

**GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**AGENDA TITLE:** Healthy Communities Workgroup

**PRESENTED BY:** Interjurisdictional Staff Team

**BACKGROUND**

On September 21, 2011 the Growth Management Planning Council approved the 2012-2013 staff work plan. One work plan item, “Health concepts in planning”, called for staff to develop implementation ideas for the newly revised Countywide Planning Policies related to health. Several Interjurisdictional Team staff and local planners formed a Healthy Communities workgroup to carry out the work program.

**HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**

The Healthy Communities staff workgroup produced, “*A Planner’s Tool: Linking Health-related Countywide Planning Policies to Comprehensive Plans*”. The purpose of the tool is to assist jurisdictions with updating their Comp Plans to meet the June 30, 2015 deadline. Jurisdictions seeking to integrate health into a range of other plans and planning processes, such as functional plans and general policy development, can use the tool for these purposes as well.

The tool itself is a table that cross-references a subset of health-related CPPs to specific planning examples including model policies, health-planning resources, and community design ideas that are underway or completed in other jurisdictions. (One page of the tool has been excerpted and is attached to this staff report).

In addition, knowing about the health status of residents can help inform policy development and planning decisions. Recently completed City Health Profiles (CHPs) contain city-specific health data and demographic information and are now available.

**Next Steps**

The *Planner’s Tool* will be distributed to all cities in King County and made available on websites.