



# **DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF EIS**

## **WOODINVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & MUNICIPAL CODE UPDATE**

### **Description of proposal**

The Proposal is the update of the Woodinville Comprehensive Plan to meet Growth Management Act requirements by June 2015. The Comprehensive Plan inventory, goals, policies, and implementation strategies are anticipated to be updated, including: Introduction, Land Use & Community Design, Housing, Economic Development, Parks and Recreation, Transportation, Capital Facilities, Utilities, and Environmental Elements.

Policy amendments would likely lead to a need to revisit development regulations. In addition the City wishes to streamline and revise its code format and content. Zoning, critical areas, grading, and other development regulations would be addressed. Plan and code amendments would be developed concurrently in 2014 and 2015.

### **Proponent**

City of Woodinville

### **Location of proposal**

Woodinville city limits are the focus for the Comprehensive Plan and Municipal Code Update. The Comprehensive Plan also considers the following planning areas: King County-assigned Potential Annexation Area located adjacent to the city's southeastern boundary, Woodinville's locally studied northern urban growth area in the Maltby vicinity, and a City-King County Joint Study Area adjacent to the City's southeastern border along the Sammamish River.

### **Lead agency**

City of Woodinville

### **EIS Required**

The lead agency has determined this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c) and will be prepared. An environmental checklist or other materials indicating likely environmental impacts can be reviewed at City offices.

The lead agency has identified the following areas for discussion in the EIS: Natural environment (earth, water resources, plants and animals), land use and plans and policies, aesthetics, transportation, and public services and utilities.

The alternatives are anticipated to include no action consisting of the current plan and code, and two action alternatives that may vary growth patterns to achieve the City's growth targets and Woodinville's 20-year vision. It is expected that the growth scenarios tested in the 2009 Transportation Plan will also be considered in the development of alternatives.

The City is considering the use of SEPA tools to promote the vision of mixed use growth in the Central Business District and potentially other mixed use zones in the City, such as a mixed use and residential infill exemption (RCW 43.21C.229), or a planned action (RCW 43.21C.440; WAC 197-11-164 to 172) where development that meets City

codes and performance standards would have a streamlined SEPA process and rely on the EIS rather than require a new threshold determination.

## Scoping

Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. You may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and licenses or other approvals that may be required.

Written comments will be accepted by the Responsible Official through **5 p.m. February 6, 2013**. Please send comments to:

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To learn more about the proposal, agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited also to attend the following meetings held by the City Council and Planning Commission regarding the Comprehensive Plan and Municipal Code Update. Written scoping comments may be submitted at these meetings. These regular meetings offer public comment opportunities in accordance with City Council and Planning Commission rules. It is anticipated that these meetings will address fall 2013 visioning results and demographic and growth trends to be considered in the proposal.

- City Council Regular Meeting: January 14, 2014, 7:00 PM
- Planning Commission Regular Meeting: February 5, 2014, 7:00 PM

Both meetings will be held at the City Council Chambers at Woodinville City Hall, 17301-133rd Avenue NE, Woodinville, WA 98072

## Responsible official

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Date

1/6/14

Signature



Appeals: An appeal of the Determination of Significance must be made to the Hearing Examiner within 14 days of the date the Determination of Significance becomes final, **January 20, 2014, 5 p.m.** Contact the SEPA Responsible Official to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals regarding a Determination of Significance pursuant to WMC 14.04.260 Appeals. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections.

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