

City of Auburn

Public Participation Plan

2015 Comprehensive Plan Update

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The City of Auburn went through an extensive public outreach effort during 2014 and 2015 in conjunction with its mandatory periodic Comprehensive Plan update. The prior Comprehensive Plan was rewritten and adopted in 1995 and while it has undergone modifications each year over the last 20 years, it was time for a major update. Auburn's Comprehensive Plan is a document adopted by the City Council that sets a vision for the future and determines what the City will be like 20 years from now and beyond. Auburn's Comprehensive Plan is the leading policy document that guides the City's evolution and growth. The Plan addresses a broad range of issues and sets policy direction for:

- Housing
- Land use
- Transportation
- Economic development
- Parks and open space
- Environmentally sensitive areas
- Community health and well-being
- Historic preservation
- Public service and facilities

The Comprehensive Plan is required to be consistent with the Growth Management Act (GMA), the Puget Sound Regional Council's Vision 2040 Policies, the King County Countywide Planning Policies, and the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies. Though these documents do not shape our community's vision they establish the framework in which we must operate.

CITY DEMOGRAPHICS

A substantial amount of demographic data was analyzed in order to understand the profile of our community and to identify trends in our community. A detailed characterization of the community, neighborhoods, and demographics is provided in the Core Comprehensive Plan and the Community Vision Report conducted by MIG (Appendix A of the Comprehensive Plan).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN GOALS

The GMA requires that local governments encourage the involvement of citizens in the planning process and provide opportunities for early and continuous public participation in the development of comprehensive land use plans and associated development regulations (RCW 36.70A.020(11); RCW 36.70A.140). A public participation program must involve the "opportunity for written comments, public meetings after effective notice, provision for open discussion, communication programs, information services, and consideration of and response to public comments" (RCW 36.70A.140).

The City of Auburn is dedicated to fulfilling the public participation requirement of the GMA, and to affording its residents broad opportunities to comment and help set the vision and path for our community.

In addition to the requirements of the GMA, the City has the following public participation goals:

1. Incorporate community's vision and feedback into the Comprehensive Plan.

2. Raise visibility of land use and civic projects and updates within the community.
3. Collaborate with organizations and residents to spread the word about the Comprehensive Plan update.

STAKEHOLDERS (KEY PARTIES)

1. Residents and businesses citywide
 - A. Past Imagine Auburn Visioning Initiative participants
 - B. Seniors
 - C. Ethnic and Cultural Organizations
 - D. Social service and community organizations
2. City officials
3. City departments
4. Local Governments and Tribes
5. Regional and State Agencies
6. Federal Agencies

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN PROGRAM

The public participation plan program was founded on three main messages:

1. The Auburn Comprehensive Plan is the long-range policy document that guides the City's evolution and growth over the next 20 years.
2. The City needs and values residents' input on the draft Comprehensive Plan.
3. The Community's involvement helps ensure that the new plan reflects the needs of Auburn's families, communities, and city.

Beginning with a visioning initiative in 2014, the City conducted wide-ranging public participation efforts throughout the update process to disseminate these messages.

PUBLIC OUTREACH - 2014

In early 2014, the City launched "Imagine Auburn" as the first step in creating a new Comprehensive Plan for the City of Auburn. This began with a visioning initiative in which the City sought out input from a broad range of stakeholders through a social media campaign, grocery store kiosk interviews, committee meetings, community workshops throughout the City, a Vision Open House hosted by Mayor Nancy Backus and an online questionnaire which received over 500 responses!

Participants contributed ideas and opinions regarding the City's assets and challenges, and weighed in on various topics such as neighborhood character, the Downtown environment, economic opportunities, streets and conditions for walking, biking and driving, community facilities, open space and trails, and more! A synthesis of the input received during the visioning initiative can be found in the Community Vision Report (Appendix A of the draft Comprehensive Plan). All findings included in the Community Vision Report reflect the community, and represent participants' expressed needs and desires for Auburn.

The goals, issues and opportunities presented in the Community Vision Report set the foundation for the following phase of the Comprehensive Plan update – the public outreach activities of 2015. A complete description and summary of activities and comments of the visioning initiative are included in the Community Vision Report.

PUBLIC OUTREACH - 2015

Following the Imagine Auburn Visioning Initiative, the City set up a broad public outreach strategy to ensure that the residents, businesses, external agencies and groups, and all other interested parties were kept informed throughout the Comprehensive Plan update process and had an opportunity to participate and provide comments.

The City engaged in the following outreach activities; the complete list of activities is provided in Attachment A.

1. Project webpages
2. TalkAuburn draft Comprehensive Plan questions
3. Public Meetings, civic events, and presentations to service clubs
4. Email notifications via GovDelivery to interested parties
5. Mayor's Update
6. Printed materials
7. Email requests
8. Postcard design and mailing to four workshop neighborhoods
9. Community workshops
10. Planning Commission and City Council meeting and hearings

Throughout the Comprehensive Plan update process residents and all other interested parties were provided the following opportunities and means to comment: online through TalkAuburn, by regular mail, in person at the community workshops, and in person at Planning Commission meetings and hearings.

Project Webpages

In March of 2015, staff created additional Comprehensive Plan update webpages designed to be a clearinghouse, a central location for all interested parties to access the latest information related to the update. The project webpages allowed all interested parties to access and review the project status and timeline, the Imagine Auburn Visioning Initiative results, draft documents, printed materials, and community workshop materials. Background information concerning the update was included on the webpage in multiple languages (in the Frequently Asked Questions). The Planning Commission and City Council's schedules related specifically to the Comprehensive Plan update were also included on the project webpages. Staff maintained a schedule to update the project webpages; this is included in Attachment B.

TalkAuburn

TalkAuburn is a Peak Democracy based online public comment platform for governments. The City used TalkAuburn to capture comments on the community workshop posterboards and draft Comprehensive Plan. TalkAuburn allows City staff and officials to capture resident's comments and incorporate it into decision processes. Comments on the draft Comprehensive Plan are provided in Attachment C and are broken down by chapter/volume.

Public Meetings, Civic Events, and Presentations to Service Clubs

Over the summer staff attended several community meetings and civic events, and gave presentations to various service clubs. The goal was to generate buzz and awareness of the ongoing update process with community leaders at established community meetings and events. Staff provided printed materials and requested that organizations share our message of the update. A complete list of attended events is broken down by month in Attachment D.

GovDelivery Notifications

The City used GovDelivery to send notices concerning the Comprehensive Plan update. GovDelivery is a digital engagement tool that allows the City to provide and track notifications. Through the use of GovDelivery the City provided notices of updates to the project webpages, new draft documents, TalkAuburn questions and comment periods, and the community workshops. Staff maintained a schedule for sending GovDelivery notices; this is included in Attachment B.

Mayor's Update

Each week the Mayor provides a weekly update to the residents and staff of Auburn. The Mayor included a notice of the community workshops in several of the her updates.

Email Requests

Through various City Departments and activities, the City has made connections with HOAs, interest groups and cultural organizations. For the Comprehensive Plan update, the City reached out to the groups listed below requesting a meeting and/or the distribution of materials to connect with diverse populations. The City included background information concerning the Comprehensive Plan update as well as the Frequently Asked Questions (including the translated FAQs) its correspondence.

- Large HOAs
- Mobile home communities
- Block Watch groups
- Latino Community Conversations
- Slavic Community Leaders

Printed Materials

The City developed a suite of printed materials for the Comprehensive Plan update. These materials include a Frequently Asked Question (an FAQ) that was translated into Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese, a suite of postcards, including a set for mailing and a postcard to be used as a general handout, and posterboards for the community workshops.

Staff distributed the general handout postcard at key locations across the City including:

- Auburn YMCA
- Auburn City Hall
- Auburn Public Library
- Auburn Food Bank
- Auburn Youth Resources
- Auburn Senior Activity Center
- Gymnasium at Les Grove Park
- Fred Meyer
- Lea Hill Market
- Marvel Food and Deli
- Sunbreak Cafe
- Lakeland Hill Community Center
- Valley Counseling Services

The suite of postcards is included in Attachment E and the posterboards are included in Attachment F.

Postcard Mailing

In advance of the community workshops the City conducted a targeted postcard mailing to the four communities in which the community workshop were to be held. The postcards were specifically tailored to each community and included background information, the date and time of each workshop, and the ways to stay informed during the Comprehensive Plan update process.

Community Workshops

Four community workshops were held during August of 2015 (the date and location of each is included in Attachment D, the Events Calendars). The workshops were convened to present and discuss the key topics, themes, and even challenges of the draft Comprehensive Plan with Auburn residents and all other interested parties. The workshops served as both an introduction and primer to the draft Comprehensive Plan. The five key topics included:

1. Auburn at a Glance: Key facts and figures about Auburn
2. Auburn Value Statements: Values statements derived from the Imagine Auburn Visioning Initiative conducted in 2014
3. Using Growth and Density to Implement the Community's Vision
4. Sustainable Auburn: How we address issues such as health and economic viability, and environment
5. Special Planning Areas: Adopted plans and other areas that warrant additional emphasis

Each workshop included a short presentation, followed by residents reviewing and commenting on the posterboards. Residents were able to provide comments at the workshops (on notecards or through TalkAuburn via iPads) or later through TalkAuburn or regular mail. In total, 65 residents attended the workshops.

Comments concerning the community workshops, received either through TalkAuburn or on notecards, are provided in Attachment G. A synopsis of comments heard at the community workshops is provided in Attachment H.

Planning Commission and City Council Meetings and Hearings

City of Auburn Planning Commission (a volunteer advisory body appointed by the City Council) is required to review amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and provide a recommendation to the City Council for consideration and potential adoption. The Planning Commission and City Council's review schedule is included on the Auburn's 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update webpage. Public notices of the Planning Commission and City Council meeting and hearings are published in the Seattle Times and posted to the City's Public Meetings Calendar.

ATTACHMENT A. OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

June 2015 to November 2015



Date	Activity	Organization/Group	Description
6/1/2015	Webpage updated	Comprehensive Plan webpages	An updated version of the webpages added to City Webpages: modified the existing Comprehensive Plan page and "visioning initiative page," and added a 2015 update page, draft comp plan page, and a comp plan values page
6/3/2015	Request sent via email	Service Organizations	Sent email requesting to speak at meeting
6/5/2015	Attended Community Event	Farmers Market	Handed out FAQ to Farmers Market patrons
6/14/2015	Webpage updated	Updated TalkAuburn	Page features Comprehensive Plan draft questions by chapters and allows the City to capture and categorize responses
6/18/2015	Update notification via email	Blockwatch Captains	Sent email to notify of webpage kickoff - new update webpage, draft comp plan, and upcoming outreach
6/18/2015	Update notification via email	HOAs	Sent email to notify of webpage kickoff - new update webpage, draft comp plan, and upcoming outreach
6/18/2015	Update notification via email	Mobile Home Communities	Sent email to notify of webpage kickoff - new update webpage, draft comp plan, and upcoming outreach
6/18/2015	Update notification via email	Mobile Home Community	Sent email to notify of update webpage, draft comp plan, and upcoming outreach
6/25/2015	Update notification via email	GovDelivery	Sent email to notify of webpage kickoff - new update webpage, draft comp plan, and upcoming outreach
7/14/2015	Request sent via email	Latino Community Conversations Planning Mtg Attendees	Sent email asking for help to help reach Spanish-speaking community of Auburn
7/14/2015	Information posted on webpage	Auburn School District Families Community Activities	Information regarding the update and workshops will be posted on the ASD Community Activities webpage
7/14/2015	Update notification via email	GovDelivery	Sent email about workshops times and dates added to webpage
7/14/2015	Presentation	Auburn Noon Lions	Gave short presentation on overall update and process and handed out FAQ; left FAQs (including translated FAQs) at the Senior Center
7/16/2015	Request sent via email	Slavic Community Leaders	Sent email asking for help to help reach Russian-speaking community of Auburn and sent translated FAQ
7/16/2015	FAQ distribution via email	Latino Community Conversations Planning Mtg Attendees	Sent translated FAQ
7/21/2015	Presentation	Auburn Senior Center Advisory Board	Gave short presentation on overall update and process and handed out FAQ; left FAQs (including translated FAQs) at the Senior Center
7/23/2015	Postcard handout distribution via email	Auburn YMCA	Auburn YMCA will post the postcard handout information to their website and e-newsletter
7/28/2015	Webpage content sent	Auburn School District Families Community Activities	Sent text to ASDF to update the information on their webpage regarding the 2015 update and workshops
7/31/2015	Information posted on webpage/email	Mayor's Update	Community Workshops featured on the Mayor's update

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7/31/2015	Postcard drop-off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auburn YMCA • Auburn City Hall • Auburn Public Library • Auburn Food Bank • Auburn Youth Resources • Auburn Senior Activity Center • Gymnasium at Les Grove Park • Fred Meyer • Lea Hill Market • Marvel Food and Deli • El Palacio Latino Market • Sunbreak Cafe • Lakeland Hill Community Center • Valley Counseling Services 	Dropped off a stack of postcard handouts at each location
8/4/2015	National Night Out (NNO)	Staff visited Lakeland Hills NNO groups, South Auburn NNO groups, North Auburn NNO groups, and West Hill NNO groups	Handed out postcards and spoke at NNO groups about workshops and update
8/5/2015	Presentation	Auburn Rotary	Gave short presentation on overall update and process and handed out update postcard
8/6/2015	Community Workshop	Lakeland Hills area	Held workshop
8/7/2015	Information posted on webpage/email	Mayor's Update	Community Workshops featured on the Mayor's update
8/11/2015	Community Workshop	South Auburn area	Held workshop
8/12/2015	Presentation	Soroptimist International	Gave short presentation on overall update and process and handed out update postcard
8/13/2015	Community Workshop	Lea Hill area	Held workshop
8/18/2015	Community Workshop	North Auburn area	Held workshop
8/20/2015	Presentation	Auburn Kiwanis	Gave short presentation on overall update and process and handed out update postcard
8/31/2015	Update notification via email	GovDelivery	Inform residents that they can comment on the posterboards and to provide comments by Sept 12, 2015
10/15/2015	Update notification via email	GovDelivery	Present the Core Plan and associated volumes, and inform residents of the Planning Commission schedule. Also inform residents that end date to comment on the draft Chapter was Oct 20, 2015
10/29/2015	Update notification via email	GovDelivery	Inform residents of the Core Comprehensive Plan, the draft Land Use Element, the draft Housing Element, the draft Transportation Element, and the draft Comprehensive Land Use Map
11/18/2015	Update notification via email	GovDelivery	Inform residents that the Capital Facilities Element, the Utilities Element, the Economic Development Element, and the Parks and Recreation Element are now available, and the deadline for written comments is Dec 7th, 2015
11/21/2015	Draft Comprehensive Plan distribution	Auburn Library	Dropped off a copy of the draft Comprehensive Plan at the Auburn Library



ATTACHMENT B. SCHEDULES

Webpage Management Schedule

Type	Timing
Comprehensive Plan draft documents	As ready for public review
Community Workshops	As soon as scheduled
TalkAuburn questions	When a new draft Comp Plan Chapter is ready
Planning Commission and City Council Schedule	When available



Electronic Media Schedule

Type	Timing/Frequency	Purpose	Method
Project Webpages	At launch	Invite residents to review the webpage	GovDelivery
Comprehensive Plan draft documents	When added	Invite residents to review the new chapter	GovDelivery
TalkAuburn questions	When added	Invite residents to review the new question	GovDelivery
Community Workshops	As soon as scheduled	Generate awareness about meeting	GovDelivery Mayor's Update
Planning Commission and City Council Schedule	When available	Notify that schedule is on webpage	GovDelivery
Thank you for attending	After completion of workshops	Invite residents to review the posterboards and comment	GovDelivery

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All On Forum Responses sorted chronologically

As of December 7, 2015, 11:32 AM



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Introduction

In volumes 1,2 and 5 we cover land use designation, housing and transportation as it relates to Auburn's future. Please take a moment to read the draft volumes provided and let us know what you think!

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As of December 7, 2015, 11:32 AM, this forum had:

Attendees:	93
On Forum Responses:	4
Minutes of Public Comment:	24

This topic started on October 23, 2015, 5:16 PM.

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Responses

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Answered	3
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Answered	4
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No Response

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No Response

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Answered 2

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No Response

Vol. 7: The Parks and Recreation Element supports the supply of parks and programs that keep pace with the demand placed on them by a growing population. The Element also provides a framework for the identification and preservation of open space areas. Please comment and help shape Auburn's future!

No Response

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Eleanor Brekke inside Auburn

November 24, 2015, 4:57 PM

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No Response

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The Downtown Urban Center (DUC) needs to be more flexible and accommodating than other zones due to older buildings and significant redevelopment costs associated with them. The City of Auburn needs to take into consideration policies that balance all the wants with the realities of site development and costs.

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Robert Chinn inside Auburn

November 2, 2015, 11:14 AM

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Traci Dysart inside Auburn

November 2, 2015, 10:59 AM

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I skimmed it for 30 minutes. I think we are in good hands, thank you.

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Charles Slightam inside Auburn

November 1, 2015, 5:29 PM

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See Vol. 2 comment.

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Some years ago a grant to create a duplex (from an existing single-family dwelling) was given within an entirely single-home area (along First Street Northeast, about the 1900 block). I think that multi-family designations s/b given where a neighborhood contains run-down single- (or multi-) family buildings, not where home owners are obviously maintaining their residences in good condition, hoping to maintain private ownership, not commercial development, which probably would destroy the already presentable neighborhood. I can see areas in west Auburn where multis could be beneficial.

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No Response

Imagine Auburn Draft Comprehensive Plan Feedback: Chapter 1

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Introduction

Please take a moment to read through Chapter 1 and answer a couple of questions regarding the current draft by clicking the "Your response" link above.

[View Chapter 1: Narrative History of Auburn and Its Plans \(PDF\)*](#)

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Minutes of Public Comment:	0

This topic started on June 14, 2015, 7:56 PM.

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Responses

Tell us what you think of draft Chapter 1: History of Auburn.

No Response

**Are there important events which shaped the present day community of Auburn that are missing?
Please be specific.**

No Response

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[View Chapter 2: Existing Conditions \(PDF\)*](#)

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Attendees:	14
On Forum Responses:	0
Minutes of Public Comment:	0

This topic started on June 14, 2015, 7:59 PM.

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Responses

Tell us what you think of draft Chapter 2: Existing Conditions

No Response

What information is key in understanding who we are and how we are changing?

No Response

Is there any statistic or trend about Auburn that was surprising?

No Response

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Responses

Provide us your comments on draft Chapter 3: Comprehensive Plan Process

Answered 1

Skipped 0

comment posters topics

How well do you think that Auburn's value statements expressed in Chapter 3, address the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) goals?

No Response

What countywide, region wide, and statewide goal or policy needs the most work in order to be achieved in Auburn?

No Response

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Jeanette Ordonez outside Auburn

September 10, 2015, 3:31 PM

Provide us your comments on draft Chapter 3: Comprehensive Plan Process

I appreciate the opportunity to comment and the ease of using an online platform to do so. Seeing as the City is currently seeking comment on the posters presented at the community meetings I think it would be beneficial if we could comment on the boards in addition to taking the brief survey. A variety of topics are discussed on the posters but as of now there is no ability to comment on specific topics on the posters through TalkAuburn.

How well do you think that Auburn's value statements expressed in Chapter 3, address the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) goals?

No Response

What countywide, region wide, and statewide goal or policy needs the most work in order to be achieved in Auburn?

No Response

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Responses

Provide us your comments on draft Chapter 4: Vision and Core Value Statements

Answered 1
 Skipped 0

affordable amenities areas **auburn** communities community critical
cultures density developing **development** diverse economy
environment future goals growth **health** healthy **housing**
 incorporate languages **planning** policies residents s safe services
 strategies **support** sustainability **urge** value

Do you think the value statements appropriately reflect issues and concepts expressed in the Imagine Auburn Visioning process?

	%	Count
Yes	100.0%	1

Is the "What it will look like" section of each value clear in the future for Auburn it describes? If not, how could it be made clearer?

No Response

Does the "How it will happen" section of each value statement achieve that value statement's desired outcome? Please be specific with which value statement you are commenting on.

No Response

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September 10, 2015, 3:23 PM

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Community Values

- I support the CELEBRATION of our diverse cultures, heritage and community in Auburn. This value should be incorporated throughout the draft plan goals and policies by recognizing the different needs and priorities for our diverse communities.
- I urge the addition of local employment opportunities and workforce development within the ECONOMY value statement.
- I support the inclusion of ENVIRONMENT and SUSTAINABILITY in Auburn. A healthy environment is critical to community health for residents now and in the future.

Growth and Density

- I support greater flexibility and density for housing. I support planning for parks, open space, sidewalks and trails, and other amenities that make neighborhoods vibrant, healthy and safe.
- I urge the City to incorporate specific housing targets and strategies to ensure that Auburn remains affordable to families of all incomes, including housing and supportive services for homeless residents.

Special Planning Areas

- We support planning for district areas and sub-areas. We urge the City to incorporate transit, biking and pedestrian amenities in the planning of impression corridors.

Sustainable Auburn

- I support City policies which address community health, environment, economic vitality and equity. I know that how Auburn grows and changes will impact current and future generations – ensuring that health, sustainability and the economy are prioritized in the City's goals and policies are critical to guarantee that Auburn's growth and change benefits everyone.
- I urge the City to incorporate diverse languages, cultures and communities in developing recreation options, community facilities and coordination of health and human services.
- I urge the City to use development incentives for affordable housing preservation and development.
- I urge the City to prioritize safe, reliable alternative transportation modes as part of their environmental strategies. Reducing greenhouse emissions will require that Auburn residents can get where they need to go without using a car.
- I urge the City to incorporate diverse languages, cultures and communities in developing standards for communication with Auburn residents and businesses.

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Yes

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No Response

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No Response



ATTACHMENT D. EVENTS CALENDARS

July Events Calendar 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Senior Appreciation Day at Auburn's Farmers Market						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		AUB Noon Lions				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Senior Center Advisory Board				
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Event Details

7/5	Senior Appreciation Day, Auburn Farmers Market
7/14	Auburn Noon Lions, noon to 1pm, at Longhorn BBQ, 635 C St SW
7/21	Auburn Senior Center, 10 am to 11 am, 808 9th St SE



August Events Calendar 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		National Night Out	Auburn Rotary	Lakeland Hills Workshop		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		South AUB Workshop	Soroptimist Int'l	Lea Hill Workshop		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		North AUB Workshop		Kiwanis Club		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Event Details

8/4	National Night Out, Lea Hill, South AUB, North AUB, Lakeland Hills - TBD
8/5	Auburn Rotary, noon to 1:30 pm, at Bogey's Restaurant, 29630 Green River RD SE
8/6	Lakeland Hills Workshop, 6:30 pm at the Lakeland Community Center, 5801 Lakeland Hills Way SE, Auburn, WA 98092
8/11	South AUB Workshop, 6:30 pm at Auburn Library, 1102 Auburn Way S, Auburn, WA 98002
8/12	Soroptimist Int'l, noon, Truitt Building,
8/13	Lea Hill Workshop, 6:30 pm at Wesley Homes Assembly Hall, 32049 109th PL SE
8/18	North Auburn Workshop, 6:30 pm at Valley Counseling Services, 2704 I Street NE
8/20	Kiwanis Club, noon to 1 pm, Longhorn BBQ, 635 C St SW

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Environmentally sensitive areas
Transportation

Community health and well-being
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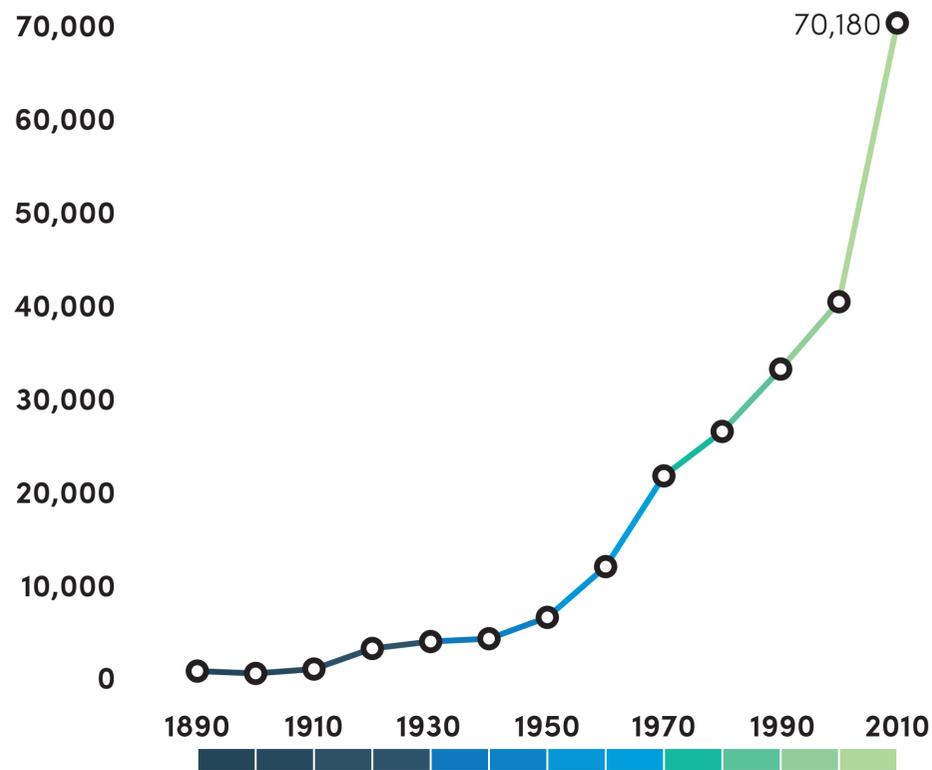
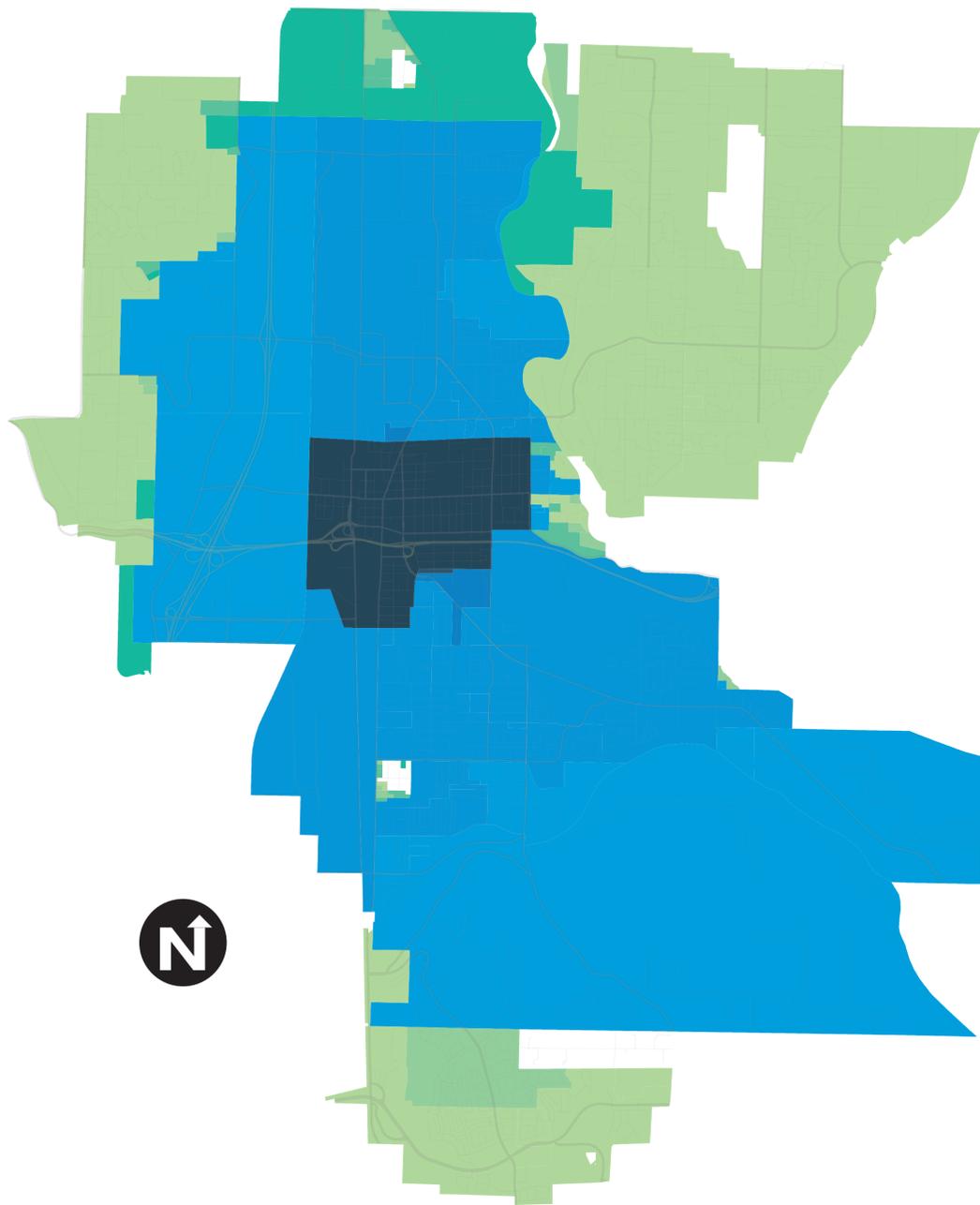
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Auburn At a Glance: Past, Present, and Future

(Comprehensive Plan: Ch. 1 & 2)



Area and Population by Decade

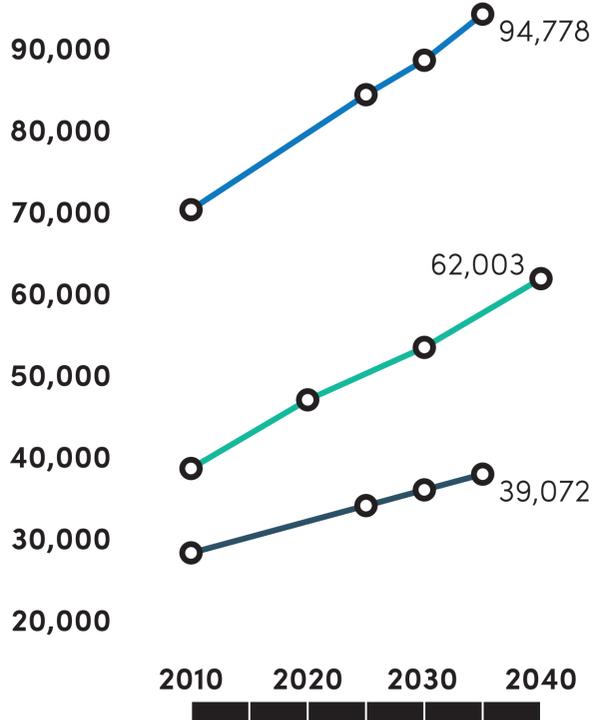
When Auburn incorporated in 1891, little more than 740 lived within City limits. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, **70,180 people** now call Auburn home, a nearly ten-fold increase. In between, Auburn experienced its most dramatic population booms in the 1910s, 1950s, 1960s, and 2000s.

With annexations, the 1950s, 1960s, and 2000s were also when Auburn expanded the most in area. Though few Potential Annexation Areas remain, it is anticipated that Auburn will continue to grow.

The Next 2 Decades

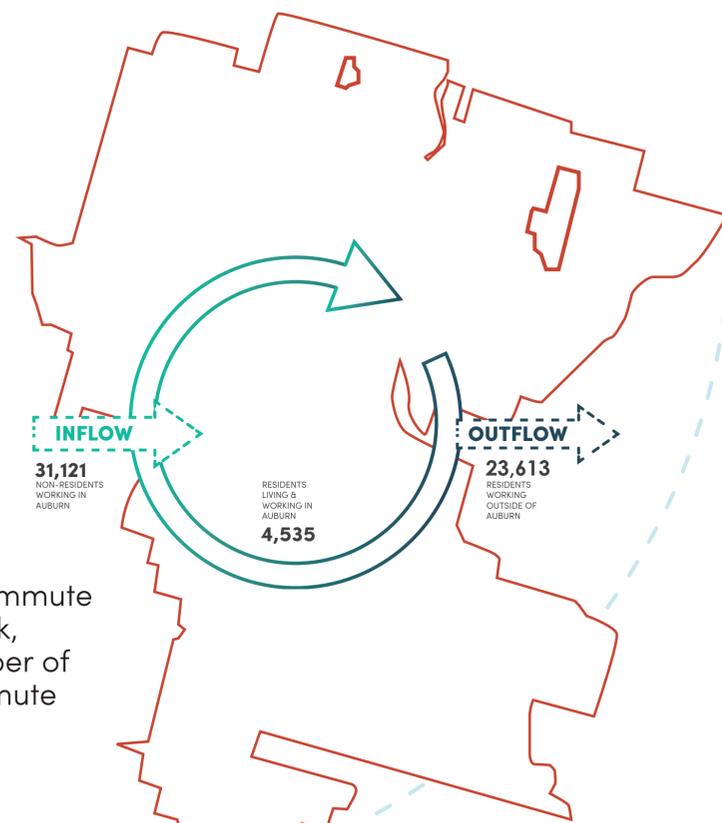
Over the next 20-25 years, Auburn will grow in population, housing units, and jobs. It is anticipated that there will be **24,608 more residents, 11,245 more housing units, and 22,120 more jobs** than there was in 2010.

- Jobs
- Population
- Housing Units



The Working Population

Though almost **84% of Auburn residents** work outside of City limits, the number of people who commute to Auburn for work, exceeds the number of people who commute out of Auburn.



Imagine Auburn: Community Vision » Community Values » Comprehensive Plan

(Comprehensive Plan: Ch. 3 & 4)



How Were the Community Value Statements Developed?

In 2014, through "Imagine Auburn", the City asked how the community envisioned itself in 20 years. Since then, the City has developed a set of value statements that aim to capture the community's vision.

The foundation of the seven (7) value statements below is from feedback received from the community. In addition, they were developed with City Council and Planning Commission input and coordination with Growth Management Act (GMA) goals, *Vision 2040*, *King County Countywide Planning Policies*, and *Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies*.

The value statements shape the contents of the Comprehensive Plan, which guides how Auburn grows, develops, and makes decisions.

Give Us Feedback!

Please provide comments to us by answering a few questions about the Comprehensive Plan concepts proposed:

- On iPads next to the poster board
- Online (auburnwa.gov/about/talk_auburn.htm)
- By scanning the QR code

Your feedback is much appreciated!



Community Value Statements



CHARACTER

CHARACTER means developing and preserving attractive and interesting places where people want to be. We will create and maintain high quality neighborhoods, places, and spaces.



WELLNESS

WELLNESS means the promotion of community-wide health and safety. We will build and maintain an environment that promotes public safety and healthy lifestyle options.



SERVICE

SERVICE includes providing transparent government service. We will be an efficient, approachable, and responsive City government.



ECONOMY

ECONOMY includes encouraging a diverse and thriving marketplace for consumers and businesses. We will provide a diverse and vibrant local economy with employment, retail, and entertainment opportunities for citizens and a growing marketplace for homegrown and regional-scale businesses.



CELEBRATION

CELEBRATION includes celebrating our cultures, heritage, and community. We will celebrate diversity and creativity and come together to teach, learn, and have fun.



ENVIRONMENT

ENVIRONMENT means stewarding our environment. We will protect the natural environment, preserve open space, and create appropriate access.



SUSTAINABILITY

SUSTAINABILITY means creating a sustainable future for our community. We will balance natural resource protection, economic prosperity, and cultural vibrancy in order to build a thriving and long-lasting community.

Using Growth and Density to Implement the Community's Vision

(Comprehensive Plan: Ch. 5)

Growth is Inevitable

The Puget Sound region is growing and within the next 20-30 years, Auburn is expected to gain over 20,000 new residents, for a total of 94,000 by 2035. Auburn is also expected to gain over 20,000 jobs, for a total of 60,000 jobs by 2040. It is the intent of the Comprehensive Plan to guide the City's evolution and growth and capture opportunities associated with increased density. The draft Comprehensive Plan **proposes** the following changes:

Residential Density

Most of the residential areas within Auburn are designated 'Single Family Residential'.

To accommodate the expected growth and development within the City, the draft Comprehensive Plan **proposes** three ways in which density may occur within residential areas:

- To increase the base density of the Single Family land use designation (except the existing Urban Separator Overlay) from a base density of five (5) dwelling units per acre to seven (7) dwelling units per acre.

This will potentially affect the 'Single Family' land use designation potentially in two ways:



Vacant land may be able to build out at 7 dwelling units per acre.



Existing Single Family areas zoned R-5 (i.e. have a 5 dwelling unit per acre base) may be of enough size to build or convert into a duplex or triplex.

- Through the provision of amenities, density bonuses (except in the Residential Conservancy land use designation) may permit seven (7) or more dwelling units per acres in areas that currently have a base density of five (5) dwelling units per acre (R-5 zoning district). The density bonus will depend heavily on the existing site and proposed amenities.
- The proposed 'Residential Transition' land use designation may be applied to an area that is currently designated 'Single Family Residential' and is adjacent to an area that contains multifamily or non-residential uses.



Quality Residential Development

With an increase in the number of people and residences, quality housing and design is crucial. The following standards are **proposed** for all residential development within Auburn:



- Provision of on-site amenities, such as parks and recreation facilities and commercial areas, and appropriate connections to adjacent off-site amenities, proportional to the impact of residential development.
- Mixture of housing types and styles (e.g. accessory dwelling units, cottage housing, townhouses, duplexes) that fit with the character and scale of a neighborhood
- Flexible neighborhood design and layout
- Safety integrated into the design through "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)" principles
- Long-term housing maintenance considerations

Residential Transitions

A new 'Residential Transition' land use designation is proposed for the draft Comprehensive Plan. It is intended to bridge neighborhoods and accommodate a mix of housing types and intensities within a defined transition area. The following concepts are **proposed** for transition areas:

- A transition area will be appropriately located and may be used to bridge single-family, multifamily, and non-residential uses together.



- A mix of housing types, such as single-family residences, cottage housing, duplexes, townhomes will be accommodated within the transition, based on adjacent density, intensity, and/or character. For example, a transition between single-family residences and fourplexes, may contain single family residences, cottage housing, and duplexes.
- While overall density of the transition will be greater than the existing single-family residential area from a bird's eye view, at a street-level the development will complement the character and scale of the existing area.
- Particular attention will be paid towards the design, character, and layout of the transition areas and promoting connections through the transition areas so that they do not become physical or perceived barriers between communities.

Using Growth and Density to Implement the Community's Vision

(Comprehensive Plan: Ch. 5)

Local Amenities

Amenities within development can help mitigate the impact of growth and development. The draft Plan promotes the provision of amenities, through regulation or incentives, that enhance quality of life in exchange for increased density.* These amenities **may** include:

- Active and passive park space
- Coordinated and interconnected trails
- Public art
- Community facilities
- Sustainability techniques
- Landscaping and preservation of the natural environment

*Except for properties within the Residential Conservancy land use designation.



Active park



Passive Park



Public art



Sustainability techniques (rain garden)

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Neighborhood Commercial

The 'Neighborhood Commercial' land use designation already exists within the Comprehensive Plan. However, the draft Comprehensive Plan **proposes** modifications to this designation that will allow for small scale, local business adjacent to residential areas.

As local businesses provide economic diversity and complement larger and regional businesses within Auburn, they may also provide access to walkable goods and services. The 'Neighborhood Commercial' designation is intended to:

- Consist of appropriate range of local serving uses
- Serve the adjacent residential area, and are of a local scale and are oriented to the street
- Interface with the street through pedestrian friendly designs, such as landscaping and outdoor seating and parking lots at the rear of a building



Updated Comprehensive Plan Map

Stay Tuned for the Updated Comprehensive Plan Map! The changes proposed above will be depicted on the updated Comprehensive Plan Map. The City is currently evaluating changes to the existing Comprehensive Plan Map. An updated map of land use designations will be made available for review estimated in September 2015.

Sustainable Auburn

(Comprehensive Plan: Ch. 4, 5, & 7)

A Healthy Auburn: In the Long-Run

To ensure the longevity of a healthy Auburn, the Comprehensive Plan considers the long-lasting effects of the City's actions on community health, economic viability, environment, and equity. As Auburn develops, the Comprehensive Plan's land use designations drive the realization of a "sustainable" Auburn. Supporting a sustainable Auburn will also require coordination of the Comprehensive Plan's community value statements with all City and outside agency decisions and actions. To do so, the draft Comprehensive Plan **proposes** the following:

Community Health

- Promoting on-site amenities and/or multiple connections to amenities and services surrounding residential designated areas
- Integrating business, institutions, and infrastructure with its surroundings (e.g. existing development, the street, and open space)
- Promoting recreation options, community facilities, and coordination of health and human services in accessible locations
- Monitoring the quality of multi-family housing to ensure that living conditions are safe and healthy
- Enhancing the overall feeling of security and safety of a neighborhood through community design and enforcement

Environment

- Designating areas containing large-scale or high-value environmental resources for no to low intensities of development by the City as appropriate
- Reducing development "footprints" through the use of sustainable and best management practices such as low impact development and stormwater management techniques
- Updating the City's critical areas regulations and implementing sustainability programs (e.g., greenhouse gas inventory and alternative energy assessment)
- Implementing sustainable business processes (e.g. electronic reviews)

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Economic Viability

- Providing incentives for desired development (e.g. increases in density or floor area ratio (FAR), when additional quality of life amenities are provided)
- Encouraging, recruiting, and promoting development of all types of businesses, including local-scale, neighborhood-serving businesses
- Improving commercial areas' appeal to existing and new business through an inviting streetscape (e.g. attractive facades and signage and better pedestrian access)
- Prioritizing of capital projects (infrastructure improvements and maintenance) that serve businesses Auburn seeks to attract or retain
- Streamlining the City's business approval processes (e.g. electronic reviews, etc.)
- Modifying grant procurement procedures and City Council budgeting that consider long-term financial benefits and needs.
- Promoting continued business growth and reinvestment by existing businesses

Equity

- Promoting high-quality residential development featuring various housing types and access to amenities – no matter where you live.
- Encouraging multiple housing types in proximity to one another for community integration
- Prioritization of community facilities, infrastructure improvements, and maintenance that provides equitable service to residents of all abilities
- Developing standards for innovative means of communication to be considerate of Auburn's diversity
- Refining of customer service processes to ensure diverse stakeholder coordination

Special Planning Areas

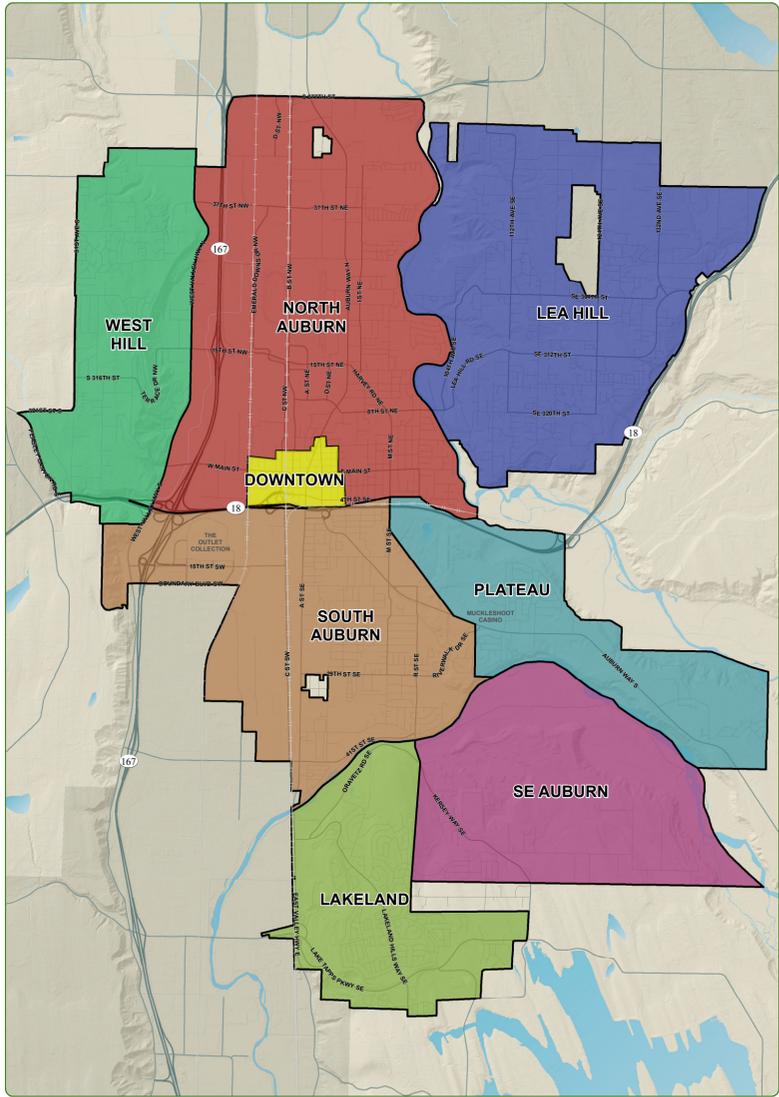
(Comprehensive Plan: Ch. 6)

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Districts

Districts are generally consistent with the geography of one of the eight "neighborhoods" identified in the "2014 City of Auburn Community Vision Report" and are generally identified for the purpose of creating identity.

Districts may contain other smaller Special Planning Areas, such as sub-areas.

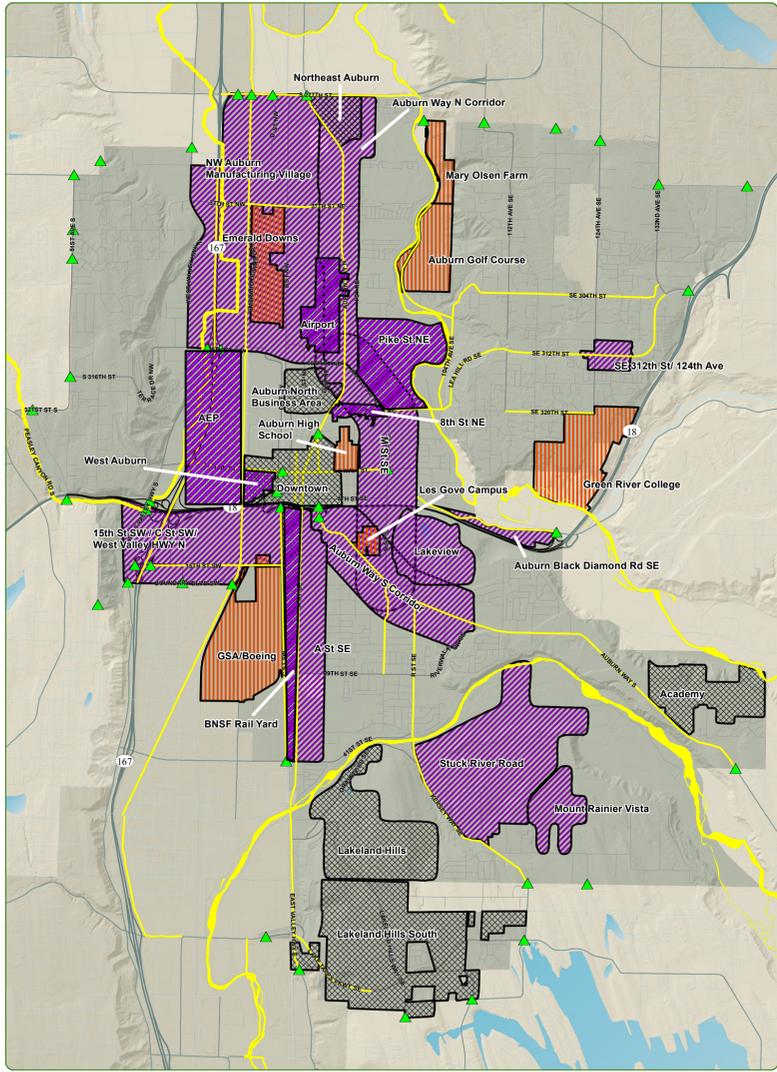


Special Planning Areas - Districts
 Legend: North Auburn (Red), SE Auburn (Purple), South Auburn (Brown), West Hill (Green), Urban Center (Yellow), Plateau (Blue), Lea Hill (Dark Blue), Lakeland (Light Green).
 Date: 7/31/2015
 Map ID:

Sub-Areas and Adopted Sub-Area Plans

Sub-areas are smaller in geography than a district, but multiple sub-areas may be located within a single district. Sub-areas help refine and recognize unique characteristics within a district.

Sub-Area Plans are intended to guide the future development of each respectively adopted sub-area on a planned basis. Uses and intensities within are determined for each Sub-Area Plan.



Special Planning Areas
 Sub-Areas, Impression Corridors, Gateways
 Legend: Gateways (Green Triangle), Impression Corridors (Yellow Line), Adopted Areas (Hatched), Identified Areas (Red Hatched), Designated Areas (Purple/Pink).
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Impression Corridors

Impression corridors are aligned with a particular street, trail, river, stream, or specific linear corridor.

Some corridors may be part of a sub-area. Impression corridors enhance the areas in which residents, businesses, visitors move throughout the City. Impression Corridor boundaries and policies are formally designated by adoption of the Comprehensive Plan.

Gateways

Gateways are specific places, intersections, or blocks within the City.

These essential locations are established because they constitute the first impression into of Auburn. They are therefore highly important to plan, construct, maintain, and enhance their appearance and function. Gateway locations and policies are formally designated by adoption of the Comprehensive Plan.

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Workshop comments - August 2015

Contact Name	Source	Date Received	Topic	Question/Statement	Date Responded	Response
NA	Workshop Notecard	Aug 2015 - unclear which workshop	Annexation	The City needs to annex the Auburn Narrows Natural Area.	NA	NA
NA	Workshop Notecard	Aug 11th, 6:30 pm, at the Auburn Library	Chpt. 5 - Local Amenities	Local Amenities Ch.5 Old Rottles Building - create a small bowling alley: *Provides entertainment for the new housing unit downtown. *Provides activity for youth - keep them safe. *Provides jobs. *Helps economy stay in Auburn.	NA	NA
NA	Workshop Notecard	Aug 11th, 6:30 pm, at the Auburn Library	Chpt. 5 - Local Amenities	Local Amenities Ch.5 Vacant space next to the liquidators store across City Hall - create a small dog park: *Provides the new tenants in the new housing unit a place for their pets.	NA	NA
NA	Workshop Notecard	Aug 6th, 6:30 pm, at the Lakeland Community Center	General	Pierce County - specific	NA	NA
Pattee Baggett	Workshop Notecard	Aug 13th, 6:30 pm, at Wesley Homes Assembly Hall	General	Nice people and good turnout. Good presentation.	NA	NA
NA	Workshop Notecard	Aug 2015 - unclear which workshop	General	Thanks City of Auburn for holding this forum!	NA	NA
RALPH MARBET	Email	July 20, 2015	General	Will the is the format and information provide at these four meetings the same? Would a person learn anything new by attending all four meetings? Thanks, Ralph	7/24/2015	Dear Mr. Marbet, The information provided at the four workshops will essentially be the same. We are having the workshop in four different locations and on different dates give residents more of an opportunity to make at least one workshop. The workshops will focus on key topics of the draft Comprehensive Plan. For more information, please visit http://www.auburnwa.gov/imagineauburn .
David Haynes	Email	August 13, 2015	General	Alexandria, as a resident and business owner here in Auburn, I would like to thank you for the work / presentation you did at the Library this week. I know how difficult it can be to be in front of citizens when there is an underlying concern in the community such as homelessness or other issues. Again, thank you.	NA	

ATTACHMENT G. COMMUNITY WORKSHOP COMMENTS COMBINED

Contact Name	Source	Date Received	Topic	Question/Statement	Date Responded	Response
Bruce Turner	Workshop Notecard	Aug 11th, 6:30 pm, at the Auburn Library	Homeless and safety	Where is the planning for growth in law enforcement, fire dept.? Members of the senior center and families with young children are frightened to go to the library	NA	NA
NA	Workshop Notecard	Aug 11th, 6:30 pm, at the Auburn Library	Homeless and safety	I like the idea of a homeless space but make them pay rent and have a resident advisor for making sure they are keeping drugs out. Paying rent holds them accountable and lets them know they are like all citizens. If I was homeless I would want an area. Try that point when selling it.	NA	NA

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Introduction

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The foundation of the seven (7) value statements below is from feedback received from the community. In addition, they were developed with City Council and Planning Commission input and coordination with GMA goals, Vision 2040, King County Countywide Planning Policies, and Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies. The value statements shape the contents of the Comprehensive Plan, which guides how Auburn grows, develops, and makes decisions.

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On Forum Responses: 2

Minutes of Public Comment: 21

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Responses

Did you participate in the Imagine Auburn Community Visioning Survey and/or events in 2014?

		%	Count
No		100.0%	2

Do the value statements reflect your vision for Auburn?

		%	Count
Agree		100.0%	2

Are the value statements easy to understand (i.e. there are no terms or phrases that do not make sense)

		%	Count
Strongly agree		50.0%	1
Agree		50.0%	1

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Jeanette Ordonez outside Auburn

September 10, 2015, 9:31 AM

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No

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Agree

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Agree

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Pattee Baggett inside Auburn

August 13, 2015, 6:51 PM

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No

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Agree

Are the value statements easy to understand (i.e. there are no terms or phrases that do not make sense)

Strongly agree

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On Forum Responses:	1
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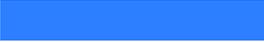
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Responses

An increase in density should come with additional amenities that enhance quality of life for new and existing development.

		%	Count
Agree		100.0%	1

What is your greatest concern with increased density? (Select one)

		%	Count
More traffic congestion		100.0%	1

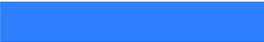
I understand the purpose of the "Residential Transition" designation.

		%	Count
Agree		100.0%	1

If a project within the "Residential Transition" designation is designed properly, I would not mind living next to it.

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Agree		100.0%	1

If a "Neighborhood Commercial" area contains businesses that are of a local scale and are designed and regulated appropriately, I would not mind living next to it.

		%	Count
Agree		100.0%	1

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Name not shown inside Auburn

August 6, 2015, 6:56 PM

An increase in density should come with additional amenities that enhance quality of life for new and existing development.

Agree

What is your greatest concern with increased density? (Select one)

More traffic congestion

I understand the purpose of the "Residential Transition" designation.

Agree

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Agree

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Attendees: 8

On Forum Responses: 0

Minutes of Public Comment: 3

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Responses

The proposed concepts of "Sustainable Auburn" enable the building of a thriving and long-lasting community.

No Response

The proposed concepts of "Sustainable Auburn", in a fair manner, takes into account the needs of Auburn's diverse residents and businesses.

No Response

The sustainability concepts are easy to understand (i.e. there are no terms or phrases that do not make sense).

No Response

It is important for the Comprehensive Plan to emphasize crime prevention techniques when designing communities

No Response

It is important for the Comprehensive Plan to support the inclusion of amenities that promote a healthy lifestyle

No Response

Imagine Auburn Workshop Feedback: Poster 5 (Chapter 5 & 7)

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Imagine Auburn Workshop Feedback: Poster 6 (Chapter 6)

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Responses

The Comprehensive Plan should identify specific areas that require specialized planning efforts. For example, downtown Auburn requires a different set of goals, priorities and policies than Lakeland Town Center.

No Response

The Comprehensive Plan should identify corridors and gateways heavily utilized by both residents and visitors. For these areas, the Plan should include policies and to improve the impression people have of Auburn.

No Response

Imagine Auburn Workshop Feedback: Poster 6 (Chapter 6)

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ATTACHMENT H. WORKSHOP TAKEWAYS

Workshop locations and dates - Aug 6th, 11th, 13th, and 18th

- Lakeland Hills: Aug 6th, 6:30 pm, at the Lakeland Community Center
- South Auburn: Aug 11th, 6:30 pm, at the Auburn Library
- Lea Hill: Aug 13th, 6:30 pm, at Wesley Homes Assembly Hall
- North Auburn: Aug 18th, 6:30 pm, at Valley Counseling Services

Lakeland Hills area – 8 attendees

General discussion about the posterboards and the Comprehensive Plan update.

South Auburn area – 29 attendees

The overwhelming theme of the South Auburn workshop was the issue of homelessness and safety. Many stated that there has been an increase in the homeless population – especially around the library and Les Grove Park. Attendees were concerned that homelessness is not addressed in the Comprehensive Plan.

Comments heard by staff include:

- Budget for homelessness and affordable housing
- Must address homeless in Comprehensive Plan
- Implement equity program that allows people the right to live under a roof
- Issue of homelessness and safety within the City of Auburn
- Safety vs aesthetics
- Number of units for affordable housing units in the City
- Concern about high rises being built within the City of Auburn

Lea Hill area – 23 attendees

Generally the comments and concerns focused on crime within the area.

Comments heard by staff include:

- Increased crime associated with new and existing development
- The roads between 307th and 305th are very congested
- Need light synchronization to help traffic along Auburn Way toward Hwy 18
- Would like to see a library annex near downtown
- Need another full service restaurant within Auburn
- Concern that the developments in the area of Kent within Auburn may impact the community

North Auburn area – 5 attendees

Generally the comments focused on traffic, infrastructure, and growth within the City of Auburn.

Comments heard by staff include:

- The need to bring roads built in the unincorporated areas roads to City standards
- Concern that East Hill and Lea Hill road are not planned for the type of development that is occurring
- Traffic challenges from Lea Hill and Lakeland Hills to get downtown; Lea Hill road has natural/ physical constraints