

A PLAN FOR MANAGING GROWTH 2015-2035

City of Seattle Comprehensive Plan



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Toward a Sustainable Seattle



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What's New in 2015?

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In October of 2015, Seattle's Mayor and City Council adopted Ordinance 124887, amending Seattle's Comprehensive Plan in response to suggestions made during the 2014 – 2015 cycle.

The October 2015 changes keep Seattle's Comprehensive Plan current with the State's "periodic review" requirements. This version also sets the stage for the major update to the Comp Plan that the Mayor and Council will consider in 2016.

This version also reflects Seattle's work with King County and other Puget Sound jurisdictions to adopt local shares of the growth expected in Washington over the next 20 years (2015-2035). Seattle is expected to grow by 120,000 residents and 115,000 jobs in that period.

In preparation for the Council and Mayor's adoption of this Plan, the City reviewed existing development capacity to ensure Seattle's share of that growth could be accommodated. The changes to the technical appendices such as Transportation and Capital Facilities reflect that Seattle's infrastructure can manage the next 20 years of new housing and jobs.

Best available science was used to update critical area policies in this Plan. The City's Shoreline Master Program was also updated as required by the State of Washington's Shoreline Management Act. Important changes included adoption of new standards for ecological restoration and and mitigation, recognition of some floating homes as permissible uses and other clarifications to the City's shoreline regulations.

The 2015 version of the Comp Plan continues to promote Seattle's core values and to stay the course with the Urban Village strategy to build Seattle's future. The Mayor and City Council amended the Comprehensive Plan to include the Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda (HALA) program. That program is the City of Seattle's commitment to build or preserve 20,000 affordable homes as a component of the overall goal to build 50,000 homes over the next 10 years.

Other specific 2015 changes to the Comprehensive Plan include changes to Neighborhood Plans for the Central Area, University Community Urban Center, Morgan Junction and Lake City. Based on extensive work with these communities, the City updated their Neighborhood Plans with new policies and strategies and to modify the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) for that area to reflect potential rezones of various parcels.

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