

ONALASKA SUBAREA PLAN

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What is a subarea plan?

A subarea plan is a road map that guides how a specific geography, like Onalaska, will grow and develop over the next 20 years. The plan states a vision, goals, and policies for the area. The plan gets adopted as part of the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan and is used to determine updates to zoning maps and regulations, as well as capital facilities plans for infrastructure like sewer or water.



What is in the plan?

The plan evaluates topics and identifies improvements needed to accommodate new residents, businesses and visitors. Topics include:

- land use – general location and future density of new development
- transportation – streets, transit, sidewalks, bike lanes
- public facilities – sewer, water, solid waste, recycling, public safety
- public services – parks and other community amenities
- natural resources – water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, natural hazards
- other topics identified during the process

The plan includes a vision, goals and policies. The plan will be implemented by changes to zoning designations and development regulations.

What is the timeline?

2023			2024		2025	
<i>Spring</i> Project Kick Off	<i>Summer</i> Existing Conditions	<i>Fall</i> Community Vision	<i>Winter</i> Goals & Policies	<i>Spring</i> Next Steps	<i>Summer</i> Final Plan	Implementation



How is a subarea plan created?

The plan is created by the community in partnership with Lewis County Planning staff. Everyone in the Onalaska community is encouraged to engage in the process.

A Community Advisory Committee (CAC), made up of citizens and interested parties, will be formed to guide the work. The CAC will meet for one year to create the vision, goals and policies.

In addition to the CAC, there will be many different opportunities to provide input including community meetings, online surveys and business interviews.

How can you be involved?

If you would like to help create the subarea plan, please volunteer to be on the CAC. Staff are looking for 10-20 community members who can meet once a month for one year. If you would like more details about the CAC, please contact Mindy Brooks at mindy.brooks@lewiscountywa.gov or 360-740-2610.

Over the next year there will be online surveys, business interviews and community meetings to gather input. Please sign up on the webpage to receive notices about upcoming activities and ways to provide comments on the plan. You can access the webpage by scanning the QR code.

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