic water supplies.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on groundwater used for domestic water supplies.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 10.1.</b> Ensure that public facilities provided in rural areas are compatible with rural character and are at a level, scale, and in locations that do not encourage urban expansion or development pressure.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it is sited and designed to support rural character and limit urban expansion.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 12.3.</b> Support green building and retrofit of existing public buildings and facilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it supports green building.
	Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 12.4. Encourage electrification and decarbonization of the transportation system.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it supports green transportation.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 12.5.</b> Coordinate with local energy utilities to assess energy generation needs of the Kitsap Peninsula.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates the supports energy generation needs of the Kitsap Peninsula.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 13.1.</b> Support the extension of fiber optic cable in Kitsap County.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it supports fiber optic cable extension.
	Capital Facilities and Utilities Policy 13.2. Support the expansion of telecommunication infrastructure in accordance with Federal Communications Commission regulations and guidance to provide access to residents and businesses in all communities, especially underserved areas.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it supports telecommunication infrastructure extension, especially in underserved areas.
	<b>Capital Facilities and Utilities Goal 14.</b> Integrate social, educational, and cultural components in public facilities whenever possible.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it integrates social, educational, and cultural components in facilities.

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Climate Change	<b>Climate Change Policy 8.1.</b> Prioritize green infrastructure and low-impact development techniques, where appropriate, to address increased storm events, stormwater runoff, and local ocean acidification due to nutrient loading from runoff.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers green development and low-impact development.
	<b>Climate Change Goal 9.</b> Built environment and new construction are resilient against landslides and other land instabilities.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers land instability resilience.
	<b>Climate Change Goal 11.</b> Create resilience against wildfire across forest lands and Wildland Urban Interface / intermix areas.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers wildfire resiliency.
	<b>Climate Change Goal 12.</b> Reduce greenhouse gas emissions consistent with regional goal.	Energy and Natural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers VISION 2050's climate change goal.
	<b>Climate Change Goal 13.</b> Reduce greenhouse gases from buildings energy systems.	Energy and Natural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers greenhouse gas reductions.
	<b>Climate Change Policy 13.3.</b> Promote cost-effective renewable low-carbon energy generation.	Energy and Natural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers affordable low-carbon energy generation.

## A3.9-1.19 Kittitas County (December 2021)

Kittitas County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by December 31, 2026.

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Land Use	<b>Goal LU-G4</b> 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.	Land and Shoreline Use; Vegetation; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures the protection, preservation, and enhancement of rural character.
	<b>Goal LU-G6:</b> Identify, designate, and protect agriculture transportation corridors that facilitate farm use.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agriculture transportation corridors.
	<b>Goal LU-G7:</b> Identify, protect, preserve and restore sites that contain resources of cultural, archaeological, historic, educational, or scientific value or significance.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on significant cultural resources.
	<b>Policy LU-P2</b> Reduce the conversion of land for development and concentrate future growth in urban growth areas.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers growth patterns in Kittitas County and ensures transmission facilities are consistent with patterns.
	<b>Policy LU-P14:</b> Collaborate with the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the Yakama Nation to protect historic lands and cultural resources in the County.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with relevant agencies to protect historic lands and cultural resources.
	<b>Policy LU-P16</b> Historic and archaeological features designated by the County should be preserved and protected from any development.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures the protection of historic and archaeological features.

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	<b>Policy LU-P47</b> Encourage and accommodate future expansion of utilities and roadways in a logical manner for new development in urban growth areas. Expansion of utilities and roadways shall not be made exclusively to accommodate new development outside of urban growth areas.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers utility expansions for development in a logical manner for new development in UGAs.
	<b>Policy LU-P73</b> Minimize the risk of disturbing cultural, archaeological and historic resources within Kittitas County.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on lands with historical or archaeological significance.
	<b>Policy LU-P74</b> Prevent the destruction of or damage to any site having cultural, archaeological, historic, scientific, or educational value as identified by the appropriate authorities, including affected Indian tribes and DAHP.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on tribal, historical, or archaeological lands of significance.
Land Use	<b>Policy LU-P75</b> Consult with professional archaeologists, DAHP, and affected Native American tribes, before permitting or otherwise approving the use of development of shoreline areas containing cultural, archaeological, or historic resources.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with affected Native American tribes in areas containing cultural, archaeological, or historic resources.
Transportation	<b>Policy T-P44:</b> Protect Kittitas County Airport (Bowers Field), Cle Elum Municipal, DeVere Field and Easton State airports from adjacent incompatible land uses and/or activities that could impact the present or future use of these or other public use airports as essential public facilities.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on airports within the county.
	<b>Policy T-P45:</b> Recognize air transport and airports as an important mode of the transportation system and coordinate with FAA and WSDOT Aviation Division.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development does not preclude the continued use of airports and is consistent with applicable FAA standards and regulations.
Utilities	<b>Goal U-G1</b> Appropriately place utility facilities within public rights-of-way, where feasible.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it prioritizes the siting of transmission facilities within rights-of-ways, where feasible.
	<b>Goal U-G5</b> Multi-jurisdictional utility facility coordination and cooperation should include efforts to coordinate the procedures of making specific land use decisions to achieve consistency in timing inter-jurisdictional coordination in the planning and provisions of utilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it coordinates with the county and appropriate municipalities early in the planning and development process to ensure consistency with timing of utility installations.
	<b>Goal U-G6</b> Decisions made regarding utility facilities should be consistent with and complementary to regional demand and resources and should reinforce an interconnected regional distribution network.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the demand and capability for interconnected regional distribution of transmission facility and supply.
	<b>Goal U-G8</b> Any and all easement rights shall be acquired under normal lawful procedures.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it acquires all necessary easement rights under normal lawful procedures.
	<b>Goal U-G9</b> Avoid, where possible, routing major electric transmission lines above 55 KV through urban areas and critical areas.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities with the capabilities of 55 kilovolts (KV) through urban areas and critical areas.
	<b>Goal U-G11</b> The County should promote the joint use of transportation rights-of-way and other corridors consistent with the underlying private property rights and easement limitations.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers siting transmission facilities within rights-of-way where feasible.
	<b>Policy U-P4</b> Additions to and improvements of utilities facilities will be allowed to occur at a time and in a manner sufficient to serve growth.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with Kittitas County and consider regional demands and sources.



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	<b>Policy U-P6</b> Community input should be solicited prior to county approval of utility facilities, which may significantly impact the surrounding community.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it engages in early community engagement for meaningful input on the approval of transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy U-P12</b> 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.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with Kittitas County to ensure consistency with long-range planning efforts.
	<b>Policy U-P13</b> Kittitas County will address hazardous liquid pipelines, natural gas lines, sewer lines, and other potentially hazardous materials through the County’s development regulations. The development regulations shall include the specific addition or restriction of these and associated uses as well as the possible adoption of performance standards for siting, maintenance, and monitoring. These performance standards shall include best management practices.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the risk of accidents related to transmission lines facilities and implements relevant development regulations.
Utilities	<b>Policy U-P16</b> It is the position of Kittitas County that it is inappropriate for utilities to over or under build other utilities. A specific example of such requirements may be found in RCW 35A.14.900 and other state law.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids crossing other utilities whether above or under.
	<b>Policy U-P20</b> Electric and natural gas transmission and distribution facilities may be sited within and through areas of Kittitas County both inside and outside of municipal boundaries, UGA’s, Master Planned Resorts, LAMIRDS, and Fully Contained Communities, including to and through rural areas of Kittitas County.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers various lands (both inside and outside of municipal boundaries, UGA’s, Master Planned Resorts, LAMIRDS, and Fully Contained Communities) for development of transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy U-P21</b> Encourage joint electric utility construction standards for all electrical infrastructure constructed in the UGA. In the interim, Puget Sound Energy and the Kittitas County Public Utility District will allow the City of Ellensburg to review any new construction in the UGA.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers coordinating with electric utilities for joint construction of transmission facilities, when constructed in the UGA.
Rural and Resource Lands	<b>Goal RR-G1</b> Open space and visual and natural landscape should predominate over the built environment.	Earth Resources, Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers retaining open space and the natural landscape to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Goal RR-G3</b> Spaces and development should be compatible with fish & wildlife habitat.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on lands when incompatible with adjacent fish and wildlife habitat.
	<b>Goal RR-G6</b> Land use should be consistent with protection of surface and ground water flows and recharge/discharge areas.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures the protection of surface and groundwater flows.
	<b>Policy RR-P2</b> 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.	Earth Resources; Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it preserves naturally occurring buffers, such as vegetation and existing landforms, for separation between resource lands.
	<b>Policy RR-P5</b> 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.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures impacts on resource lands are avoided and/or mitigated.
	<b>Policy RR-P6</b> Allow for lands which offer adequate supply of rock and gravel resources located in areas compatible for such uses and conditioned so that operation does not negatively impact rural character.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures the continued production of mineral lands where applicable.

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	<b>Goal RR-G7</b> The County should consistently work to preserve and maintain the rural character of Kittitas County for the benefit of its residents.	Land and Shoreline Use	Avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate potential impacts from transmission facilities on the rural character of Kittitas County.
	<b>Goal RR-G8</b> The County should strive to sustain and protect the westerly mountainous, recreational open space, and its easterly non-resource agricultural and rangeland activities.	Recreation; Land and Shoreline Use; Vegetation	Avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate potential impacts on the westerly mountains and open space areas and the easterly nonresource agricultural and rangelands.
	<b>Policy RR-P13</b> 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.	Water Resources; Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the county’s SMP and ensures adequate setbacks from streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands, and critical areas.
Rural and Resource Lands	<b>Policy RR-P16</b> 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.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on lands designated for agricultural use as defined in RCW 90.58.065(2)(a).
	<b>Goal RR-G13</b> Preserve and protect non-resource forests and agriculture lands which are dominant in Kittitas County.	Land and Shoreline Use; Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on lands designated for agricultural use.
	<b>Policy RR-P52</b> The Liberty Historic District is in the Rural Working land use designation. To ensure compatibility with the historic district, development in the adjacent forest lands shall conform to any standards that assure compatibility.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with standards for historic districts, specifically the Liberty Historic District.
	<b>Policy RR-P58</b> Developers should be required to approach project design which provides a visual rural environment characteristic of Kittitas County including preservation of open spaces, adequate buffering between development and natural areas, and preservation of critical areas and forested lands.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the rural characteristics of Kittitas County to support the design of transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy RR-P112</b> Where proposed development is determined incompatible with natural resource activities, all mitigation measures to make the development compatible with the activities shall be completed at expense of the developer.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it assumes responsibility for all mitigation necessary for incompatible development in natural resource areas.
	<b>Policy RR-P151</b> New uses, such as residential and commercial uses, conflicting with existing commercial mining activities in designated mineral resource areas shall be required to locate away from such mining activities.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it locates transmission facilities away from existing commercial mining activities.
	<b>Policy RR-P152</b> The County shall require that all plats, short plats, development permits, and building permits issued for development activities on, or within five hundred feet of, lands designated as mineral resource lands, shall contain a notice that states that: “The subject property is within or near designated mineral resource lands on which a variety of commercial activities and mineral operations may occur that are not compatible with residential development for certain periods of limited duration. Commercial natural resource activities and/or mineral operations performed in accordance with County, State and federal laws are not subject or legal action as public nuisances.”	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it adheres to the county’s policy for noticing should transmission facilities be developed on or within 500 feet of lands designated as mineral resource lands.

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Recreation, Parks, Open Space, and Natural Environment	<b>Goal RPO-G4</b> Kittitas County should maintain public access for multiple uses on public lands.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it maintains public access if developing transmission facilities on public land.
	<b>Goal NE-G1</b> Designate and protect the functions and values of critical areas consistent with Best Available Science.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	Consider the value of critical areas and ensure transmission facilities would not degrade those functions.
	<b>Policy NE-P1</b> Protect surface and groundwater resources.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on surface and ground water.
	<b>Policy NE-P2</b> Give special consideration to conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries, including measures that protect habitat important for all life stages of anadromous fish.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on anadromous fisheries and associated habitat.
	<b>Policy NE-P13</b> Designate and protect the functions and values of medium and high susceptibility critical aquifer.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on aquifers.
Recreation, Parks, Open Space, and Natural Environment	<b>Policy NE-P17</b> Designate and protect and where feasible, enhance the functions and values of fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas.
	<b>Policy NE-P20</b> Designate and protect, and where feasible, enhance the functions and values of frequently flooded areas.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in frequently flooded areas.
	<b>Policy NE-P21</b> Prevent the loss of property and minimize public and private costs associated with repairing or preventing flood damages from development in frequently flooded areas.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in frequently flooded areas.
	<b>Policy NE-P23</b> New or expanded uses or structures shall avoid impacts that reduce the effective flood storage volume within frequently flooded areas. When impacts are unavoidable, such impacts should be mitigated with compensatory storage, when feasible.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the existing flood storage capacity.
	<b>Policy NE-P26</b> Designate and protect the function and value of geologically hazardous areas.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to siting transmission facilities in geologically hazardous areas.
	<b>Policy NE-P27</b> Appropriate mitigation measure should be required to either avoid or recue significant public health and safety risks that are posed by geologically hazardous areas.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements applicable mitigation measures to reduce significant public health and safety risks associated with geologically hazardous areas.
	<b>Policy NE-P28</b> Potential impacts and alternative mitigation measures to eliminate or minimize the impacts in geologically hazardous areas shall be documented during the review of development applications.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the risks for siting on geologically hazardous areas and documents the risks for development review.
	<b>Policy NE-P29</b> Restrict development in geologically hazardous areas, including areas which are subject to erosion, landslide, channel migration, avalanche, or subsidence.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on geologically hazardous areas.
	<b>Policy NE-P30</b> Risk of erosion shall be considered during the review of development applications based on localized rainfall, soil type, slope, drainage, run-off, and other site factors.	Earth Resources; Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the risks for siting on geologically hazardous areas and documents site-specific risks for development review.
	<b>Policy NE-P31</b> Siting of structures on known individual mine hazard areas shall be avoided, and where it cannot be avoided, the danger of mine hazards should be adequately considered.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within areas of mine hazards.

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	<b>Policy NE-P35</b> Designate and protect, and where feasible, enhance the functions and values of wetlands.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within wetlands to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy NE-P36</b> Wetlands shall be protected because they provide important functions such as assisting in the reduction of erosion, siltation, flooding, ground and surface water pollution, and providing wildlife, plant, and fisheries habitats.	Water Resources; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids the degradation of wetlands to avoid the risks of erosion, siltation, flooding, and ground and surface water pollution.
	<b>Policy NE-P39</b> Wetland identification, delineation, categorization, and, where appropriate, mitigation, shall rely on guidance from the Washington State Department of Ecology, the US Army Corps of Engineers and the US Environmental Protection Agency.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the Washington State Department of Ecology, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for appropriate wetland delineation and mitigation measures.

A3.9-1.20 Klickitat County (October 2013)

Klickitat County is considered a Partially Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by June 30, 2027.

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Environment/General	<b>Goal</b> Preserve the environmental quality of Klickitat County.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the environmental quality of Klickitat County.
	<b>Policy 2</b> Buildings should be located on sites which minimize the need for cutting, grading or the removal of native vegetation. Land surface modifications should be compatible with natural features and processes. As much natural vegetation as possible, especially large trees, should be preserved as development occurs.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the natural landscape and limits land surface modification.
	<b>Policy 4</b> The Columbia River Gorge Commission should be recognized as an important agent in the preservation of the gorge environment.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the Columbia River Gorge Commission as applicable.
Environment/Land	<b>Goal</b> To guide development to areas where soils and geology pose the fewest limitations to quality growth.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids development where soils and geology limit the quality of growth.
	<b>Policy 4</b> Where severe soil limitations coincide with other limiting factors such as geologic instability or surface flooding, development should be discouraged.	Earth Resources Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids development on unstable soils or areas prone to flooding.
	<b>Policy 5</b> On-site geological and engineering studies should be required before development is allowed in areas with potential slope instability or soil settling problems.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if, in areas with slope instability or soil settling problems, it ensures on-site geological and engineering studies are completed prior to development.
Environment/ Water	<b>Goal</b> To maintain high water quality by ensuring that adjacent land uses are compatible with water uses.	Water Uses	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures compatibility with water uses.



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	<b>Policy 2</b> Shoreline and upland development should not impair fishing.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development would not impair fishing.
	<b>Policy 3</b> Generally, land use in areas subject to recurring flooding or seasonal high water table should be limited to agricultural, public recreation, or water-dependent uses. Residential or commercial development in the 50-year floodplain should be discouraged. Floodplain zoning and building controls should be established in conformance to the National Flood Insurance Program.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids development in recurring flooding areas.
	<b>Policy 5</b> Control measures should be imposed by county government to regulate land fills, dredging, waste discharges, increased storm runoff, upland erosion, water diversions, or other activities affecting water quality.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it adheres to county standards to ensure water quality is achieved.
	<b>Policy 9</b> The shorelines of the rivers and streams of Klickitat County are a specialized resource to be protected and enhanced. The Shoreline Master Program for Klickitat County shall serve as the policy governing shoreline use.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it adheres to the policies identified in the county’s SMP.
Air	<b>Goal</b> To preserve the County’s clean air and minimize noise and odors.	Air Quality; Noise	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it adheres to the county’s clean air, noise, and odor standards.
	<b>Policy 1</b> Performance standards for air quality, noise, and odors should be adopted and enforced. These standards should consider such factors as site location, shape of buildings, and height of emitting stacks, and should prevent degradation of air quality.	Air Quality; Noise	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it adheres to the county’s clean air, noise, and odor standards.
Natural Resources	<b>Goal</b> To maintain and enhance Klickitat County’s natural resource base.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids the degradation of Klickitat County’s natural resource base.
	<b>Policy 1</b> Conserve the natural resources required for agriculture, forestry, extractive mining, etc. in order to protect the basic economy of the County.	Land and Shoreline Use; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the productivity of natural resource lands (agriculture, forestry, mining).
	<b>Goal</b> To support and protect agriculture.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers compatibility of land uses when adjacent lands are agricultural.
	<b>Goal</b> To maintain and optimize annual timber production on a sustained yield basis while protecting wildlife habitat and providing public recreational opportunities.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the productivity of forest lands.
	<b>Goal</b> To identify and preserve wildlife in Klickitat County.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wildlife.
	<b>Policy 2</b> Significant habitats should be protected and managed.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids the degradation of significant habitats.
	<b>Policy 3</b> Marshes, swamps and bogs one acre or larger in size and covered with water for more than 9 months should be preserved in their natural state. Any alteration of a natural marsh, swamp or bog smaller than one acre covered by water is for more than 9 months should occur only after it is determined that such action will not result in significant damage to hydrologic systems or the environment.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids the alteration of marshes, swamps, and bogs larger than one acre and active for more than nine months.

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	<b>Policy 7</b> Where development occurs, clustered buildings with open space designed for wildlife should be encouraged.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the clustering of transmission facilities with other utility infrastructure.
	<b>Policy 8</b> All projects should be evaluated for their impact on fish, fowl, and mammals.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the impact that transmission facilities would have on fish, fowl, and mammals of Klickitat County.
	<b>Policy 9</b> Full compliance with environmental protection laws (NEPA, SEPA, Pollution Control, Migratory Bird Act, Shoreline Act) should be required prior to issuing permits.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers early planning to ensure design is compliant with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), SEPA, Migratory Bird Act, and Shoreline Act.
	<b>Goal</b> To support and protect commercial and recreational fishing in Klickitat County.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Land and Shoreline Use; Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facilities do not impact commercial and recreational fishing.
	<b>Policy 3</b> Shoreline and upland development should be compatible with fishing activities.	Land and Shoreline Use; Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it allows access to fishing activities within shoreline areas.
	<b>Goal</b> To ensure full use of mineral deposits prior to the development of the land for other purposes.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the potential for mineral extraction uses prior to development.
	<b>Policy 1</b> Economically significant mineral and aggregate deposits in Klickitat Conty should be managed as a non-renewable resource.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on significant mineral and aggregate deposits.
	<b>Goal</b> To encourage energy development in locations within Klickitat County that take advantage of the County’s energy resources, existing infrastructure, and also are sited to minimize environmental impacts.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers siting transmission facilities in areas with existing infrastructure.
	<b>Policy 1</b> Energy development should be compatible with surrounding land uses.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers compatibility between adjacent uses and transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy 2</b> Energy development should be designed and sited with informed consideration of environmental impacts.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers environmental impacts during design of transmission facilities.
Natural Resources	<b>Policy 4</b> Areas particularly suitable for energy development are identified in an "energy overlay zone" which permits preferred energy development "outright". Areas suitable for energy development are those locations that take advantage of the County's energy resources, existing infrastructure, and when sensitively sited will likely result in less than significant adverse, environmental impacts. The "energy overlay" shall include siting standards as a means of addressing characteristics and issues of each site.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes development within the “energy overlay” in Klickitat County. Otherwise, the project should anticipate the conditional use process for construction and operation of transmission facility.
	<b>Policy 5</b> Energy development in areas not included in the “energy overlay” shall be subject to review through a conditional use process.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes development within the “energy overlay” in Klickitat County. Otherwise, the project should anticipate the conditional use process for construction and operation of transmission facility.
Public Services/Utilities	<b>Goal</b> To promote provision of utilities sufficient to protect the public health and welfare.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures the provision of utilities would support public health and welfare.
	<b>Policy 7</b> Utilities should be placed underground whenever possible.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes the undergrounding of transmission lines, where feasible.
	<b>Policy 9</b> Consolidation of power transmission lines with other utility corridors (pipelines, etc.) and transportation rights-of-way should be encouraged.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers coordinating with other energy and public utility providers to plan a multi-use corridor.

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	<b>Policy 10</b> Utility corridors on public lands should be made available for trail development.	Public Services and Utilities; Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers transmission facility design to allow for recreational uses, including future development of trail systems.
	<b>Policy 11</b> Power substations should be screened with mature plantings or be designed to blend visually with their surroundings.	Public Services and Utilities; Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it incorporates appropriate screening around power substations to ensure visual compatibility with surrounding areas.
Open Space, Parks and Recreation	<b>Goal</b> To preserve open space for its community-shaping, recreational and ecological value.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on open space lands that are vital to recreational and ecological values of Klickitat County.
	<b>Policy 8</b> Utility rights-of-way on publicly owned land should be reserved for future use as part of a trail system.	Public Services and Utilities; Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers transmission facility design to allow for recreational uses, including a trail system.

## A3.9-1.21 Lewis County (February 2021<sup>7</sup>)

Lewis County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by December 31, 2025.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Land Use	<b>Urban Objective 3C</b> Encourage the preservation of history in Lewis County.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids the degradation of cultural resources, specifically historic resources.
	<b>Urban Policy 3C.1</b> Preserve sites of historical significance within the urban areas of Lewis County.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids the degradation of sites with historical significance.
	<b>Rural Goal 1.0</b> Maintain the rural character of Lewis County.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in ways that would induce unplanned growth inconsistent with the rural character of Lewis County.
Natural Resources	<b>NR Goal 1.0</b> Maintain agricultural uses, commercial timber production, and mineral resource extraction as fundamental components of the character of Lewis County.	Land and Shoreline Use; Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural, timber, and mineral resource lands.
	<b>NR Policy 1.1</b> View agricultural, timber, and mineral resource lands as an essential feature of Lewis County’s identity, contributing to local employment and the retention of natural character.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural, timber, and mineral resource lands.
	<b>Objective 2A</b> Retain agricultural resource lands. Promote the long-term economic viability of agricultural resource lands.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural resource lands.
Natural Resources	<b>Policy NR 2A.2</b> Encourage the continuation of non-soil dependent agricultural activities through development regulations and, where appropriate, the designation of the land as agricultural land of long-term commercial significance.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes siting transmission facilities in areas with soils that are not suitable for agricultural purposes.

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	<b>Policy NR 2A.3</b> Allow uses that are complementary with agricultural production on agricultural resource lands.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development would be complementary with agricultural production if siting on agricultural resource lands.
	<b>Objective 2B</b> – promote long-term forestry on resource lands. Continue to designate large blocks of forest resource land in Lewis County.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it minimizes development of transmission facilities on lands with long-term forestry resources.
	<b>NR Policy 3.3</b> Ensure that new incompatible land uses are appropriately buffered from existing agricultural, forestry, or mineral resource lands.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it incorporates adequate buffers from existing agricultural, forestry, or mineral resource lands, as applicable.
	<b>NR Policy 4.3</b> Allow additional land use activities on resource lands, including small business and agritourism ventures, so long as the uses do not jeopardize the long-term viability of the resource use or occur in a manner inconsistent with rural character.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if, should transmission facilities be sited on resource lands, it ensures development does not jeopardize the long-term viability of the resource and it is compatible with the rural character of Lewis County.
Natural Environment	<b>NE Goal 1.0</b> Preserve the natural and scenic beauty of Lewis County, and minimize the impact of development on the county’s environmental resources.	Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the natural and scenic beauty of Lewis County.
	<b>NE Policy 1.1</b> Encourage development to occur in areas with few environmental hazards to minimize the loss of natural resources due to urbanization and the loss of capital investment and life due to natural disasters.	Earth Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids development in areas with environmental hazards to the greatest extent practicable. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if, should development occur in areas with environmental hazards, it develops and implements minimization and mitigation measures to ensure the project would not result in a potential adverse impact.
	<b>NE Policy 1.2</b> Locate new development in areas that have minimal environmental constraints (e.g., soils, steep slopes, bedrock, water table, and flood prone lands).	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas with environmental constraints to the greatest extent practicable. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if, should development occur in areas with environmental constraints, it develops and implements minimization and mitigation measures to ensure the project would not result in a potential adverse impact.
	<b>NE Policy 1.3</b> Preserve hazardous areas (that are subject to geologic and/or flood hazards) as open space wherever possible.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids development in geologically hazardous areas to the greatest extent practicable. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if, should development occur in hazardous areas, it develops and implements avoidance and minimization measures to ensure the project would not result in a potential adverse impact.
	<b>NE Policy 1.4</b> Encourage the preservation of natural buffers along the county’s rivers, lakes and streams.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it maintains natural buffers along water resources to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>NE Policy 2.1</b> Require activities that produce air pollutants and odors to comply with adopted air quality standards.	Air Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it adheres to the adopted air quality standards.
	<b>NE Goal 3.0</b> Preserve and enhance the quality of water in Lewis County.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to the degradation of water quality.



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	<b>NE Policy 3.3</b> Encourage developments that are located near surface waters to minimize their impact on water supplies through increased setbacks, buffering and other mitigation techniques.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it incorporates adequate minimization and/or mitigation measures should development be located near surface waters.
	<b>NE Goal 4.0</b> Maintain the quality of the county’s environmentally sensitive critical areas.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it minimizes and/or mitigates potential impacts on environmentally sensitive critical areas.
Natural Environment	<b>NE Objective 4A</b> Safety in Relation to Geologically Hazardous Areas. Reduce risk to life and property from hazards associated with development in geologically hazardous areas.	Earth Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in geologically hazardous areas to the greatest extent practicable. If development should occur in these areas, the project should develop and implement minimization and mitigation measures to ensure the project would not result in a potential adverse impact.
	<b>NE Policy 4A.1</b> Utilize the following measures, among others, to reduce the risk to life and property from geologically hazardous areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Prohibiting, discouraging, and/or mitigating development in areas of steep slopes or other areas with high potential for geological hazards.</li><li>▪ Limiting the removal of vegetation during development to reduce the impacts of stormwater runoff and erosion.</li><li>▪ Requiring geotechnical studies to determine construction methods and technologies necessary to further public safety in geologically hazardous areas, including landslide areas and steep slopes.</li><li>▪ Utilizing development design and construction technology appropriate to the soil limitations of the particular site in geologically hazardous areas.</li><li>▪ Replanting disturbed hillsides.</li></ul>	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if, should development occur in geologically hazardous areas, it implements the recommended measures among others to ensure the project would not result in a potential adverse impact.
	<b>NE Objective 4B</b> Preserved Wetland Functions and Values. Seek to retain the function and values of wetlands in Lewis County.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the function and values of wetlands in Lewis County.
	<b>NE Policy 4B.3</b> Consult available wetland maps to determine if a proposed development will potentially impact a wetland. Where a wetland impact may occur, require developers/property owners to perform a wetland delineation and mitigate any impacts that may occur as a result of the proposal.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it performs a wetland delineation and mitigates any impacts should development of transmission facilities potentially impact a wetland.
	<b>NE Policy 4B.4</b> Require mitigation sequencing (avoidance, minimization, and mitigation) in the development of wetland mitigation plans.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it develops a wetland mitigation plan that includes mitigation sequencing should development of transmission facilities potentially impact a wetland.
	<b>NE Objective 4C</b> Protected Groundwater Sources. Protect aquifer recharge areas to help ensure a long term, high quality supply of water for Lewis County residents.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on aquifer recharge and groundwater quality.
	<b>NE Policy 4C.3</b> Continue to apply standards and policies that limit unneeded impervious surfaces, especially in areas of critical aquifer recharge.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it minimizes the amount of impervious areas during construction and operation of transmission facilities, especially in critical aquifer recharge areas.

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Natural Environment	<b>NE Objective 4D</b> People and Property Protected From Flood Hazards. Protect life and property from flood hazards.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas that put life and property at risk of flooding.
	<b>NE Policy 4D.4</b> Prohibit development within floodways, unless a hydraulics and hydrology study shows that the property is not within a floodway or will not impact the pre-project base flood elevations, floodway elevations or floodway data widths.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prepares a hydraulics and hydrology study should transmission facility development be proposed within floodways.
	<b>NE Policy 4D.5</b> Utilize Lewis County flood standards to encourage developments to avoid damage from floods and include compensating design features.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it uses Lewis County’s flood standards to ensure development would avoid impacts resulting from flood events.
	<b>NE Policy 4E.1</b> Prohibit fill in wetlands and discourage fill elsewhere in the floodplain. Where filling is permitted, the carrying capacity and storage of the streams shall be retained.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids filling of wetlands and ensures the carrying capacity and storage of the stream(s) are retained.
	<b>NE Objective 4F</b> Retained Flood Storage Capacity. Protect and enhance critical resources and habitats.	Water Resources; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates the degradation of critical resources and habitats.
	<b>NE Policy 4F.1</b> Use Best Available Science to preserve and enhance resources for anadromous fish and other local endangered, threatened or sensitive species.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it uses best available science to ensure transmission facility development would not impact anadromous fish and other sensitive species.
	<b>NE Policy 4F.2</b> Ensure the preservation of the functions and values of critical resources, including threatened and endangered species and habitats, through strategies such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Public education about the value of the resource or species.</li><li>▪ Support of reasonable community, non-profit, or government efforts to conserve the species or habitat.</li><li>▪ Monitoring of ongoing research about the species.</li><li>▪ Encouragement of landowners to explore potential site design options to protect the species or habitat.</li><li>▪ Establishment of new regulations (if necessary).</li></ul>	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if, should development potentially impact critical resources, it considers implementing the recommended minimization strategies to ensure the project would not result in a potential adverse impact.
	<b>NE Goal 5.0</b> Manage shorelines that are subject to the state Shoreline Management Act in accordance with the Lewis County Shoreline Master Program.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it adheres to the policies identified in the county’s SMP.
	<b>NE Policy 6.1</b> Work to ensure that existing and new development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Maximizes on-site infiltration.</li><li>▪ Avoids altering natural drainage systems.</li><li>▪ Does not increase peak stormwater runoff.</li><li>▪ Minimizes increases in the overall quantity of runoff</li></ul>	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it protects water quality through optimal site design and by ensuring development does not increase overall water runoff quantity.
	<b>NE Policy 6.2</b> Verify that increased stormwater runoff from new development will not adversely impact other properties.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it demonstrates that development would not create stormwater runoff that would adversely impact other properties.
	<b>NE Goal 7.0</b> Encourage the preservation of wetlands, open lands, and habitat areas for the benefit of the county’s indigenous fish and wildlife, and the quality of life of county residents.	Water Resources; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates any impacts on wetlands, open lands, habitat, and fish and wildlife.

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Utilities and Capital Facilities	<b>UCF Goal 1.0</b> Develop capital facilities and utilities in a manner that supports the implementation of the Land Use Element.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it develops transmission facilities in a manner that is consistent with the policies in the Land Use Element.
	<b>UCF Policy 1.1</b> Plan, design, and operate Public Services and Utilities to: Accommodate the demands of growth, consistent with the adopted land use and zoning designations. Comply with appropriate state and federal laws. Protect public health and safety.	Public Services and Utilities; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers developing transmission facilities in a manner that is consistent with the demands of growth and protects public health and safety and, furthermore, ensures development complies with all state and federal laws.
	<b>UCF Policy 1.5</b> Ensure that Public Services and Utilities are compatible with surrounding areas, adopted design standards and relevant state laws.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with design standards and relevant state laws for compatible surrounding uses.
Utilities and Capital Facilities	<b>UCF Policy 2.3</b> When desirable, cooperate with cities and/or other service providers to plan, construct, finance, and operate regional utilities and public facilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers coordinating with other cities and/or service providers in the planning and development of transmission facilities.
	<b>UCF Policy 3.3</b> Consider potential concurrent utility or facility improvements when utility or facility providers construct a project. Utilize the projects of service providers as an opportunity to enhance the county facilities when desirable.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with other utility or facility providers to maximize improvements.
	<b>UCF Policy 3.4</b> Utilize the agreements between the county, and utility and facility providers, as a means to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Coordinate the functional plans of the provider and the capital facility plans of the county.</li><li>▪ Address the joint use of corridors and rights-of-way.</li><li>▪ Ensure that development permit reviews address other affected facilities and utilities.</li><li>▪ Mitigate the impacts of utility and facility improvement projects</li></ul>	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county early on to plan, develop and mitigate potential impacts from transmission facility development.
	<b>UCF Goal 6.0</b> Use environmentally sound approaches to construct, operate and maintain utilities and facilities	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it uses best available science to protect environmentally sensitive resources in the construction and operation of transmission facilities.
	<b>UCF Policy 6.1</b> Promote the conservation of energy, water and other natural resources in the siting and design of new utilities and public facilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes the conservation of energy, water, and natural resources in the siting and design of transmission facilities.

# A3.9-1.22 Lincoln County (August 2019)

Lincoln County is considered a Partially Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by June 30, 2027.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Natural Environment & Resources	<b>Policy 1.2</b> Discourage incompatible uses by limiting or restricting uses in rural agricultural areas that are incompatible with farming, ranching and low density development. Large industries and businesses, related structures and high density residential subdivisions should be directed to more suitable areas.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on rural agricultural areas.
	<b>Goal 1.3</b> Manage the natural environment and resources in a way that protects critical areas & shorelines while providing property owners reasonable use of their land.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the natural environment, including designated critical areas and shorelines.
	<b>Policy 1.11</b> Prevent stream channel erosion and degraded stream habitat by adhering to standards set forth in Ecology’s Stormwater Manual for Eastern Washington.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it adheres to the standards outlined in Ecology’s Stormwater Manual for Eastern Washington to minimize potential impacts on water resources.
	<b>Goal 1.4</b> Plan and coordinate land uses, public access and natural resource protection along shorelines of the State in accordance with the State Shoreline Management Act, Lincoln County Shoreline Master Program, Lincoln County Flood Plain Ordinance and Critical Area Ordinance.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it protects public access along shorelines and natural resource by adhering to the State Shoreline Management Act, Lincoln County SMP, Lincoln County Flood Plain Ordinance, and CAO.
Parks, Trails & Recreation	<b>Policy 3.1</b> Support the National Park Service, by ensuring new development along Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area is consistent with county codes and does not encroach upon the National Park boundary.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids development within National Park Service boundaries. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if, should transmission facility development encroach upon the National Park boundary, it ensures development is consistent with county codes.
Parks, Trails & Recreation	<b>Policy 3.3</b> Encourage preservation and enhancement of identified distinctive areas, sites, structures and objects of historic, cultural, architectural and archaeological significance.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on distinct areas of Lincoln County that constitute historic, cultural, architectural, and archaeological significance.
Public Services, Facilities & Utilities	<b>Goal 6.5</b> Site facilities and utilities consistent with the policies of the Land Use Element.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facility development is consistent with the policies identified in the Land Use Element.
	<b>Policy 6.5</b> New development shall be consistent with established utility plans and procedures.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development is consistent with established utility plans and procedures.
	<b>Policy 6.6</b> Coordinate with utility providers.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county and other utility providers as applicable.



# A3.9-1.23 Mason County (2017<sup>8</sup>)

Mason County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by December 31, 2025.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Economic Development	<b>Policy 5.2</b> Maintain and enhance natural resource-based industries including productive timber, agriculture, aquaculture, mining and fisheries industries. Encourage the conservation of productive natural resources, and discourage incompatible uses. Assure that adjacent land uses do not contribute to the demise of the long term commercial forest, aquaculture, and agricultural production lands and the resource based industries associated with these areas.	Land and Shoreline Use; Vegetation; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates for potential impacts on natural resource-based industries.
	<b>Policy 5.6</b> In environmentally sensitive areas, ensure land use permit processes control activities which may have a detrimental effect on public health, safety, or environment consistent with state and federal requirements.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with applicable land use permit processes should transmission facility development occur in environmentally sensitive areas.
Open Space	<b>Policy 9.2</b> Provide accessible public open space and protect environmentally important areas without compromising private property rights.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers retaining open space and environmentally important areas for public access to the greatest extent practicable.
Environment	<b>Policy 10.2</b> Mason County and the cities therein shall protect drinking water supplies from contamination, ensure that water for development is both legally and physically available, and identify and reserve future supplies.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water quality.
	<b>Policy 10.3</b> In environmentally sensitive areas, ensure land use permit processes control activities which may have a detrimental effect on public health, safety, environment, and physical integrity of the area consistent with state and federal requirements.	Earth Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with applicable land use permit processes should transmission facility development occur in environmentally sensitive areas.
Facilities/Services	<b>Policy 12.4</b> Sharing of corridors for major utilities, trails and other transportation rights of way is encouraged.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers coordinating with other agencies and utility providers to co-locate utilities.
Historic Preservation	<b>Policy 13.1</b> Support the efforts of the Mason County Historic Preservation Commission created to identify and actively encourage the conservation of Mason County's historic resources (MCC 17.40).	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on historic resources.

<sup>8</sup> At the time of publication, a draft version of the Mason County Comprehensive Plan Update was available.

# A3.9-1.24 Okanogan County (December 2021)

Okanogan County is considered a Partially Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by June 30, 2027.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Water Resources	<b>Goal WR-3</b> Protect the water supply for existing and future uses.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the water supply.
	<b>Goal WR-4</b> Protect water quality.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water quality.
Wildfire	<b>Goal WF-1</b> Protect life and property in Okanogan County from fire hazards.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on fire hazards.
	<b>Objective WF-1.1</b> Promote best practices in structural fire resistance design for new construction.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it uses best available science and management practices to design fire resistant transmission facilities.
	<b>Objective WF-1.4</b> Encourage where feasible the undergrounding of electrical utilities to reduce their exposure to fire.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it considers ungrounding the transmission facilities to the greatest extent possible.
Critical Areas	<b>Goal CA-1</b> Promote public health, safety and welfare, economic and environmental well-being in the County for present and future citizens by identifying and protecting critical areas.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates impacts on critical areas identified by the county.
	<b>Objective CA-1.1</b> In designating and protecting critical areas, include the best available science in developing Objectives and development regulations to protect the functions and values of critical areas.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it complies with the county’s development regulations to ensure protection of the functions and values of critical areas.
	<b>Objective CA-1.4</b> To achieve no net loss of the functions and values of the ecosystem, provide methods to avoid, minimize, and mitigate, when addressing critical areas, including innovative techniques such as wetland banking, vegetation management, clustered development, planned unit development, replacement rations, density limitations, and enhancement option.	Water Resources; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it coordinates with the county to develop adequate compensatory mitigation measures to achieve no net loss of the functions and values of the ecosystem.
	<b>Objective CA-2.3</b> Give special consideration to conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on anadromous fisheries and associated habitat.
	<b>Goal CA-3</b> Utilize floodplain planning to protect human life and health as well as the riparian ecosystem in order to minimize public and private economic losses and expenditures related to flood control and to protect and preserve wildlife habitat.	Water Resources; Public Health and Safety; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in recurring flood areas to the greatest extent practicable. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it mitigates potential impacts on the existing flood storage capacity and wildlife habitat.
	<b>Goal CA-4</b> Reduce the threat posed to the health and safety of citizens that could occur when development is sited in areas of significant geologic hazard.	Earth Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts resulting from transmission development being sited on or near areas of significant geologic hazard.
	<b>Goal CA-5</b> Ensure an adequate, safe water supply through the protection of both the quantity and quality of ground and surface water for a variety of beneficial uses such as public consumption, agriculture, industry, and habitat protection.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water resources.

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	<b>Goal CA-6</b> Protect aquifer recharge areas.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on aquifer recharge areas.
	<b>Objective CA-6.2</b> Limit impervious surfaces on lands that are classified as having a high or moderate potential recharge and identify these areas in zoning overlay maps.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it reviews the latest zoning overlay maps to determine whether transmission facility development would occur in potential recharge areas. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if, should development occur in these areas, it minimizes the amount of impervious surface to the greatest extent feasible.
	<b>Goal CA-7</b> Protect Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas.
Land Use	<b>Goal LU-2</b> Support continuance of farming, ranching, mining, and logging for the production of food, fiber, and minerals in rural areas.	Land and Shoreline Use; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural resource lands.
	<b>Objective LU-2.3</b> Okanogan County should protect agriculture from the impact of incompatible uses by utilizing appropriate land use designations and effective review processes.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids and/or minimizes siting of transmission facilities on agricultural areas.
	<b>Goal AG-1</b> Agricultural lands will be preserved to the greatest extent possible for the extensive contribution to the economic viability of Okanogan County.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting of transmission facilities on agricultural areas.
	<b>Objective AG-1.1</b> Encourage the retention of agricultural lands and prevent haphazard growth into these areas.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids and/or minimizes siting of transmission facilities on agricultural areas.
	<b>Goal FL-1</b> Maintain and enhance natural resource-based industries including timber industries.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures development of transmission facilities would maintain and enhance natural resource-based industries.
	<b>Objective FL-1.1</b> Encourage management of land use activities within designated forest resource lands to minimize conflicts within forestry practices.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on forest resource lands and conflicts with forestry practices. The project should ensure development of transmission facilities would maintain and enhance natural resource-based industries.
	<b>Goal ML-1</b> Support local mineral lands as an important component of the County's economy.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in protected mineral resource areas.
	<b>Goal TC-3</b> Protect long term viability of general aviation airports as essential public facilities, including the protection of the health, welfare, and safety of the aviation community neighboring property owners and general public.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates for impacts related to the siting of transmission facilities near airports.
	<b>Objective TC-3.1</b> Encourage compatible land uses and densities around airport facilities.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates for impacts related to the siting of transmission facilities near airports.
	<b>Objective TC-3.2</b> Reduce hazards around the affected environment of the airport safety zones.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to the siting of transmission facilities near airports.

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	<b>Objective TC-4.1</b> Ensure that future land uses are compatible with MTRs	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it adheres to the county’s process in coordinating and resolving land use incompatibilities within MTR areas.
	<b>Objective TC-4.3</b> Implement measures to protect military installations from incompatible development.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it coordinates with military experts to ensure transmission facility development does not significantly impact military operations or result in an incompatible use.

A3.9-1.25 Pacific County (April 2021)

Pacific County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by June 30, 2027.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Critical Areas and Resource Lands	<b>Goal R-1</b> Agricultural land of long-term commercial significance should be preserved.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy R-1.2</b> Non-agricultural uses, including accessory uses and activities, of agricultural land of long-term commercial significance should be limited to lands with poor soils or otherwise not suitable for agricultural purposes.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes siting transmission facilities in areas with soils that are not suitable for agricultural purposes.
	<b>Policy R-2.2</b> Use of lands that are adjacent to areas identified for growing, farming, or cultivating shellfish, kelp, eelgrass, herring, and smelt should be compatible, such as forestry and low density rural residential. Those uses should not appreciably or cumulatively increase stormwater runoff or otherwise degrade water quality.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in or near areas identified for growing and farming aquatic plants and wildlife species.
Critical Areas and Resource Lands	<b>Policy R-2.5</b> Proposed residential and other uses in areas used for growing, farming, or cultivating shellfish, kelp, eelgrass, herring, and smelt should be developed in a manner which lessens potential conflicts with such operations.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it develops transmission facilities in a manner that lessens potential conflicts with farming or cultivating of shellfish, kelp, eelgrass, herring, and smelt.
	<b>Policy R-3.3</b> The primary land use activities in forest land of long-term commercial significance should be commercial forest management, agriculture, mineral extraction, accessory uses, wildlife habitat enhancement programs, and other non-forest related economic activities relying on forest land.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on forest resource lands.
	<b>Policy R-3.4</b> Land use activities within or adjacent to forest land of long-term commercial significance should be sited and designed to minimize conflicts with forest management, and other activities on forest land.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on forest resource lands and forestry-related activities.
	<b>Policy R-3.5</b> The County discourages the establishment or expansion of utility local improvement districts, or sewer, water or public utility districts on forest lands of long-term commercial significance which	Vegetation; Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facilities do not result in the imposition of assessments, rates, or charges on designated forest lands.



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	result in the imposition of assessments, rates, or charges on designated forest land.		
	<b>Policy R-3.8</b> Subject to any state or local regulation of critical areas, the County encourages the multiple economic use of forest land for a variety of natural resource and other land use activities particularly suited for forest lands because of physical and topographical characteristics; remoteness from populated areas; availability of water supplies; the quality of the forest environment; or where the efficient provision of statewide or regional utilities, energy generating and/or transmission facilities, or public facilities require access across or use of such forest lands.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county to ensure transmission facility development is consistent with state and local regulations related to forest lands.
	<b>Policy R-5.1</b> Designated mineral resource land of long-term commercial significance should be conserved for mineral extraction, and the use of adjacent lands should not interfere with the continued use of the designated mining sites that are being operated in accordance with applicable best management practices and other laws and regulations.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates impacts on designated mineral resource lands.
	<b>Goal R-6</b> Wetlands should be protected because they protect water quality, reduce flooding, provide aquifer recharge for drinking water and other uses, and provide critical habitat for fish and wildlife.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands.
	<b>Policy R-6.1</b> Wetlands should be protected from alterations due to land use changes which may create unmitigated adverse impacts to the wetland.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands.
	<b>Policy R-6.2</b> Whenever feasible and permitted, new technologies which enhance a wetland and promote it as a useful, functioning part of a development should be encouraged.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers using new technologies to enhance wetland functions, where feasible.
	<b>Policy R-6.3</b> Wetland preservation strategies and efforts, including wetland buffers and banking, should be coordinated with appropriate local, state and federal agencies and private conservation organizations to take advantage of both technical and financial assistance, and to avoid duplication of efforts.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with local, state, and federal agencies to identify and develop appropriate wetland preservation strategies as appropriate.
Critical Areas and Resource Lands	<b>Policy R-6.4</b> Wetland areas should be identified by the applicant and reviewed by the County prior to development.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it identifies wetlands and coordinates with the county prior to development.
	<b>Policy R-7.5</b> Development which could substantially and negatively impact the quality of an aquifer should not be allowed.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids negatively impacting the quality of an aquifer.
	<b>Policy R-8.2</b> Growth and development patterns compatible with natural drainage features are encouraged, and alteration of natural drainage features are discouraged.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the alteration of natural drainage features.
	<b>Policy R-8.3</b> Control of erosion at its source as a means of controlling water pollution, flooding, and habitat damage downstream is encouraged.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on erosion by controlling water pollution at its source.
	<b>Policy R-8.5</b> New development in frequently flooded areas and mapped flood plains that pose a threat to human health and property is discouraged.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to developing transmission facilities within flood hazard areas.

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	<b>Goal R-9</b> Appropriate measures should be provided to either avoid or mitigate significant risks to public and private property and to public health and safety that are posed by geologic hazard areas.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to transmission facility development in hazardous areas.
	<b>Policy R-9.1</b> Probable significant adverse impacts from geologically hazardous areas should be identified during the review of a development application.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it identifies areas where development would result in significant adverse impacts from geologically hazardous areas. Furthermore, a project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it addresses potential impacts by developing and incorporating appropriate avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures.
	<b>Policy R-9.2</b> Within active flood control zone districts, grading and clearing for both private developments and public facilities or services should be limited to the minimum necessary to accomplish engineering design.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it limits areas of grading and clearing in active flood control zone districts to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy R-9.3:</b> To minimize blowing soil during land development or alteration such as dune modification or development, appropriate water and mulch material should be required on any areas without a vegetative cover.	Air Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it incorporates appropriate measures, such as watering work areas, to minimize blowing soils during construction activities.
	<b>Policy R-9.4</b> To maintain the natural integrity of landslide hazard areas and to protect the environment, and the public health and safety, an adequate buffer of existing vegetation should be maintained around all sides of the landslide hazard areas.	Earth Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it maintains an adequate buffer of existing vegetation should development be required in landslide hazards areas.
	<b>Policy R-10.2</b> The impacts of new development on the quality of land, wildlife and vegetative resources should be considered as part of the environmental review process. Appropriate mitigating measures should be required. Such mitigation may involve the retention and/or enhancement of habitats.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures development of transmission facilities includes a thorough analysis of potential impacts on the quality of land, wildlife, and vegetative resources. Furthermore, a project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures appropriate measures are incorporated to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate potential impacts.
	<b>Policy R-10.5</b> Land uses adjacent to naturally-occurring water bodies and other fish and wildlife habitat areas should not significantly impact the habitat areas.	Water Resources; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water resources and wildlife habitat areas.
	<b>Policy R-10.6</b> Activities allowed in fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas and open space should be consistent with the species located there, and in accordance with all applicable state and federal regulations and/or best management practices. Low impact recreational activities should be encouraged.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with applicable state and federal regulations and/or best management practices identified for transmission facility development in fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas.
Utilities	<b>Policy U-1.1</b> Pacific County will not provide commercial energy or communication services. Energy and communication services are currently provided by private companies and public utility districts. To facilitate the coordination of these services, the County should discuss and exchange population forecasts, development plans, and technical data with the agencies and utilities identified in this plan.	Public Services and Utilities	Coordinate with the county to obtain information such as population forecasts, development plans, and relevant technical data critical for transmission facility development.
	<b>Policy U-1.2</b> The County should provide timely and effective notification to interested utilities of road construction and of maintenance and upgrades of existing roads to facilitate coordination of public and private utility trenching activities.	Public Services and Utilities	Coordinate with the county early in the planning and development process to streamline transmission facility development with maintenance and upgrade projects.

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	<b>Policy U-1.3</b> The County should encourage the location of necessary utility facilities within existing and planned transportation and utility corridors.	Public Services and Utilities	Prioritize siting transmission facilities within existing and planned transportation and utility corridors to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy U-1.4</b> The County's land use planning should be coordinated with the planning activities of electrical, telephone, and cable providers, to ensure that providers of public services and private utilities use the land use element of this plan when planning for future facilities.	Public Services and Utilities	Coordinate with the county early in the planning and development process to streamline transmission facility development.
	<b>Goal U-2</b> Negative impacts associated with the siting, development, and operation of utility services and facilities on adjacent properties and the natural environment should be minimized.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the natural environment and adjacent properties to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy U-2.1</b> Electric power substations should be sited, designed, and buffered to mitigate for potential deleterious impacts to the surrounding neighborhood.	Public Services and Utilities; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it sites, designs, and buffers substations associated with transmission facilities to minimize impacts on surrounding neighborhoods.
	<b>Policy U-2.2</b> The County should encourage siting of new utility facilities outside of active flood control zone districts and critical areas.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes siting transmission facilities outside of active flood control zone districts.
	<b>Policy U-2.3</b> Within active flood control zone districts or critical areas, the County should encourage or require implementation of resource conservation practices and best management practices according to Pacific County's Surface Water and Erosion Control Manual during the construction, operation, and maintenance of utility systems.	Public Services and Utilities; Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements applicable resource conservation practices and best management practices identified in Pacific County's Surface Water and Erosion Control Manual when transmission facilities are located within active flood control zones and/or critical areas.
	<b>Policy U-2.5</b> Where practical, utilities should be encouraged to place facilities underground and encourage the reasonable screening of utility meter cabinets, terminal boxes, pedestals, and transformers in a manner reasonably compatible with the surrounding environment.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes siting transmission facilities underground where feasible. Furthermore, a project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it provides reasonable screening of transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy U-2.6</b> The joint use of transportation rights-of-way and utility corridors should be encouraged, provided that such joint use is consistent with limitations as may be prescribed by applicable law and prudent utility practice.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes siting transmission facilities within existing transportation rights-of-way and utility corridors.

# A3.9-1.26 Pend Oreille County (January 2023)

Pend Oreille County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by June 30, 2027.

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Land Use	<b>General Land Use Policy #6</b> Pend Oreille County should support the preservation of the Newport to Metaline Falls railroad corridor.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the Newport to Metaline Falls railroad corridor.
	<b>Rural Land Use Policy #14</b> Encourage the reduction of fire risk and urban/wildland interface through fire-wise principles, prevention measures, and other programs.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to fire risks by incorporating applicable Firewise principles, prevention measures, and other programs.
	<b>Natural Resource Policy #1</b> Pend Oreille County should encourage land management techniques that will conserve and protect designated natural resource lands and Environmentally Sensitive areas.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on designated natural resource lands and environmentally sensitive Areas.
	<b>Natural Resource Policy #5</b> Pend Oreille County will assure the conservation of agricultural lands and assure that the use of adjacent lands does not interfere with the use of agricultural lands for the production of food or agricultural products.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on agricultural land to the greatest extent practicable. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development adjacent to agricultural lands do not interfere with farming activities or the production of foods or products.
	<b>Natural Resource Policy #8</b> The Pend Oreille County Development Code should encourage developers to prepare and implement a site-specific weed control plan, assisted by the Pend Oreille County Weed Board.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers implementing a site-specific weed control plan.
	<b>Environmentally Sensitive Area Policy #1</b> Pend Oreille County will maintain regulations to protect environmentally sensitive areas (legally defined in RCW 36.70A.170 as “Critical Areas”) utilizing Best Available Science.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it adheres to county regulations that protect environmentally sensitive areas.
	<b>Environmentally Sensitive Area Policy #3</b> For each Environmentally Sensitive area, Pend Oreille County will define the classification system and prepare development regulations that govern changes in land uses and new activities.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it adheres to the county’s latest development regulations that protect environmentally sensitive areas.
	<b>Environmentally Sensitive Area Policy #4</b> In circumstances where Environmentally Sensitive areas are not mapped, Pend Oreille County will establish performance standards or definitions, so these Environmentally Sensitive areas are identified during the processing of a permit or development authorization.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county to confirm areas that are not mapped as environmentally sensitive areas and adhere to any relevant performance standard.
	<b>Environmentally Sensitive Area Policy #5</b> The Pend Oreille County Development Code will include provisions to require Project Sponsors documentation that water is physically and legally available, and meets drinking water standards, and to insure that the proposed method of sewage disposal will not pollute ground or surface water.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it provides documentation that water required for project development is physically and legally available.
	<b>Environmentally Sensitive Area Policy #6</b> Pend Oreille County will establish standards so that the use, storage, and disposal of hazardous	Public Health and Safety; Water Resources; Air Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it adheres to the established standards provided by the county as they relate to hazardous materials and generation of hazardous wastes.



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	materials and generation of hazardous wastes do not adversely affect water and air quality.		
	<b>Environmentally Sensitive Area Policy #7</b> Pend Oreille County will incorporate the recommendations of the approved WRIA 55 and WRIA 62 watershed plans into the County Development Codes and permit review procedures.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the referenced watershed plans.
	<b>Environmentally Sensitive Area Policy #9</b> Pend Oreille County will require developments that are expected to use hazardous materials or generate hazardous wastes to: a. Demonstrate that all necessary state and federal approvals have been obtained, or are being actively sought; and b. Comply with the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (42 USC 1101-11050), which provide emergency services personnel with essential information about the kind and quantities of materials they may encounter on the site.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the two county requirements identified in the policy should development use hazardous materials or generate hazardous waste.
	<b>Environmentally Sensitive Area Policy #10</b> Pend Oreille County may require that development in or adjoining designated priority habitat area, prepare and implement a habitat plan.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county early in the development process to determine whether development of a habitat plan is required.
	<b>Environmentally Sensitive Area Policy #11</b> Pend Oreille County shall require that effective buffers are maintained between all development and wetlands, lakes, rivers, and streams consistent with the County’s Environmentally Sensitive areas code and Shoreline Master Program.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements and maintains buffers between transmission facility development and bodies of water in accordance with the county’s environmentally sensitive areas code and SMP.
	<b>Environmentally Sensitive Area Policy #12</b> Pend Oreille County will direct new development, with the exception of water-dependent, away from areas that are subject to flooding.	Water Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within areas that are subject to flooding.
	<b>Environmentally Sensitive Area Policy #13</b> Reduce light pollution through lighting standards that allows for the minimum required lighting for applicable conditions, that makes more stars visible at night, reduces sky glow, and improves that quality of life for humans and wildlife.	Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with lighting standards to minimize potential impacts resulting from light pollution.
	<b>Environmentally Sensitive Area Policy #14</b> The Pend Oreille County Development Code may require that future development include elements of undisturbed or restored shoreline corridor.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers including elements of an undisturbed or restored shoreline corridor.
Parks and Recreation	<b>Parks and Recreation Goal #2</b> Develop and provide a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities that enable and enhance a fulfilling outdoor recreation experience for residents and visitors of Pend Oreille County.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers developing recreational opportunities as part of transmission facility development.
	<b>Parks and Recreation Goal #5</b> Support the designation of the North Pend Oreille Scenic Byway and the Selkirk Loop, and the development of the Sweet Creek Recreation Area.	Recreation, Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on key visual and recreation areas as determined by the county.
	<b>Parks and Recreation Policy #2</b> Continue to maintain rules and regulations to manage activities within Pend Oreille County Parks and public accesses to promote harmony between wildlife, park users, and surrounding landowners.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures compliance with all county rules and regulations that manage recreational activities.

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Utilities	<b>Utility Policy #8</b> When acquiring right-of way, Pend Oreille County and the State should acquire sufficient land to accommodate desired road improvements as well as to support the coordinated installation of utilities now and in the future.	Public Services and Utilities	Coordinate with the county to identify right-of-way areas that could accommodate utility installation.
	<b>Utility Policy #9</b> Require that all right-of-way permits include provisions that include other utilities to collocate facilities in or near the same location in accordance with current applicable safety standards governing utility placement.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it includes provisions in right-of-way permit applications that allow other utilities to co-locate facilities in or near the same location.

A3.9-1.27 Pierce County (February 2025)

Pierce County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA, with its next comprehensive plan update due by December 31, 2034.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Land Use	<b>LU-11.1</b> Prioritize infrastructure expansion as follows within Compact Urban designated areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Areas located along fully funded high-capacity transit routes are the highest priority.</li><li>• Areas located along planned frequent transit stops are the second highest priority.</li><li>• Compact Urban areas located away from high-capacity transit routes and frequent transit stops are the third highest priority.</li></ul>	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes infrastructure expansion in compact urban designated areas as outlined in this policy.
	<b>GOAL LU-43</b> Ensure land uses and activities are consistent with and preserve rural character	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facility development is consistent with and preserves rural character.
	<b>LU-43.4</b> Protect important scenic, cultural, and historic resources to preserve rural character.	Visual Quality; Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on scenic, cultural, and historic resources.
	<b>LU-60.4</b> Allow extension of public facilities and utilities to serve a school sited in a rural area may be authorized by the County provided the following requirements are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The applicable school district board of directors must adopt a policy addressing school service area and facility needs and educational program requirements;</li><li>• School districts must make a finding, with the concurrence of the County Council and the legislative authorities of any affected cities, that the district’s proposed site is suitable to site the school and any associated recreational facilities that the district has determined cannot reasonably be collocated on an existing school site, and the extent to which vacant or</li></ul>	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the requirements for serving schools in rural areas outlined in this policy.

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	developable land within the growth area meets facility needs and educational program requirements; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The County and any affected cities that provide sewer service agree to the extension of public facilities and utilities to serve the school sited in a rural area that serves urban and rural students at the time of concurrence.</li></ul>		
	<b>GOAL LU-61</b> Support and strengthen the local and regional agriculture-based economy and lifestyle.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the agriculture economy and lifestyle.
	<b>LU-61.1</b> Conserve and enhance the agricultural land base.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the agricultural land base.
	<b>LU-61.7.3</b> Preserve high-quality agricultural soils for future farming.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on high-quality agricultural soils.
	<b>LU-61.8</b> Protect agricultural operations from incompatible uses and ensure the vitality of the agricultural industry.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural operations should transmission facility development result in an incompatible use.
	<b>LU-63.1</b> Conserve and preserve resource lands as a limited resource of both environmental and economic value.	Earth Resources; Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on resource lands.
	<b>GOAL LU-64</b> Conserve rural resources, which also serve to sequester carbon.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on rural resources.
	<b>LU-64.1</b> Preserve the land and water required for ecosystem services, including the protection of critical areas, natural wildlife, rural lifestyles, outdoor recreation, and other open spaces and protect air and water quality and availability.	Earth Resources; Recreation; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on land and water required for the items listed in this policy.
	<b>LU-64.3</b> Protect important elements of rural character including its scenic and historic resources.	Visual Quality; Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on scenic historic resources.
	<b>LU-64.4</b> Minimize the amount of impervious surface in development through low-impact development techniques.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers incorporating low-impact development strategies to minimize water runoff.
	<b>LU-64.5</b> Minimize the use of constructed drainage facilities and encourage alternative perpetually maintained methods of surface water management such as grass covered swales, on-site retention areas, retaining vegetative cover, etc.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers avoiding or minimizing the use of constructed drainage facilities and opts to use alternative surface water management methods as described in this policy.
	<b>LU-67.2</b> Removal of properties from the Agricultural Resource Lands designation must be evaluated against the same criteria as designation.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s process for de-designating agricultural resource lands should de-designation be required.
	<b>LU-68.2</b> Allow uses that support the economic viability of farming and protect the farming operations from incompatible uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on farming operations.

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	<b>LU-71.2</b> Minimize the conflict of incompatible uses in areas adjacent to Agricultural Resource Lands and other agricultural activities by using measures including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Setbacks and buffer strips; and</li><li>• Public education concerning resource activities.</li><li>• Provisions to require notification to residential properties within 500 feet of designated Agricultural Resource Land, that activities may occur on the ARL land that are not compatible with residential development.</li></ul>	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers measures outlined in this policy to minimize conflict with agricultural resource lands.
	<b>GOAL LU-72</b> Limit development on designated Forest Resource Lands, which serve a key role in Pierce County's carbon sequestration efforts and promote forest practices that maximize carbon sequestration.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on designated forest resource lands.
	<b>GOAL LU-73</b> Maintain and enhance mineral resource-based industries.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on mineral resource-based industries.
	<b>GOAL LU-75</b> Utilize the Airport Overlay-Rural Airport designation on land adjacent to rural airports to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare and to address incompatible uses with airport operations.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facilities are compatible with general aviation airport uses.
	<b>LU-76.2</b> Coordinate with airports, the Aviation Division of the Washington State Department of Transportation, and other affected parties.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with appropriate agencies to ensure the siting of transmission facilities protect the viability of the county's general aviation airports.
	<b>GOAL LU-78</b> Promote sustainable land use development that achieves healthy environments in all Pierce County communities.	Socioeconomics	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers sustainable land use development.
	<b>LU-78.2</b> Ensure that land use planning and development decisions minimize the exposure of residents and workers to the impacts of pollutant or hazardous substances	Socioeconomics	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on pollutant or hazardous substances.
	<b>GOAL LU-81</b> Work with affected tribes in local and regional planning efforts, by sufficiently informing and coordinating with tribal governments.	Cultural and Historic Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it coordinates with tribal governments.
	<b>LU-81.2</b> Protect affected tribal reservation lands from the impacts of incompatible land use and development within reservation boundaries, and parcels which abut reservation boundaries, under the guidance of the goals and policies found in the Cultural Resources Element.	Cultural and Historic Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on tribal reservation lands.
	<b>GOAL LU-82</b> Recognize the unique character of land uses associated with military operations and support structures.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facilities are compatible with military land uses.
	<b>LU-88.2</b> Maintain design standards for development within designated open space/greenbelt areas, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open space in urban areas should remain substantially undeveloped and exemplify the Pacific Northwest character (retention and replanting of native and regional vegetation).</li><li>• Open spaces should be located contiguous to other open space areas, creating the potential for open space corridors.</li><li>• Open space in urban areas should be readily accessible to residents where appropriate.</li></ul>	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the design standards included in this policy.



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	<b>LU-89.5</b> Discourage the conversion of lands designated as Park and Recreation to other uses.	Land and Shoreline Use; Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers avoiding the conversion of park and recreation lands.
	<b>GOAL LU-90</b> Locate public facilities and utilities to maximize the efficiency of services provided, minimize costs, and minimize impacts upon the natural environment.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers siting in a manner consistent with this goal.
	<b>GOAL LU-92</b> Provide strict guidance and review criteria for rezones to ensure planning goals are properly implemented and resulting changes are compatible with the Vision 2050 Regional Growth Strategy and surrounding uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers the Vision 2050 Regional Growth Strategy, if rezones are required.
Capital Facilities and Utilities	<b>GOAL CFU-29</b> Provide for the location of utility facilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it coordinates with the county to identify areas for locating transmission facilities.
	<b>CFU-29.1</b> Include facilities as permitted uses in appropriate land use classifications.	Public Service and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers appropriate land use classifications for siting facilities.
	<b>CFU-29.4</b> Encourage compatibility between facilities and adjacent land uses.	Public Service and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers adjacent land uses for facilities.
	<b>CFU-29.6</b> Coordinate with tribal, State, and Federal entities to avoid unmitigated impacts to cultural resources and historical structures when locating utilities.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on cultural and historical resources when siting facilities.
	<b>GOAL CFU-30</b> Provide urban level facilities and services only within the designated urban growth areas prior to or concurrent with development.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers concurrent development in UGAs.
	<b>CFU-30.3</b> Preserve the rural way of life by not providing urban level of services within rural areas.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the level of service appropriate for rural areas.
	<b>CFU-30.5</b> Recognize that some communities have seen historical rates of underinvestment and coordinate with utility providers to correct the imbalance in services.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers and coordinates services with underserved communities.
	<b>GOAL CFU-33</b> Coordinate construction of new roads, improvements, and maintenance with providers.	Public Services and Utilities	Consider initiating construction concurrently with county-initiated improvements.
	<b>CFU-33.1</b> Locate utility lines underground wherever practicable, using sound engineering judgment.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers installing transmission lines underground.
	<b>CFU-33.1.1</b> Consider the level of climate risk, such as wildfires, when considering whether undergrounding utilities is economical.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers undergrounding transmission facilities.
	<b>CFU-33.2</b> Coordinate with providers of underground utility lines on major commercial arterials.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers undergrounding transmission facilities.
	<b>GOAL CFU-35</b> Coordinate with cities, tribes, special purpose districts, ports, and privately owned utility purveyors to implement the Regional Growth Strategy and plan to accommodate adopted growth targets while meeting levels of service.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it coordinates with the county and follows the Regional Growth Strategy.

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	<b>CFU-36.1</b> Encourage the joint use of utility corridors to limit the footprint of utilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers joint use of corridors.
	<b>CFU-36.2</b> Site new utility facilities and provide standards to reasonably avoid or mitigate adverse environmental effects.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on environmental effects.
	<b>CFU-36.4</b> Promote design and construction of utilities to be low maintenance with consideration of potential hazards, sensitive environmental conditions, emerging threats or vulnerabilities due to climate change.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on vulnerabilities due to climate change.
	<b>CFU-36.5</b> Consider how to withstand flooding from rising sea levels, changing floodplains, and associated climate impacts when siting and developing utilities and public facilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers flooding risk in the siting and development of facilities.
	<b>CFU-36.6</b> Consider in the design phase of public facilities the risk of wildfire risk in areas where facilities are sited.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers wildfire risk during facility design.
	<b>GOAL CFU-42</b> Protect the quality of groundwater used for domestic water supplies.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on groundwater used for domestic water supplies.
	<b>GOAL CFU-46</b> Accommodate regional electrical facilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers regional electrical facility needs.
	<b>CFU-46.1</b> Ensure the availability of safe, adequate, and efficient electrical service without negatively affecting other jurisdictions.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it improves electrical service without negatively affecting other jurisdictions.
	<b>CFU-46.3</b> Provide for utility corridors to supply appropriate service within and outside the County.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it aligns with county-provided utility corridors.
	<b>GOAL CFU-47</b> Support the expansion of facilities to meet future load requirements, and conservation measures to accommodate future growth.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it improves facilities such that they will meet future growth needs.
Cultural Resources	<b>GOAL CR-1</b> Identify, protect, and enhance historic properties and cultural landscapes throughout unincorporated Pierce County.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on historic properties and cultural landscapes.
	<b>GOAL CR-3</b> Consider the potential impacts of development to tribal cultural resources and Treaty Rights.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on tribal cultural resources and treaty rights.
	<b>GOAL CR-4</b> Protect cultural resources through land use actions.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it implements the county’s latest protections for cultural resources.
	<b>CR-4.1</b> Consider cultural resources as part of initial project planning, review, and development.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers cultural resources at all project stages.
	<b>CR-4.2</b> Develop and enforce protections for cultural resources.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements the county’s latest protections for cultural resources.
	<b>CR-4.3</b> Protect sacred sites to preserve people’s cultural roots and connections to the past.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on sacred sites.

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	<b>CR-4.6</b> Ensure consistency with the goal of protecting historic character of the properties listed in the Pierce County Register of Historic Places.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the historic character of the properties listed in the Pierce County Register of Historic Places.
	<b>CR-4.13</b> Support the preparation and use of local design guidelines/standards for rehabilitation (consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s standards) and new development in historic and traditional communities.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements local design guidelines/standards when developing in historic and traditional communities.
Design and Character	<b>DC-8.8</b> Minimize visual, noise, and odor impacts of service areas and utility maintenance areas on surrounding uses and streets through site design, landscaping, and screening.	Visual Quality; Noise and Vibration; Air Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts for visual, noise, and odor disturbance.
	<b>GOAL DC-11</b> Minimize aesthetic impacts of activities and maintain rural character.	Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on visual rural character.
	<b>DC-11.1</b> Protect significant natural, scenic, and historic resources.	Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural, scenic, and historic resources.
	<b>DC-11.3</b> Encourage the use of wood or other natural materials finished in natural colors.	Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers rural character in the design of facilities.
	<b>GOAL DC-14</b> Consider and protect important environmental features in the design of any development.	Visual Quality; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on environmental features outlined in all goal policies.
Economic Development	<b>ED-1.1</b> Protect existing viable business activities from incompatible neighboring uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on business activities.
	<b>ED-4.1</b> Enhance and protect resource-based industries and promote their ability to provide public goods.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on resource-based industries.
	<b>GOAL ED-8</b> Increase access to employment opportunities and career paths for all Pierce County residents, with particular focus towards underrepresented communities.	Socioeconomics	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers employment opportunities for unrepresented communities.
Environment and Climate Change	<b>GOAL ENC-1</b> Conserve and protect critical areas.	Land and Shoreline Use; Wildlife, Habitat, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on critical areas.
	<b>ENC-1.3</b> Protect natural resource lands and ecosystems through regulations and processes based on the most current and best available science.	Wildlife, Habitat, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with appropriate regulations and processes adopted by the county to protect environmental resources.
	<b>ENC-1.5</b> Coordinate with other entities to protect critical areas, address environmental issues, and fulfill ecosystem restoration obligations including coordinating with Tribal, federal, state, and local jurisdictions, countywide planning groups, Lead Entities, Local Integrating Organizations, and watershed councils in the protection of critical areas.	Wildlife, Habitat, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with relevant agencies to protect critical areas.

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	<b>ENC-1.8</b> Coordinate with state, federal, and Tribal agencies, educational institutions, and non-governmental organizations to access the most current and best available science and inform integrated and interdisciplinary approaches to environmental planning and assessment.	Wildlife, Habitat, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with relevant agencies and institutions to access the most current and best available science for environmental resources.
	<b>GOAL ENC-2</b> Ensure native vegetation is retained and protected in public and private development.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates the removal of native vegetation to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>ENC-2.1</b> Accurately identify pre-project vegetative conditions through the use of aerial photographs and site visits.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it captures pre-project vegetative conditions by using aerial photographs and site visits.
	<b>ENC-2.2</b> Conserve and restore native vegetation with emphasis on riparian vegetation to reduce erosion, provide shade, and improve the resilience of riparian ecosystems to climate change.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on native vegetation.
	<b>ENC-2.4</b> Allow clearing for development when standards are implemented to maintain or improve local conditions, including through the use of regionally native and climate adapted plants.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers standards for clearing.
	<b>ENC-2.5</b> Preserve Significant Trees and Legacy Trees in accordance with County code.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on trees in accordance with county code.
	<b>GOAL ENC-3</b> Attain a high level of air quality to ensure a reduction in adverse health impacts and to provide clear visibility for the scenic views.	Air Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on air quality during construction activities.
	<b>GOAL ENC-5</b> Protect aquifers and surface waters to ensure that water quality and quantity are maintained or improved.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on aquifers and surface waters to maintain water quality.
	<b>ENC-5.13</b> Encourage water conservation and recycling to promote drought resilience through reuse of water.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers water conservation and recycling.
	<b>GOAL ENC-7</b> Ensure adequate recharge of aquifers utilized for domestic water supplies and protect the quality of water in those aquifers.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the quality of water in aquifers.
	<b>ENC-7.3</b> Ensure applicants for building permits, subdivisions, and divisions of land demonstrate that the potable water needed to support the new development is available and meets drinking water standards.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it demonstrates that sufficient potable water is available to support transmission facility development.
	<b>GOAL ENC-8</b> Reduce runoff pollutants into surface and groundwater.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water quality from stormwater runoff.
	<b>ENC-8.4</b> Reduce runoff pollutants through coordinated updates to the Pierce County Stormwater Management Manual to implement best management practices for stormwater drainage and low impact development principles on development sites.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements low-impact development principles and best management practices as described in the Pierce County Stormwater Management Manual.



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	<b>GOAL ENC-9</b> Assess the efficacy of the Shoreline Master Program in achieving no-net-loss of shoreline functions as an indicator of the cumulative impacts of land use activities on shorelines.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures consistency with the goals and policies outlined in the adopted Pierce County SMP.
	<b>ENC-10.2</b> Give special consideration to conservation and protection of anadromous fisheries.	Wildlife, Habitat, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on anadromous fisheries.
	<b>ENC-10.3</b> Require that regulated activities in critical areas occur with appropriate mitigation sequencing. Avoidance of impacts as is the highest priority, and lower priority measures should be applied only when higher priority measures are determined to be infeasible or inapplicable.	Wildlife, Habitat, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on critical areas in mitigation sequencing outlined in this policy.
	<b>GOAL ENC-12</b> Maintain, protect, and restore habitat conservation areas for fish and wildlife and for resident’s benefit.	Wildlife, Habitat, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on habitat conservation areas.
	<b>ENC-12.2</b> Minimize impacts to fish and wildlife habitat areas through site specific habitat assessments for development proposals.	Wildlife, Habitat, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on habitat conservation areas through site-specific habitat assessments.
	<b>ENC-12.5</b> Discourage incompatible land uses near habitat conservation areas.	Wildlife, Habitat, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities near habitat conservation areas.
	<b>ENC-12.11</b> Protect existing habitat where possible to minimize climate change impacts and degradation.	Wildlife, Habitat, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on existing habitat due to climate change.
	<b>GOAL ENC-13</b> Avoid endangerment of lives, property, and resources in floodways, channel migration zones, frequently flooded areas, and geologically hazardous areas.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts from floods.
	<b>ENC-13.2</b> Ensure future development minimizes threats to lives, property, and resources by diverting development away from hazardous areas and monitoring and refining development standards for frequently flooded areas and geologically hazardous areas.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s development standards to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate potential impacts on lives, property, and resources.
	<b>ENC-13.2.4</b> Direct sewer lines, utilities, and public facilities away from hazardous areas.	Public Health and Safety; Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers hazardous areas in facility siting.
	<b>ENC-13.4</b> Maintain or restore natural river channel configurations, whenever possible.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it maintains natural river channel configurations whenever possible.
	<b>GOAL ENC-14</b> Establish appropriate long-term protection to ensure no net loss of wetlands.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it implements adequate mitigation measures to ensure no net loss of wetlands.
	<b>ENC-14.2</b> Determine whether regulated wetlands are present in the proposed vicinity of development projects through site evaluation.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it uses the county’s criteria for determining the presence or absence of wetland areas.
	<b>ENC-14.3</b> Evaluate opportunities to expand mitigation banking to restore watershed processes.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it uses the county’s mitigations for wetlands and watersheds.

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	<b>ENC-14.4</b> Encourage innovation and equitable wetland management methods which protect public health, safety, and welfare.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers incorporating innovative and equitable wetland management methods.
	<b>GOAL ENC-15</b> Protect the community’s drinking water by preventing the introduction of pollutants into the Central Pierce County Aquifer.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the Central Pierce County Aquifer.
	<b>GOAL ENC-16</b> Identify, protect, and enhance terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems so that they maintain viable, reproducing populations of plants and animals.	Wildlife, Habitat, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems.
	<b>ENC-16.5</b> Avoid habitat fragmentation, protect wildlife corridors, and limit conflicts with wildlife in land use planning.	Wildlife, Habitat, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers wildlife conflicts in the siting of facilities.
	<b>ENC-18.1</b> Encourage the use of reflectors and appropriate aiming on new outdoor lighting to minimize the upward scattering of light.	Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers minimizing light pollution to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>GOAL ENC-19</b> Reduce, mitigate, and where possible eliminate noise pollution.	Noise	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts from noise pollution.
	<b>GOAL ENC-21</b> Identify, protect, and enhance natural areas to foster resiliency to climate impacts, as well as areas of vital habitat for safe passage and species migration in the Land Conservation Plan.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on species migration areas through the Land Conservation Plan.
	<b>ENC-22.6</b> Plan for wildfire hazards, including prevention, harm reduction, and recovery.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts of wildfire.
Parks and Recreation	<b>PR-7.8</b> Protect property valued for plant, fish, and wildlife habitat rarity, diversity, or connectivity.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on valuable wildlife habitats.
Transportation	<b>TR-2.4</b> Preserve the County roadway system.	Transportation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on valuable wildlife habitats.
	<b>TR-5.10</b> Protect public rights-of-way from encroachment by any structure, vegetation, landscaping materials, or other obstruction.	Transportation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it does not encroach on public rights-of-way.
	<b>TR-19.1</b> Identify and preserve all rail lines and services.	Transportation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on rail lines and services.

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Recreation	<b>Policy 2.2.E</b> To provide recreational opportunities that will meet the needs and interests of County residents while ensuring that recreational uses are compatible with the natural limitations of specific sites and surrounding uses.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development would not preclude open space park development and considers providing recreational facilities along transmission facility corridors.
Natural Resources	<b>Policy 2.2.F-1</b> Conserve soils capable of supporting long-term agricultural production identified by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures soils capable of supporting long-term agricultural production are conserved.
	<b>Policy 2.2.F-2</b> Conserve forest lands in the Washington Department of Natural Resources’ forest grades 1-5 classification for long-term timber production.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas classified for long-term timber production.
	<b>Policy 2.2.F-4</b> Protect and preserve, wetlands, critical marine and terrestrial wildlife habitats and wildlife corridors, including breeding grounds, resting and feeding areas for migratory birds, nursery areas and habitats of threatened, endangered and sensitive species.	Water Resources; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wildlife habitats and wetlands.
	<b>Policy 2.2.F-5</b> Encourage the reclamation, rehabilitation and enhancements of wetlands, marine and terrestrial wildlife habitat, and vegetated areas necessary to maintain site stability and groundwater recharge.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers reclaiming, rehabilitating, and/or enhancing existing wetlands as part of project mitigation.
	<b>Policy 2.2.F-7</b> Protect the health, safety and welfare of the public by ensuring that areas susceptible to geological and hydrological hazards are not developed in a manner which would result in injury, loss of life, property damage or financial losses due to flooding, erosion, landslide, or steep slope failures.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids development in geologically hazardous areas to the greatest extent practicable. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if, should development occur in hazardous areas, it develops and implements avoidance and minimization measures to ensure the project would not result in a potential adverse impact.
Natural Resources	<b>Policy 2.2.F-8</b> Incorporate low impact development standards and guidelines (based on the Western Washington Stormwater Management Manual) into implementing regulations for critical areas, rural and resource lands, special districts, activity centers and urban growth areas.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the latest low-impact development standards and guidelines based on the Western Washington Stormwater Management Manual, should transmission facility development occur in critical areas.
Historic and Archaeological Preservation	<b>Goal 2.2.H</b> To protect, preserve, and restore significant archaeological and historical resources in the County and encourage new development that will enhance community identity.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on archaeological and historical resources.
	<b>Policy 2.2.H-1</b> Protect areas of known archaeologic and historic value from incompatible development and ensure that newly discovered areas uncovered during excavation are examined by the appropriate authorities.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on archaeological and historical resources.

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	<b>Policy 2.2.H-3</b> Incorporate the preservation of sites and structures of historic and archaeological significance as a part of the environmental consideration in development permit and land division reviews.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on site and structures of historical and archaeological significance to the greatest extent practicable.
Open Space and Scenic Resources	<b>Goal 2.2.I</b> To protect and conserve open space and scenic resources.	Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in open space and scenic areas.
Agriculture	<b>Goal 2.2.N</b> Protect agricultural land and promote diverse agricultural activities that enhance stewardship and economic viability, and maintain the rural character of San Juan County.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in agricultural areas to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy 2.2.N-3</b> Encourage no net loss of Agricultural Resource Land (ARL).	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural resource land to ensure a no net loss of these resources.
Climate Change	<b>Goal 2.2.O-2</b> Reduce the carbon footprint of new development through innovative development regulations and programs.	Air Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it adheres to the county’s latest development regulations related to reducing a project’s carbon footprint.
	<b>Policy 2.2.O-7</b> Establish development standards and incentives to support resource efficient design and construction.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it adheres to the county’s latest development regulations related to efficient design and construction.
	<b>Policy 2.2.O-10</b> Reduce waste of natural resources and decrease greenhouse gas emissions generated by the transport of building materials by promoting the design of developments and infrastructure for disassembly and reuse or recycling.	Air Quality; Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers reducing waste and greenhouse gases by reusing or recycling building materials.
Urban Growth Areas	<b>Goal 2.3-2</b> Preserve community character in unincorporated urban growth areas.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facilities are compatible with the community character of unincorporated urban growth areas.
Urban Growth Areas	<b>Policy 2.3-2-1</b> Development within urban growth areas should be of a scale and intensity appropriate to the rural character of the islands, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ New buildings should be consistent with the size and height of existing buildings;</li><li>▪ Large buildings, long blank walls and large expanses of concrete should be avoided;</li><li>▪ Design of buildings and site layout should incorporate open spaces and scenic views;</li><li>▪ The night sky should remain dark and free of light-pollution;</li><li>▪ Development should be designed to minimize air pollution and untreated stormwater runoff to maintain excellent air and water quality;</li><li>▪ Industrial, commercial, and other allowed nonresidential uses should be regulated to minimize their impact on neighboring residential uses and the natural environment both within the UGA and in the surrounding rural and natural resource lands; and</li><li>▪ Urban growth areas are centered on walkable, commercial core</li></ul>	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures that the development of transmission facilities minimizes potential impacts related to light pollution, neighboring uses, and the natural environment.



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Resource Lands	<b>Policy 2.4-2</b> Apply site planning standards for land division activities on resource lands to ensure that agricultural and forest resource lands are conserved for long-term farm and forest uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it adheres to the required standards should development of transmission facilities require division of resource lands.
	<b>Policy 2.4-3</b> Preserve natural resource lands for their social, economic, and environmental benefits.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on natural resource lands.
	<b>Goal 2.4-a</b> To ensure the conservation of agricultural resource lands of long-term commercial significance for existing and future generations, and protect these lands from interference by adjacent uses which may affect the continued use of these lands for production of food and agricultural products.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural resource lands of long-term commercial significance.
	<b>Goal 2.4-b-1</b> To protect and conserve forest lands of long-term commercial significance for sustainable forest productivity and provide for uses which are compatible with forestry activities while maintaining water quality, water quantity, and fish and wildlife habitat.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on forest lands of long-term commercial significance.
	<b>Policy 2.4-b-6</b> Strongly encourage and incentivize wildfire risk-reduction practices such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Vegetation management including thinning, spacing, trimming, and removing ladder fuels, and</li><li>▪ Creating defensible space surrounding structures that will reduce the fire-spread potential between buildings and neighboring vegetation</li></ul>	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers incorporating wildfire risk-reduction practices, as identified in this policy.
	<b>Goal 2.4-c</b> Assure that mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance are conserved in order to provide continued and economical local access to valuable minerals, particularly those used for construction materials.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance.
Rural Lands	<b>Goal 2.5.1</b> To protect rural character while allowing a mix of uses that support the ability of residents to live and work in rural lands.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facility development is consistent with the existing rural character.
	<b>Policy 2.5.1-2</b> Encourage the preservation of undeveloped land in rural areas.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in undeveloped land in rural areas to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy 2.5.1-3</b> Establish standards that protect wildlife habitat in rural lands.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s standards to protect wildlife habitats in rural lands.
Water Resources	<b>Goal 4.7.1.</b> Protect and manage the quality and quantity of ground, surface, and marine waters by monitoring, preserving and enhancing hydrologic systems.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water resources.
	<b>Goal 4.7.9.</b> Ensure new development has adequate water availability prior to permitting to prevent impairment of existing users that include designated beneficial uses, and fish and wildlife habitat that rely on fresh water.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it demonstrates that transmission facility development has adequate water available.
	<b>Goal 4.7.12.</b> Protect and enhance wetlands, streams and their associated buffers and mitigate their conversion to other uses.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands, streams, and their associated buffers.

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	<b>Policy 4.7.8.</b> Maintain or enhance the infiltration of runoff to ensure adequate recharge to streams, wetlands, and aquifers and to preserve subsurface and stream flows to nearshore waters.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water quality from stormwater runoff.
	<b>Policy 4.7.9.</b> Protect and enhance wetlands, streams and their associated buffers and mitigate their conversion to other uses.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands, streams, and their associated buffers.
	<b>Policy 4.7.10.</b> Establish and protect instream flows for anadromous and native fish to facilitate native fish passage.	Water Resources; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on stream flows to protect fish passages.
	<b>Policy 4.7.18.</b> Encourage low impact development practices such as rainwater catchment, onsite retention, water reuse and treatment of storm, and gray water.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers incorporating low-impact development strategies to minimize water runoff.
Transportation	<b>Goal 6.3.2.</b> To promote optimum compatibility between air transportation facilities and services and other land uses, in a manner that minimizes the impacts of airstrip, airfield, and airport use while maintaining adequate, safe, efficient, and convenient service.	Land and Shoreline Use; Transportation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on airport facilities, services, and operations.
	<b>Policy 6.3.1.</b> Coordinate with the WSDOT Aviation Division, FAA and port districts to provide and maintain air transportation facilities and services which: a. Serve the needs of island residents and visitors; b. Are planned in concurrence with the County’s adopted land use goals and policies, and are developed through cooperation, consultation and participation with port districts, airport operators, owners, users and the public; and c. Are consistent with state, regional, and international air transportation plans.	Land and Shoreline Use; Transportation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with applicable agencies to ensure consistency with all plans, policies, and regulations.
Utilities	<b>Policy 8.5.2.1</b> Facilitate inter-agency coordination and planning for joint trenching, installation, upgrade, repair, maintenance, and construction of new utility facilities between the Public Works Department, the various utility service providers, and other agencies.	Public Services and Utilities	Coordinate with the county and local agencies early in the planning process to identify opportunities for construction, upgrade, modification, or repair of transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy 8.5.2.2</b> Provide timely notification of proposed projects in public rights-of-way to utility service providers and coordinate the placement of both above- and underground utility facilities, which are necessary to provide adequate service, including transformers, switch vaults, telephone pedestals, utility equipment cabinets, and other necessary utility equipment or structures.	Public Services and Utilities	Coordinate with the county to identify opportunities for the construction, upgrade, modification, or repair of transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy 8.5.2.3</b> Allow for utility services in new dedications for public rights-of-way.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county to identify new public rights-of-way for the development of transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy 8.5.4.3</b> Require landscaping to buffer adjacent uses for new utility installations excluding aboveground utility facility development and distribution or transmission corridors when located outside a public right-of-way.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it incorporates appropriate landscaping as a buffer between transmission facilities and adjacent uses when facilities are located outside public rights-of-way.

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	<b>Policy 8.5.4.4</b> Locate and site utility facilities to minimize negative impacts to the rural character and natural environment.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it sites transmission facilities in a manner that minimizes negative impacts on rural character and the natural environment.
	<b>Policy 8.5.4.5</b> New utility generation facilities, transmission facilities, substations and submarine transmission cable terminal facilities should be located and sited to minimize adverse impacts to the County’s shorelines and rural character.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it sites transmission facilities in a manner that minimizes adverse impacts on shorelines and rural character.
	<b>Goal 8.5.5</b> Protect and preserve natural habitats and environments while also providing for the location and extension of necessary utility facilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural habitats and the environment.
	<b>Policy 8.5.5.1</b> Locate new utility facilities away from, or construct them in a manner compatible with, critical areas, resource lands, and shorelines.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on critical areas, resource lands, and shorelines.
	<b>Policy 8.5.5.2</b> Condition the approval of new utility facilities to avoid or mitigate any significant adverse impacts.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development includes all necessary measures to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate potential impacts.
	<b>Policy 8.5.5.3</b> Ensure that utility service providers are responsible for costs such as those associated with damage caused to the environment and public rights-of-way so that providers will seek to minimize those costs in their planning, decision-making, and project execution.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the costs associated with the damage to the environment or public rights-of-way and minimizes those costs to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy 8.5.5.4</b> Recognize that the geographic character of the County requires access to and the ability to cross shorelines and waterways to connect utilities and that utility facilities must occupy and traverse a broad range of areas and land use designations.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the geographic character of the county and ensures transmission facility development does not restrict access to shorelines and waterways.
Historical and Archaeological Preservation	<b>Goal 9.2</b> Protect, preserve, and enhance the rich history and cultural resources of San Juan County; more particularly its significant places, traditions, artifacts, stories, family histories, and other important historical and archaeological items.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on cultural resources.
	<b>Policy 9.2.2</b> Develop policies and programs to encourage the preservation of historic and archaeological resources and minimize conflicts with competing land uses. The following programs should be considered: d) Pursue private and public sources of funding for use by property owners in the renovation and maintenance of significant historic properties; e) Coordinate and integrate preservation efforts for lands adjacent to significant historic properties; f) Pursue options and incentives to allow productive, reasonable use, and adaptive re-use of historic properties; g) Special valuation and open space taxation programs for rehabilitation and current use assessment;	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with relevant policies and programs for preserving historic and archaeological resources.
	<b>Policy 9.2.3</b> Coordinate with permit applicants, the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, and tribal partners to protect cultural resources and provide an expedient permit process.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with necessary agencies and partners to protect cultural resources to the greatest extent practicable.

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	<div>a) a. Provide an early review service to the public that determines if a cultural resource report is required to be submitted with a permit application.</div> <div>b) b. Provide cursory review of permit applications to ensure that the proper cultural resources reports are submitted when necessary.</div> <div>c) c. Require cultural resource reports to be prepared by a professional archaeologist who meets the Secretary of the Interior’s Professional Qualification Standards and State Law.</div> <div>d) d. Require cultural resource reports, when required, to be prepared in accordance with the Washington State Standards for Cultural Resource Reporting.</div>		

A3.9-1.29 Skagit County (June 2016<sup>10</sup>)

Skagit County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by December 31, 2025.

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Natural Resource Lands	<b>Goal 4A-3</b> Promote preservation of agricultural land for agricultural uses, minimize non-farming uses on agricultural lands; and develop incentive programs to promote farming.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on agricultural land.
	<b>Goal 4A-4</b> Land uses allowed on designated agricultural land shall promote agriculture, agricultural support services, and promote diverse agricultural industries.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural lands and activities.
	<b>Goal 4A-5</b> Minimize land use conflicts and promote mitigation of conflicts on the lands adjacent to agricultural resource lands.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential conflicts on adjacent agricultural lands.
	<b>Goal 4B-3</b> Preserve and enhance the forest land base as an essential component of a healthy forest economy.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on forest land.
	<b>Goal 4B-5</b> Allow land uses on designated forest land that conserve forest practices, provide essential forestry support services, and promote diverse forest-based industries.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on forest land.
Natural Resource Lands	<b>Goal 4B-6</b> Minimize land use conflicts and promote mitigation of conflicts on the lands adjacent to Forest Lands.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential conflicts on adjacent forest lands.
	<b>Goal 4C</b> Conserve Rural Resource Lands that have characteristics of long-term agricultural, forest or mineral lands of long-term commercial significance and have the potential for multiple use or smaller scale resource management.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on rural resource lands that have long-term commercial significance.

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	<b>Goal 4C-3</b> Allow uses in Rural Resource Lands that further the use of the lands for the production of agricultural, forest and mining products and uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on rural resource lands that have long-term commercial significance.
	<b>Goal 4C-4</b> Minimize land use conflicts and promote mitigation for potential conflicts on the non-Rural Resource property.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential conflicts with rural resource lands.
	<b>Goal 4D</b> Conserve mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance where mining and processing activities are economically and environmentally feasible and where conflicts with other land uses can be minimized.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on mineral resource lands.
	<b>Goal 4D-2</b> Protect and conserve mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance.
	<b>Goal 4D-3</b> Discourage incompatibility and reduce conflicts between mineral extraction operations and other land uses.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential conflicts on adjacent mineral resource extraction operations.
	<b>Policy 4D-7.1</b> Preserve Scientific Resource Sites: On public lands, scientific resource sites shall be protected and preserved for educational and scientific use when possible. Examples of such sites may include unique or rare occurrences of rocks, minerals, or fossils that are of outstanding scientific significance.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on scientific resource sites as identified by the county.
	<b>Policy 4D-7.2</b> Recreational Interests: When feasible, access to local recreational activities, such as fishing, boating, hiking, and camping shall be preserved.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within areas of recreational interests.
Environment	<b>Goal 5A</b> Preserve and protect wetlands to prevent their continual loss and degradation. Encourage the voluntary restoration and enhancement of lost or degraded wetlands. Protect aquifer recharge areas, and well-head areas, ground and surface water quality and quantity for supplying all needs within Skagit County, including potable water for human use. Protect hydrologic functions and reduce the potential for physical injury and property damage associated with flooding. Minimize risk to life, property, infrastructure, and resources caused by disrupting geologically hazardous areas or by locating development in areas subject to naturally hazardous geologic processes. Protect, restore where practical, and enhance fish and wildlife populations and their associated habitats.	Water Resources; Public Health and Safety; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures development of transmission facilities would not have a potential adverse impact on wetlands, water resources, geologically hazardous areas, and fish and wildlife populations and their associated habitats.
Environment	<b>Policy 5A-5.1</b> Critical Areas shall be designated and protected to prevent their continued loss and degradation. Furthermore, priority shall be given to the avoidance of impacts to Critical Areas, followed by the minimization of impacts and full mitigation respectively.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Water Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on critical areas and consider implementing appropriate measures provided in the county’s Comprehensive Plan.
	<b>Policy 5A-5.2</b> Land uses that are incompatible with critical areas shall be discouraged.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Water Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on critical areas and consider implementing appropriate measures provided in the county’s Comprehensive Plan.

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	<b>Policy 5A-5.3</b> Development allowed in critical areas shall be conducted without risk to lives, and with minimum risk to property, infrastructure, and resources.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids development in critical areas and specifically, geologically hazardous areas, to the greatest extent practicable. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if, should development occur in critical areas, it develops and implements avoidance and minimization measures to ensure the project would not result in a potential adverse impact.
	<b>Policy 5A-5.4</b> Impacts to critical areas should be monitored to ensure the long-term success of mitigation measures.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it adheres to the county’s monitoring standards to ensure the long-term success of mitigation measures incorporated into the project.
	<b>Policy 5A-5.5</b> Critical areas should be avoided, maintained, restored, acquired, replaced or enhanced.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Water Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on critical areas and consider implementing appropriate measures provided in the county’s Comprehensive Plan.
Utilities	<b>Policy 9A-2.1</b> Utility Facility Planning – Utility system plans shall be reviewed for consistency with the County Comprehensive Plan	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development is consistent with the county Comprehensive Plan.
	<b>Policy 9A-2.2</b> Vegetation Management – The county shall use standards for vegetation management in public rights-of-way in approving utility providers’ proposals. Such standards shall be based on similar standards of the state Department of Transportation.	Public Services and Utilities; Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with all standards required for vegetation management within public rights-of-way.
	<b>Policy 9A-2.3</b> Critical Areas – Any utility construction including maintenance and repair shall comply with county regulations including the Critical Areas Ordinance and vegetation management standards.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s CAO and vegetation management standards.
	<b>Goal 9A-3</b> Site facilities consistent with the policies of the Land Use Element	Public Services and Utilities; Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facility development is consistent with the Land Use Element of the county’s Comprehensive Plan.
	<b>Policy 9A-3.1</b> Siting at Critical Areas – The county shall ensure that utility facilities are not sited in designated critical areas unless feasible alternatives are unavailable, in which case suitable mitigation in accordance with the critical areas regulations shall be required	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in critical areas to the maximum extent possible. The project should incorporate appropriate avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures to ensure an adverse impact would not occur.
	<b>Policy 9A-3.2</b> Siting of Major Facilities - Outdoor installations of transfer and distribution stations providing electrical power, communications, and natural gas, should, where practicable, be located in industrial or commercially zoned areas. Stations should be reasonably compatible with surrounding uses. Where system design or economics necessitate location of such installations in residential or rural areas, installations shall be suitably screened or enclosed so as to eliminate or substantially reduce the visual impact. This may be achieved through appropriate setbacks and screening, such as, buildings, natural topography, landscaping, and vegetation.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes locating transmission facilities in industrial or commercially zoned areas. The project should incorporate appropriate avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures to minimize or eliminate visual impacts.
Utilities	<b>Policy 9A-3.3</b> Land Use - Utility facilities may be permitted in all land use zones when and where utility franchises exist and if they are in compliance with this Comprehensive Plan and related codes and standards.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and related codes and standards.

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	<b>Goal 9A-4</b> Encourage underground utility distribution lines to reduce visual and safety impacts of overhead lines where economically feasible.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it prioritizes undergrounding transmission facilities to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy 9A-4.1</b> Planning - Utility providers shall be encouraged to plan for underground installation of utility lines, and private developers shall be required to underground utilities as directed during permit review.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes undergrounding transmission facilities to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy 9A-4.2</b> Implementation - Existing overhead utilities shall utilize joint support structures at such time as the system is upgraded if the cost to place lines underground is not reasonable for the rate payer under the rate structure set by state and federal regulation. If a situation exists where underground existing overhead utilities is desired and is technically feasible, a Local Improvement District or some other financial arrangement will be used to have the beneficiaries bear the cost, rather than the general rate payer	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers using joint support structures for overhead utilities should the cost to place lines underground be infeasible for the rate payer.
	<b>Policy 9A-4.3</b> Design - Provisions for future undergrounding of other utilities should be made in the design of initial utility undergrounding projects	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it includes provisions in the design of underground transmission facilities that allows co-locating other facilities in or near the same location.

### A3.9-1.30 Skamania County (September 2018)

Skamania County is considered a Partially Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by December 31, 2026.

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Land Use	<b>Policy LU.5.2</b> All development will conform to all Federal, State and local requirements.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development complies with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements.
	<b>Policy LU.5.4</b> Surface water run-off (including stormwater run-off) from developments should be reduced by: encouraging the retention of natural vegetation or the provision of landscaped areas; encouraging the retention, creation and utilization of wetlands; requiring that natural drainage ways be maintained in all new developments and include appropriate setbacks; and, encouraging on site retention/detention of all stormwater.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water quality from surface water runoff. Projects should consider incorporating measures identified in this policy.
Environmental Element	<b>Goal E.1</b> To ensure the proper management of the natural environment to protect critical areas and conserve land, air, water, and energy resources.	Earth Resources; Habitat; Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on critical areas.
	<b>Policy E.1.3</b> Limit development and activities in critical areas that would damage their functions, except to the minimum extent necessary when there is no reasonable alternative and subject to Best Management Practices	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in critical areas. Should there be no reasonable alternative, projects should ensure proper avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts.

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Environmental Element	<b>Policy E.1.4</b> Implement and preserve critical area buffers based on best available science adjacent to critical areas to adequately protect such areas from development and land use impacts	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements adequate buffers based on best available science should transmission development occur adjacent to critical areas.
	<b>Policy E.1.5</b> Prepare clearing and grading regulations to help prevent unnecessary stripping of vegetation and loss of soils.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it adheres to the county’s latest regulations regarding clearing and grading to prevent vegetation and soil loss.
	<b>Policy E.1.6</b> Prepare stormwater management regulations to help prevent stream channel erosion and degraded stream habitat, and to promote healthy stream recharge that are substantially equivalent to those in the Washington Department of Ecology Stormwater Management Manual.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it adheres to the county’s latest stormwater management regulations.
	<b>Policy E.1.8</b> Regulate development activities to avoid clearing of vegetation that maintains slope stability, reduces erosion, shades shorelines, buffers wetlands and stream corridors, and provides wildlife and aquatic habitat.	Water Resources; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes clearing vegetation to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy E.1.9</b> Encourage the use of northwest native plants in landscaping, particularly adjacent to critical areas.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers using Northwest native plants in revegetation plans, particularly adjacent to critical areas.
	<b>Policy E.1.10</b> Ensure prompt restoration of land after grading and vegetation removal through phased clearing and grading, replanting requirements, and other appropriate revegetation and engineering techniques.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development includes appropriate restoration of land after grading and vegetation removal.
	<b>Goal E.2</b> To enhance water quality; protect environmentally sensitive areas including wetlands, streams, rivers, lakes, riparian areas, and aquifer recharge areas; and manage floodplains.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or minimizes potential impacts on environmentally sensitive areas.
	<b>Policy E.2.2</b> Review the effects of development proposals on all fish species, which include anadromous fish and other species protected under the federal Endangered Species Act and require mitigation such as riparian habitat enhancement and water quality treatment.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on all fish species.
	<b>Policy E.2.5</b> Promote low-impact design development that allows for infiltration and recharge of stormwater runoff, where appropriate, based on the applicant supplying documentation from a licensed Washington State Professional Engineer.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers incorporating low impact development strategies to minimize stormwater runoff.
	<b>Policy E.2.6</b> Regulate development within the 100-year floodplain to avoid substantial risk and damage to public and private property and loss of life. These regulations shall at a minimum comply with State and FEMA requirements for flood hazard areas.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within the 100-year floodplain to minimize substantial threat to human health and property.
	<b>Goal E.3</b> To minimize the loss of life and property from landslides, seismic, volcanic, or other naturally occurring events, and minimize or eliminate land use impacts on geologically hazardous areas.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential risks associated with development in geologically hazardous areas to reduce risks to public and private property, and public health and safety.
	<b>Policy E.3.1</b> Regulate uses and activities that occur within or near geologically hazardous areas in a manner that minimizes the potential for property damage and loss of life.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts associated with development in geologically hazardous areas to reduce risks to public and private property, and public health and safety.



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	<b>Policy E.3.2</b> Restrict development on potentially unstable land to ensure public safety and conformity with natural constraints.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids development in geologically hazardous areas unless it can be demonstrated that the project would not result in a potential adverse impact.
	<b>Policy E.3.3</b> Apply the International Building Codes, as amended by the State of Washington, and any other necessary special building design and construction measures to minimize the risk of structural damage, fire, and injury to occupants due to geological hazards.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with applicable building design codes and regulations to ensure transmission facility development would minimize risks associated with geologic hazards.
Environmental Element	<b>Policy E.3.4</b> Require geotechnical studies to determine construction methods and technologies necessary to further public safety in geologically hazardous areas. The development design and construction technology used shall be appropriate to the soil limitations of the particular site.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prepares appropriate geotechnical studies to demonstrate transmission facility development would minimize risks to public safety to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy E.3.5</b> No development should occur on any known fault lines, which have the potential to cause severe damage to human lives.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on any known fault lines that have the potential to cause severe damage to human lives.
	<b>Policy E.3.6</b> Any new development proposals in high-risk volcanic hazard areas should be subject to mitigation measures. At a minimum, the mitigation measures should include notifying future residents that they are living in an area deemed volcanically hazardous and signage should be installed at each entrance into the Swift Reservoir Area stating “Entering Active Volcanic Hazard Area”.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential risks associated with development in geologically hazardous areas to reduce risks to public and private property, and public health and safety.
	<b>Policy E.4.1</b> Manage fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas to protect overall habitat functions and values (e.g., food, water, cover, space). Rely on State identified wildlife habitat areas and sites as designated on the Priority Habitat Maps. However, unmapped wildlife habitat areas and sites may be identified during the development review process.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on habitat conservation areas.
	<b>Policy E.4.2</b> Develop strategies for preserving, protecting or restoring important habitats and corridors, particularly if they are at risk of significant degradation. Some strategies may include public acquisition of habitat; linking habitats using open space areas, riparian corridors, and other natural features; encouraging the use of conservation easements for long-term habitat protection; promoting land use plans and development that avoid impacts on habitat; and protecting native plant communities by encouraging management and control of non-native invasive plants, including aquatic plants.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers using strategies identified by the county to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate potential impacts on important wildlife habitat and corridors.
	<b>Policy E.4.5</b> In cooperation with Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) establish appropriate avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures for development projects that have a probable impact on listed species and their habitat.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county and WDFW to establish proper avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures if probable impacts on listed species and their habitat would occur.
	<b>Goal E.5:</b> Plan and coordinate land uses, public access, and natural resource protection along shorelines of the State in accordance with the State Shoreline Management Act and the Skamania County Vision.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it complies with the county’s SMP to ensure protection of shorelines.
Archaeology and Historic Preservation Element	<b>Goal AHP.1</b> Identify and encourage the preservation of lands, sites, and structures that have historical or archaeological significance.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on lands and sites that have historical or archaeological significance.

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	<b>Policy AHP.3.2</b> The zoning ordinance should be revised to include provisions to permit the review of individual development, redevelopment and demolition plans to ensure protection and minimize the impacts on cultural, historic and, particularly archaeological resources.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s latest zoning ordinances to ensure transmission facility development would protect and/or minimize the impacts on cultural resources.
	<b>Policy AHP.3.3</b> Establish a process for the resolution of land use conflicts relating to the preservation of historic, archaeological and cultural resources.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates and cooperates with the county’s process for resolving any land use conflicts relating to the preservation of cultural resources.
Archaeology and Historic Preservation Element	<b>Policy AHP.3.6</b> All development within the area of the pending Swift Subarea should be reviewed to determine if the site is in a high probability area to prevent disturbance of archaeological resources. Until a predictive model is adopted by Skamania County, all new ground disturbing activities within the area of the pending Swift Subarea should require the land owner to hire an archaeologist to perform a cultural and historical reconnaissance survey of the area to be disturbed, prior to any ground disturbing activities taking place	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it consults an archaeologist and performs a reconnaissance survey prior to any ground disturbing activities, should transmission facility development occur within the Swift Subarea.

## A3.9-1.31 Snohomish County (December 2024)

Snohomish County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA, with its next comprehensive plan update due by December 31, 2034.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Land Use	<b>Goal LU 6</b> Protect and enhance the character, quality, and identity of rural areas	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures development of transmission facilities are compatible with the character, quality, and identity of rural areas.
	<b>Objective LU 6.B</b> Encourage land use activities and development intensities that protect the character of rural areas, avoid interference with resource land uses, minimize impacts upon critical areas, and allow for future expansion of UGAs. (See the resource sections of the land use element for protection of resource lands and the natural environment element for protection of critical areas.)	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas that would impact the character of rural areas or interfere with resource land uses.
Agricultural Lands	<b>Objective LU 7.B</b> Conserve designated farmland and limit the intrusion of non-agricultural uses into designated areas.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on designated farmlands.
	<b>Policy 7.B.4</b> The county should work to find alternatives to the planning or construction of public or private infrastructure improvements such as electrical substations, sewer lines and treatment facilities and services on designated farmland. If located on or adjacent to designated farmland the county shall ensure that impacts on commercial agriculture are minimized.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on designated farmlands.

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Forest Lands	<b>Objective LU 8.B</b> Conserve designated Commercial Forest lands through the adoption of development regulations.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on designated commercial forest lands.
	<b>Policy 8.B.2</b> New structures proposed to be located on parcels adjacent to designated Commercial Forest lands shall establish and maintain a minimum 100 foot setback, which shall be a resource protection area, from the property boundaries of adjacent Commercial Forest lands except as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Subsection (a) if the size, shape, and/or physical site constraints of an existing legal lot do not allow a setback of 100 feet, the new structure shall maintain the maximum setback possible; or</li><li>▪ Subsection (b) if the owner of the land on which the new structure is proposed and the owner of the adjacent designated Commercial Forest land each legally record and file signed covenants running with the land, and a document establishing an alternative setback for one or both of the properties.</li></ul>	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s minimum setback requirements should transmission facility development occur adjacent to commercial forest lands.
	<b>Policy 8.B.6</b> New structures proposed to be located on designated Commercial Forest lands shall establish and maintain a minimum 500 foot setback, which shall be a resource protection area, from the property boundaries of adjacent Commercial Forest lands.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s minimum setback requirements should transmission facility development occur on commercial forest lands.
	<b>Policy 8.C.1</b> Commercial forestry, tree farms, non-commercial mineral extraction, low intensity recreation, compatible ancillary uses, and other activities relying on forest land should be the primary uses of designated Commercial Forest land.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on designated commercial forest lands.
	<b>Objective LU 8.D</b> Ensure that adjacent land uses do not interfere with commercial forest management activities.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential conflicts or impacts on commercial forest management activities.
Mineral Lands	<b>Objective LU 9.B</b> Protect designated mineral resource lands from development that would prevent future excavation on those lands.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on designated mineral resource land should the development preclude future excavation.
	<b>Objective LU 9.C</b> Ensure that the use of lands adjacent to designated mineral resource lands does not interfere with the use of these lands for the extraction of minerals.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential conflicts or impacts on adjacent mineral resource lands.
Open Space, Shoreline, and Scenic Resources	<b>Goal LU 10</b> Identify and protect open space, natural and scenic resources and shoreline areas.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Land and Shoreline Use; Visual Quality; Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on open space, natural and scenic resources and shoreline areas.
	<b>Objective LU 10.B</b> Develop plans and techniques to preserve open space, green spaces, and scenic resources that incorporate the Puget Sound Regional Council Regional Open Space Conservation Plan.	Recreation, Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it considers implementing techniques outlined by the county to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate potential impacts on open space and scenic resources.
	<b>Policy 10.B.4</b> The county shall work cooperatively with public and private groups to identify, protect, and enhance open space areas and corridors of regional significance, such as the Stevens Pass Greenway.	Recreation	Consider implementing techniques outlined by the county to minimize potential impacts and/or enhance open space resources, particularly the Stevens Pass Greenway.

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	<b>Policy 10.B.6</b> The county shall consider development of code and site design standards that encourage the preservation of natural and scenic resources.	Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s latest design standards related to the preservation of natural and scenic resources.
	<b>Policy 10.B.9</b> The county shall preserve environmentally sensitive areas of the county Cathcart site in accordance with the adopted "Critical Areas Regulations." The county will also enhance, as appropriate, and promote sensitive areas as site amenities to potential developer-partners, residents and business tenants at the Cathcart site.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within the county Cathcart site.
	<b>Objective LU 10.C</b> Preserve and enhance public access and recreational opportunities through the Shoreline Master Program. See Shoreline Master Program for Goals and Policies related to areas of Snohomish County subject to the Shoreline Management Act.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it complies with the goals and policies outlined in the county’s SMP.
Cultural Resources	<b>Goal LU 11</b> Identify and encourage the preservation and enhancement of cultural resources in Snohomish County, including archaeological, historic and arts resources.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on cultural resources.
	<b>Policy 11.A.1</b> The Snohomish County historic resource inventory shall be used in conjunction with the State’s list of registered archaeological sites as the county’s vehicles for identifying and documenting historic and archaeological resources.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the Snohomish County historic resource inventory in conjunction with the state’s list of registered archaeological sites to identify cultural resource locations.
	<b>Policy 11.A.6</b> Since lands designated Reservation Commercial are located in a culturally significant area, development applications on any property in this designation shall include an archeological assessment in order to avoid impacting any archeological resource.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in lands designated as Reservation Commercial. Prepare an archaeological assessment should development occur within these lands.
	<b>Objective LU 11.B</b> Preserve, protect, and enhance archaeological, cultural, and historic resources.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on cultural resources.
	<b>Policy 11.B.3</b> Commensurate with its resources, the county shall provide technical assistance on historic and archaeological resource matters.	Historic and Cultural Resources	Coordinate with the county should potential impacts on cultural resources occur.
	<b>Policy 11.B.4</b> The county shall promote preservation of identified archaeological and historic resources.	Historic and Cultural Resources	Coordinate with the county to identify adequate measures for the preservation of identified cultural resources.
	<b>Policy 11.B.5</b> On projects under its authority, the county shall consistently seek to mitigate unavoidable negative impacts to historic and archaeological resources and to discourage demolition of culturally significant structures and sites.	Historic and Cultural Resources	Coordinate with the county to mitigate unavoidable negative impacts on cultural resources should the county have authority of the proposed project.
Airport Compatibility	<b>Goal LU 12</b> Protect public use airports in the county from nearby incompatible land uses and developments.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it complies with county’s policies and goals regarding development near public use airports.
	<b>Objective LU 12.A</b> Discourage incompatible uses in the vicinity of public use airports.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in the vicinity of public use airports should it result in an incompatible use.
	<b>Objective LU 12.C</b> Discourage development in areas adjacent to public use airports that may negatively impact airport operations.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in the vicinity of public use airports should it result in an incompatible use.



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	<b>Policy 12.C.1</b> The county shall discourage the siting of uses that attract birds, create visual hazards, discharge any particulate matter in the air that could alter atmospheric conditions, emit transmissions that would interfere with aviation communications and/or instrument landing systems, or otherwise obstruct or conflict with aircraft patterns within airport influence areas.	Land and Shoreline Use; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in the vicinity of public use airports should it interfere with airport operations.
Parks and Recreation	<b>Goal PR 2</b> Provide diverse recreational opportunities through neighborhood parks, community parks, special use parks, and regional parks.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers developing recreational opportunities as part of transmission facility development.
Utilities	<b>Policy 1.A.4</b> The County shall encourage cities and providers of utilities, public facilities, and public services to coordinate planning efforts, agree on optimal ways to provide efficient service, and support consolidations that would improve service to the public, including consideration of projected climate change risks.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county on planning efforts.
	<b>Policy 1.A.6</b> The County shall coordinate with providers of utilities, public facilities, and public services to ensure the extension of facilities and services are in a manner that is consistent with the Land Use element.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county on the extension of facilities.
	<b>Policy 15.B.2</b> The County shall map the general locations of utility infrastructure on the maps for UGA plans and rural/resource lands where feasible.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county to determine utility facility and corridor locations.
	<b>Objective CUE 2.B</b> Protect and enhance the environment and public health and safety when providing and planning for utilities, public facilities, and public services.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential adverse public health and safety impacts.
	<b>Objective CUE 15.B</b> Achieve and maintain consistency between utility system plans and the adopted growth targets and Future Land Use Map in the County’s comprehensive plan.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it coordinates with the county to ensure consistency with expansion plans and land use patterns.
	<b>Policy 15.B.3</b> The County shall coordinate with utility providers to site utility system infrastructure in a manner that minimizes potential adverse societal, environmental, and economic impacts on the community, with consideration given to overburdened communities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential adverse societal, environmental, and economic impacts.
	<b>Objective CUE 15.C</b> Site transmission and major distribution corridors and substations close to where actual load growth is occurring to achieve the lowest electric energy costs and to enhance system reliability, while minimizing potential adverse societal, environmental, and economic impacts on the community.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential adverse societal, environmental, and economic impacts.
Natural Environment	<b>Objective NE 1.C</b> Protect and enhance natural watershed processes, wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, shorelines, and water resources with the long-term objective of protecting ecological function and values.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural watershed processes and other water resources.
	<b>Policy 1.C.1</b> The county shall continue to protect water resources and natural watershed processes by maintaining the quality, rates and supplies of water, sediment, and woody debris through the use of a variety of strategies, such as: Subsection (a) maintaining the natural hydrologic cycle and minimizing alterations of natural drainage patterns;	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural watershed processes and other water resources. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers implementing strategies identified in the policy.

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	Subsection (b) encouraging alternative impervious surface techniques; Subsection (c) providing for the retention of natural vegetation; Subsection (d) developing and implementing watershed management plans that protect water quality and address non-point pollution and the cumulative effects of land management on ecological systems; Subsection (e) utilizing low impact development (LID) techniques and site planning; and Subsection (f) promoting innovative and environmentally sensitive development practices in siting, design, materials selection, construction, and maintenance.		
	<b>Policy 1.C.2</b> The county shall continue to protect and enhance wetlands and fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas through the use of a variety of strategies, such as: Subsection (a) including best available science in plans and programs; Subsection (b) supporting the development and implementation of watershed management plans and identifying areas where voluntary restoration and enhancement should be used to improve water quality, water quantity, fish habitat and overall hydrologic function; Subsection (c) coordinating the use of agricultural resource lands with the protection, restoration and/or enhancement of ecological functions and values; Subsection (d) developing incentive-based, voluntary restoration and enhancement programs to offset impacts to overall ecological functions and values resulting from development projects or the use of agricultural resource lands and encouraging creative on-site, and reach scale restoration/enhancement proposals that optimize natural and/or agricultural resource values and ecological function; Subsection (e) including strategies for monitoring and adaptive management in plans and programs; Subsection (f) acquiring land for habitat restoration or for open space, recreation, and conservation; and Subsection (g) conserving habitat and open space through incentive programs like transfer of development rights.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands and fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers implementing strategies identified in the policy.
	<b>Policy 1.C.3</b> The county shall protect and enhance the ecological functions of shorelines through the Snohomish County Shoreline Management Program.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the Snohomish County SMP.
	<b>Goal NE 3</b> Comply with the requirements of state, federal and local laws for protecting and managing critical areas, shorelines, and water.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Land and Shoreline Use; Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it adheres to state, federal, and local laws for protecting critical areas, shorelines, and water.
	<b>Policy 3.A.1</b> The county shall designate and protect critical areas including fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, wetlands, critical aquifer recharge areas, frequently flooded areas and geologically	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on critical areas.

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	hazardous areas and include best available science in the development of programs, policies and regulations relating to critical areas.		
	<b>Policy 3.A.6</b> The county should generally require that mitigation for impacts to the natural environment be located in the following sequential order of preference: on-site, in the same sub-basin, in the same watershed, or in another appropriate ecosystem.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	Consider prioritizing mitigation measures in a sequential order as identified in this policy.
	<b>Objective NE 3.B</b> Designate and protect fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas and wetlands pursuant to the Growth Management Act.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in designated fish and wildlife habitat, and wetlands areas.
	<b>Objective NE 3.C</b> Designate and protect critical aquifer recharge areas pursuant to the Growth Management Act.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in designated aquifer recharge areas.
	<b>Objective NE 3.D</b> Designate and protect frequently flooded areas pursuant to the Growth Management Act.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in designated frequently flooded areas.
	<b>Policy 3.D.2</b> The county shall allow only those developments and land uses in floodplains that are compatible with floodplain processes.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures that transmission facility development is compatible with floodplain processes.
	<b>Objective NE 3.E</b> Designate and protect geologic hazard areas pursuant to the Growth Management Act.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in designated geologic hazard areas.
	<b>Policy 3.E.3</b> The county shall require that development proposals include where appropriate a geotechnical Assessment of the site's susceptibility to known geologic hazards.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prepares a geotechnical assessment of the site's susceptibility to known geologic hazards.
	<b>Policy 3.E.4</b> The county shall require that development standards incorporate practices and techniques to reduce potential damage from seismic, tsunami, mine, erosion, landside and volcanic hazards.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county's development standards to reduce the potential damage from geologically hazardous events.
	<b>Policy 3.E.5</b> The county shall limit development in channel migration zones to protect public health, safety and property.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures development of transmission facilities would have a low risk to public health, safety and property if located in a channel migration zone.
	<b>Policy 8.C.3</b> The county shall require development activities to minimize dust, provided that dust occurring as a result of accepted agricultural or forest practices on natural resource lands shall be presumed reasonable and not a nuisance.	Air Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements measures to reduce dust during construction activities.
	<b>Policy 8.C.5</b> The county shall, where possible, require construction projects to provide for on-site wood waste recycling to preclude the need to burn debris outside of no burn zones	Air Quality	Coordinate with the county to determine whether on-site wood waste recycling is needed.
	<b>Objective NE 8.D</b> Minimize the exposure of citizens to the dangers of excessive noise.	Noise	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential noise impacts.
	<b>Policy 8.D.2</b> County regulations may require, where appropriate, buffering or other noise mitigation measures to be incorporated into development proposals.	Noise	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential noise impacts.

# A3.9-1.32 Spokane County (November 2023)

Spokane County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by December 31, 2026.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Land Use	<b>Goal RL.4</b> Preserve and protect agriculture and forestry activities throughout the rural area.	Land and Shoreline Use; Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to agriculture and forestry activities throughout the rural area.
Natural Resources	<b>Policy NR.1b</b> Ensure adequate supply, long-term conservation and wise stewardship of natural resources within Spokane County for the benefit of current and future residents.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within areas of important natural resource lands.
	<b>Goal NR.3</b> Land uses shall be consistent with the conservation of designated resource lands and shall not interfere with resource land management practices.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to the interference of resource land management practices.
	<b>Policy NR.3.1</b> Viable agricultural, forestry and mining activities shall be protected from conflicts through the use of zoning requirements, plat requirements, grandfather rights and similar methods.	Land and Shoreline Use; Vegetation; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential conflicts with agricultural, forestry, and mining activities.
	<b>Policy NR.3.2</b> Specialized agricultural uses such as feedlots, fur farms, poultry ranches and similar uses shall be provided for and protected from incompatible land use encroachment.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential conflicts with specialized agricultural uses.
	<b>Policy NR.3.4</b> Uses permitted on or near resource lands must be compatible and not interfere with the economic benefit provided by that natural resource.	Land and Shoreline Use; Vegetation; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential conflicts with nearby agricultural, forestry, and mining activities.
	<b>Policy NR.3.6</b> Land use activities within or adjacent to natural resource land should be sited and designed to minimize conflicts with resource-related activities.	Land and Shoreline Use; Vegetation; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential conflicts with nearby agricultural, forestry and mining activities.
	<b>Policy NR.3.7</b> Specific development and performance standards for access, lot size and configuration, fire protection, water supply and dwelling unit location should be adopted for development within or adjacent to natural resource lands. These standards will provide for buffer areas adjacent to designated natural resource lands that minimize conflict with commercial natural resource activities.	Land and Shoreline Use; Vegetation; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements development and performance standards when siting transmission facilities within or adjacent to natural resource lands.
	<b>Goal NR.4</b> Use best management practices and other innovative techniques in a sustainable and environmentally sensitive manner to protect natural resources from incompatible activities.	Land and Shoreline Use; Vegetation; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it implements best management practices and/or other innovative techniques to protect natural resources from the development of transmission facilities.
Transportation	<b>Goal T.3g</b> Protect airports in Spokane County from encroachment by incompatible land uses.	Land and Shoreline Use; Transportation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures incompatible transmission facility development does not encroach on airports.
	<b>Policy T.3g.1</b> Prohibit uses in airport areas which attract birds, create visual hazards, discharge particulate matter into the air which could alter atmospheric conditions, emit transmissions which would interfere with aviation communications and instrument landing systems, otherwise obstruct or conflict with airport operations or aircraft traffic patterns or result in potential hazard for off-airport land use.	Land and Shoreline Use; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development would not obstruct or conflict with airport operations or aircraft traffic patterns or result in potential hazard for off-airport land use.



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	<b>Policy T.3g.7</b> Encourage the protection of airports from adjacent incompatible land uses and/or activities that could adversely impact present and/or future use of the airport as an Essential Public Facility (EPF). Examples of incompatible land uses may include but not be limited to urban density residential, multi-family residential, uses that attract large concentrations of people, wildlife hazards, and special uses such as schools, hospitals and nursing homes, and explosive/hazardous materials.	Land and Shoreline Use; Transportation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development does not obstruct or conflict with present and/or future airport uses.
	<b>Policy T.3g.8</b> Promote the safe operation of airports by discouraging uses or activities that will impede safe flight operations or endanger the lives of people on the ground.	Land and Shoreline Use; Transportation; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within areas that would impede safe flight operations or endanger the lives of people on the ground.
	<b>Policy T.3g.9</b> Encourage open space/clear areas and utilize zoning and land subdivision criteria within key safety areas adjacent to the airport to facilitate protection of the airport as an essential public facility. When possible promote contiguous open space parcels, especially in areas with smaller parcel size configurations.	Land and Shoreline Use; Transportation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within key safety areas adjacent to the airport.
	<b>Policy T.3g.11</b> Develop criteria, standards and land use designations that will protect the airport and aviation uses from incompatible development by adopting a combination of zoning techniques including but not limited to special airport overlay zoning, height restrictions, building restrictions in high noise areas and development siting criteria for evaluating uses or activities in key areas adjacent to the airport.	Land and Shoreline Use; Transportation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s criteria and standards related to protecting airport and aviation uses.
	<b>Policy T.3g.12</b> Protect airspace by prohibiting structural penetration of Imaginary Surfaces adjacent to airports as described in 14 CFR (Federal Aviation Regulations) Part 77 for public airports and Department of Defense Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) criteria for areas around military airports.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas that would penetrate Imaginary Surfaces adjacent to airports as described in 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 77 for public airports and the Department of Defense air criteria for areas around military airports.
	<b>Goal T.3j</b> Protect the long-term viability of Fairchild Air Force Base and assure flight safety in the vicinity of the Base while protecting the public’s health and safety.	Land and Shoreline Use; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas of Fairchild Air Force Base that would potentially impact flight safety.
	<b>Policy T.3j.2</b> Compatible Land Use and Densities Policies Encourage the protection of Fairchild AFB from land uses and/or activities that could adversely impact present and/or future base operations.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas of Fairchild Air Force Base that would have a potential adverse impact on present and/or future base operations.
	<b>Policy T.3j.10</b> Protection Strategies Develop criteria, standards and land use designations that will protect Fairchild AFB from incompatible development by adopting a combination of zoning techniques, including but not limited, to special overlay zoning, height restrictions, building restrictions in high noise areas and development siting criteria in key areas adjacent to Fairchild AFB.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s criteria and standards related to protecting Fairchild Air Force Base.
	<b>Policy T.3j.11</b> Operational Hazards Prohibit uses near Fairchild AFB which attract birds, create visual hazards, discharge particulate matter into the air which could adversely alter atmospheric conditions, emit transmissions which would interfere with military aviation communications and instrument landing systems, otherwise obstruct or conflict with airport operations or aircraft traffic patterns or result in potential hazard for off-Base land uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development would not obstruct or conflict with airport operations, military aviation communications, aircraft traffic patterns, or result in potential hazard for off-Base land uses.

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	<p><b>Policy T.3j.12</b> Protected Airspace Protect military airspace by preventing structural penetration of Imaginary Surfaces as described in UFC 3-260-01 and in the most recently published Fairchild AFB Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) Report.</p> <p>Discussion: Telecommunications, broadcast towers, hobby communication towers shall be reviewed by Fairchild AFB officials. Developments within MIA 2 and MIA 3/4 which may affect UFC 3-260--01 imaginary surfaces shall obtain necessary approvals from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Operators of construction cranes within the AICUZ Accidental Potential Zones to coordinate with the Fairchild AFB and the Federal Aviation Administration prior to commencing operations.</p>	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas that would penetrate Imaginary Surfaces as described in Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) 3-260-01 and in the most recently published Fairchild AFB Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) Report.
Capital Facilities and Utilities	<b>Policy CF.14.2</b> New development shall be consistent with established utility plans and procedures.	Public Services and Utilities; Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures development of transmission facilities are consistent with established utility plans and procedures.
	<b>Policy CF.14.4</b> Ensure that utility facilities are designed to minimize adverse aesthetic impacts on surrounding land uses.	Public Services and Utilities; Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it designs transmission facilities to minimize adverse aesthetic impacts on surrounding land uses to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy CF.14.12</b> Protect existing utility corridors to permit maintenance access and future expansion.	Public Services and Utilities; Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures development of transmission facilities within utility corridors would not preclude future maintenance access and expansion.
	<b>Policy CF.14.14</b> Coordinate dimensional guidelines for regional corridors with affected utility providers and jurisdictions.	Public Services and Utilities; Land and Shoreline Use	Cooperate with the county should dimensional guidelines for regional corridors by developed.
	<b>Policy CF.14.15</b> Promote the co-location of new utility transmission distribution and communication facilities when doing so is consistent with the utility industry practices, DOT requirements, and national electrical and other codes. (Examples of facilities that may be shared are trenches, rights-of-way, towers, poles, and antennas).	Public Services and Utilities; Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes the co-location of transmission facilities with other utilities and in accordance with all applicable utility industry standards.
	<b>Policy CF.14.16</b> Provide timely notice to affected private utilities of all major utility projects, including the maintenance and repair of existing roads, in order to promote the joint planning and coordination of public and private utility activities.	Public Services and Utilities	Coordinate with the county to allow for joint planning and coordination of utility activities.
	<b>Policy CF.14.17</b> Where consistent with multiple uses, promote joint use of utility corridors with recreational and green space applications. (An example is the co-location of AT&T's fiber link and Spokane's Centennial Trail)	Public Services and Utilities; Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers incorporating recreational opportunities with the siting of transmission facilities, where appropriate.
	<b>Policy CF.14.18</b> Adopt the Regional Utility Corridor Plan through the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the adopted Regional Utility Corridor Plan.
Parks and Recreation	<b>Goal PO.5a</b> Preserve and protect existing and designated open space areas and corridors throughout Spokane County. These open spaces shall include lands useful for recreation, wildlife habitat, trails and connection of critical areas.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within open space areas and corridors.
	<b>Policy PO.6.2</b> Review development proposals to evaluate opportunities for multiple use of proposed open space.	Recreation	Consider incorporating recreational opportunities with the siting of transmission facilities, where appropriate.

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Natural Environment	<b>Goal NE.2</b> Land use regulations and land use decisions in Spokane County shall protect critical areas. Regulatory mechanisms such as limitations on land use or buffering requirements or programs such as transfer of development rights and acquisition of development rights should be used to retain critical areas whenever possible.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it complies with applicable regulations that protect critical areas, such as buffering requirements.
	<b>Goal NE.11</b> Consider the multiple uses of open space and wildlife corridors for other uses, as recommended by qualified wildlife managers, such as utility corridors when conflicts do not exist or can be mitigated.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it considers open space and wildlife corridor opportunities with the siting of transmission facilities.
	<b>Goal NE.13</b> Ensure “no net loss” of wetland functions, value and quantity as a result of land use activities and establish a long-term goal of measurable gain of wetlands function and value.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands to ensure “no net loss.”
	<b>Policy NE.13.4</b> When new development impacts wetlands, mitigation of impacts may include enhancement or rehabilitation of previously degraded wetlands and creation of new wetlands	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements mitigation measures, such as enhancement or rehabilitation of wetlands, should transmission facility development impact wetlands.
	<b>Policy NE.13.5</b> Expansion of nonconforming uses in wetlands and their buffer areas should be allowed only if significant impacts are mitigated.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands and their buffers.
	<b>Policy NE.14.4</b> Wetland alteration from development or other activities should not cause adverse impacts to the wetland or its buffer area; however, where no reasonable alternative is feasible, wetland degradation shall be mitigated.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands and their buffers.
	<b>Goal NE.15</b> Protect and enhance wetlands so that they are able to perform their natural functions and maintain their beneficial values.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands.
Natural Environment	<b>Policy NE.15.3</b> Retain, restore and/or enhance native and/or appropriate vegetation to slow velocity of stormwater runoff and improve surface and groundwater quality.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on vegetation and stormwater runoff.
	<b>Policy NE.15.4</b> Protect wetlands from erosion and siltation.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands because of erosion and siltation.
	<b>Policy NE.15.5</b> Restore and enhance native and/or appropriate vegetative types in wetlands and their buffer areas.	Water Resources; Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it restores and enhances native and/or appropriate vegetation types in wetland and buffer areas should transmission facility development impact these areas.
	<b>Policy NE.15.7</b> New development and/or land use activities shall provide adequate buffer areas of permanent native and/or appropriate vegetation adjacent to wetlands. These buffer areas shall be established based on the natural function and beneficial values of the wetland as determined by established criteria.	Water Resources; Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures adequate buffering of vegetation adjacent to wetlands.
	<b>Policy NE.15.8</b> Existing surface water and groundwater quality and quantity should be protected where new development or land use activities would impact a wetland or its buffer area.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water quality and quantity.
	<b>Policy NE.15.9</b> New developments and/or land use activities should be designed to preclude the need for flood control structures or designs that alter wetlands and their shoreline characteristics.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids the requirement for flood control structures or designs that require alteration of wetlands.

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	<b>Policy NE.15.10</b> New developments and/or land use activities should design circulation systems, roads, trails and other such facilities to protect wetlands from erosion and reduce the amount of soil, silt and pollutants entering wetland areas.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it designs necessary access roads to protect wetlands from erosion, silt, and pollutants from entering the resource.
	<b>Policy NE.15.11</b> Avoid new development and/or land use activities that would significantly impact native and/or appropriate vegetation, cause substantial erosion or sedimentation or adversely affect aquatic life or the biophysical capabilities within a wetland habitat.	Water Resources; Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on native and/or appropriate vegetation that would adversely affect aquatic life or capabilities within the wetland habitat.
	<b>Policy NE.15.12</b> Wetlands shall be protected and should be improved for use as fish and wildlife habitat by providing buffers and protection of adjacent riparian environments.	Water Resources; Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands and adjacent riparian environments.
	<b>Policy NE.15.13</b> Recognize and provide protection for wetlands that provide wildlife habitat for priority species and species of local significance, as defined under the Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Area goals and policies.	Water Resources; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wetlands and associated wildlife habitat for priority species.
	<b>Goal NE.17b</b> Protect groundwater quality from development impacts.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on groundwater quality.
	<b>Policy NE.17.5</b> Require development that would have a significant negative impact on the quality of an aquifer to provide measurable and attainable mitigation for the impact.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the quality of an aquifer.
	<b>Policy NE.17.8</b> Require appropriate stormwater runoff and spill control provisions for those who use and/or store critical materials within critical aquifer recharge areas.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements adequate stormwater runoff and spill control provisions should transmission facility development use and/or store critical materials in critical aquifer recharge areas.
	<b>Policy NE.20.1</b> In moderate and highly susceptible critical aquifer recharge areas, no variances, deviations or exceptions to the groundwater protection regulations shall be allowed except with alternative mitigation measures that provides protection of groundwater equal to or better than the stated regulations.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the quality of an aquifer.
	<b>Policy NE.22.3</b> Impacts of a proposal upon surface water quality shall be considered before development is approved. Denying or conditioning proposals may be necessary to protect water quality.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on surface water quality.
	<b>Policy NE.22.11</b> Where increased storm water runoff potential exists due to a proposed development, runoff management procedures shall be required.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts resulting from an increase in stormwater runoff.
	<b>Policy NE.22.17</b> Implement standards that adequately control erosion from development sites. Special emphasis should be placed on erosion and stormwater control from private roads, which may affect surface waters.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements the county’s standards to adequately control erosion from transmission facility development sites.
	<b>Policy NE.24.3</b> Development proposals and their design shall consider the retention and maintenance of critical fish and wildlife habitat areas and shall provide buffers to protect corridors and water habitats.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within critical fish and wildlife habitat areas.
	<b>Policy NE.26.4</b> Activities allowed within designated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas should not compromise the areas’ habitat	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development would not compromise the



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	quality or function. Compatible uses may include rangeland, forest production, open space and passive recreation.		habitat quality or function of designated fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas.
	<b>Policy NE.30.2</b> Minimize impacts of new development on existing floodplains and frequently flooded areas though design that accommodates flood events without property damage.	Water Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facilities are designed to accommodate flood events should development occur within existing floodplains and frequently flooded areas.
	<b>Policy NE.30.5</b> New developments and land use activities should be designed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Protect the drainage functions of flood plains, natural drainageways, sink areas and other existing drainage facilities.</li><li>▪ Preserve and incorporate natural features such as streams, ponds, significant drainageways and wetlands in a manner that maintains their natural functions.</li><li>▪ Consider the site’s topography as it relates to frequently flooded areas in the design and placement of physical improvements such as roads and structures.</li><li>▪ Retain natural vegetation strips adjacent to the high water mark of a perennial or intermittent stream or other frequently flooded areas.</li><li>▪ Retain trees and native vegetation that contribute to controlling erosion on slopes adjacent to frequently flooded areas.</li></ul>	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements the policy’s design considerations into transmission facility development to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy NE.31.1</b> Minimize impacts from flooding problems such as erosion, property damage, potential property devaluation and impaired ground and surface water quality.	Water Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it incorporates adequate minimization measures to reduce potential impacts from flood events.
	<b>Policy NE.31.5</b> The Hangman (Latah) Creek Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan is adopted by reference as a part of the Spokane County Comprehensive Plan.	Water Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the Hangman (Latah) Creek Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan.
	<b>Policy NE.31.6</b> Development should not occur on lands identified as being within a 100-year floodplain (1-percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year) or as having a history of flooding, unless the developer provides mitigation measures acceptable to the appropriate regulatory agency.	Water Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within 100-year floodplain areas, unless it can be demonstrated that adequate mitigation measures will be implemented.
	<b>Goal NE.32</b> Development should be discouraged in geologically hazardous areas unless it can be demonstrated that a hazard area can be developed consistent with public health and safety. Development permits may be conditioned to mitigate certain hazards.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids development in geologically hazardous areas unless it can be demonstrated that the project would not result in a potential adverse impact on public health and safety.
	<b>Policy NE.32.3</b> Construction should minimize risk to the natural environment and/or structures. Construction shall not increase the risk to the site and/or potentially affected adjacent properties.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids development in geologically hazardous areas unless it can be demonstrated that the project would not result in a potential adverse impact on public health and safety.
	<b>Policy NE.32.4</b> Clearing and grading activities in geologically hazardous areas shall consider limitations based upon seasonal weather conditions.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers restricting construction activities, such as clearing and grading during seasonal weather conditions, if development occurs in geologically hazardous areas.

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	<b>Policy NE.32.5</b> Within geologically hazardous areas, site alteration, grading and filling shall be the minimum necessary to accomplish approved designs/plans.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it minimizes site alteration, grading, and filing to the greatest extent practicable if development occurs in geologically hazardous areas.
	<b>Policy NE.32.6</b> Proposals should describe the hazards present, such as erosion, landslides, etc., and provide mitigation measures acceptable to the appropriate regulatory agency.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it identifies potential hazards and provides adequate mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate potential impacts related to those hazards.
	<b>Policy NE.32.7</b> Construction and development on geologically hazardous areas should have negligible effects on the quality and quantity of potentially affected surface and groundwater. Mitigation measures acceptable to the appropriate regulatory agency should be provided.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements adequate avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures to ensure development within geologically hazardous areas would not have an adverse impact on surface and groundwater.
	<b>Policy NE.32.8</b> Development in geologically hazardous areas should not be allowed without appropriate mitigation.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures adequate mitigation measures are implemented should development occur in geologically hazardous areas.
	<b>Policy NE.32.9</b> Development proposals within geologically hazardous areas should submit an erosion control plan prior to receiving approval.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prepares and submits an erosion control plan should development occur within geologically hazardous areas.
	<b>Goal NE.34</b> Protect shorelines in Spokane County designated under the state Shoreline Management Act with the Spokane County Shoreline Master Program until it is replaced or amended under pending state law and administrative regulations.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures consistency with the latest Spokane County SMP.
	<b>Policy NE.34.2</b> The 1975 Spokane County Shoreline Program, as adopted and amended, are included by reference as part of this plan.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the latest Spokane County SMP.
	<b>Goal NE.35a</b> Maintain air quality in Spokane County that protects human health, prevents injury to plant and animal life and preserves clear visibility.	Air Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facility development would not have a significant adverse impact on air quality.
	<b>Policy NE.35c</b> Comply with federal and state air quality standards.	Air Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with all relevant federal and state air quality standards and regulations.
Cultural Resources	<b>Goal CR.1</b> Identify, maintain, update and protect archeological and historic sites and structures to guide decision-making in resource planning, environmental review and resource management.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas that would potentially affect significant cultural resources.
	<b>Policy CR.1.3</b> Nominate cultural resources to the local, state and national Historic Registers. The Cultural Resources Inventory should be used as a reference in the identification of significant structures and places eligible for nomination.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it uses the Cultural Resources Inventory as a reference in the identification of significant cultural structures and places eligible for nomination.
	<b>Policy CR.1.4</b> Maintain the Spokane County Register of Historic Places to provide a means to recognize and preserve cultural resources of local significance. The Cultural Resources Inventory should be used as a reference in the identification of significant structures and places eligible for nomination.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it uses the Spokane County Register of Historic Places as a reference in the identification of significant cultural structures and places eligible for nomination.

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Land Use	<b>Policy LU-10</b> Where specific development proposals require review for compliance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and other applicable County codes, ensure that reasonable provisions are made to protect air quality, public drinking water supplies, and mitigate adverse water quality impacts based on evaluation of pollution sources in the area and nearby jurisdictions, for drainage, flooding, and stormwater management.	Air Quality; Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures appropriate avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures are implemented for the protection of air quality, water resources, and water quality.
	<b>Policy LU-11</b> Use the Department of Ecology’s Stormwater Manual for Eastern Washington as a guide for planning and for implementing stormwater best management practices.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it uses the Department of Ecology’s Stormwater Manual for Eastern Washington when developing stormwater best management practices.
	<b>Policy LU/HC-1</b> Respect and retain Stevens County’s historic, cultural, and archaeological resources and comply with requirements for the preservation of lands, sites, and structures with historic or archaeological significance consistent with state and federal law.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on historic, cultural, and archaeological resources.
Natural Resources	<b>Policy NR-1</b> Ensure that the use of lands adjacent to agricultural, forest, or mineral resource lands does not interfere with the continued use, in the accustomed manner and in accordance with best management practices, of the designated lands.	Land and Shoreline Use; Vegetation; Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development would not interfere with operations of designated natural resource lands.
	<b>Policy NR-8</b> Areas with existing mining operations subject to Department of Natural Resources permits are designated as mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance as shown on the County’s Land Use Map. Designation of these sites is intended to ensure that they are protected from incompatible uses, and to raise public awareness of the potential for mineral activities in an area. Designation on the Land Use Map shall not be a precondition to mining.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within mineral resource lands. The project should ensure transmission facility development adjacent to mineral resource lands does not interfere with mining operations.
	<b>Policy NR-19</b> Protect surface and groundwater quality as a resource essential to the public health, safety and welfare, economic growth, and prosperity of Stevens County.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on surface and groundwater quality.
Parks and Recreation	The County has adopted an updated Shoreline Master Program, including the Shoreline Public Access Plan, pursuant to the Shoreline Management Act. The goals and policies of the Shoreline Master Program are considered a part of the Comprehensive Plan’s goals and policies.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the county’s updated SMP.
Transportation	<b>Policy TR-14</b> Maintain military training routes present in the County from incompatible land use and development that would impact or hinder the military training route’s function and viability.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within military training routes. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures development would not impact or interfere with the military training route’s function and viability.

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Utilities	<b>Policy UT-1</b> Encourage coordinated planning efforts between Stevens County and utility service providers through exchange of plans, maps, and other pertinent information that may help utility providers and the County anticipate and respond to current or forecast growth.	Public Services and Utilities	Coordinate with Stevens County to obtain pertinent utility information early in the development process.

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Land Use	<b>Policy 1-A12</b> Buildings and roads should be located on sites in ways that minimize the need for cutting, grading or the removal of native plant material. a) Clearing, grading, and development activities should respect natural features, processes and wildlife habitat. b) Neighboring properties, stormwater drainage facilities and surface water bodies should be protected from sedimentation and increased runoff during and after construction. c) As much natural vegetation as possible, especially large trees, should be preserved as development occurs.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes the need for native vegetation removal as part of transmission facility development within rural areas.
	<b>Policy 1-A13</b> Archaeological and historic resources should be identified and protected to the greatest extent possible.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on archaeological and historic resources within rural areas to the greatest extent possible.
	<b>Policy 1-A14</b> Special uses that may be permitted in the rural area should be constrained in size and scale so as to maintain rural character. The primary purpose of special uses should be to serve the rural area residents of Thurston County.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county if a special land use is needed.
	<b>Policy 1-A17</b> The County should discourage incompatible uses adjacent to general aviation public use airports. Incompatible land uses may include residential, multi-family, height hazards, uses that attract large concentrations of people, wildlife hazards, and special uses such as schools, hospitals and nursing homes, and explosive/hazardous materials. The County should consult with the Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation Division when amending policies or regulations that would affect public airport.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities adjacent to general aviation public use airports.
Land Use	<b>Objective C</b> Compatibility with Joint Base Lewis-McChord – Ensure future development minimizes risk to life, property, and the well-being of County residents from military training operations, and maintains compatibility with current and future missions at JBLM.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it ensures compatibility with the existing and future operations, missions, and activities of Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

<sup>11</sup> At the time of publication, a draft version of the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan Update was available.



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	<b>Policy 1-C3</b> Development and infrastructure proposals located near Joint Base Lewis-McChord should be reviewed for potential compatibility challenges with training operations, including: noise sensitive uses in areas of known exposure to aviation and range noise; physical infrastructure that could interfere with low-level flight operations; and sources of electrical emissions that could interfere with military communications or navigation systems.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures compatibility with the operations and activities of Joint Base Lewis-McChord.
Natural Resource Lands	<b>Goal 1</b> Preserve agricultural land in order to ensure an adequate land base for long-term farm use. (This applies to all agricultural land, including areas outside of agriculture of long-term commercial significance).	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on agricultural land.
	<b>Objective A</b> Conserve (no net loss) and enhance agricultural lands for long-term farming use.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural land to ensure a no net loss.
	<b>Policy 1-A5</b> Agricultural lands within the Nisqually Valley should be given a high priority for protection by means customized to the Valley's unique characteristics. Agricultural lands within the Nisqually Subarea should be protected from the encroachment of existing and potential residences within the valley and along the adjacent wooded hillsides.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on agricultural land within the Nisqually Valley.
	<b>Policy 1-C4</b> Noxious weeds pose a significant economic threat to agriculture. The County Noxious Weed Control Board should have the opportunity to recommend control options as part of their integrated pest management program in accordance with the proposed Ground Water Management Plan, the Thurston County Pest and Vegetation Management Policy, and any other applicable county policies.	Land and Shoreline Use	Coordinate with the county Noxious Weed Control Board to identify appropriate best management practices.
	<b>Goal 2</b> Conserve agricultural land of long-term commercial significance.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural land of long-term commercial significance.
	<b>Goal 2-A2</b> Non-agricultural development within designated agricultural areas should be limited to non-prime farmland soils where possible.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it prioritizes siting transmission facilities on nonprime farmland soils.
	<b>Goal 2-A4</b> The county discourages the establishment or expansion of local improvement districts, utility local improvement districts, or sewer, water or public utility districts into designated agricultural areas of long-term commercial significance.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in designated agricultural areas of long-term commercial significance.
	<b>Goal 3</b> Protect and preserve aquaculture growing areas to ensure an adequate resource base for long-term use.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in aquaculture growing areas.
	<b>Policy 3-A3</b> Facilities for land based and marine aquacultural operations should be protected from incompatible adjacent or nearby land uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in aquaculture growing areas.
	<b>Policy 3-A5</b> Proposed residential and other uses in aquacultural areas should be developed in a manner that minimizes potential conflicts with aquaculture operations.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential conflicts with aquaculture operations.
Natural Resource Lands	<b>Goal 4</b> Conserve forest lands in order to maintain a viable forestry industry while protecting environmental values	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on forest lands.

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	<b>Objective A</b> Forest lands should be conserved and enhanced for long-term economic use.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on forest lands.
	<b>Goal 5</b> Conserve forest lands of long-term commercial significance in order to ensure an adequate land base and discourage incompatible uses.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on forest lands.
	<b>Objective A</b> Forest lands of long-term commercial significance should be conserved (no net loss) and enhanced for productive economic use.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it ensures no net loss of forest lands of long-term commercial significance.
	<b>Policy 5-A1</b> The primary land use activities in forest lands of long-term commercial significance should be commercial forest management, agriculture, mineral extraction, recreation, accessory uses, and other non-forest related economic activities relying on forest lands.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on forest lands of long-term commercial significance.
	<b>Policy 5-A2</b> Land use activities within or adjacent to forest lands of long-term commercial significance should be sited and designed to minimize conflicts with forest management, and other activities on forest land.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential conflicts with operations and activities occurring on forest lands of long-term commercial significance.
	<b>Goal 7</b> Identify, designate, and conserve mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on mineral resource lands.
	<b>Objective B</b> Ensure that lands adjacent to designated mineral resource lands do not interfere with mineral extraction.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential conflicts with mineral extraction operations.
	<b>Policy 7-B2</b> Designated mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance should be conserved for potential mineral extraction, and the use of adjacent lands should not interfere with the use of designated mineral extraction sites that are being operated in accordance with best management practices and other laws and regulations.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on mineral resource lands. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures for any potential impacts on the operations of mineral extraction sites.
Transportation	<b>Objective 7B</b> Maintain compatible relationships between airfields and surrounding land uses and transportation facilities.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it ensures transmission facility development is compatible with airfields and surrounding land uses.
Utilities	<b>Objective B</b> The county promotes the joint use of transportation rights-of-way and other utility corridors.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it prioritizes siting transmission facilities within transportation rights-of-way and other utility corridors.
	<b>Policy 1-B1</b> The county should promote, wherever feasible, the co-location of new utility distribution and communication facilities when doing so is consistent with utility industry practices and national electrical and other codes. Examples of facilities which could be shared are trenches, transportation rights-of-way, towers, poles, and antennas.	Public Services and Utilities	Consider co-locating new transmission facilities with communication facilities.
	<b>Policy 1-B2</b> The county should provide timely and effective notice to all affected private utilities of road construction, including the maintenance and repair of existing roads, in order to promote the joint planning and coordination of public and private utility trenching activities.	Public Services and Utilities	Coordinate with the county and other utility providers to streamline utility construction and potential upgrades.
	<b>Policy 1-B4</b> The county should standardize locations for utilities within road rights-of-way when feasible.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it consults the county for standard locations for transmission facilities within road rights-of-way.

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	<b>Policy 1-D1</b> The county should coordinate on an ongoing basis planning activities with private utility providers to ensure consistency between the facilities' plans of private utilities and the long-range plans and regulations of the County.	Public Services and Utilities	Coordinate with the county to ensure consistency between development and regulations.
	<b>Objective E</b> Potential adverse impacts of utility facilities are minimized.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts as a result of transmission facility development.
	<b>Policy 1-E1</b> The county should encourage utility facilities such as electric substations, natural gas gate stations, wireless communication facilities (cellular telephone towers), and telephone switching stations be designed to minimize aesthetic and other impacts on surrounding land uses. Landscaped screening, buffers, setbacks, and other design and siting techniques should be used to accomplish this objective. The extent of these requirements depend on the adjacent land uses and zoning.	Public Services and Utilities; Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential aesthetic impacts of transmission facilities on surrounding land uses.
	<b>Policy 1-E2</b> The county should encourage the location of private utility facilities near compatible land uses as defined in the county's Special Use standards.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes transmission facility development near compatible land uses as defined in the county's Special Use standards.
	<b>Policy 1-E5</b> In order to minimize adverse impacts on water quality and human health, the County should continue to review, through the existing permitting process (a) the management, spraying and clearing of vegetation in utility corridors and in the sanitary control portions of public right-of-way corridors, and (b) the new construction and expansion of lines.	Public Services and Utilities; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts transmission facility development may have on water quality and human health.
	<b>Policy 1-E6</b> The county should encourage that utility corridors on public lands are made available for recreational use when such use does not negatively impact adjacent land uses, and does not pose a public health or safety hazard, or result in property damage on adjacent lands.	Public Services and Utilities; Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers incorporating recreational opportunities with the siting of transmission facilities, where appropriate.
	<b>Policy 1-E7</b> If federal laws on electromagnetic fields change, the County should review its policies and regulations accordingly.	Public Services and Utilities; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the latest federal laws on electromagnetic fields.
Environment, Recreation & Open Space	<b>Goal 1</b> Minimize the loss of life and property from landslide, earthquake, volcanic, or other geological events, and minimize or eliminate land use impacts on geologically hazardous areas.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on geologically hazardous areas.
	<b>Policy 1-1.2</b> The county should restrict development and resource use within or near areas susceptible to significant damage from erosion, landslides, earthquakes or lahar flows, as necessary to protect life, property, and wildlife habitats (e.g., streams and marine waters downslope).	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within or near areas susceptible to significant damage from erosion, landslides, earthquakes or lahar flows.
	<b>Goal 2</b> Protect groundwater quality and quantity.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on groundwater quality and quantity.
	<b>Goal 3</b> Protect and improve the water quality and biological health of lakes, wetlands, rivers, streams, and Puget Sound.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water quality and biological health of water resources.

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	<b>Policy 3-1.6</b> The county should prevent development and activities in streams, riparian areas, and wetlands and any associated buffers that would damage water quality or habitat functions, except to the minimum extent necessary when there is no reasonable alternative for accommodating an essential use (e.g., an essential road or utility crossing).	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water resources and any associated buffers.
	<b>Policy 3-1.8</b> The county should require, to the extent legally permissible, restoration of degraded buffers and wetlands associated with lakes, streams, rivers, and Puget Sound as a part of new land uses and development activity.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers restoring degraded buffers and wetlands as part of transmission facility development.
	<b>Objective 3</b> Marine Waters and Shoreline Management - To preserve and protect marine shorelines and near shore areas as valuable natural resources and habitats, consistent with state and federal law.	Water Resources; Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in or near shorelines.
	<b>Policy 3-3.1</b> The county should regulate uses and activities along the marine shoreline and within the waters of Puget Sound, consistent with the State Shoreline Management Act and the Clean Water Act, based on best available science and cumulative impact assessments of existing and planned future land and resource uses in upland watersheds.	Water Resources; Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in or near shorelines.
	<b>Goal 4</b> Protect life and structures from flood hazards and retain the flood storage, transmission capacity, and habitat value of floodplains.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas prone to flood hazards.
	<b>Goal 4-1.2</b> The county should prohibit development and emplacement of fill in floodways and floodplains, except to the minimum extent necessary to accommodate public infrastructure and utilities that cannot be accommodated elsewhere and to stabilize channels against erosion in order to protect existing agricultural lands, public roads and bridges, public infrastructure, utilities and significant private structures, and to achieve habitat enhancement. Any development in the floodways should be designed to avoid habitat degradation. Stream bank stabilization, if necessary, should be of a type that maintains or enhances habitat functions. Rip-rap and other hard armoring should only be used if there is no effective alternative, based on sound engineering principles, to protect existing structures or public facilities.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on habitat degradation should transmission facilities be developed within floodways and/or floodplains.
	<b>Policy 4-1.4</b> The county should minimize disruption of long-term stream channel migration processes that allow formation of essential habitat features by prohibiting construction of new structures in channel migration zones and minimizing streambank stabilization.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in channel migration zones.
	<b>Policy 4-1.6</b> The county should regulate uses in and around areas where groundwater periodically surfaces as necessary to avoid property damage and protect groundwater quality.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas where groundwater periodically surfaces.
	<b>Goal 5</b> Protect, conserve, and enhance the ecological functions of important fish, wildlife, and plant habitats.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on important fish, wildlife, and plant habitats.
Environment, Recreation & Open Space	<b>Policy 5-11</b> The county should prohibit uses and activities that degrade lakes, streams and shellfish beds or result in the loss of the natural functions of waterbodies, wetlands, and groundwater aquifers.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on waterbodies, wetlands, and groundwater aquifers.



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	<b>Policy 5-15</b> The county should prevent development and activities in streams, riparian areas, wetlands, other protected wildlife habitats and any associated buffers that would damage their functions, except to the minimum extent necessary when there is no reasonable alternative for accommodating an essential use (e.g., an essential road or utility crossing).	Water Resources; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water resources and their function as wildlife habitats.
	<b>Goal 7</b> Identify and protect important greenspaces useful for recreation, trails, water, resource protection or which contain important wildlife habitats.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on important greenspaces.
	<b>Goal 8</b> Protect and improve the county’s air quality and minimize or eliminate odor and noise from new land uses that would reduce the livability of residential areas or significantly degrade important wildlife habitat.	Air Quality; Noise	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on air quality, noise and odor.
Archaeological & Historic Resources	<b>Objective B:</b> Important archaeological and historic resources are protected and preserved through the county’s land use permitting process.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this objective if it complies with the county’s land use permitting process to adequately preserve cultural resources.
	<b>Policy 1-B1</b> The county should encourage land uses and development proposals that retain or enhance archaeological and historic cultural resources and discourage the destruction or incompatible alteration of these resources.	Historic and Cultural Resources	Consider implementing avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures to preserve cultural resources.
	<b>Policy 1-B.4</b> Archaeological and historic cultural sites on county properties should be preserved and enhanced, and provided with interpretive information and public access where possible and appropriate.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on cultural resources on county properties.

## A3.9-1.35    Wahkiakum County (1984<sup>12</sup>)

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Land Use	<b>Policy 7</b> Utilities should be placed underground when and where possible.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes placing transmission facilities underground to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy 17</b> If the development of land ad its intended us activity adversely impacts adjacent and nearby private and public properties, facilities, and services, those responsible for such development and activity should bear a fair share of the cost of repair and improvement of these impacted properties, facilities, and services.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it pays a fair share of the cost to repair and improve any impacted properties, facilities, and services.

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	<b>Policy 20</b> Soils data and information should be utilized by all builders and developers in the initial, investigative phase of development planning.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it uses soil data and information in the planning and development of transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy 23</b> Soils exhibiting moderate to severe erosion characteristics and limitations should be investigated by soil scientists, soil engineers and other professionals for determining their ultimate suitability for development.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it consults soil scientists, engineers, and other professionals should soils exhibit moderate to severe erosion characteristics to determine the suitability for development.
Economic Development	<b>Policy 4</b> Land use activities and development proposals should be closely reviewed for impacts on the natural renewable and non-renewable resources in the county.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on renewable and nonrenewable resources in the county.
Natural Resources	<b>Goal 1</b> To conserve the county’s natural resources and promote the best management practices.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas that would result in an adverse impact on the county’s natural resources. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it uses relevant best management practices in the development of transmission facilities.
Renewable Resources	<b>Goal 1</b> To identify and conserve the existing agricultural lands of Wahkiakum County	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on agricultural lands.
	<b>Policy 1</b> Future non-agricultural activities should be encouraged to locate where they will not interfere with accepted farming practices on adjacent lands devoted to farm use <sup>13</sup> .	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it locates transmission facilities in areas where they would not interfere with accepted farming practices.
	<b>Goal 1</b> To protect and enhance the commercial forest areas of Wahkiakum County.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in commercial forest areas.
	<b>Goal 1</b> To protect and enhance the fisheries resource base of Wahkiakum County.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within fisheries.
	<b>Policy 3</b> This Plan endorses by reference the Columbia River Estuary Regional Policies as adopted by Wahkiakum County.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the latest Columbia River Estuary regional policies.
	<b>Policy 4</b> This Plan endorses by reference the goals, objectives, policies and use activities of the Shoreline Management Master Program for Wahkiakum County as they relate to aquacultural activities in the County.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the SMP for Wahkiakum County.
	<b>Goal 1</b> To protect and enhance the wildlife in Wahkiakum County.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on wildlife in Wahkiakum County.
	<b>Policy 2</b> Wahkiakum County shall require that an environmental assessment (expanded checklist) be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for review and possible public hearing prior to any local, state, or federal agency or private parties attempting to remove and/or replace any native wildlife species within other than native species. In the event that removal of any wildlife from or within Wahkiakum County is necessary, it should be to a location approved by the board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prepares an environmental assessment should transmission facility development require the removal and/or replacement of any native wildlife species with other than native species.

<sup>13</sup> “Farm use” means the current employment of land including that portion of such lands under buildings supporting accepted farming practices for the purpose of obtaining a profit in money by raising, harvesting and selling crops or by the feeding, breeding, management and sale of, or the produce of, livestock, poultry, fur-bearing animals or honeybees or for dairying and the sale of dairy products or any other agricultural or horticultural use or animal husbandry or any combination thereof. “Farm Use” includes the preparation and storage of the products raised on such land for man’s use and animal use and disposal by marketing or otherwise.

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	<b>Policy 4</b> This Plan endorses by reference the Columbia River Estuary Regional Policies as adopted by Wahkiakum County.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the latest Columbia River Estuary regional policies.
	<b>Policy 5</b> This Plan endorses by reference the goals, objectives, policies and use activities of the Shoreline Management Master Program for Wahkiakum County as they relate to aquacultural and wildlife.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the SMP for Wahkiakum County.
	<b>Goal 1</b> To provide for the conservation and wise use of non-renewable energy, mineral resources, and unique natural features.	Earth Resources; Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within areas of nonrenewable natural features.
	<b>Policy 2</b> Features recognized as unique should be identified and protected.	Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county to identify unique natural features and ensures transmission facility development would not adversely impact those resources.
Parks and Recreation	<b>Goal 1</b> To create and preserve park and recreation opportunities which help to meet the needs of and are readily accessible to all citizens of Wahkiakum County and the region.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in recreational areas.
	<b>Policy 6</b> All future development proposals should be monitored and checked for impacts on the existing recreational facilities of the county.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on recreational facilities.
Natural Environment	<b>Goal 2</b> To protect the future citizens of Wahkiakum County from loss of life and/or property.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facility development would not create a threat for the citizens of Wahkiakum County.
	<b>Policy 3</b> Non-resource development activities should be strongly discouraged from locating in or adjacent to know areas where damage could result from landslides, soil creep, earthquakes, flooding and compressible soils	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in geologically hazardous areas.
Energy	<b>Goal 2</b> To continue work towards closer coordination between the county, the State of Oregon, and the State of Washington on transportation of energy and related materials on the Columbia River.	Public Services and Utilities	Coordinate with appropriate agencies early in the planning process should transmission facilities be proposed along or across the Columbia River.
Historical Preservation	<b>Goal 1</b> To identify and preserve sites and structures of archaeological, architectural and historic significance to Wahkiakum County.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on cultural resources.

# A3.9-1.36 Walla Walla County (August 2019)

Walla Walla County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by December 31, 2026.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Critical Areas Element	<b>Policy CA 1.6</b> Provide methods to avoid, minimize, and mitigate, when addressing critical areas, including innovative techniques such as wetland banking, vegetation management, clustered development, planned unit development, replacement ratios, density limitations, and enhancement options.	Water Resources	Consider using the county’s avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation strategies to address impacts on critical areas.
	<b>Policy CA 1.8</b> Promote public health and welfare by instituting local measures to protect, preserve and enhance where applicable, wetlands for their associated values that exist in this county. Wetlands serve a variety of vital functions, including, but not limited to: flood storage and conveyance, water quality protection, recharge and discharge areas for groundwater, erosion control, sediment control, fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, education, and scientific research.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements the county’s local measures to protect, preserve, and enhance wetlands, where applicable.
	<b>Policy CA 1.9</b> Implement wetland protection strategies that will achieve, to the maximum extent possible, a zero net loss of natural wetlands acreage, functions, and values.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements the county’s protection strategies to achieve a no net loss of wetlands or their function.
	<b>Policy CA 2.2</b> Provide suitable wildlife corridors to prevent isolation of populations by utilizing land features such as riparian zones/floodplains and ridges which provide natural connecting corridors.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in a wildlife corridor, which would result in an adverse impact on the resource.
	<b>Policy CA 2.5</b> Allow for man made corridors such as railroads, canals and power line rights of way, etc., to function as suitable connecting corridors for wildlife if suitably wide and well located.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers designing transmission facilities in a way that creates a suitable wildlife corridor or connecting corridor.
	<b>Policy CA 2.6</b> Address fish and wildlife critical area concerns regarding development early in the planning process while plans are most flexible.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county early in planning process to address concerns related to fish and wildlife critical areas.
	<b>Policy CA 2.8</b> Give special consideration to conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas that would impact anadromous fisheries.
	<b>Goal CA 3</b> Utilize floodplain planning to protect human life and health as well as the riparian ecosystem in order to minimize public and private economic losses and expenditures related to flood control and to protect and preserve wildlife habitat.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it uses floodplain maps and information to avoid and/or minimize siting transmission facilities in areas that would create public and private economic losses and expenditures.
	<b>Goal CA 4</b> Reduce the threat posed to the health and safety of citizens that could occur when development is sited in areas of significant geologic hazard.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas of geologic hazard.
	<b>Policy CA 4.1</b> Implement development regulations that minimize risk to the public health, safety, and welfare in areas of significant geologic hazard.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with relevant development regulations should transmission facility development occur in areas of significant geologic hazard.
	<b>Goal CA 5</b> Ensure an adequate, safe water supply through the protection of both the quantity and quality of ground and surface water for a variety	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on groundwater quality and quantity.



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	of beneficial uses such as public consumption, agriculture, industry, and habitat protection.		
	<b>Policy CA 5.1</b> Implement development regulations to manage stormwater to: a) protect water and habitat resources; b) protect private and public property and infrastructure; and c) protect public safety, health, and welfare.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with relevant development regulations to minimize potential impacts related to stormwater.
Shorelines Element	<b>Goal SL 1</b> Recognize the goals and policies of the adopted Walla Walla Shoreline Master Program comprise an element of the Comprehensive Plan.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures consistency with the adopted Walla Walla SMP.
Land Use Element	<b>Goal LU 4</b> To protect the quality and quantity of ground water used for public water supplies.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on groundwater quality and quantity.
	<b>Policy LU 4.2</b> Require subdivision applications and building permit applications requiring potable water, and relying on permit exempt wells, to demonstrate evidence of an adequate water supply prior to County approval.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it demonstrates that the construction of transmission facilities has an adequate potable water supply source.
	<b>Goal LU 6</b> To protect the interests and priorities of the County, create a process to identify, coordinate, and assist in resolving land use incompatibilities within the military training routes in all areas of the county to ensure new development is compatible with military operations and to safeguard mission training requirements and support military readiness.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it complies with the county’s process to resolve any land use incompatibilities with military training routes and operations.
	<b>Policy 6.1</b> Facilitate the exchange of project related information between Walla Walla County and the military.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it provides the county necessary project information to cooperate with their information-sharing process.
	<b>Policy 6.2</b> Coordinate with the military to site renewable energy facilities in a manner that does not significantly impact military necessities.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county and military personnel in the siting of transmission facilities to ensure development would not significantly impact military necessities.
Rural and Resource Lands Element	<b>Goal RL 1</b> In rural areas consider both human uses and the natural environment by encouraging rural development that maintains the rural character of the land and supports natural resource-based economic activities, fish and wildlife habitats, rural lifestyles, outdoor recreation, and other open space.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures siting of transmission facilities would maintain the rural character of the land.
	<b>Goal RL 6</b> Protect the environmentally sensitive features that are present in Rural Remote lands and reduce the threat of hazards such as flooding, slope failure, and wildfire.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas with environmentally sensitive features to minimize the threat of hazards.
	<b>Policy RL 6.1</b> Implement the Community Wildfire Protection Plan to reduce the risk of wildfire and mitigate the impacts if a fire occurs.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
	<b>Goal RL 17</b> Protect and conserve long-term, commercially viable forest, agricultural and mineral natural resource lands.	Vegetation; Earth Resources; Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures that transmission facilities would not negatively impact commercially viable natural resource lands.

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	<b>Policy RL 17.1</b> Conserve and protect from conflicts productive farmland that is located outside a UGA.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in productive farmlands. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures to address any potential conflicts.
	<b>Policy RL 17.3</b> Protect existing prime and unique agriculture lands, as shown on Maps RL-9 through RL-11, to a greater extent than other agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance by allowing within their limits only uses that are compatible with the agricultural industry.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas of prime and unique agricultural lands.
	<b>Policy RL 18.1</b> Require that land use activities within or adjacent to resource lands are sited and designed to minimize conflicts with and impacts on resource lands. Minimization of impacts may be accomplished through the use of setbacks, buffers and other requirements.	Vegetationl; Earth Resources; Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it designs transmission facilities to minimize conflicts with and impacts on resource lands to the greatest extent practicable.
Parks and Recreation	<b>Policy PR 1.2</b> Coordinate with agencies conducting environmental and transportation enhancement projects to include recreation and open space opportunities when possible.	Recreation	Consider incorporating recreational opportunities with the siting of transmission facilities, where appropriate.
	<b>Policy PR 1.4</b> Encourage joint public-private ventures to provide park and other recreational opportunities, including those projects identified in the Blue Mountain Regional Trails Plan.	Recreation	Consider incorporating recreational opportunities with the siting of transmission facilities, where appropriate.
	<b>Policy PR 1.6</b> Encourage landowners and developers to approach project design in a flexible and creative manner in order to provide open space and recreational opportunities.	Recreation	Consider incorporating recreational opportunities with the siting of transmission facilities, where appropriate.
Utilities	<b>Policy UT 1.2</b> Determine future locations of facilities using siting criteria based on customer demand and utility location needs.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it uses the county’s siting criteria in the planning and development process for transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy UT 1.3</b> Promote, when reasonably feasible, co-location of new public and private utility distribution facilities in shared trenches and coordination of construction timing to minimize construction-related disruptions and reduce the cost of utility delivery.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes the co-location of transmission facilities with other utilities in shared trenches and coordinates construction timing to minimize service disruptions.
	<b>Policy UT 1.5</b> Promote the extension of distribution lines within the respective cities’ UGAs and coordinate land use and facility planning to allow eventual siting and construction of utility lines within rights-of-way that are being dedicated or within roads that are being constructed or reconstructed.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with appropriate jurisdictions to streamline the siting and construction process of transportation facilities in rights-of-way.
	<b>Policy UT 1.6</b> Where possible, coordinate land use planning with the utility providers' planning and encourage providers to consider the GA, designated critical areas, and land use designations of this Comprehensive Plan while planning future facilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county, cities, and other providers to effectively plan transmission facility development.
	<b>Goal UT 2</b> To facilitate the provision of utilities that is environmentally sensitive, safe and reliable, aesthetically compatible with the surrounding land uses, and available at a reasonable cost.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the potential impacts of transmission facilities on the environment and surrounding land uses.

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Utilities	<b>Policy UT 2.1</b> In cooperation with the utilities, develop standards concerning screening and protection of neighborhood aesthetics.	Public Services and Utilities; Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with development standards regarding the screening and protection of neighborhood aesthetics.
	<b>Policy UT 3.1</b> Review and amend where necessary County development regulations to allow for the fair and timely processing of permits for new utility facilities and for the maintenance, repair, installation, and replacement of utility lines. Where possible, development standards shall be set to clearly indicate the requirements for siting new utility structures; permits for utilities that meet those standards will be streamlined.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s latest development regulations, permitting process, and requirements for siting new utilities structures.

### A3.9-1.37 Whatcom County (August 2016)

Whatcom County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by December 31, 2025.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Land Use	<b>Policy 2D-7</b> Incompatible uses will be discouraged adjacent to public use airports to preserve the safety and efficient use of these airports. Incompatible uses are land uses that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Could be impacted by airplane noise;</li><li>▪ Could create or be impacted by airplane accidents; or</li><li>▪ Create height hazards that could adversely impact aircraft that are taking off or landing</li></ul>	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities adjacent to public use airports.
	<b>Policy 2D-10</b> Discourage tall structures around public use airports that hamper the efficient and safe use of navigable airspace. Specifically, discourage structures from exceeding the height of the imaginary surfaces defined in Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 77 around airports that have mapped such imaginary surfaces (airports that have mapped Part 77 imaginary surfaces are shown in Appendix I of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan).	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities adjacent to public use airports. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with all applicable federal aviation regulations.
Diverse Cultural Composition	<b>Policy 2J-1</b> Encourage the preservation of cultural resources.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on cultural resources.
	<b>Policy 2J-3</b> Cooperate with Tribal governments to ensure local traditions are respected in all land use decisions.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county and Tribal governments to ensure transmission facility development would not have an adverse impact on local traditions.
	<b>Policy 2J-4</b> Protect culturally and spiritually significant places from nonessential development that is viewed as incompatible by the affected community.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in culturally and spiritually significant places.

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Flooding	<b>Goal 2K</b> Discourage development in areas prone to flooding.	Water Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas prone to flooding.
	<b>Policy 2K-1</b> Limit lands in one-hundred year floodplains to low-intensity land uses such as open space corridors or agriculture.	Water Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in 100-year floodplains.
	<b>Policy 2K-2</b> Use the Lower Nooksack River Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan as a basis to balance land use and flooding.	Water Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers the Lower Nooksack River Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan in the planning of transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy 2K-5</b> Development in flood prone areas must comply with adopted regulations to mitigate identified flood hazards.	Water Resources; Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with adopted county regulations to mitigate potential flood hazards.
Fish and Wildlife	<b>Goal 2M</b> Protect and encourage restoration of habitat for fish and wildlife populations including adequate instream flows.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in habitat for fish and wildlife populations.
	<b>Policy 2M-1</b> Ensure that new land uses do not degrade habitat of threatened and endangered species.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on threatened and endangered species habitat.
Rural Lands	<b>Goal 2DD</b> Retain the character and lifestyle of rural Whatcom County.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures transmission facility development would maintain the character and lifestyle of rural Whatcom County.
	<b>Policy 2DD-4</b> Conserve open space, park land, and trails for recreational use, as well as to protect essential habitat such as riparian areas and wetlands.	Recreation, Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in recreational and essential habitat areas.
	<b>Policy 2DD-7</b> Maintain the historic character and cultural roles of each rural area and community.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures that transmission facilities preserve the historic character of rural areas.
Open Space Areas	<b>Goal 2QQ</b> Conserve or enhance important natural, cultural, and scenic resources.	Visual Resources; Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas that would impact important natural, cultural and scenic resources.
	<b>Policy 2RR-2</b> Protect soil resources.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on soil resources.
	<b>Policy 2RR-3</b> Protect unique or critical wildlife and native plant habitat.	Habitat, Wildlife, Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on critical wildlife and native plant habitat.
	<b>Policy 2RR-6</b> Enhance recreation opportunities.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers incorporating recreational opportunities with the siting of transmission facilities, where appropriate.
	<b>Policy 2RR-7</b> Preserve scenic vistas, historic, and archaeological sites.	Visual Resources; Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas that would have an adverse impact on scenic vistas and cultural resources.
	<b>Goal 2AAA</b> Recognize Whatcom County's historical and archaeological attributes and identify and encourage the preservation of lands, sites, and structures that have historic or archaeological significance.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on significant cultural resources.



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	<b>Policy 2AAA-8</b> The County shall promote preservation of identified archeological, historic, and cultural resources.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on significant cultural resources.
Utilities	<b>Policy 5A-1</b> Use the existing conditional use, major project permit, and environmental review processes to evaluate and determine the suitability of proposed suitable locations for any new utility facilities above the distribution level during the planning period.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with existing permitting and environmental analysis processes to site transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy 5A-2</b> When expansion or improvements of utility systems are being considered, Whatcom County prefers the following in the order provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ upgrading of existing facilities in existing corridors;</li><li>▪ replacing facilities in existing corridors where appropriate;</li><li>▪ sharing existing corridors.</li></ul>	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers prioritizing transmission facility upgrade or modification in the order provided by Whatcom County in this policy.
	<b>Policy 5A-3</b> Encourage utility purveyors to consider underground installation of distribution facilities consistent with WUTC rates and tariffs.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers installing transmission facilities underground consistent with Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) rates and tariffs.
	<b>Policy 5A-4</b> To the extent that installation of utility facilities affects growth patterns, utility services should be located and designed appropriate to the land use designation.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county in the planning and design of transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy 5A-5</b> Discourage siting utility facilities in known natural hazard areas unless public benefit outweighs the risk.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in known natural hazard areas, unless it can be demonstrated that the public benefit outweighs the risk.
	<b>Policy 5A-6</b> Ensure that utilities and power generating facilities are sited where they will not adversely impact the ecological regime needed for threatened and endangered species.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas that would result in an adverse impact on the ecological regime needed for threatened and endangered species.
	<b>Policy 5C-5</b> Encourage regional planning of Public Services and Utilities that will facilitate coordinated land-use management and capital facility construction.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county and appropriate regional agencies and municipalities to ensure efficient land management and construction scheduling.
	<b>Policy 5C-7</b> Public Services and Utilities will be designed and located in a manner that protects the integrity of planned land uses, existing land forms, drainage ways, natural systems, critical areas, and resource lands.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures siting of transmission facilities would not have an adverse impact on planned land uses, land forms, and natural resources.
	<b>Policy 5E2</b> Require evidence of compliance by the applicant with all relevant easement provisions as a condition of all discretionary and non-discretionary land use approvals.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it demonstrates that transmission facility development complies with all relevant easement provisions.
	<b>Policy 5E3</b> Utility companies shall provide notification of proposed projects to abutting landowners consistent with by County code.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it provides abutting landowners notification of a proposed project.
	<b>Policy 5J-1</b> Encourage utility providers to explore expanded and/or joint use of existing utility corridors before seeking sites for new rights-of-way.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes siting transmission facilities within existing utility corridors.

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	<b>Policy 5J-2</b> Promote, when reasonable and feasible, the co-location of new public and private utility distribution facilitates in shared trenches/corridors, as well as coordination of construction timing.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers co-locating transmission facilities within shared trenches/corridors, and coordinates construction timing to maximize improvements.
	<b>Policy 5J-3</b> Allow for recreational use of utility corridors where practical.	Public Services and Utilities; Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers developing recreational opportunities as part of transmission facility development.
	<b>Policy 5L-2</b> Require a utility proponent to show how the proposal provides local or regional benefit.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it demonstrates how the project would provide local or regional benefits.
	<b>Goal 5V</b> The County’s waste diversion goal is to reach 50 percent source-separated recycling, with additional diversion potentially available through waste processing of non-source-separated recyclables.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it recycles construction materials to the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy 5W-2</b> Maintain and enforce standards for disposal of bio-solids, including management of the amount of heavy metals and other pollutants and management of impacts to sensitive areas.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s standards for the disposal of bio-solids.
Resource Lands	<b>Goal 8A</b> Conserve and enhance Whatcom County's agricultural land base for the continued production of food and fiber.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on agricultural lands.
	<b>Policy 8A-1</b> Conserve productive agricultural lands and agricultural resource lands, including areas with prime soils that are not now zoned agriculture, or where the area is composed of agricultural operations that have historically been and continue to be economically viable, by developing and implementing a long range strategy. The planning horizon should be twenty years in the short-term and 100 years in the long-term.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on agricultural lands.
	<b>Policy 8A-5</b> Discourage conversion of productive agricultural land to incompatible non-agricultural uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on agricultural lands.
	<b>Goal 8C</b> Preserve and enhance the cultural heritage that is related to agriculture.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the cultural heritage that is related to agriculture.
	<b>Policy 8C-1</b> Identify, preserve, and enhance community character, landscape, and buildings associated with agricultural activity.	Land and Shoreline Use; Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the community character associated with agricultural activity.
	<b>Policy 8G-9</b> Discourage inappropriate conversion of designated forest land to incompatible non-forest uses. It is the intent of this policy not to allow conversion of GMA designated forest lands of long-term commercial significance outside the Lake Whatcom Watershed Overlay District if the proposed use is incompatible with the maintenance of long-term forest management. Incompatible uses include those that: <div><div>1.</div><div>create fire or safety hazards to adjacent forest land;</div><div>2.</div><div>permanently alter or remove a significant portion of a parcel from production of forest products. A significant portion would be greater than 20% of the lot;</div><div>3.</div><div>create significant financial hardships for adjacent forest landowners; or</div></div>	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on designated forest lands.

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	4. can lead to land use conflicts with adjacent forest landowners		
	<b>Goal 8K</b> Sustain and enhance, when and where appropriate, Whatcom County's mineral resource industries, support the conservation of productive mineral lands, and discourage incompatible uses upon or adjacent to these lands.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on mineral resource lands.
	<b>Policy 8K-1</b> Conserve for mineral extraction designated mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance. The use of adjacent lands should not interfere with the continued use of designated mining sites that are being operated in accordance with applicable best management practices and other laws and regulations.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on mineral resource lands.
	<b>Goal 8T</b> Conserve and enhance Whatcom County's marine land base for the long-term and sustainable production of commercial and recreational economic activities.	Water Resources; Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on the county's marine land base.
Recreation	<b>Policy 9C-15</b> Sharing of corridors for major utilities, trails, and other transportation rights-of-way is encouraged when not in conflict with goals to protect wildlife, public health, and safety.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers developing recreational opportunities as part of transmission facility development.
	<b>Policy 9D-4</b> Promote the integration of recreational and open space opportunities in subarea planning, subdivisions, and other development proposals.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers developing recreational opportunities as part of transmission facility development.
Environment	<b>Goal 10A</b> Protect natural resources and systems, life, and property from potential hazards.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on natural resources and systems, life, and property from potential hazards.
	<b>Policy 10A-3</b> Continue to identify, designate, and protect Critical Areas and other important environmental features.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in critical areas or other areas with important environmental features.
	<b>Policy 10A-6</b> Aim to meet or exceed national, state, and regional air quality standards. Work with the Northwest Clean Air Agency to ensure compliance with applicable air quality standards.	Air Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with applicable air quality standards.
	<b>Policy: 10B-1</b> Develop, as a significant component of a comprehensive environmental management program, non-regulatory measures that include voluntary activity, education, incentives, restoration, acquisition, advanced mitigation (i.e., mitigation done in advance of impacts), and intergovernmental coordination.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers implementing nonregulatory measures identified by the county to further reduce potential environmental impacts.
	<b>Goal 10E</b> Minimize potential loss of life, damage to property, the expenditure of public funds, and degradation of ecosystems resulting from development in hazardous areas such as floodplains, landslide-prone areas, seismic hazards areas, volcanic impact areas, abandoned mine and exploratory gas well locations, potentially dangerous alluvial fans, and other known natural hazards by advocating the use of land acquisition, open space taxation, conservation easements, growth planning, regulations, and other options to discourage or minimize development, or prohibit inappropriate development in such areas.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas of geologically hazardous areas.

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	<b>Policy 10E-4</b> Establish acceptable levels of public risk for development in known natural hazard areas based upon the nature of the natural hazard and levels of public risk, and maintain regulatory criteria for approving, disapproving, conditioning, or mitigating development activity.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s acceptable levels of public risk when siting transmission facilities and incorporates appropriate conditions of approval or mitigation measures.
	<b>Policy 10E-9</b> Discourage new development in the floodplain.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facility in floodplains.
	<b>Policy 10E-10</b> Require applicants for development permits located in natural hazard areas to provide development plans designed to minimize the potential to exacerbate the natural hazard as well as the risk of damage to property or threats to human health and safety. In natural hazard areas where engineering solutions cannot be designed to withstand the forces expected to occur under the design event of a particular natural hazard, or off-site adverse impacts to adjacent properties or ecosystems cannot be adequately mitigated, Whatcom County may deny development permits intended for permanent or seasonal human habitation as described in the Critical Areas Ordinance.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts associated with geologically hazardous areas and risks.
	<b>Goal 10F</b> Protect and enhance water quantity and quality and promote sustainable and efficient use of water resources.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water quality and quantity.
	<b>Goal 10G</b> Protect and enhance Whatcom County's surface water and groundwater quality and quantity for current and future generations.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water quality and quantity.
Environment	<b>Policy 10G-3</b> In conjunction with the public and appropriate local, state, Tribal, and federal jurisdictions, define, identify, and develop management strategies for watershed basins and subbasins that may require special protection. These areas may include aquifers, critical aquifer recharge areas as defined under the Growth Management Act, Groundwater Management Areas, wellhead protection areas, and high priority watersheds such as those specified under WAC 400 (Local Planning and Management of Non-point Source Pollution), WRIA Watershed Management Planning, and under legislative policy direction (e.g. Nooksack Basin, Lake Whatcom, Lake Samish and Drayton Harbor).	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the county’s management strategies for watershed basins and subbasins.
	<b>Policy 10G-8</b> Monitor, prevent, and reduce the establishment of invasive species in Whatcom County waterbodies.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements measures to prevent and/or reduce the establishment of invasive species during the development of transmission facilities.
	<b>Goal 10H</b> Protect water resources and natural drainage systems by controlling the quality and quantity of stormwater runoff.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts from stormwater runoff.
	<b>Policy 10H-1</b> Manage stormwater runoff to minimize surface water quality and quantity impacts and downstream impacts on channel morphology, property owners, and aquatic species and habitats.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts from stormwater runoff.
	<b>Policy 10H-2</b> Maintain or enhance, when appropriate, natural drainage systems and natural water storage sites in order to better protect water quality, moderate water quantity, minimize environmental degradation, and reduce public costs.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas that would require the alteration of natural drainage systems.



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	<b>Policy 10H-9</b> Develop and administer stormwater management standards as required by the NPDES Phase II Permit.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II permit’s stormwater management standards.
	<b>Policy 10H-10</b> Develop and administer regulations and incentives such that there is no net loss of ecological functions and values of regulated wetlands and fish and wildlife habitats.	Water Resources; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s regulation to ensure there is no net loss of wetlands and fish and wildlife habitats.
	<b>Goal 10K</b> Protect and enhance ecosystems, which provide economic, ecological, aesthetic, and cultural benefit.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Visual Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on ecosystems.
	<b>Policy 10K-2</b> Develop and adopt programs that protect habitats essential to the conservation of species that have been identified as endangered, threatened, or sensitive by the state or federal government as well as habitats identified as necessary in the Ecosystem Report. These programs should maintain and encourage restoration of habitat conditions for listed species of concern, as well as habitats identified as having significant biodiversity, connectivity, and other important features and functions.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the county’s programs regarding the protection of habitats that are essential to the conservation of sensitive, threatened, and/or endangered species.
	<b>Policy 10K-5</b> Provide measures to mitigate negative water quality and quantity impacts from both public and private alterations of natural drainage systems.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements the county’s measures to mitigate negative water quality and quantity impacts.
	<b>Policy 10K-9</b> Protect, retain, and enhance the beneficial uses and functions of streams and rivers. Define and identify the beneficial uses and functions of streams and rivers, including wildlife and fisheries habitat, water quality, open space, aesthetics, and recreation.	Water Resources; Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on streams and rivers.
Environment	<b>Policy 10K-13</b> Evaluate the full value of the fishery; including its cultural and economic value; in land use decisions that may impact that fishery. Unavoidable impacts to an individual habitat or fishery shall be mitigated.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on a fishery or fish habitat.
	<b>Goal 10L</b> Protect and enhance ecosystems that support native fish and wildlife populations and habitat.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on marine ecosystems.
	<b>Policy 10L-4</b> Support protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat through site design in new development.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas of fish and wildlife habitat.
	<b>Policy 10L-5</b> Native vegetation and soils on streambanks and shorelines should be disturbed as little as possible. In situations where re-vegetation is necessary to restore streambank or shoreline stability and provide shading, site-specific native plants should be used. Retention of vegetated riparian areas on all lake and marine shorelines shall also be encouraged.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on streambanks and shorelines with native vegetation and soil to the greatest extent practicable. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it retains and/or restores areas should potential impacts occur.
	<b>Policy 10L-8</b> Maintain and encourage restoration of habitat functions for threatened and endangered fish species.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on habitat functions for threatened and endangered fish species.
	<b>Policy 10L-9</b> Use Best Available Science to inform the creation of regulations to mitigate adverse impacts of development adjacent to rivers, streams, and marine shorelines.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it uses best available science when developing measures to mitigate potential impacts on water resources.

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	<b>Goal 10M</b> Conserve and enhance regulated wetlands.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on regulated wetlands.
	<b>Policy 10M-4</b> Encourage land development to avoid wetland impacts. Impacts to regulated wetlands should be contingent upon full mitigation measures that equitably compensate for wetlands impacts, on a case-by-case basis. Approved mitigation measures shall include resources for long-term monitoring and adaptive management of mitigation outcomes to assure effectiveness. Strongly discourage alteration of land that results in the degradation of type 1 and 2 wetlands.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in wetland areas. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it implements avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures to ensure no net loss of wetlands.
	<b>Policy 10M-7</b> Development applications should be assessed on a case-by-case basis so that marginal wetlands are not preserved at the expense of upland areas with higher habitat value.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it demonstrates that marginal wetlands are not preserved at the expense of upland areas with higher habitat value.

## A3.9-1.38 Whitman County (July 2022)

Whitman County is considered a Partially Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by June 30, 2027.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Land Use, Natural Resources & Agricultural Conservation Element	<b>Goal LU-1</b> Maintain policies that preserve productive agricultural land as a recognized, important part of Whitman County’s social and economic base.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on agricultural lands.
	<b>Policy LU-1.6</b> The County should require that all levels of governments and their agencies consider the impact their programs and projects may have on agricultural activities and seek to minimize any impacts that threaten the viability of agriculture.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on agricultural lands.
	<b>Policy LU-1.8</b> The County should allow land in the Agricultural District to be rezoned to a different sue only if it is consistent with the goals and policies of this Plan and with the criteria in the development regulations.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the goals and policies of the county’s Comprehensive Plan and the applicable development regulations should transmission facility development require rezoning in the Agricultural District.
	<b>Goal LU-3</b> Protect current and future mineral resource lands by minimizing conflicts between these uses and surrounding uses.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on or conflicts mineral resource lands.
	<b>Policy LU-3.1</b> The County will encourage the retention and protection of long-term mineral resource sites of commercial grade aggregate for new development, roads, and other uses.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas of long-term mineral resource sites.
	<b>Goal LU-8</b> Minimize the impacts of major new facilitates on adjacent uses.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on adjacent uses.

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	<b>Policy LU-8.1</b> The County should monitor and coordinate closely with state and federal agencies in planning for major facilities, including transmission lines, highways, major transportation facilities, reservoirs and other water projects, and similar state and federal projects.	Public Services and Utilities	Coordinate with the county, and state and federal agencies early in the planning process to ensure transmission facility development would minimize impacts on adjacent uses to the greatest extent practicable.
Transportation Element	<b>GOAL T-7</b> Protect and support existing air transportation facilities in Whitman county.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in or near air transportation facilities.
	<b>Policy T-7.1</b> Existing airports, specifically the Port of Whitman Business Air Center and the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport, shall be protected from encroachment by incompatible land uses and developments. In facilitating orderly and compatible development, encourage the development of long-range master plans for airport facilities and implementation of the Airport Landing Zone Overlay District (ALO).	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in or near existing airports.
Parks, Recreation, and Trails Element	<b>Policy PR-1.2</b> Maintain and improve existing park, recreation, and trail resources that provide recreational opportunities for a wide range of ages and interest groups.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in open space recreational and wildlife areas.
	<b>Goal PR-2</b> Identify, preserve and protect public open space recreation and wildlife areas in Whitman County.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on open space recreational and wildlife areas.
Facilities and Utilities Element	<b>Goal F-2</b> Site facilities and utilities consistent with the policies of the land use element.	Land and Shoreline Use; Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures that the siting of transmission facilities is consistent with policies within the Whitman County Land Use Element.
	<b>Policy F-2.2</b> Adopt and maintain development regulations that ensure the siting of public and private facilities and utilities is consistent with the Land Use Element, as well as siting criteria jointly established by the County and the City of Pullman.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s latest development regulation for the siting of transmission facilities.
	<b>Policy F-2.3</b> All major facilities construction, whether by state/federal governmental agencies, public or private utilities, should serve needs which are consistent with the environmental, social, and economic characteristics of the region, small towns, and family farms.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures transmission facility development is consistent with the environmental, social, and economic characteristics of the region, small towns, and family farms.
	<b>Goal F-4</b> Construction of major facilities initiated by state or federal government should be designed to minimize irreversible use of agricultural lands, and to minimize impacts on farm and ranch operations.	Land and Shoreline Use; Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it designs transmission facilities to minimize irreversible use of agricultural lands and minimizes potential impacts on farm and ranch operations.
	<b>Goal F-5</b> Facilities constructed to serve energy needs should be located so as to minimize impacts on adjacent land uses, including agricultural and residential land use.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on adjacent land uses.
	<b>Policy F-5.1</b> Design of facilities near residential land use should incorporate measures to minimize visual, noise, light, and traffic impacts.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts related to visual, noise, and light disturbances and traffic.
	<b>Policy F-5.2</b> Facilities proposed next to agricultural croplands should incorporate measures to minimize impacts on farm access and practices.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on farm access and practices.

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	<b>Policy F-5.3</b> Sites proposed for facilities should represent the best feasible location to minimize impacts on other land use, given constraints of land availability and costs.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it demonstrates that the proposed location of transmission facility development is the best feasible location to minimize impacts on other land uses.
	<b>Policy F-5.4</b> Require consolidation of antenna and other transmission equipment where feasible (i.e., utility poles, cables, trenching placement) to minimize adverse aesthetic and environmental impacts.	Public Services and Utilities; Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s requirement to consolidate antennas and other transmission equipment where feasible.

A3.9-1.39 Yakima County (June 2017)

Yakima County is considered a Fully Planning county under the GMA and is required to update its comprehensive plan by December 31, 2026.

Comprehensive Plan Element or Topic Area	Element Goal/Policy	Element of the Environment or Resource Topic	Land Use Consideration(s)
Natural Settings	<b>Policy NS 3.2</b> Require control of emissions to the air during land development and construction projects.	Air Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on air quality during construction.
	<b>Goal NS 4</b> Promote the identification and protection of archaeological and significant historical sites and structures.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas of significant cultural resources.
	<b>Policy NS 4.4</b> Prior to demolition, moving or alteration of any designated historic, cultural, or archaeological [sic] landmark, ensure that due consideration is given to its preservation or, at a minimum, documentation of its historic value.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on cultural resources.
	<b>Policy NS 4.5</b> When available, utilize existing archaeological and cultural resource information from the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the Yakama Nation.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it uses cultural resource information from the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the Yakama Nation to better avoid potentially significant resources.
	<b>Policy NS 5.2</b> Enforce noise standards.	Noise	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with all applicable federal, state, and local noise standards.
	<b>Policy NS 5.3</b> Enforce the use of standard construction industry practices to control noise, including the use of noise-muffling equipment and observance of normal hours of operation.	Noise	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with applicable construction industry practices to control noise.
	<b>Policy NS 6.1</b> Protect the natural, historic, and visual quality of remote areas.	Visual Quality	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in remote areas of natural, historic, and scenic quality.
	<b>Goal NS 8:</b> Establish critical areas protection measures to protect environmentally sensitive areas, and protect people and property from hazards.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it complies with the county’s measures regarding critical areas.



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	<b>Policy NS 8.3</b> Use a preference-based system of mitigation sequencing for the County’s stream, lake, pond, wetland, floodplain and fish and wildlife priority species and habitat critical areas that reduces impacts using approaches ranging from avoidance to replacement.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers applying the county’s preference-based mitigation sequencing for potential impacts on water resources, species, and habitats.
	<b>Goal NS 9:</b> Maintain and manage the quality of the groundwater resources in Yakima County as near as possible to their natural conditions and in compliance with state water quality standards.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on groundwater quality.
	<b>Policy NS 9.2</b> Develop performance standards and regulate uses for activities which adversely impact water quantity and quality in aquifers, wetlands, watersheds and surface waters.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s performance standards and regulated uses to reduce potential impacts on water quantity and quality.
	<b>Policy NS 10.3</b> Protect water quality from the adverse impacts associated with erosion and Sedimentation.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water quality as a result of erosion and/or sedimentation.
	<b>Goal NS 12:</b> Restore, maintain or enhance the quality of the Yakima River Basin’s surface water.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the quality of the Yakima River Basin.
	<b>Policy NS 15.2</b> Direct development away from areas containing significant fish and wildlife habitat areas, especially areas which are currently undeveloped or are primarily dominated by low intensity types of land uses such as forestry.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas containing significant fish and wildlife habitat.
	<b>Policy NS 15.5</b> Protect fish and wildlife habitat for all native species in Yakima County, so as to maintain current population over time. Protect the habitat of Washington State Listed Species of Concern and Priority Habitats and Species in order to maintain their populations within Yakima County.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on habitats of all native fish and wildlife species.
	<b>Goal NS 16</b> Conserve, protect and enhance the functions and values of stream corridors to provide for natural functions and protect hydrologic connections between features.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on stream corridors and their natural functions.
	<b>Policy NS 16.3</b> Protect public and private properties by limiting development within hazardous areas of the stream corridor.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities within hazardous areas of the stream corridor.
	<b>Policy NS 16.5</b> Give special consideration to conservation and protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas that would impact anadromous fisheries.
	<b>Policy NS 16.6</b> Establish a system of vegetative buffers landward from the ordinary high water mark of streams, lakes and ponds and the edge of wetlands.	Vegetation, Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on water resources and any associated buffers.
Natural Hazards	<b>Goal NH 1-1</b> Prevent the loss of life or property and minimize public and private costs associated with repairing or preventing flood damages from development in frequently flooded areas.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in frequently flooded areas.
	<b>Policy NH 1.7</b> New development or new uses, including the subdivision of land, should not be established when it would be reasonably foreseeable that the development or use would require structural flood hazard reduction measures within the channel migration zone or floodway.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas that would require structural flood hazard reduction measures within the channel migration zone or floodway.

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	<b>Goal NH 1-2</b> Prevent increased flooding from stormwater runoff.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts regarding stormwater runoff.
	<b>Policy NH 1-2.1</b> Require on-site retention of stormwater.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it incorporates on-site retention of stormwater in the design of transmission facilities as needed.
	<b>Policy NH 1-2.2</b> Preserve natural drainage courses.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas that require alteration to natural drainage courses.
	<b>Policy NH 1-2.3</b> Minimize adverse storm water impacts generated by the removal of vegetation and alteration of land forms.	Water Resources; Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on storm water as a result of vegetation removal and land form alteration.
	<b>Goal NH 2:</b> Protect the public from personal injury, loss of life or property damage from geologic hazards.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in geologically hazardous areas.
	<b>Policy NH 2.1</b> Ensure that land use practices in geologically hazardous areas do not cause or exacerbate natural processes which endanger lives, property, or resources.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts should transmission facility development exacerbate geologically hazardous processes.
	<b>Policy NH 2.2</b> Locate development within the most environmentally suitable and naturally stable portions of the site.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it demonstrates that the proposed siting of transmission facilities is in areas that are the most environmentally suitable and naturally stable.
	<b>Policy NH 2.3</b> Classify and designate areas on which development should be prohibited, conditioned, or otherwise controlled because of danger from geological hazards.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in prohibited areas designated by the county. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with any conditions of approvals or measures outlined by the county should development occur in prohibited areas.
	<b>Goal NH 3</b> Protect life and property in rural Yakima County from fire hazards.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on life and property in rural Yakima County as a result of increased fire hazards.
	<b>Policy NH 3.2</b> Reflect best practices in structural fire resistance design for new construction.	Public Health and Safety	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it designs transmission facilities to incorporate fire resistant best management practices outlined by the county.
	<b>Policy NH 3.4</b> Encourage, where feasible, the undergrounding of electrical utilities to reduce their exposure to fire.	Public Health and Safety; Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it sites transmission facilities underground to the greatest extent practicable.
Economic Development	<b>Goal ED 4</b> Preserve and enhance the County’s resource-based economy.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on resource-based lands.
	<b>Policy ED 4.3</b> Conserve forest lands for productive and sustainable economic use.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on forest lands.
	<b>Policy ED 4.4</b> Discourage incompatible development in resource areas.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on resource-based lands.
	<b>Policy ED 5.2</b> Conserve and expand recreational facilities and public access for parks and other recreational uses.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on recreational lands.

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Land Use	<b>Policy LU-U 4.2</b> To ensure compatibility and reduce conflicts between farm uses and new urban uses, establish site plan requirements including noticing procedures, special siting criteria, setbacks, or review procedures for new or expanded land uses which, by their nature, are especially sensitive to farm operations. Such uses may include urban residential development, schools, day care facilities, hospitals or medical clinics, outdoor recreational facilities and similar uses.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s requirements for ensuring compatibility and reducing conflicts between farm uses and new urban uses.
	<b>Policy LU-U 4.3</b> Urban uses adjacent to agricultural lands of long term commercial significance shall be located, designed and subject to special setbacks and other appropriate buffers to minimize conflicts with agricultural practices and other activities associated with agricultural lands. Techniques may include: a) Using landscaping, berms, barriers, and site screening where a positive buffering benefit (i.e., reduced trespass, noise and visual objections) can be demonstrated. b) Orienting structures and fencing for usable exterior spaces (patios, rear yards and other similar areas) to minimize potential impacts from odors, noise, dust and sprays. c) Using site design to increase physical separation of urban and agricultural uses to the greatest extent possible. d) Using special siting criteria, setbacks or review procedures for urban uses considered to be especially sensitive to farming operations. Considerations in reducing the setback may include the size or shape of the parcel, historic use, natural features, physical barriers, crop type and structures on the adjoining resource parcel, location of structures on adjoining properties, proposed site design, and use of screening, berms, barriers and landscaping.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s requirements for ensuring compatibility and reducing conflicts between agricultural practices and new urban uses. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers incorporating the county’s techniques to further minimize conflicts.
	<b>Goal LU-U 5</b> Provide state and federal system airports with reasonable protection from airspace obstructions, incompatible land uses and nuisance complaints that could restrict operations.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities near state and federal airport systems.
	<b>Goal YKLU-U 5</b> Protect and promote identification of archaeological and significant historical sites and structures.	Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on significant cultural resources.
	<b>Policy WVLU-U 2.5</b> Prevent new development from increasing flooding on adjacent lands through un-modeled fill in the floodplain and through the preservation of existing channels, both mapped and unmapped by FEMA.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in floodplains and existing channels.
	<b>Policy WVLU-U 2.7</b> Consult the Yakima Couty Flood Control Zone District (YCF CZD) concerning land use and infrastructure issues within flood-prone areas.	Water Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it consults the YCF CZD to ensure transmission facility development addresses any potential flood-related concerns.

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	<p><b>Policy LU-R 2.2</b> Rural uses adjacent to designated resource lands of long term commercial significance shall be located, designed and subject to special setbacks and other appropriate buffers to minimize conflicts with agricultural, forestry or mining practices and other activities associated with resource lands. Techniques may include, but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Use of landscaping, berms, barriers, and site screening where a positive buffering benefit (i.e., reduced trespass, noise and visual objections) can be demonstrated.</li><li>b) Orienting structures and fencing for usable exterior spaces (patios, rear yards and other similar areas) to minimize potential impacts from odors, noise, dust and sprays.</li><li>c) Use of site design to increase physical separation of rural and resource uses to the greatest extent possible.</li><li>d) Use of special siting criteria, setbacks or review procedures for uses considered to be especially sensitive to farming, forestry or mining operations. Considerations in reducing the setback may include the size or shape of the parcel, historic use, natural features, physical barriers, crop type and structures on the adjoining resource parcel, location of structures on adjoining properties, proposed site design, and use of screening, berms, barriers and landscaping.</li><li>e) Buffers and setbacks required under this policy shall be borne by the adjoining rural use.</li></ul>	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s requirements to minimize conflicts with agricultural, forestry or mining practices and other activities associated with resource lands.
	<p><b>Goal LU-ER-AG 1</b> Maintain and enhance productive agricultural lands and discourage uses that are incompatible with farming activities.</p>	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on agricultural lands.
	<p><b>Policy LU-ER-AG 1.4</b> Non-agricultural uses shall not be allowed in agricultural resource areas without site-specific review subject to standards related to 1) protections needed for agricultural uses and 2) the nature of the proposed non-agricultural use.</p>	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures all necessary avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures are outlined to protect agricultural uses.
	<p><b>Policy U-ER-AG 1.7</b> Non-farm residences and uses within or adjacent to agricultural lands of long term commercial significance shall be located, designed and subject to special setbacks and other appropriate buffers to minimize conflicts with agricultural practices and other activities associated with agricultural lands. A 150-foot setback from the adjoining agricultural activity shall be required for all non-farm related uses, except where it can be demonstrated that a smaller setback will not interfere with accepted farm practices. Considerations in reducing the setback may include the size or shape of the parcel, historic use, natural features, physical barriers, crop type and structures on the adjoining resource parcel, location of structures on adjoining properties, proposed site design, and use of screening, berms, barriers and landscaping.</p>	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s setback requirements for nonfarm related uses.



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	<b>Policy LU-ER-AG 1.8</b> Require as part of development approval a declarative covenant or plat note to disclose the presence of agricultural activities in the area when property is within 500 feet of an existing agricultural zone. The notification shall disclose that the property is nearby or adjacent to land where farm operations and generally accepted agricultural and management practices are present (as defined under YCC Chapter 6.22, Right-to-Farm) and will be subject to a variety of activities that may not be compatible with non-farm or residential development.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it notes on the declarative covenant or plat that the presence of agricultural activities occurs in the area.
	<b>Goal LU-ER-F 1</b> Maintain and enhance the conservation of productive forest lands and discourage uses that are incompatible with forestry activities within the Forest Watershed District.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on productive forest lands.
	<b>Policy LU-ER-F 1.3</b> Allow only forest land uses which are particularly suited for and compatible with the forest use classification.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures that transmission facilities are compatible with forest use classification.
	<b>Policy LU-ER-F 1.6</b> Land use activities within or adjacent to forest land should be located and designed to minimize conflicts with forest management and other activities on forest lands. Specifically: a) Require that dwellings and accessory structures located immediately ad-jacent to Forest Resource areas be placed at least 200 feet from the Forest Resource area boundary. b) Require a 200-foot setback from the property line for such structures on parcels within the forest resource area which were created after the effective date of any regulations implementing this policy. c) Provide a process for setback adjustments for existing parcels within a Forest Resource area. Considerations in reducing the setback may include the size or shape of the parcel, historic use, natural features, physical barriers, structures on the adjoining resource parcel, location of structures on adjoining properties, and proposed site design.	Vegetation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential conflicts with forest management and other activities on forest lands. Furthermore, a project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s setback requirements.
	<b>Goal LU-ER-MR 2</b> Recognize that minerals are nonrenewable and a necessary resource that must be protected from incompatible adjacent development.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities on mineral resource lands.
	<b>Policy LU-ER-MR 2.2</b> Protect designated mineral resource sites from incompatible uses within the designated and zoned sites or on surrounding lands that would prevent or seriously hinder resource extraction through Mining Zoning district buffering requirements, setbacks and other performance standards; and, through property transfer notification procedures and special setbacks on adjacent lands for residential and other especially sensitive uses.	Earth Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s requirements to minimize conflicts with mining practices and extraction.
	<b>Goal LU-G 1</b> Ensure that proposed changes to land uses or zoning regulations do not have a negative impact on the Yakima Training Center’s primary mission.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it ensures that transmission facility development would not have a negative impact on the Yakima Training Center’s primary mission.
	<b>Policy LU-G 1.1</b> Notify the installation commander of the Yakima Training Center in the event of any proposed changes in land use or zoning within	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates and notifies the installation commander of the Yakima

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	a 500-foot radius of the perimeter of the Training Center. A sixty-day response window will be provided to the installation commander to provide relevant comments or concerns.		Training Center should transmission facility development require land use or zoning changes within 500 feet of the Training Center. A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it cooperates with the county to address any comments or concerns the installation commander may have.
	<b>Policy LU-G 1.4</b> Require all habitable structures to be set back a minimum of 300 feet from the Yakima Training Center perimeter. Where a 300-foot setback is not possible on existing lots, the maximum setback possible should be applied. New development adjacent to the Yakima Training Center should be so configured to allow for the required 300-foot setback.	Land and Shoreline Use	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the required 300-foot setback for new development adjacent to the Yakima Training Center.
Parks and Open Space	<b>Policy POS 2.9</b> Provide developers the option of paying into a park fund in lieu of open space development requirements.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers paying into a park fund in lieu of open space development requirements as applicable.
	<b>Policy POS 3.2</b> Preserve areas that are unique natural features, and/or cultural resources, especially where threatened by development. Coordinate with land trusts to achieve open space and wildlife protection goals on a community-wide basis.	Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish; Historic and Cultural Resources	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in areas that have unique natural features, and/or cultural resources.
	<b>Policy POS 3.5</b> Follow the recommendations provided by the Yakima Trails Plan (2014) to develop trails that connect our communities.	Recreation	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it ensures consistency with the recommendations in the Yakima Trails Plan (2014).
Utilities	<b>Policy UT 1.4</b> Develop a coordinated process for siting regional utility facilities in a timely manner.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it complies with the county’s coordinated process for siting regional utility facilities.
	<b>Policy UT 1.6</b> Coordinate the installation of utility facilities among utility service providers and with other infrastructure providers.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it cooperates with the county’s process for notifying other utility service and infrastructure providers of utility facility installations.
	<b>Goal UT 2</b> Reasonably protect the physical and natural environment while providing utilities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this goal if it avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates potential impacts on the physical and natural environment.
	<b>Policy UT 2.1</b> Whenever possible, utility corridors should be made available for recreational use when such use does not negatively impact adjacent land uses and does not pose a public health or safety hazard, or result in property damage on adjacent lands.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it incorporates recreational uses as part of utility corridors wherever possible.
	<b>Policy UT 2.2</b> Encourage private utility structures (e.g., electrical substations) to have design and screening that is compatible in bulk and scale with surrounding land uses.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it considers incorporating the design and screening of transmission facilities that is compatible with surrounding land uses.
	<b>Policy UT 2.4</b> Encourage energy resource development in locations within Yakima County that take advantage of the County’s energy resources, existing infrastructure, and also are sited to minimize environmental impacts.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it sites transmission facilities in areas that take advantage of existing infrastructure and minimizes environmental impacts on the greatest extent practicable.
	<b>Policy UT 3.4</b> Require timely and effective notification of interested utilities of road construction projects, and of maintenance and upgrades of existing roads to facilitate coordination of public and private utility trenching activities.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it coordinates with the county to identify opportunities for the construction, upgrade, modification, or repair of transmission facilities.

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	<b>Policy UT 3.6</b> Preserve right-of-way needed for irrigation system maintenance.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it avoids and/or minimizes siting transmission facilities in rights-of-way dedicated to irrigation system maintenance.
	<b>Policy UT 17.1</b> Yakima County and the utilities should identify and preserve corridors to accommodate future electric power transmission and distribution lines. Corridors designation should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Identification of appropriate shared uses</li><li>▪ Recognition of County roads as utility corridors</li><li>▪ Evaluation of proposed facility plans on a system-wide basis, rather than project by project</li></ul>	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes siting transmission facilities within already identified corridors.
	<b>Policy UT 17.2</b> When new, expanded or upgraded transmission is required, use of existing corridors should be evaluated first. Yakima County should facilitate appropriate corridor sharing among different utility types and owners.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes siting transmission facilities within existing corridors.
	<b>Policy UT 17.4</b> Install new utilities lines underground where feasible.	Public Services and Utilities	A project is likely to be in alignment or consistent with this policy if it prioritizes underground installation of transmission facilities to the greatest extent practicable.