

**NOTICE OF
ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT AND
AVAILABILITY OF ADDENDUM**

Description of current proposal: The proposed action has two components. The first is to update the County's Comprehensive Plan consistent with the required periodic review under the Growth Management Act (GMA RCW 36.70A.130). The second component is to modify the plan to reflect a settlement agreement (BoCC Resolution 2016-0464) on the appeal of the County's Urban Growth Area Update that was adopted in 2013 (BoCC Resolution 2013-0689). The proposed changes include both map and text revisions to the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations.

A public hearing on the proposal will be held on November 14, 2019 in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, lower level, Public Works Building located at 1026 W. Broadway Avenue, Spokane, WA. The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter and concluding with the last speaker or at 4:00 P.M., whichever comes first. If necessary, the hearing may be continued.

Proponent: Spokane County Department of Building and Planning

Location of proposal: Spokane County, Washington

Agency that prepared adopted documents and addendum: Spokane County Department of Building and Planning.

Description of EIS document being adopted: Urban Growth Area Update, Draft Supplemental EIS and Final Supplemental EIS adopted October 21, 2011 and December 21, 2011 respectively. The EIS evaluated several alternatives for the revision of Spokane County's Urban Growth Area boundary. The current proposal falls within the scope of the SEIS analysis.

If the document being adopted has been challenged (WAC-197-630), please describe: The SEIS was not challenged.

Description of the Addendum: This addendum evaluates the County's periodic review by adding additional information to the previous environmental review done for the County's Urban Growth Area Update. The addendum is a component of this Integrated SEPA/GMA Document developed consistent with WAC 197-11-235 (SEPA/GMA Integrated Documents).

The document is available to be read: The proposed amendments are available for viewing at the Spokane County Department of Building and Planning, 1026 W Broadway Avenue Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to

4:00 pm and Fridays from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm and on the County's website at www.spokanecounty.org/622/Comprehensive-Plan-Update.

We have identified and adopted the environmental impact statement and addendum as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The documents meet our environmental needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision-maker.

Name of agency adopting document: Spokane County Department of Building and Planning

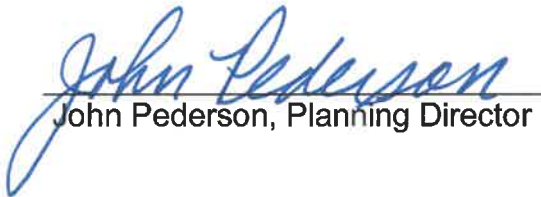
Responsible Official: John Pederson

Position/title: Planning Director for Spokane County

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Date of issuance: October 30, 2019

Signature of Responsible Official:


John Pederson, Planning Director

Spokane County

2017-2037 Periodic Update of the Comprehensive Plan

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ADDENDUM

Issued October 30, 2019

Note see wac 197-11-235(5) and 440

1. FACT SHEET

Project Title

Spokane County 2017-2037 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and Environmental Impact Statement Addendum.

Proposed Action:

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Purpose of the EIS Addendum:

This addendum evaluates the County's periodic review by adding additional information to the previous environmental review done for the County's Urban Growth Area Update. The previous review included a Draft Supplemental EIS and Final Supplemental EIS adopted October 21, 2011 and December 21, 2011 respectively. The previous review also included analysis of an additional alternative including a Draft Supplemental EIS and Final Supplemental EIS adopted October 15, 2012 and December 28, 2012 respectively. The addendum is a component of these Integrated SEPA/GMA Documents developed consistent with WAC 197-11-235 (SEPA/GMA Integrated Documents).

This Addendum is part of an integrated SEPA/GMA document pursuant to SEPA rules (WAC 197-11-210). Integration is intended to make consideration of environmental issues an early and integral part of development of plan policies, alternatives and implementation before commitments are made to a specific course of action.

Description of the Proposal:

Proposed Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Related to the Periodic Review

- Revisions to Comprehensive Plan amendment procedures in Chapter 1 of the County's Comprehensive Plan. The proposed changes include revisions to the timelines for applications and other changes to increase the efficiency of the amendment process.
- Revisions to Chapter 9 of the County's Comprehensive Plan to include goals and policies related to water trails. This is a housekeeping amendment to correct an error in the update of the Parks Plan which inadvertently deleted the previously adopted policies.
- Revision to Comprehensive Plan and Zoning map from Low Density Residential to Community Commercial for a 2-acre site on 57th Avenue. The proposal allows

relief to the property owners from a nonconforming designation with the consideration that the site has had a commercial use on it since the 1950's. This is essentially a housekeeping amendment.

Proposed Amendments Related to Settlement Agreement (BoCC Resolution 2016-0464)

- Revisions to the Comprehensive Plan text placing limitations on the timeframes for review of Urban Growth Area amendments and amendments to rural Limited Areas of More Intense Development (LAMRIDs).
- Revisions to the Comprehensive Plan that limit the de-designation of Natural Resource Lands of long term commercial significance.
- Revisions to the Comprehensive Plan related to the forecasting of population and notification requirements for the 2025 to 2045 periodic update of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Revise Comprehensive Plan and Zoning map categories to implement revisions to the UGA boundary consistent with the Settlement Agreement, except that the Geiger Spur will not be included in the UGA and will retain the Rural Traditional category in existence prior to the 2013 UGA Update.

Location of Proposal:

The Proposed amendments apply to all areas of unincorporated Spokane County, Washington.

Adoption of Existing Environmental Documents:

Draft Supplemental EIS and Final Supplemental EIS, Urban Growth Area Update, adopted October 21, 2011 and December 21, 2011 respectively.

Action Sponsor and Lead Agency:

Spokane County Department of Building and Planning
1026 West Broadway Avenue
Spokane, WA 99260

Required Approval Review:

Spokane County Board of County Commissioners – adoption of amendments

Circulation:

This addendum, or notice availability, is being sent to recipients and of the previously issued Supplemental EIS for Spokane County's 2011 Urban Growth Area Update. No comment period is required for this addendum under WAC 197-11-502(8)(c).

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October 30, 2019

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Tentative Date of Implementation

January 2019

Public Hearings

A Planning Commission public hearing on November 14, 2019

Documents

The proposed amendments are available for viewing at the Spokane County Department of Building and Planning, 1026 W Broadway Avenue and on the County's website at www.spokanecounty.org/622/Comprehensive-Plan-Update.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Overview

The adoption of amendments to the GMA Comprehensive Plan is a non-project action under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). This addendum does not significantly change the analysis of impacts and alternatives contained in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) prepared in 2011 for Spokane County's Urban Growth Area Update, nor does it identify new or significantly different impacts.

Prior Environmental Review

The county issued a Draft SEIS for the county's Urban Growth Area Update on October 21, 2011 and issued a Final SEIS on December 21, 2011. The elements of the environment addressed in both these EIS documents included elements of both the natural and built environment: earth, air, water, plants and animals, land and shoreline use, population and employment, cultural resources transportation, energy, public services, and utilities. The changes considered in the Comprehensive Plan Update fall within the scope of alternatives considered in the UGA update.

SEIS Addendum

According to SEPA Rules, an Addendum to an EIS provides additional analysis and/or information about a proposal or alternative where their significant environmental impacts have been disclosed and identified in a previous environmental document (WAC 197-11-706). An Addendum is appropriate when the impacts of the new proposal are the same general types as those identified in the prior document, and when the new analysis does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts and alternatives identified in the prior environmental documents (WAC 197-11-600(4)(e), WAC 197-11-706).

This Addendum to the 2011 Urban Growth Area Update is being issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-625 to meet the County's SEPA responsibility. The Urban Growth Area Update DSEIS and FSEIS evaluated plan alternatives and impacts that encompass the same general policy direction, land use patterns, and environmental impacts that are expected to be associated with the proposed amendments identified in the Addendum.

No additional impacts beyond those identified in the county's EIS for Urban Growth Area Update are expected to occur. Additional information considered with this addendum include an updated population forecast and land quantity analysis, and an inventory of housing and mineral lands. These documents are included as attachments or exhibits to the SEPA/GMA integrated document for this proposal.

Proposed Action

The Spokane County Comprehensive Plan Update is a periodic review of plans and development regulations as required by RCW 36.70A.130. The Update is the second periodic review and update of the Comprehensive Plan since it was initially adopted in 2001. Like the update completed in 2006, the current update is not a major update of the plan, but generally reflects implementation of revisions to state laws, corrections to inconsistencies in the plan and changes to administrative processes. The Update also includes revisions to plans and regulations associated with a settlement agreement (BCC Resolution 2016-0464) of an appeal to the County's Urban Growth Area Update, adopted in 2013 (BoCC Resolution 2013-0689). A general summary of the changes proposed in the update are included in the Fact Sheet above.

Previous Actions Related to the Periodic Update

Previous actions to revise development regulations related to Comprehensive Plan Update have occurred in a phased approach. These actions generally address revisions to codes and ordinances based on changes to state law but do not include amendments to Comprehensive Plan goals and policies. Each of the amendments were processed consistent with the State Environmental Policy Act, public participation guidelines and adopted procedural requirements. The previous actions include:

Critical Areas Ordinance

Spokane County amended the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) on May 1, 2018 (BCC Resolution 2018-0321). The amendments include changes to definitions and procedures to reflect revisions to the Growth Management Act and other technical documents used to evaluate critical areas.

School Siting in Rural Areas

Spokane County amended the Zoning Code on February 13th, 2018 (BCC Resolution 2018-0121) regarding siting schools outside the Urban Growth Area. The amendment is consistent with changes to state law from House Bill 2243, adopted July 1, 2017, which applies specific conditions for placing schools outside the Urban Growth Area.

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

Spokane County amended the Zoning Code on February 13th, 2018 (BCC Resolution 2018-0121) to define electric vehicle infrastructure and where it can be permitted. The amendment is in response to changes of the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A) adopted under Second Substitute House Bill 1481, Chapter 197, Laws of 2017.

Essential Public Facilities

Spokane County amended the Essential Public Facilities Ordinance on February 13th, 2018 (BCC Resolution 2018-0121) to include identifying regional transit authority facilities as an essential public facility. The amendment is in response to changes of the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A) adopted under Senate Bill 6279, Chapter 62, Laws of 2010.

Accessory Uses in Agricultural Lands

Spokane County amended the Zoning Code on April 10, 2018 (BCC Resolution 2018-0265) regarding accessory uses in areas zoned as resource lands. The proposal consisted of an amendment to allow for accessory uses that are classified as nonagricultural uses or activities in areas zoned as Resource Lands, under limited circumstances. This is consistent with changes to the Growth Management Act, specifically RCW 36.70A.177, which was brought on by the passage of Substitute House Bill 2917 in 2006.

Small Cell Wireless Facilities

Changes to Federal and State laws mandated Spokane County to revise zoning regulations related to small cell wireless facilities. In response to this mandate, the County amended their Zoning Code to include provisions that address the siting of small cell facilities. The amendment included revisions to Chapter 14.822 (Wireless Communication Facilities) and the development of a new regulations for small cell facilities (Chapter 14.833A, Small Cell Deployment). The amendments were adopted by the Board of County Commissioners under Resolution # 2019-0118.

Concurrent Actions

In coordination with the Comprehensive Plan Update, Spokane County is updating the Capital Facilities Plan. The CFP update is expected to be adopted prior to or concurrent with the Comprehensive Plan Update. *Add commerce and SRTC review*

Additional Studies Included with the Addendum

An Addendum is appropriate when the impacts of the new proposal are the same general types as those identified in the prior document, and when the new analysis does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts and alternatives identified in the prior environmental documents.

New information and analysis was researched for Comprehensive Plan Update. The new information does not substantially alter the analysis of the previous Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement but provides updated data for consideration. The new information is summarized below.

Population Forecast

An initial step in the periodic review process under the Growth Management Act is adoption of population forecasts and jurisdictional allocations to allow determinations concerning the adequacy of comprehensive plans and urban growth areas including

planned capital facilities and transportation facilities. Spokane County adopted a population forecast for the Comprehensive Plan Update on August 3, 2016 (BCC Resolution 2016-0553). The population forecast estimated slower growth than previous forecasts based on the effects of the 2008 recession. The forecast falls within the range of the population forecasts previously considered under the SEIS for the Urban Growth Area Update that was adopted in 2013.

Land Quantity Analysis

Each jurisdiction is responsible for developing a land quantity analysis report to provide quantitative information for existing and future urban areas to support residential and non-residential growth. For the Comprehensive Plan Update, Spokane County produced a report titled, "Land Quantity Analysis for Spokane County's Unincorporated Metropolitan UGA Areas on April 17, 2017. The study and report found that Spokane County has adequate land within the metro UGA to support expected population growth for the 2017 – 2037 planning period.

Housing Inventory

The Department of Building and Planning conducted a Housing inventory for Spokane County in 2017 per the requirements of RCW 36.70A.070(2)(a). The inventory evaluated existing housing stock by structure type, housing trends over time, existing housing goals and policies, and housing units necessary to accommodate growth in both rural and urban unincorporated areas.

Mineral Lands Inventory

The Department of Building and Planning conducted a Mineral Lands inventory for Spokane County in 2017 per the requirements of RCW 36.70A131. Mineral lands within the County consist of sand, gravel, rock and clay. Other minerals occur in Spokane County including uranium, quartz, tungsten and tin, but these minerals are not currently mined commercially in the County. The inventory found that there are adequate mineral lands designated to meet the needs of the County for the 2017 – 2037 planning horizon.

Conclusion

The County has reviewed the previous environmental review done for the County's Urban Growth Area Update. The previous review included a Draft Supplemental EIS and Final Supplemental EIS adopted October 21, 2011 and December 21, 2011 respectively. The previous review also included analysis of an additional alternative including a Draft Supplemental EIS and Final Supplemental EIS adopted October 15, 2012 and December 28, 2012 respectively.

The previous environmental documents provide relevant information and an accurate basis for identifying potential impacts associated with the 2017 Comprehensive Plan

Update. Potential environmental impacts would be similar to, or less than, those identified in the previous review based on the revised *reduced* population forecast and allocation provided by the Washington State Office of Financial Management, and recommended by the Growth Management Steering Committee of Elected Officials and approved by the Spokane County Commissioners.

The map amendments considered in this proposal were all evaluated in the previous environmental documents except for the map correction amendment proposed on 57th Avenue. The proposed text amendments are generally changes to procedures or housekeeping changes to correct errors or omissions in the plan, or are changes mandated through the Settlement Agreement related to the previous Urban Growth Area Update effort.

The adoption of amendments to the GMA Comprehensive Plan is a non-project action under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). This addendum does not significantly change the analysis of impacts and alternatives contained in the previous environmental review for the UGA Update, nor does it identify new or significantly different impacts.

Distribution List

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West Valley School District, George Castor

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City of Spokane Fire Department
Spokane County Fire District #1
Spokane County Fire District #2
Spokane County Fire District #3
Spokane County Fire District #4
Spokane County Fire District #5
Spokane County Fire District #8
Spokane County Fire District #9
Spokane County Fire District #10
Spokane County Fire District #11
Spokane County Fire District #12
Spokane County Fire District #13

Tribes

Kalispell Tribe of Indians, Tell Hamilton
Spokane Tribe of Indians, Mike Tedesco

Utilities

Avista Utilities
Carnhope Irrigation District
City of Spokane Water Department
Consolidated Irrigation District #19
East Spokane Water Dist. #1
Hangman Hills Water Dist. #15
Hutchison Irrigation District
Kaiser North Area Water Dist.
Inland Power and Light
Liberty Lake Water District
Moab Irrigation District
Model Irrigation District
Modern Electric Water Company
North Spokane Irrigation District
Orchard Ave. Irrigation District
Pasadena Park Irrigation District

Spokane County Water District #3
Trentwood Irrigation District
Whitworth Water District #2
Vera Water and Power

Spokane County Departments

Spokane County Board of County Commissioners
Spokane County Regional Clean Air Agency
Spokane County Community Services, Housing and Community Development Department
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Greenstone, Jim Frank
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