

**Manchester Community
Advisory Council**

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Kitsap County Critical Areas Ordinance Update





Overview: Kitsap County 2024 Critical Areas Ordinance Update

- Policies and regulations that guide protection and development of the County's critical areas
- Best Available Science (BAS) and Gap Analysis review
- Last review conducted in 2017
- Target Adoption - **June 30, 2024**

Purpose of a Critical Areas Ordinance Update

01

Align the CAO with applicable Best Available Science and state laws and guidelines in effect at the time of the review;

02

Assure consistency of the CAO with the County's comprehensive plan and development regulations; and


03

Provide clarifications to improve usability and predictability of the CAO for applicants and reviewers.



Public Participation Plan Goals

- Provide timely information/opportunities to review and comment
- Ensure transparency
- Guidance on writing and submitting comments
- Provide forums for public input at key milestones
- Consult with neighboring jurisdictions, federal and state agencies, and Tribes
- Engage a diverse population equitably and inclusively, especially communities that have been historically underserved



Public Participation Plan Elements



Public engagement opportunities



Public comment



Working groups & community consultations



Inclusive outreach



Timeline and key milestones



WORKING GROUPS

Standing Members

- Representatives from local Tribes & community organizations with expertise in planning and critical areas

Technical Experts

- Staff from appropriate state agencies with training and expertise in a specific critical area topic

Seeking input & suggestions from the Board of County Commissioners on:

- Individuals and/or groups that should be invited to participate as a Standing Member or Technical Expert

Best Available Science (BAS)

- ❖ GMA Requirement
- ❖ Based on WAC Criteria: Peer review, methods, logical conclusions, quantitative analysis, context, references
- ❖ Describes “functions and values”. Looks at any BAS since last update in 2017.
- ❖ Literature review – informs “Gap and Consistency Analysis” document
- ❖ Consider local applicability & implementation
- ❖ Currently available for public review



Gap and Consistency Analysis

- ❖ **Required** Changes for consistency with state law and guidelines
- ❖ **Recommended** Changes based on Best Available Science review and evaluation of current code
- ❖ **Discretionary** Changes based on need for improvement or clarity in various code sections

- ❖ Draft code amendments will be available for public review in early 2024.



PHASE 1

BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE & INITIATE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Develop outreach and engagement materials
- Launch website
- Distribute surveys
- Project kick-off public presentation
- Identify members for Working Groups

January 2023 - April 2023

PHASE 2

TECHNICAL CAO DEVELOPMENT

- Hold virtual public meetings & in-person Open House
- Hold Working Group meetings and provide summary documents
- Consultation meetings with community groups as needed/requested
- Briefings and/or work studies with Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners
- Briefing with Board of County Commissioners

April 2023 - December 2023

PHASE 3

REVIEW & ADOPTION PROCESS

- Planning Commission public hearing to receive public comments on final draft plan and make recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners
- Board of County Commissioners public hearing to receive public comments and make final decision to adopt, deny or modify final draft plan

January 2024 - June 2024

For more information:

www.kitsapgov.com/dcd/Pages/Critical-Areas-Ordinance-Update-2024.aspx



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