

Proposed Motion 2019-0015

King County Comprehensive Plan 2020 Midpoint Update Executive Recommended Scoping Document

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Re: Proposed Motion 2019-0015: KCCP 2020 Midpoint Update Executive Recommended Scoping

King County Council Members,

Please accept Public Comment herein on the subject Motion from the following King County Unincorporated Area Councils (UACs) and Unincorporated Area Associations (UAAs): Enumclaw Plateau Community Association (EPCA); Greater Maple Valley UAC (GMVUAC), Green Valley/Lake Holm Association (GV/LHA), Hollywood Hill Association (HHA); and Upper Bear Creek UAC (UBCUAC).

We endeavor to review, consult, and develop solutions on issues of interest to people who live in a wide variety of King County's unincorporated areas—north, east, and south. Each of our organizations considers its work on the King County Comprehensive Plan (KCCP) as one of its most important duties and we intend to *jointly* work on the **KCCP 2020 Mid-Point Update** to supply you relevant comments as the process moves forward. The King County Executive's proposed **Scoping Document** represents the first step.

Attached herein please find a *Comment/Recommendation Matrix* for those key Topic Areas on which we intend to focus (i.e., not all areas are shown). We encourage you to consider our comments and those of citizens throughout King County's unincorporated areas based on expertise of daily lived experience to minimize unintended negative consequences in the implementation of the **KCCP 2020 Mid-Point Update**.

We wish to continue an open dialogue with King County officials on this effort. Thank you in advance for your careful consideration of our comments/recommendations.

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KCCP 2020 Mid-Point Update—Scoping Comments and Recommendations

Scoping Topical Area	Comments	Recommendations
I. Text and Policy Proposals		
Update technical appendices to reflect new projects, changes in service providers, and other minor updates. This includes Appendix C: Transportation, Appendix C1: Transportation Needs Report, and Appendix A: Capital Facilities.	Necessary, but we cannot offer comments until later in the process when changes to these three Appendices are proposed and specific project details are available.	We support this effort.
Review Comprehensive Plan policies, and associated development regulations and permitting processes, to ensure that the range of impacts from the extraction, processing, production, transport, storage, and use of fossil fuels, including the impacts from construction and operation of fossil fuel infrastructure, are identified, avoided and mitigated, in order to protect public health and safety, air and water quality, habitats, natural resource lands, and other resources and functions.	Appears to be a good direction, especially to preserve the Rural Area, but with no details it's hard to say more.	Specific policies should address isolated Industrial-zoned parcels in the Rural Area. Re-assess Material Processing Facilities in the Rural Area when proposed near residential or protected areas.
In recognition of the growing risks of sea level rise to homes, businesses, and infrastructure in coastal areas, develop policy and regulatory changes to prepare for these impacts. This will include evaluation of regulations that address development in and adjacent to areas at risk to flooding and erosion damage.	A necessary short- and long-term effort as the unincorporated areas have many locations at risk of flooding and/or erosion.	We support this effort.
As necessary, update Comprehensive Plan to reflect federal designation of "Opportunity Zones" in unincorporated King County.	What does this mean? Does it only apply to Urban unincorporated areas?	Ensure no urban or urban-serving facilities allowed in the Rural Area.
Update the Plan to reflect outcomes from work done on the 2018 Comprehensive Plan Workplan Action Items, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Action 1: Community Service Area Subarea Planning Program. o Action 4: Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program Review and Study. o Action 8: Cottage Housing Regulations Review. o Action 13: Water Availability and Exempt Wells. o Action 18: Review of the Four-to-One Program. 	All very important, but we must study the "outcomes" from those 2018 KCCP Work Plan Action Items to ascertain potential policy directions.	Local review of Work Plan Section Items 1, 4, 13, and 18 and their direct and in direct impacts is imperative and we wish to participate.
II. Area Zoning and Land Use Proposals		
In advance of the expiration of development agreements for the Bear Creek Urban Planned Developments (Redmond Ridge, Trilogy, and Redmond Ridge East), review and establish the comprehensive plan land use designation and zoning classifications in a manner consistent with the development patterns in said agreements and reflecting current conditions in the area.	The UBCUAC has interest in this topical area.	Local review is important and we wish to participate.
As mitigation for the encroachment of the NE 171st Street roadway and roundabout intrusion into the APD: (1) consider changes to the Sammamish Agricultural Production District (APD) boundary to include portions of parcels identified or agreed to by the County for potential acquisition or easement by the City of Woodinville; and (2) consider changes to the urban growth area boundary to incorporate the additional right-of-way on NE 171st Street.	The HHA has interest in this topical area.	Local review is important and we wish to participate. We have great reservations about any changes that would expand the Urban Growth Boundary.

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Consider expansion of the Agricultural Production District (APD) boundary to increase opportunities for farming, including areas near the Snoqualmie APD – Fall City area and Carnation area, and the Enumclaw APD. non-residential buildings with social services, co-working spaces, and other potential non-residential uses.	Sounds OK, but what are the details? The UBCUAC, GV/LHA, and EPCA have interest in this Topical Area.	Local review is important and we wish to participate.
Work with the City of Issaquah, the City of Bellevue, and residents in the East Cougar Mountain Potential Annexation Area on potential land use changes and urban growth area boundary changes (this is an outcome of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan and a 2017 Docket Request).	The FCUAC has interest in this topical area.	Local review is important and we wish to participate. We have great reservations about any changes that would expand the Urban Growth Boundary.
Work with the City of Maple Valley to consider land use classification changes five parcels adjacent to the Maple Woods Subdivision to facilitate transference of city- or water district- owned parcels with stormwater detention ponds or water tanks into the City's corporate boundary.	The GMVUAC has interest in this topical area.	Local review is important and we wish to participate.
III. Code Studies		
Technical updates to critical areas and shoreline regulations to recognize the 2014 Washington State Wetland Rating System for Western Washington, and to consider other proposed amendments deemed necessary for consistency with state guidance.	Routine, but necessary.	We support this effort.