

# 2015 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE



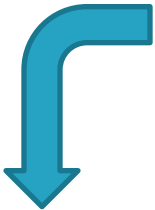
# Public Participation

- **Focus on civic and neighborhood identity**
  - › City of Tacoma Workshops
  - › Listening Laureate
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# Other Related Updates

- **Design and Development**
  - » Scenic Resources
  - » Access to Healthy Food
  - » Hazard Resilient Design
- **Parks and Recreation Element**
  - » General Policies
  - » Policies by Facility Type
  - » Recognition of Other Plans
  - » Trends and Forecast of Needs

# Other Elements & Related Plans



**Comp Plan  
Elements**



**Policy Elements**

**Programmatic Elements**

**Strategy, Implementation,  
and System Plans**

Urban Form	Capital Facilities Plan	Economic Development Strategy
Design and Development	Shoreline Master Program	Human Services Strategic Plan
Transportation	Historic Preservation Program	Consolidated Plan
Environment	Sub-Area Plans	Utility System Plans
Housing	Transportation Master Plan	Metro Parks Strategic Plan
Parks and Recreation		Tacoma School District Plan
Public Facilities and Services		Urban Forest Manual
Economic Development		Surface Water Manual
Container/Port		Public Works Design Manual
Downtown		Design Guidelines
Public Engagement		Zoning and Development Regulations

# Environment Element

- **Combined the following chapters into one element:**
  - » Urban Forest
  - » Open Space Habitat and Recreation
  - » Environment Element
- **Developed goal statements and addressed policy gaps**
- **Moved ‘action’ policies into a table**

# Planning for Environmental Protection

- Tacoma's built and natural environments will function in complementary ways and are resilient in the face of climate change and natural hazards (*new goal statement*)
- Policies address
  - » Consider environmental assets
  - » Coordinate
  - » Use best available science
  - » Document baseline information
  - » Address climate change

# Planning for Environmental Protection

- **Current plans and programs that will help City achieve the goal**
  - » Climate Risk Assessment
  - » Zoning map and code
  - » Critical Areas Preservation Ordinance
  - » Climate Action Plan and greenhouse gas inventories
- **New plans and programs**
  - » Hazard mitigation plans
  - » Inventories of environmental assets
  - » Land acquisition program
  - » Environmental protection plans
  - » Watershed management plans
  - » Climate adaptation plans

# Protection in Development Situations

- All Tacomans will have access to clean air and water, can experience nature in their daily lives, and benefit from development that is designed to lessen the impacts of natural hazards and environmental contamination and degradation (*new goal statement*)
- Policies address
  - » Avoid or minimize impacts
  - » Limit development in certain areas
  - » Ensure no net loss of ecological functions
  - » Avoid the placement of sensitive uses near sources of pollution



# Protection in Development Situations

- **Current plans and programs that will help City achieve the goal**
  - » Critical Areas Preservation Ordinance
  - » Zoning
  - » Stormwater Manual
  - » Shoreline Master Program
  - » Land acquisition
- **New plans and programs**
  - » Regulations that address hazard avoidance and protecting open space corridors
  - » Integrated pest management plans
  - » Climate Risk Assessment

# Improving Environmental Quality

- Tacoma achieves the greatest possible gain in environmental health city-wide over the next 25 years through proactive planning, investment and stewardship. Tacomans will feel empowered to actively participate in efforts to maintain and improve the environment, including watershed health (*new goal statement*)
- Policies address
  - » Improve air and water quality
  - » Improve habitat connectivity
  - » Increase tree canopy
  - » Encourage low impact development

# Improving Environmental Quality

- **Current plans and programs that will help City achieve the goal**
  - » Partnership with Metro Parks
  - » Open Space Management Plans
  - » Urban Forest Program
  - » Stormwater Manual
  - » Remediation efforts
  - » Shoreline Restoration Plan
  - » Climate Action Plan
- **New plans and programs**
  - » Land acquisition program
  - » Watershed management plans
  - » Environmental Action Plan

# Watershed Planning

- Tacoma will plan at a watershed scale to restore and protect natural resources that contribute to watershed health (*new goal statement*)
- Policies address:
  - » Develop watershed-based assessments
  - » Adjust regulations to protect watershed processes
  - » Issues specific to each watershed

# Watershed Planning

- **Current plans and programs that will help City achieve the goal**
  - » Watershed studies
- **New plans and programs**
  - » Watershed management plans

# Action Table

- 150+ polices moved into table
- Policies will be converted into action statements and added to existing or new programs, plans, manuals, and regulations

# Next Steps

- Watershed section will include more background description and baseline data (tree canopy, impervious surface)
- Maps will be updated
- New map for tree canopy and watershed boundaries
- Text boxes providing context and definition of terms
- Pictures and diagrams
- Policies reshuffled where necessary

# Planning Commission Feedback

- What do you think of the overall outline of the element?
- What do you think of the four new goal statements?
- Do you agree with the approach to addressing the ‘action’ policies?