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## King County Comprehensive Plan by Peter Rimbos, Corresponding Secretary

On Monday, December 5, the Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC) held its regular monthly meeting. Final comments on the King County Comprehensive Plan (KCCP) 2012 Update were discussed.

King County Comprehensive Plan Every 4 years King County embarks on a major update to its Comprehensive Plan, the guiding policy document for all land use and development regulations in unincorporated King County, and for regional services throughout the County including transit, sewers, parks, trails, and open space. [A Public Review Draft \(PRD\) of the 2012 KCCP Update is available here](#). Public Comments are due Friday, December 23, and [can be emailed](#).

The Area Council's Growth Management Committee and the Transportation Committee, which have been reviewing the PRD, provided a set of recommended Comments to the full Area Council. Those Comments focussed on specific Chapters (Ch) and Appendices of particular interest to Rural Area citizens:

Ch 3 — Rural Area & Natural Resource Lands;

Ch 4 — Environment;

Ch 6 — Parks, Open Space, & Cultural Resources;

Ch 7 — Transportation;

Ch 8 — Services, Facilities, & Utilities; and Area Zoning Studies.

In general, the Committees supported much in this major 4-yr update. However, some specific Comments centered on the following policy areas: Placement of urban schools in the Rural Area; Environmental habitat protection; Park maintenance; Travel forecasting; Transportation Concurrency; Water systems; and Area Zoning Studies. The full Area Council authorized the Committees' recommended Comments and their final submittal to King County. A copy of the Area Council's submittal letter and detailed Comments on the 2012 KCCP Update will be posted on the Area Council's web site later this month.

Following review of all comments received, the King County Executive's proposed 2012 KCCP Update will be presented to the King County Council on March 1, 2012 for final consideration and vote.

The next Area Council Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, from 7:00 - 9:30 PM at the Fire Station at 231st St & SR-169.