



City of Bremerton 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update Environmental Review Determination of Significance with Adoption of Existing Environmental Document

Proponent

City of Bremerton

Description of current proposal

The City of Bremerton is conducting its eight-year review and evaluation of its Comprehensive Plan and development regulations pursuant to the Washington State Growth Management Act. The update is due for completion by June 30, 2016.

The City's Comprehensive Plan Update addresses its 20-year population and employment growth targets. Each plan element's goals, and policies and strategies are being reviewed and amended to address recent trends, consistency with state and regional goals, including: Introduction, Land Use, Housing, Transportation, Environment, Economic Development, and City Services. City profiles identify current conditions for each council district as a backdrop to the plan update. Technical appendices for each element will be updated. The Transportation Plan Appendix addresses conditions, plans, and strategies for mobility by multiple modes including pedestrians, bicycles, autos, ferries, freight. The City Services Appendix updates the inventory, levels of service, capital plans, and revenues for police, fire, parks, public works, and other services.

The City's current land use plan would be amended in a targeted manner to bring land capacity into alignment with growth targets, and to reduce nonconformities between planned and existing land uses where future land use designations are considered inappropriate. The Neighborhood Centers in Haddon, Oyster Bay, Perry Avenue, Kitsap Lake Reserve, and Sylvan/Pine would be removed and replaced with Low Density Residential designations, and, in some cases, commercial designations. Mineral lands overlays would be applied to large tracts of Low Density Residential areas west and south of Kitsap Lake.

Implementing development regulations would be updated. The City's zoning map would be updated to match the land use plan. The City is also reviewing and evaluating its critical areas ordinance for amendment such as matching more recent wetlands rating systems identified by the Washington State Department of Ecology. The City's shoreline master program would be amended for consistency in terms of the land use plan changes (such as where the land use plan map is changed to recognize multifamily uses). Regulations would be amended to address National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit requirements to evaluate codes to provide for low impact development standards.

Location of current proposal

Bremerton City Limits and Urban Growth Area

Adoption of Documents: Titles, Agencies, Dates, Descriptions, and Availability

The City of Bremerton adopts the following documents for the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update:

City of Bremerton, 2003-2004 Comprehensive Plan Update, Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Final SEIS), December 1, 2004: document addresses the city limits and planning area and is

the basis for the current comprehensive plan. Available:
<http://www.ci.bremerton.wa.us/185/Comprehensive-Plan>.

City of Bremerton, South Kitsap Industrial Area Final Planned Action Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS), March 29, 2012: Addresses the City's major employment growth area annexed in 2009 now known as the Puget Sound Industrial Area – Bremerton. Available:
<http://www.bremertonwa.gov/743/Documents>.

City of Bremerton and Kitsap County, Gorst Creek Watershed Characterization & Framework Plan, Gorst Subarea Plan, and Gorst Planned Action, Final EIS, October 8, 2013. Addresses the City's watershed and assigned Gorst Urban Growth Area (UGA) to the south, and cumulatively addresses air quality, transportation, and other topics relevant to the City and its planning area. Available:
<http://www.bremertonwa.gov/696/Documents>.

Kitsap County, Urban Growth Area (UGA) Sizing and Composition Remand, Final SEIS, August 10, 2012. Addresses cumulative growth across the county including the City of Bremerton and its UGAs. The assumed growth levels for the preferred plan are similar to the City's allocated growth targets for 2010-2036. Available: http://www.kitsapgov.com/dcd/community_plan/comp_plan/Volume2.htm.

Kitsap County, Ueland Tree Farm Mineral Resource Development Project: Proposed CUP Modification, Final SEIS, August 2015. Addresses areas under consideration for the Mineral Resources Overlay in the City. Available: <http://www.uelandtreefarm.com/cup-modifications.html>. A SEPA Appeal was addressed through agreement of the parties to add additional conditions and dismissed by the Kitsap County Hearing Examiner in September 2015.

Determination and Addendum

The lead agency has determined this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. To meet the requirements of RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c), the lead agency is adopting the document described above. Under WAC 197-11-630, there will be no scoping process for this EIS.

We have identified and adopted this document as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

An addendum to the adopted EISs in the form of a programmatic environmental review has been prepared regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update. This document includes a review of environmental factors and mitigation in the form of policies and development regulations. The addendum is available at: <http://www.ci.bremerton.wa.us/765/Bremerton2035>.

Name of agency adopting document

City of Bremerton

Comment and Review

The City of Bremerton is requesting comments on the environmental review from citizens, tribes, and all interested parties from November 3, 2015 to November 17, 2015. All written comments should be directed to: Allison Satter, City of Bremerton Department of Community Development, 345 6th Street, Suite 600, Bremerton, WA 98337 or Allison.Satter@ci.bremerton.wa.us.

SEPA Appeal

Any agency or person may appeal the City's procedural compliance with Chapter 197-11 WAC for issuance of the Determination of Significance. An appeal may be filed within 10 days of the close of the comment period above, or 5 pm November 30, 2015. See BMC 20.04.210.

Contact person, if other than responsible official

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Date:

11/3/2015

Signature:

