

# What is the Comprehensive Plan?

The Lake Stevens Comprehensive Plan considers issues affecting the city over the next 5, 10 or 20 years and adopts specific growth targets for population, housing and employment.

The last major update to the Comprehensive Plan was completed in 2015. Throughout the next year, we will develop new updates for completion at the end of 2024.



Since the Comprehensive Plan is a blueprint for the city's growth and responds to community needs, it requires a community-led effort!

City Council and the Planning Commission will review and approve the final plan, but it's your vision that helps guide us. This update will focus on land use, transportation, housing, environmental protection, and city services.

Comprehensive plans are critical to define the community's priorities to regional and local governments, agencies, and economic partners.



## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED YEAR-ROUND

### Youth Advisory Council

Join the YAC! They work hard to amplify youth voices, perspectives, and goals, while providing service opportunities and resources within our community. [www.lsyac.org](http://www.lsyac.org)

### Planning Commission

Come to Planning Commission meetings! Add your comments on topics such as codes, land use & zoning, traffic and public safety.

### Parks & Recreation Board

Attend a meeting and learn what Lake Stevens is doing for to plan for our outdoor spaces, recreation programming and park design.

For a full schedule of all public board and committee meetings go to:  
[www.lakestevenswa.gov/329/Agendas-Packets](http://www.lakestevenswa.gov/329/Agendas-Packets)

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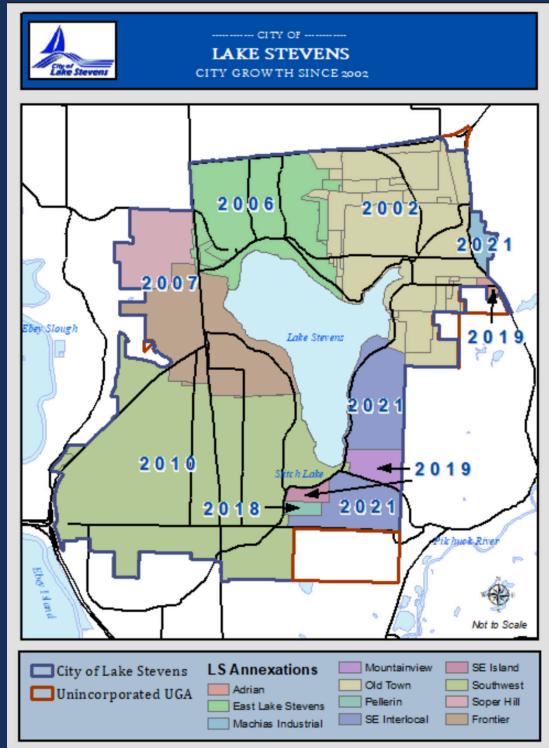
# WELCOME TO THE FUTURE OF LAKE STEVENS!



We're excited to share the journey of updating the Lake Stevens Comprehensive Plan with you. This update will help shape city planning and support community growth for the next 20 years.

# Why update the plan?

A city's comprehensive plan must be updated every 10 years to comply with state law. The plan should also respond to the significant changes Lake Stevens has gone through over the past decade.



In addition to a growing population, we've added almost 600 acres of land to the city boundaries through the 2021 annexation alone, and adopted four specific plans covering the city's growth centers.

As the city contemplates the next 20 years, it must embrace its position as a unified growing city. This requires Lake Stevens to plan for 2044 projections to increase population and employment needs, consider climate resiliency, affordable housing, and capital improvements that provide infrastructure to support sustainable growth.

## How Lake Stevens has prepared for this next update:



### Housing Action Plan

Our city is growing! In 2023 we completed a study to define what new types of housing we need to meet the needs of residents

### Climate Sustainability Plan

This year we boosted our resilience against climate impacts and started conversations about environmental awareness as we look to the future together!



### Industrial Lands Analysis

Another study completed in 2023 focused on the economic and potential industrial use needs to support more jobs for local and regional businesses.



### Adopted Subarea Plans

From 2012 to 2018, community members participated in planning goals for Downtown Lake Stevens, Lake Stevens Center and the 20th Street SE Corridor.



### Next Steps This Year:

Over 2023-2024, Lake Stevens will tackle the next comprehensive plan, revise its transportation plan, start the next phase of planning for the Lake Stevens Industrial Center, and develop real solutions for our community.

## How do you add your voice to the future of Lake Stevens?

### Survey

Use this QR code to share your experiences through our survey!



### Attend Webinars and In-person Events



Over the next year, look out for webinars and public events to learn more information and share your thoughts. We hope to see you there!

### Read Plans and Stay Informed

Come to Planning Commission meetings, share information about the process with other community members, and review plans on the Lake Stevens planning website. There's a lot of information already, with more updates to come as the process moves forward.



To learn more about the most recent updates to the current plan and this year's update, please go to: [www.lakestevenswa.gov](http://www.lakestevenswa.gov)

Check the Planning & Community Development webpage for updates and join us as we shape Lake Stevens' future together.