

Lewis County
Countywide Planning Policies
Planning Commission Staff Report

ISSUE:

Countywide Planning Policies (CWPP) establish a framework from which county and city comprehensive plans are developed and adopted. CWPPs are adopted by the County in cooperation with the cities located within the county. Each year, the Lewis County CWPPs are reviewed by the Planned Growth Committee (PGC). The PGC looks at possible urban growth area boundary requests made by its cities and also looks at any Office of Financial Management (OFM) Growth Management population allocations which are received by the county every five years. The PGC then forwards its recommendations to the Planning Commission for eventual adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

DISCUSSION:

After extensive discussion at its April workshop, the PGC decided to make no changes to the existing Countywide Planning Policies. The PGC also did not receive any requests by Lewis County cities to change their urban growth area boundaries within the County. And since the last OFM Growth Management population allocation was voted on last year and won't be sent to the county by OFM for another four years, the PGC did not need to make any changes to the county's current Growth Management population allocation.

RECOMMENDATION:

After careful consideration during its workshop in April, the Planned Growth Committee recommended that the Planning Commission make no changes to the county's existing Countywide Planning Policies and no changes to the existing urban growth area boundaries within the county and no changes to the existing Growth Management population allocation.