

# 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update

Presentation to the Clark County Developmental Disability  
Advisory Board

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# Presentation overview

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- Background on Clark County's Comprehensive Plan 2025 Update
- Project timeline
- Public participation plan
- Discussion
- Confirm next steps



# Project Background



# The Comprehensive Plan

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- Originally adopted in 1994 and last updated in 2016
- Plan is a long-range policy guide to manage growth and development over a 20-year period
- Growth Management Act ([RCW 36.70A.130](#)) requires jurisdictions to periodically review and update, if necessary, their Plan and development regulations to bring them up to date with:
  - Changes to state law,
  - Land use changes, if any,
  - Population and employment growth projections, and
  - Housing projections



# Comprehensive Plan Elements

- Land Use
- Housing
- Capital Facilities
- Utilities
- Rural (for counties)
- Transportation
- Economic Development
- Parks and Recreation
- Shoreline
- Annexation
- Optional elements: schools, historic, community design



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## Example of a Comprehensive Plan policy

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*The Comprehensive Plan of the county and each municipality shall identify sufficient land for housing, including, but not limited to, government-assisted housing, housing for low-income families, manufactured housing, multifamily housing and group homes and foster care facilities. All jurisdictions will cooperate to plan for a “fair share” of the region’s affordable housing needs and housing for special needs population.*

(Comprehensive Plan p. 72 - Housing Chapter, Countywide Planning Policy 2.1.1)







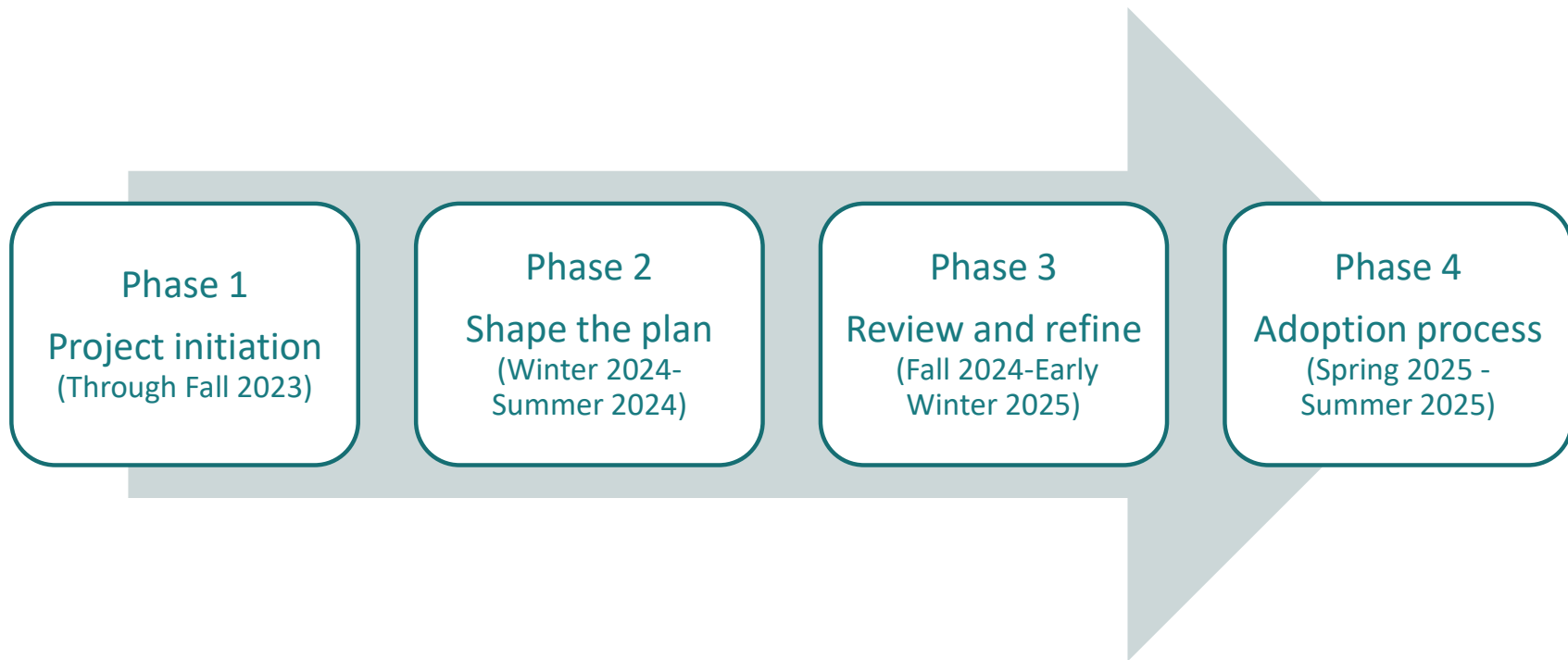
# Preliminary Project Timeline





# Scope of Work

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## Phase 1: Project initiation (January 2023-Summer 2023)

Date	Milestone	Engagement opportunities
Winter 2023	Public Participation Plan and Scope of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public comment period</li> <li>• Planning Commission work session</li> <li>• Council work session and hearing</li> </ul>
Spring 2023	County Population Projection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Commission work session</li> <li>• Council work session and hearing</li> </ul>
Summer 2023	County Employment Projection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Commission work session</li> <li>• Council work session and hearing</li> </ul>
Fall 2023	Countywide Planning Policies and Population Allocation to each urban area (adoption of updated policies, if needed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Commission work Session and hearing</li> <li>• Council work session and hearing</li> </ul>

CP staff project intro to DDAB



## Phase 2: Shape the plan (Fall 2023-Summer 2024)

Date	Milestone	Engagement opportunities
Fall 2023	Hire environmental analysis consultant for environmental analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County Council hearing</li> </ul>
Fall 2023	Property owner submittal for comprehensive land use changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal submittal period</li> </ul>
Fall 2023-Winter 2024	Environmental Impact Scoping (the scope is the range and types of issues to be studied for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open houses/public meetings</li> <li>Public comment period</li> <li>Planning Commission work session</li> <li>County Council work session</li> </ul>
Spring 2024	Review and selection of Growth Alternatives for Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open houses/public meetings</li> <li>Public comment period</li> <li>Planning Commission work session</li> <li>County Council work session</li> <li>County Council hearing</li> </ul>
Spring-Fall 2024	Input on County Comprehensive Plan text and policies and Title 40 revisions, if needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public comment period</li> </ul>

**Example: CP staff update to DDAB, followed by DDAB review of materials and recommendations**





## Phase 3: Review and refine (Fall 2024-Winter 2025)

Date	Milestone	Engagement opportunities
Fall 2024	Draft Environmental Impact Statement Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public comment period</li> <li>Planning Commission work sessions and hearings</li> <li>County Council work sessions and hearings</li> </ul>
Fall 2024	Selection of Preferred Alternative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County Council hearing</li> </ul>
Fall 2024 - Winter 2025	Preferred Alternative Analysis work: Update Urban and Rural Capacity Estimates, Capital Facilities Plan, Capital Financial Facilities Plan, Transportation Analysis, and Arterial Atlas based on Preferred Alternative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning Commission work session</li> <li>County Council work session and hearing</li> </ul>
Winter 2025	Issue Final Environmental Impact Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public comment period</li> <li>Planning Commission work sessions</li> </ul>
Winter 2025	Public Review of Comprehensive Plan Update Materials (Plan text, Title 40, Capital Facilities Plan, Capital Facilities Financial Plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open houses/public meetings</li> <li>Public comment period</li> <li>Planning Commission work sessions</li> </ul>

**Example: CP staff update to DDAB, followed by DDAB submitting recommendations**



## Phase 4: Adoption process (Spring 2025-June 2025)

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Date	Milestone	Engagement opportunities
Spring 2025	Washington Department of Commerce 60-day review submittal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• N/A</li></ul>
Spring 2025	Planning Commission work sessions/hearings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning Commission work sessions and hearings</li></ul>
Spring 2025	County Council work sessions (review Planning Commission recommendations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• County Council work sessions</li></ul>
June 2025	<b>Final Adoption of Plan <u>on or before June 30, 2025</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• County Council hearing</li></ul>



# Public Participation Plan





# Public Participation Plan

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## Purpose

- Identify the scope of the proposed update,
- Identify when legislative action is expected, and
- Identify how the public can participate or comment

## Goals

1. Accessible participation
2. Inclusive participation
3. Meaningful participation
4. Transparency and accountability



# Public Participation Plan

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## Community Partners and Interested Parties

- Property owners, residents, renters
- Community groups, service organizations
- People living with disabilities
- Immigrants and refugees
- BIPOC-led organizations
- Local governments
- Regional tribal governments
- County advisory boards and commissions
- Neighborhood associations
- State agencies
- Development community
- Economic community
- Environmental community
- Housing agencies
- Faith-based communities
- Transportation agencies
- Utility providers
- Private property rights groups
- Public safety
- Clark County departments/divisions
- School districts
- Media
- Food banks
- Youth
- Veterans



# Public Participation Plan

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## Outreach Tools:

- Project webpage
- Social media
- Other media
- News releases
- Email notifications
- Legal notices

## Engagement Tools:

- Public meetings and open houses
- Community group presentations
- Surveys
- Public comments
- Planning Commission meetings
- County Council meetings
- City, County, Tribe Technical Coordinating Committee
- Technical advisory groups
- Mapping/GIS
- Television and online videocasts
- Issue papers/informational documents





# Discussion



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- Questions about the project?
- What are some of the priorities of DDAB's work right now?
- Did anything stand out from what we have discussed that sounded like a possible connection opportunity?



# Next Steps





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- Council hearing on Public Participation Plan, Mar. 21 6pm. Welcome to provide comments/testimony. Click [here](#) for details
- CP staff to add Trish to project email list. Trish to forward information to DDAB as makes sense
- Individually, DDAB members welcome to sign up for project updates [here](#)
- If interested: Trish and CP staff could coordinate on timing of future conversations with DDAB
- Others?



# Thank you!

Project webpage: [www.clark.wa.gov/2025update](http://www.clark.wa.gov/2025update)

