



# Lewis County 2045

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*Shaping the Future of Lewis County*

## **Planning Commission Workshop**

*Lewis County 2045 Comprehensive Plan*

*August 2025*



# Growth Management Act (GMA)

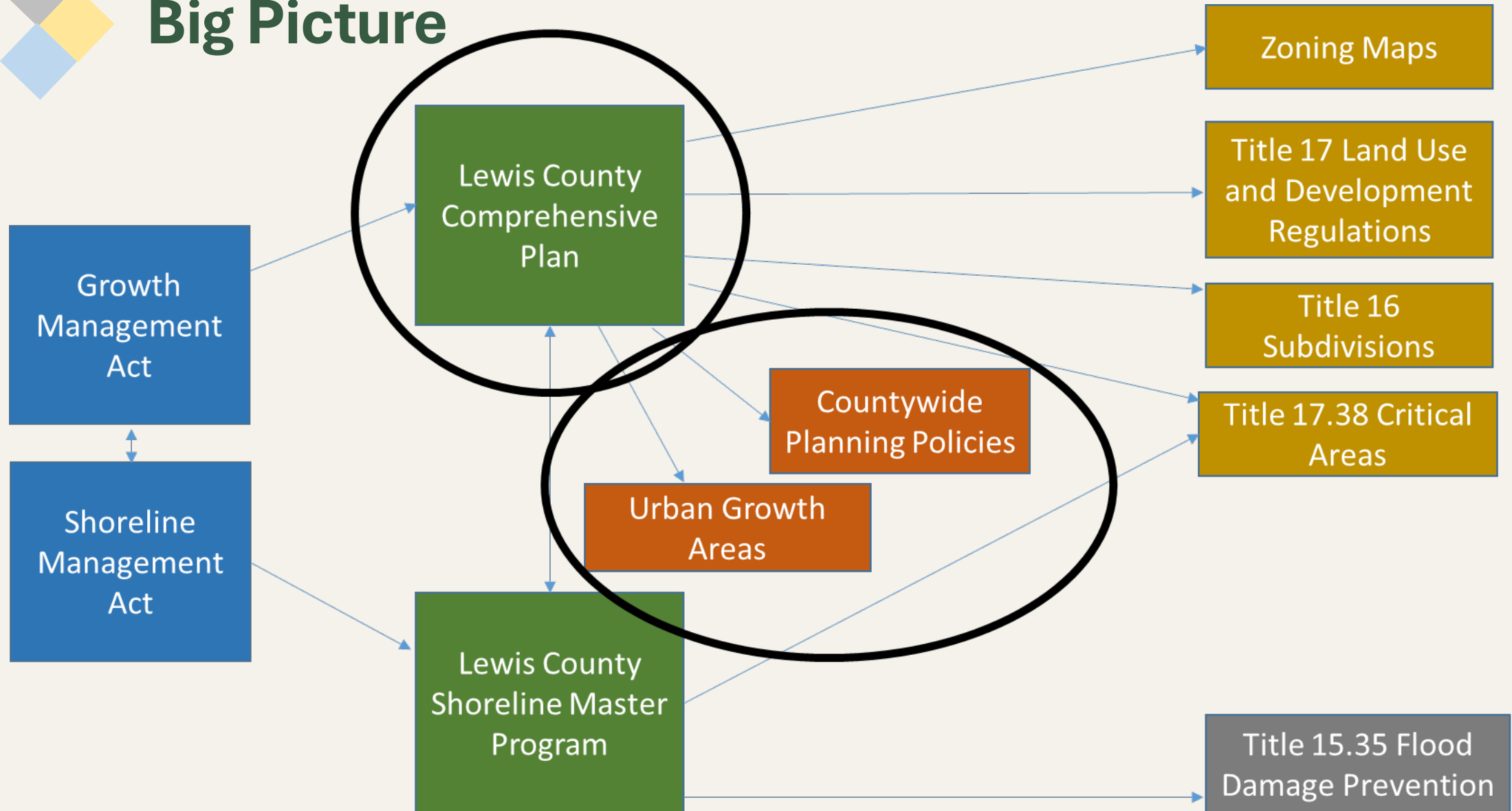
- Adopted in 1990
- 15 goals to be balanced
- Requires development of a comprehensive plan and implementing regulations
- Updated every 10 years looking out 20 years

## GMA PLANNING GOALS

- Urban growth
- Reduce sprawl
- Transportation
- Housing
- Economic development
- Property rights
- Permits
- Natural resource industries
- Open space and recreation
- Environment
- Citizen participation and coordination
- Public facilities and services
- Historic preservation
- Climate change and resiliency
- Shoreline



# Big Picture





# Goal and Policy Revision Methodology

- **Growth Management Act (GMA)** – Recommendations to align policies with recent state legislative changes.
- **Regional/Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs)** – Recommendations to align with policies with CPPs.
- **Community Vision** – Recommendations based on community feedback collected through engagement.
- **County Vision** – Recommendations to align policies with vision of BOCC, PC, Staff, and adopted County plans.
- **Administrative Cleanup** – Recommendations to make the policies clear, concise, and actionable. Clearly identify what is being implemented.



# Comprehensive Plan Changes



# Comprehensive Plan Elements

## Required Elements

- Land Use
- Rural
- Housing
- Transportation
- Capital Facilities & Utilities
- Resource Lands
- **Climate and Resiliency (New)**
- Economic Development\*
- Parks and Recreation\*

## Optional Elements

- Subarea Plans
- Recreation



# Goal and Policy Changes Summary

Existing	Proposed Change
<b>Land Use</b> – Focuses on land use and urban facilities in Urban Growth Areas.	Revisions focus on future coordination with cities for unincorporated UGAs and the use of subarea plans for Onalaska and Packwood UGAs.
<b>Rural</b> – Focuses on preservation of rural character and rural lifestyles.	Revisions focus on clearly aligning LAMIRD designations with appropriate uses and densities.
<b>Housing</b> – Focuses on housing opportunities in in Urban Growth Areas.	Revisions focus on new accommodation of housing in Onalaska and Packwood UGAs and the use of subarea planning efforts. Focus on equal housing opportunities, supporting low income, and vulnerable populations.
<b>Transportation</b> – Inventory of transportation system and establishing LOS standards.	Revisions focus on resilient transportation systems including and integration of multi-modal planning for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.



# Goal and Policy Changes Summary

Existing	Proposed Change
<b>Capital Facilities / Utilities</b> – Focuses on County-owned facilities and planned improvements.	Revisions focus on additional support for broadband, where feasible, and possible funding sources for capital facility improvements to make County facilities more resilient.
<b>Resource Lands</b> – Focuses on the administration of agricultural, forest, and mineral resource lands.	Limited revisions have been proposed for this element.
<b>Economic Development</b> – Focuses on expanding natural resource industries, workforce, and job opportunities for residents.	Revisions focus on resilient economic opportunities.
<b>Parks and Recreation</b> – Focuses on the administration and planned improvements for parks.	Limited revisions have been proposed for this element.





# Climate & Resiliency Element

The Climate & Resiliency Element must:

- Identify, protect, and enhance natural areas to foster resiliency to climate impacts;
- Identify, protect, and enhance community resiliency to climate impacts; and
- Address natural hazards created or aggravated by climate, including sea level rise, landslides, flooding, drought, heat, smoke, wildfire, and other effects of changes to temperature and precipitation patterns.



# Climate and Resilience Element

See CR 1.0 to CR 7.0 of the Comprehensive Plan for details.

Topics include:

- Long-term hazard mitigation
- Preserving cultural resources
- Emergency preparedness and evacuation systems
- Public health and wellbeing
- Governance
- Funding



# Implementation



# Implementation Chapter

The new implementation chapter includes a full list of projects identified by County staff, the Planning Commission and the BOCC to work toward until the next periodic update.

TABLE 12 IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

Element	Goals and Policies	Action ID #	Action	Priority	Timing	Responsibility	Key Partners
Land Use	UGA 4 UGA 5 UGA 6	A1	Implement the Onalaska Subarea Plan	High	Short-Term	Community Development	Public Works, PHSS
Land Use	UGA 4 UGA 5 UGA 6	A2	Implement the Packwood Subarea Plan	High	Short-Term	Community Development	Public Works, PHSS
Housing	H1 H 4	A3	Monitor progress to provide low-income housing types	High	Long-Term	Community Development	Department of Commerce
Housing	H 2.4	A4	Study housing needs and identify priority areas for housing types, emergency shelters, and temporary supportive housing for rural populations.	High	Short-Term	PHSS Community Development	Department of Commerce
Housing	H 1 H 4	A5	Increase Housing Programs for populations below 50 percent AMI, prioritize disadvantaged communities	High	Long-Term	PHSS Community Development	Department of Commerce



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## Questions?

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# Reference Slides



# 2023-2024 Engagement Recap



# Continued Public Participation

Continuous public participation is required for updating the Comprehensive Plan. (RCW 3670A.140, WAC 365-196-600)

A final community engagement report is included in the Comprehensive Plan and provides summaries for:

- Public meetings
- Open houses
- Community-wide surveys
- Pop-up events
- Climate related engagement





# 2023-2024 Project / Engagement Timeline

