



Auburn's 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is the Comprehensive Plan?

The Auburn Comprehensive Plan (the "Plan") is the main policy document that guides the City's evolution and growth. The Plan identifies the desired type, configuration, appearance, and intensity of land uses throughout the city, as well as the character and capacity of public facilities and services like streets, trails, and utilities, the designation of open space and parks, and the range of housing options. The Comprehensive Plan also serves as a guide in the future drafting of regulations, budget prioritization, capital improvement priorities, and other City actions and investments.

2. What is the Comprehensive Plan update?

The Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), requires that every eight years the City review, and if needed, revise the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations to ensure that the Plan and regulations comply with State, Regional, and Countywide policies and regulations. It is also an opportunity for the community to periodically revisit the City's long range vision and reshape implementing goals, policies, and priorities.

3. Why are you doing the Comprehensive Plan update now?

The existing Plan was rewritten and adopted in 1995 to comply with the requirements of the GMA, and while it has undergone modifications each year, over the last 20 years, it is ready for a major update. Please visit www.auburnwa.gov/ImagineAuburn to review and comment on the draft Comprehensive Plan.

4. When is the Comprehensive Plan update expected to be completed?



The update will be completed by the end of this year. Initial chapters of the draft Plan are currently in review by the Planning Commission (a volunteer advisory body appointed by the City Council). Please visit www.auburnwa.gov/ImagineAuburn to find the schedule, stay informed about upcoming meetings and public hearings, and learn about opportunities to participate.

5. How will this affect my property or neighborhood?

Auburn's draft Comprehensive Plan will set the vision for the future and help inform what the City will be like 20 years from now and beyond. However, changes to zoning and the development regulations, which directly apply to property and development, are not proposed at this time. The City will be revisiting zoning designations and development regulations in 2016.

6. How can I get involved?

There are many ways to get involved, you can:

- Review and comment on the draft Comprehensive Plan
- Attend a Community Workshop
- Attend a Planning Commission meeting and public hearing
- Help get others involved. Distribute the FAQ to your community.
- Let us know you would like an electronic or print copy of the FAQ by emailing imagineauburn@auburnwa.gov.

7. Does the City have translation services?

You can request additional translated information by visiting the City of Auburn's Customer Service Center at 1 East Main Street, second floor, Auburn, WA, or by emailing imagineauburn@auburnwa.gov.