North Rainier Goals & Policies: Updating the Neighborhood Planning Element of the Comprehensive Plan

This document shows how the revised North Rainier Neighborhood Plan fits within the City of Seattle’s Comprehensive Plan updates and weaves together the North Rainier Neighborhood Element derived from the 1999 North Rainier Neighborhood Plan with the goals and policies that emerged from this 2003 Update process.

**Vision**

“Envisioning the North Rainier Valley we are weaving the past, well maintained, well landscaped manor thresholds that accommodate all modes of transportation. We are an interweaving of people of various backgrounds who live and work in a culturally and economically diverse area which maintains its ethnic roots. Business, light industrial, and high tech job opportunities provide well-paying employment for the entire Puget Sound region.”

### 1999 Neighborhood Planning Element of the Comprehensive Plan

**North Rainier Neighborhood Plan**

North Rainier is a neighborhood in the north central area of Seattle coordinated with the neighborhood’s retail, commercial area, and recreational facilities. It is composed of large urban blocks and is characterized by its older, well designed and attractive streetscape. The neighborhood includes portions of residential and commercial areas. The neighborhood retains a rich ethnic diversity with a concentration of people of Latino and other background. The neighborhood has been historically known for its strong sense of community, local services, parks and schools. North Rainier is located in the Central Area and is also bounded by the Greenbelt, the Rivermont area and the north line of the Martin Luther King Jr. Way. It is a neighborhood that has a mixture of uses, and part of the neighborhood’s network of streets with amenities for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicle traffic.

**North Rainier Plan**

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**North Rainier Policies**

1. Promote commercial and office employment in the heart of the neighborhood to create a commercial core that is attractive to both residents and visitors.
2. Encourage a mix of uses in the residential areas to create a diverse and vibrant neighborhood.
3. Promote public open space and recreational facilities that are accessible to all residents.
4. Encourage mixed use development that includes retail, office, and residential uses.
5. Encourage pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to other neighborhoods and the central area.

**North Rainier Goals**

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### Proposed 2010 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Language

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