

WASHOUGAL ONWARD 2025–2045

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE



Washougal is a growing community, expected to reach a population of nearly 25,000 by 2045. As our community grows, it's vital that residents come together to shape the future of Washougal in a way that reflects our shared values. The Comprehensive Plan is a long-term strategy that will guide the City's development over the next 20 years. It's an exciting opportunity to help ensure that future growth supports our community's needs and priorities, preserves our beautiful environment, and enhances the quality of life for everyone in Washougal.

WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

A Comprehensive Plan is a community-driven, long-term strategy required by the State of Washington under the Growth Management Act. It sets the foundation for how we manage growth and development in Washougal. The plan addresses important aspects of community life, including:

- **Land use and zoning** to manage how spaces in Washougal are used and developed.
- **Housing options, including middle housing** (e.g., duplexes, triplexes, cottage housing, etc.), providing more affordable and diverse housing options.
- **Transportation and infrastructure**, ensuring efficient roadways and public transportation systems.
- **Parks and recreation facilities** to maintain green spaces and community areas.
- **Public utilities and other services** such as stormwater, water, sewer systems and private utilities, as well as police and fire services to support the city's growing population.
- **Climate resilience and sustainability**, focusing on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for climate challenges.
- **Critical lands and natural resources** to identify, manage and protect natural resources.

WHY YOUR INVOLVEMENT MATTERS

By participating in this process, you have the chance to make sure that Washougal grows in a way that reflects **your vision for the future**. We want your input to make sure it represents the needs of the community. Here's why your engagement is important:

- **Help shape** how Washougal will grow and evolve over the next two decades.
- **Ensure we have diverse housing options** that meet the needs of all residents, including more affordable, middle housing.
- **Contribute to making Washougal a sustainable community**, helping us plan for climate resilience and a healthy environment.

KEY TIMELINE PHASES

- **Phase 1 (2024)**: Foundational analysis and community visioning to gather initial input.
- **Phase 2 (2025)**: Drafting policies and plans with ongoing community engagement.
- **Phase 3 (Late 2025)**: Final review and adoption of the plan by the City Council.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- **Participate in Public Meetings**: Throughout the process, we will hold open houses, workshops, and meetings where you can provide feedback and ask questions.
- **Participate Online**: Visit the Engage Onward page for updates, surveys, and ways to share your ideas.



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