



Countywide Planning Policies

Economy



King County

Overview

The Economy chapter of the **Countywide Planning Policies** (CPPs) supports a thriving, robust, and diverse economy throughout the county. These policies support and implement the [Regional Economic Strategy](#), the region's comprehensive economic development strategy.

The CPPs in the Economy chapter address local government's roles and responsibilities supporting business formation, retention, and expansion. The CPPs also encourage actions to reduce and mitigate economic inequities and ensure that the economy provides fair opportunities for all, particularly during downturns and recoveries.

In addition to supporting the economic health of jurisdictions countywide, the policies support related goals to improve quality of life, create a healthy environment, and retain natural resources and related jobs.

Policy Changes

Proposed updates to the CPPs in the Economy chapter address updates to regional policy, state law, and equity in the countwide economy.

These proposed updates address equity by strengthening economic resiliency, protecting culturally significant businesses, and preventing and mitigating against economic displacement, especially in Black, Indigenous, and other communities of color.

Updates to the CPPs also encourage workforce development, partnerships with educational programs, and support the creation and retention of middle-wage jobs across the county.

The updated policies will guide local jurisdictions to create a stronger connection between employment and housing, ensuring more residents have options to access to well-paying jobs, reducing commute times, and creating vibrant business communities across the county.

Impacts of Policy Changes

- Supports the creation and preservation of a diverse economy focused on middle-wage jobs.
- Solidifies connection between employment and housing by encouraging a range of job opportunities near housing.
- Directs public investment decisions to protect and consider impacts to culturally significant business districts.
- Emphasizes support for jobs most in need of protection, including key industry clusters and small businesses vulnerable to change.
- Encourages planning for economic downturns and providing direct resources to reduce inequities.

We Need Your Input!

If you would like to provide public comment, have questions about the CPPs or growth management, or want to get involved, please send an email to gmpc@kingcounty.gov or contact Ben Larson by calling (206) 263-9560.

What are the Countywide Planning Policies?

The Countywide Planning Policies or CPPs are a series of policies that address growth management issues in King County. The Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) brings together elected officials from King County and the cities and jurisdictions within it to develop the CPPs.

The CPPs provide a countywide vision and serve as a framework for King County and every city in King County to develop its own comprehensive plan, which must be consistent with the CPPs and [VISION 2050](#).

For more on CPPs, Comprehensive Plans, and other growth management related information, please visit the King County Regional Planning page by clicking [this link](#).