



Community Development
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Lewis County Comprehensive Plan Community Engagement

Planning Commission Workshop

March 26, 2024



Meeting Agenda

- Reminders
- Periodic Update Schedule
- What is Community Engagement
- Past Community Engagement
- Upcoming Community Engagement



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Lewis County Planning Commission - Workshop

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What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- 20-year vision
- Created with the community
- Addresses growth and impacts of growth
- Must comply with state laws



BIG FIVE State Laws

- RCW 36.70 – Planning Enabling Act
- RCW 36.70A – Growth Management Act (GMA)
- WAC 365-196 – Procedural Criteria for Adopting Comprehensive Plans & Development Regulations
- WAC 365-190 – Guidelines Agriculture, Forest, Mineral Lands, and Critical Areas
- WAC 365-196-425 – Rural Lands Element



Comprehensive Plan Elements

Required elements of GMA:

- Economic Development
- Land use
- Rural Character
- Housing
- Transportation
- Utilities and Capital Facilities
- *NEW* – Climate Resiliency
- *Optional* – Subarea Plans

2017 Comprehensive Plan is online at:

<https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/community-development/adopted-plans/>



Periodic Update Schedule

Building Community Vision and Develop Draft Plan				Review the Draft Plan			Incorporate Comments into Plans			Public Hearings and Adoption Process					
2024										2025					
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What is Community Engagement



What is Community Engagement

Goals of engagement

1. Represented communities' values in the plan
2. Educate about long range planning
3. Provide access to decision makers



What is Community Engagement



Community Feedback

The community represents a broad spectrum of ideas, opinions, goals and values. These groups may include landowners, residents, community associations, special interest groups, advocacy groups and more.



Work by County Staff

Professional staff with technical expertise and knowledge about the planning process. These individuals act as advisors to the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners. Consultants sometimes are hired on a limited basis to provide technical assistance.



Planning Commission

Volunteer community members with legal responsibility to review plans and projects. Responsible to make recommendations to elected officials to guide the decision to adopt the comprehensive plan update.



Board of County Commissioners

Set policy, make decisions on plans, adopt ordinances, and approve budgets. This group will hear progress updates throughout the update process. Presentations to this group will detail how community feedback is used.

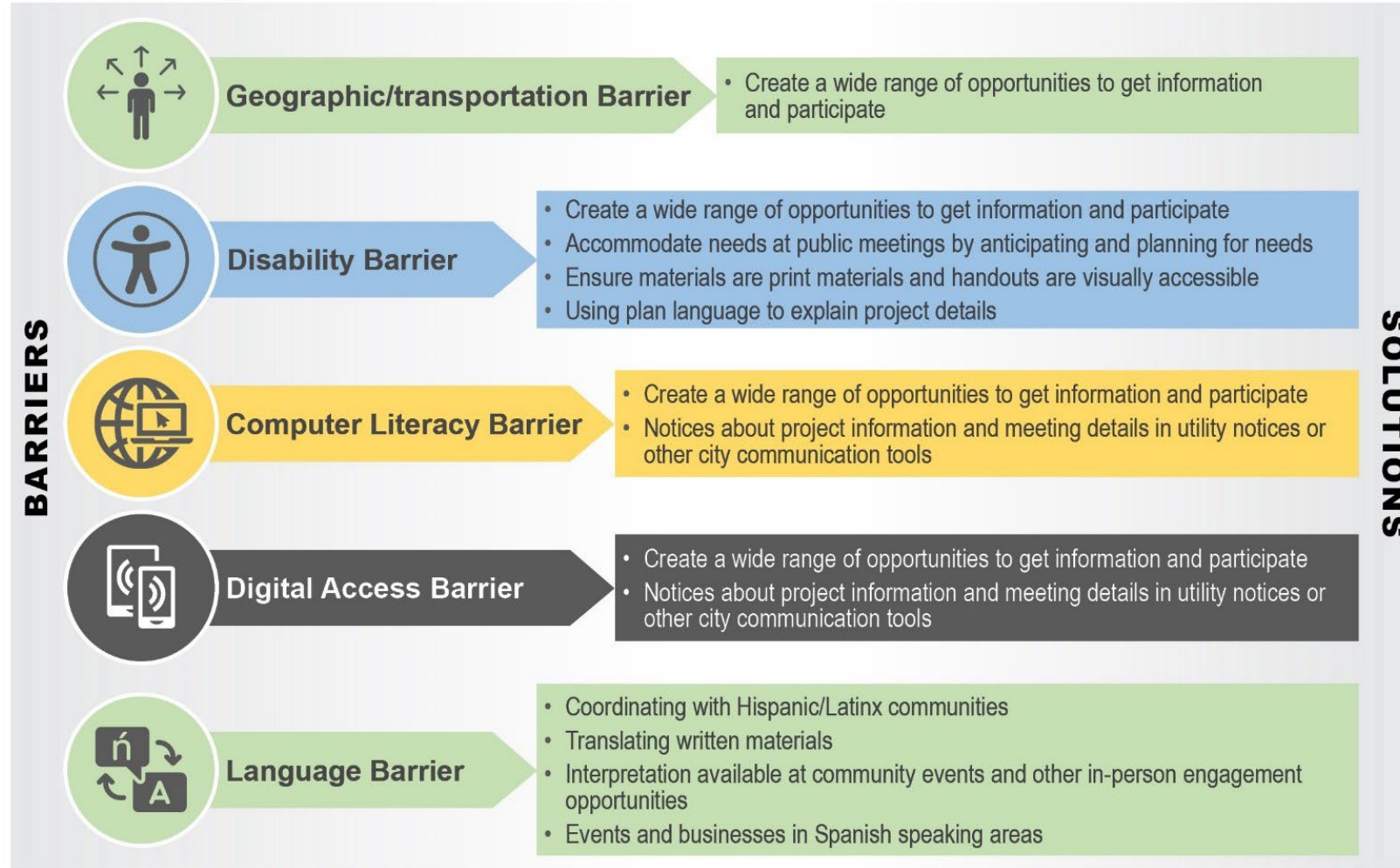
What is Community Engagement

Benefits and Burdens

1. Who benefits from a decision
2. Who is burdened by a decision
3. Who isn't engaged yet



What is Community Engagement



Early Community Engagement

1. Adna, October 23, 2023 – no attendance
2. Salkum, November 28, 2023 – 18 attendees
3. Mineral, November 30, 2023 – 37 attendees
4. South County, December 28, 2023 – 19 attendees
5. Randle, January 29, 2023 – 12 attendees



Early Community Engagement



Early Community Engagement

Scoping Priorities

1. Maintain Rural Character
2. Increase Affordable Housing Options
3. Expand Infrastructure and Services
4. Improve Transportation
5. Government Efficiencies



Upcoming Community Engagement

TASK	Building Community Vision and Develop Draft Plan				Review the Draft Plan			Incorporate Comments into Plans			Public Hearings and Adoption Process					
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Survey		★														
Webpage		★														
Social Media		★														
Engagement Summaries																
Education Materials		★														
Pop-Ups																
Community Events			★													
Community Meetings		★														
Presentations at Public Meeting		★														
Translation		★														



Upcoming Community Engagement

March 26	Planning Commission Presentation
March 27	East Lewis County Chamber of Commerce
March 28	Discover Lewis County Partners Meeting
April 2	BOCC Presentation Survey Launches
April 3	Fire Chief's Meeting Farm Bureau Meeting
April 4	Centralia College East – Climate Resiliency
April 17	Olympia Master Builders Meetings
April ?	Realtor's Lunch and Learn
May 4	Packwood Mountain Festival
May 10	Survey Closes



More Information

Webpage

<https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/community-development/rezones/comprehensive-plan-and-development-regulation-amendments/comprehensive-plan-periodic-update/>

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