



# **Planning Commission Recommendation: Land Use, Community Development and Design, and Climate Resilience and Sustainability**

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City Council Staff Report  
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# Agenda

- Review Planning Commission recommendations
- Council identification of discussion topics for study session(s)

## Objective

- Build understanding of Planning Commission recommendations
- Prepare for study sessions scheduled on Jul. 9 and 23

# Land Use Element



- Sets the direction of future growth in a community.
- Defines land use designations – what is allowed and at what intensity.
- Includes a future land use map.
- **All Comprehensive Plan elements are important, but the Land Use Element is the star of the show.**

# Commission Discussion: Land Use

- Support for direction of element, including updated land use map.
- Interest in the intersection of land use policies, daycares as an allowed use, and the allowed uses for complete neighborhoods.
- Strong support for the concept of “Complete Neighborhoods”.
- Discussion of different ways land use intersects with, and communicates support for, biking, walking, taking transit, and other non-driving modes.
- Interest in “centers,” including formal definitions, regional context, and history of Marymoor Village.
- Desire to protect drinking water source and other natural resources in manufacturing park and business park areas.
- Appreciated consistency in terms and emphasis on equity and inclusion. Example, drafting the term “accessible and active transportation” and consistently using the term throughout.

*Recommended **approval**.*

# Community Development and Design

- New element
- Consolidates topics of community design, historic preservation, centers policies and adds new sections for inclusive design and corridor planning



# Commission Discussion: Community Development and Design

- Community-based organization partners reviewed drafts and community comments from inclusive community engagement and recommended edits.
- Council discussion on if policies go far enough. List of potential future projects developed separately.
- Several policies initially drafted for one center were moved to become applicable to all centers.
- Planning Commission discussion:
  - Support for the way the policies have captured the community vision.
  - Strongly reflects the community and Commission comments.
  - Appreciate focus on equity and inclusion.

*Recommended **approval**.*

# Climate Resilience and Sustainability

- Prioritizes and supports existing strategies to provide long-term policy direction
- Maintains and enhances existing climate change policies
- Supports the actions identified in the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan (ESAP), Community Strategic Plan, Climate Emergency Declaration, City of Redmond Operations Zero Carbon Strategy and
- Makes progress towards fulfilling requirements of RCW 36.70A.070.9 as amended by HB 1181. (required by 2029)



# Commission Discussion: Climate Resilience and Sustainability

- Trade-offs of prioritizing climate resilience efforts versus other City priorities related to growth and development.
- The sufficiency and effectiveness of commute trip reduction programs.
- The inclusion and prioritization of specific natural hazards as policy focus areas.
- Conservation and protection of water sources and water use reduction.
- Design of public spaces to withstand extreme heat, including passive cooling.
- Policy goals and metrics on greenhouse gas emissions reduction.
- Consider addressing measurement or frequency of review of policies and goals.
- Consideration of public comments received, including concept of "circular economy initiatives".

*Recommended **approval**.*



# Next Steps

- Identify questions and issues for discussion at study sessions scheduled on Jul. 9 and 23
- Hold study sessions
- Prepare for adoption in fall 2024

# Questions?

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