



# Countywide Planning Policies

## Public Facilities and Services



### Overview

The Public Facilities and Services chapter of the **Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs)** guides local jurisdictions to provide public services such as water, sewer, telecommunications, and schools in a manner that is consistent with plans for growth and provides services equitably and efficiently.

Jurisdictions are required to plan for long-term needs and provide capacity to support future growth as well as address challenges in the provision of public services in the face of a climate change. The Public Facilities and Services chapter also encourages local jurisdictions to coordinate public services and provide them in a cost-effective and reliable manner.

### Policy Changes

Proposed updates to the Public Facilities and Services chapter are focused on responding to changes in regional policy and state law, and centering equity in public service provision across King County.

Equity focused updates compel jurisdictions to prioritize public service and facility investments in historically underserved communities to address disparities, include broad public involvement as public facilities are sited or expanded, and disperse the impacts and share benefits of new facilities equitably.

Additional updates address the need for disaster preparedness and consideration of climate change when siting or expanding public facilities.

### Impacts of Policy Changes

- Increases affordable and equitable access to public services, especially in historically underserved communities.
- Increases cost-effective services to the public through coordination between jurisdictions and service providers.
- Invests in low-carbon energy alternatives to meet long-term energy needs and reduce environmental impacts.
- Requires planning for providing affordable, convenient, and reliable broadband internet access to businesses and homes of all income levels, with emphasis on underserved areas.
- Requires consideration of climate change, economic, and health impacts when siting public services and facilities.
- Encourages disaster preparedness and recovery planning to ensure resiliency in public facilities, utilities, and infrastructure.

### 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](mailto: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](#).