

Planned Growth Committee

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MEMORANDUM

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Topic: UGA Clean Up

Attachment: Preliminary UGA Clean Up Area Maps
Attachment A – City of Morton
Attachment B – City of Mossyrock
Attachment C – City of Toledo
Attachment D – City of Winlock
Attachment E – City of Vader
Attachment F – City of Chehalis
Attachment G – City of Centralia

Project Purpose and Background

Lewis County will conduct an internal review and clean-up of Urban Growth Area (UGA) boundaries to improve mapping accuracy, consistency with adopted Comprehensive Plan policies, and alignment with parcel data and road right of way considerations. This effort is intended to correct technical boundary issues, including instances where UGA boundaries split individual parcels resulting in portions of a parcel located both inside and outside the UGA. The review is limited to non-expansionary, technical corrections and is not intended to expand UGA boundaries or incorporate new and expansive areas not currently included within an adopted UGA. All corrections are intended to result in no net increase, to the extent practical, in land area within the UGAs and to maintain the original intent and extent of adopted UGA boundaries.

Public Engagement

The public engagement process will begin early with the creation of a dedicated project webpage. The webpage will explain the project's purpose and schedule and will serve as a central hub for explanatory materials, staff reports, and presentations throughout the process. Potentially affected property owners will receive direct correspondence from the department, while broader project advertising and outreach efforts will direct the general public to the project webpage.

The webpage will provide up-to-date information on in-person open houses and workshops, where county staff will present an overview of the project, answer questions, and invite public participation.

through tools such as a short survey or comment box. Separate open houses or workshops may be held for individual cities, as needed. Open house events will be conducted in each affected city to present the draft amendments, followed by the standard processing requirements.

General Processing Outline

- State Environmental Policy (SEPA) and Department of Commerce Review
- Planning Commission workshops, public hearing and recommendation to Board of County Commissioners
- Board of County Commissioners Review and Action
- Adoption of UGA clean up including legal notices