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The Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan ("Comp Plan") is a decision-making tool for officials and citizens in guiding future growth and development in Jefferson County on a 20-year planning horizon. It provides the community vision, goals and policy basis for the regulatory requirements of the [Jefferson County Code](#), including Title 18 the [Unified Development Code](#), as well as capital facilities improvements, and other County endeavors.

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Comprehensive Plan - Periodic Update 2016

As required by the state Growth Management Act ([RCW 36.70A](#)), the County is beginning a Periodic Update to the Comp Plan and its implementing regulations. The current deadline is now 2016 after state Legislature twice revised the statutory timeline for all jurisdictions due to budget constraints. Jefferson County's deadline was first extended to 2014, then again to 2016.

To begin the update, the [Planning Commission](#) has begun its Periodic Assessment in preparation for making a recommendation for revisions. Learn more on the [Comp Plan - Periodic Update 2016](#) page.



Comprehensive Plan - Periodic Update 2004

Pursuant to the Growth Management Act ([GMA](#)) at RCW 36.70A.130(4), Jefferson County was required to review and, if necessary, revise its Comprehensive Plan and implementing regulations by December 1,

2004. Although the mandatory update focused on issues such as population projections and capital facilities planning, as a complementary project the County updated and streamlined the entire Comprehensive Plan initially adopted in 1998.

For more information on the 2004 update process, visit the [2004 Update & Comp Plan Review page](#). Through [Ordinance No. 17-1213-04](#), adopted on December 13, 2004, the Board of County Commissioners ([BoCC](#)) substantially revised the Comp Plan. The BoCC at the time consisted of Glen Huntingford (Chair), Dan Titterness, and Patrick Rodgers, with Lorna Delaney as the Clerk of the Board.

Following are the individual Comp Plan chapters as PDF files. Chapter 4 - Natural Resource Conservation Element and most of the Appendices were not amended in 2004.

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Related documents:

- [Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan](#) - The BoCC adopted the *Jefferson County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan* in 2002.



Comprehensive Plan - Initially Adopted 1998

The Growth Management Act ([GMA](#)) was signed into Washington State law in 1990. Although Jefferson County had had earlier Comprehensive Plan versions adopted under the [Planning Enabling Act](#), the first Comprehensive Plan under GMA was adopted on August 28, 1998. The Board of County Commissioners ([BoCC](#)) at the time of initial adoption was Glen Huntingford (Chair), Daniel Harpole, and Richard Wojt, with Lorna Delaney as the Clerk of the Board.

Following are individual Comp Plan chapters as PDF files. These versions are **for historical interest only** and represent the 1998 Comp Plan as amended through August 2004. *The following chapters are **not** the Comp Plan current in effect.* See the [Comprehensive Plan - Updated 2004 section above](#) for current Comp Plan chapters. The following archival documents are provided here in order to preserve the background content of the 1998 Plan; substantial narrative was deleted in 2004 in order to streamline the Plan.

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Comprehensive Plan Amendments

The Growth Management Act ([GMA](#)) provides for an annual amendment cycle for comprehensive plans (with some exceptions where amendments could be considered outside of the annual cycle). Citizens or interest groups may propose site-specific or suggested amendments to the Comprehensive Plan for review during the annual amendment cycle.

For information concerning the process for amending the Comprehensive Plan, as well as as well as links to year-specific information, visit the [Comprehensive Plan & UDC Amendments](#) page.

Between August 1998 and August 2004, the following ordinances effectively amended the Comprehensive Plan, as initially adopted on August 28, 1998. The amendments are incorporated into the sections and chapters [linked above in the Comprehensive Plan - Initially Adopted 1998 section](#). For those who have hard copies of the original Comprehensive Plan, also available below are replacement pages for only those pages that have been amended by each of the adopted ordinances listed.

Ordinance No.	Date	Subject of Amendment	Comp Plan Replacement Pages
Res. 92-99	7/2/01	Hearings Board compliance; various subjects	Appendix G

08-1224-01	12/24/01	2001 Annual Amendment Cycle; various subjects	Click here
19-1213-02	12/13/02	2002 Annual Amendment Cycle, various subjects	Click here
09-1203-03	12/18/03	2003 Annual Amendment Cycle, Ag Lands	Click here
09-1203-03	12/18/03	2003 Annual Amendment Cycle, Seawater intrusion	Click here
10-0823-04	8/23/04	New CP Chapter 2: Irondale & Hadlock Urban Growth Area	Click here for UGA webpage

Through [Ordinance No. 17-1213-04](#), the Comprehensive Plan was substantially amended in 2004 for the purpose of updating and streamlining the document. See the [Comprehensive Plan - Updated 2004 section above](#) for current Comp Plan chapters.

For more information on the 2004 update process, visit the [2004 Update & Comp Plan Review page](#).



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