

Grays Harbor County 2027 Comprehensive Land Use Plan Visioning Approach

County Planning Commission
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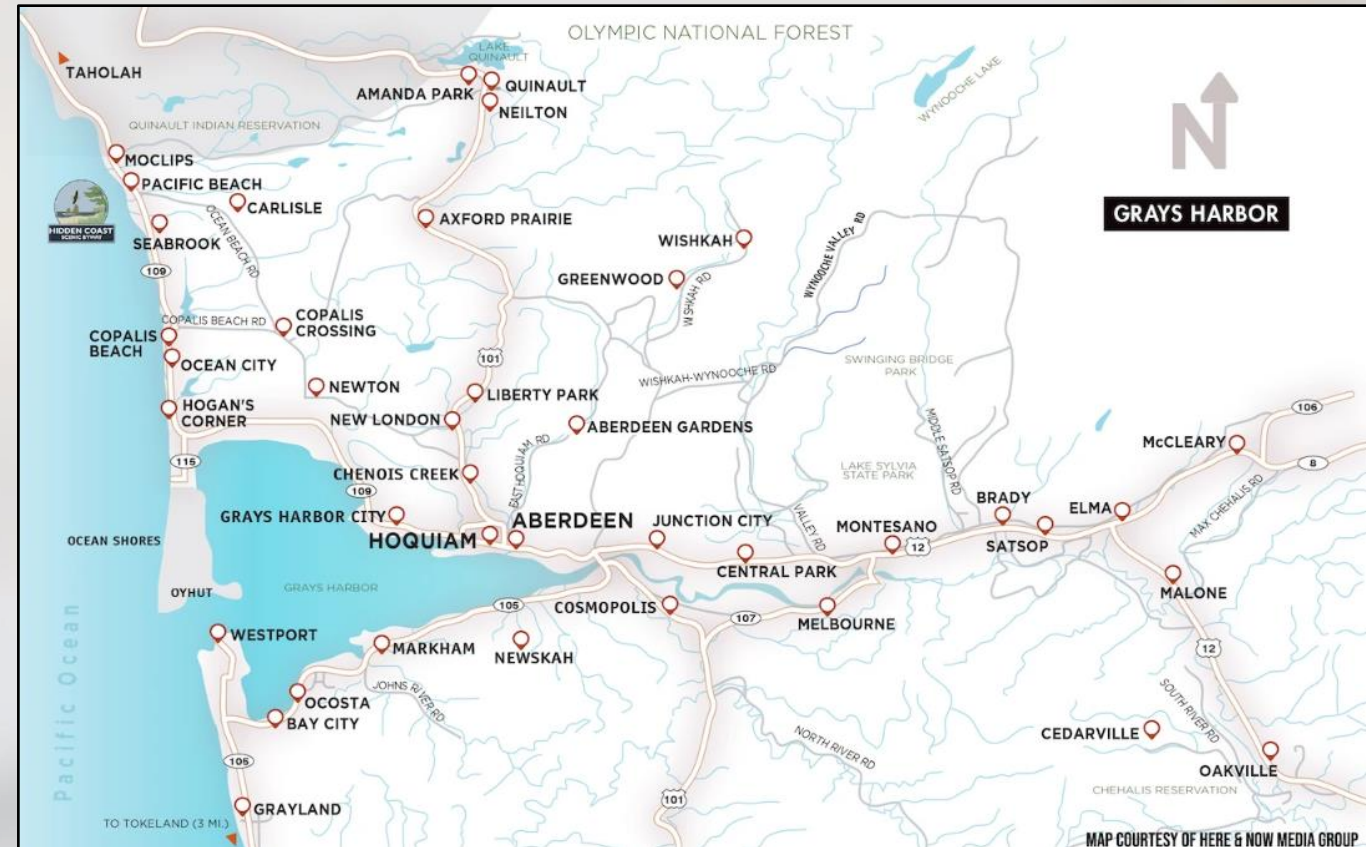


Project Update

Project Overview




- New Comprehensive Land Use Plan and development regulations
- Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to comply with State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements
- Public engagement throughout the process – from visioning, to drafting, to finalizing the Comp Plan



Engagement in key project phases



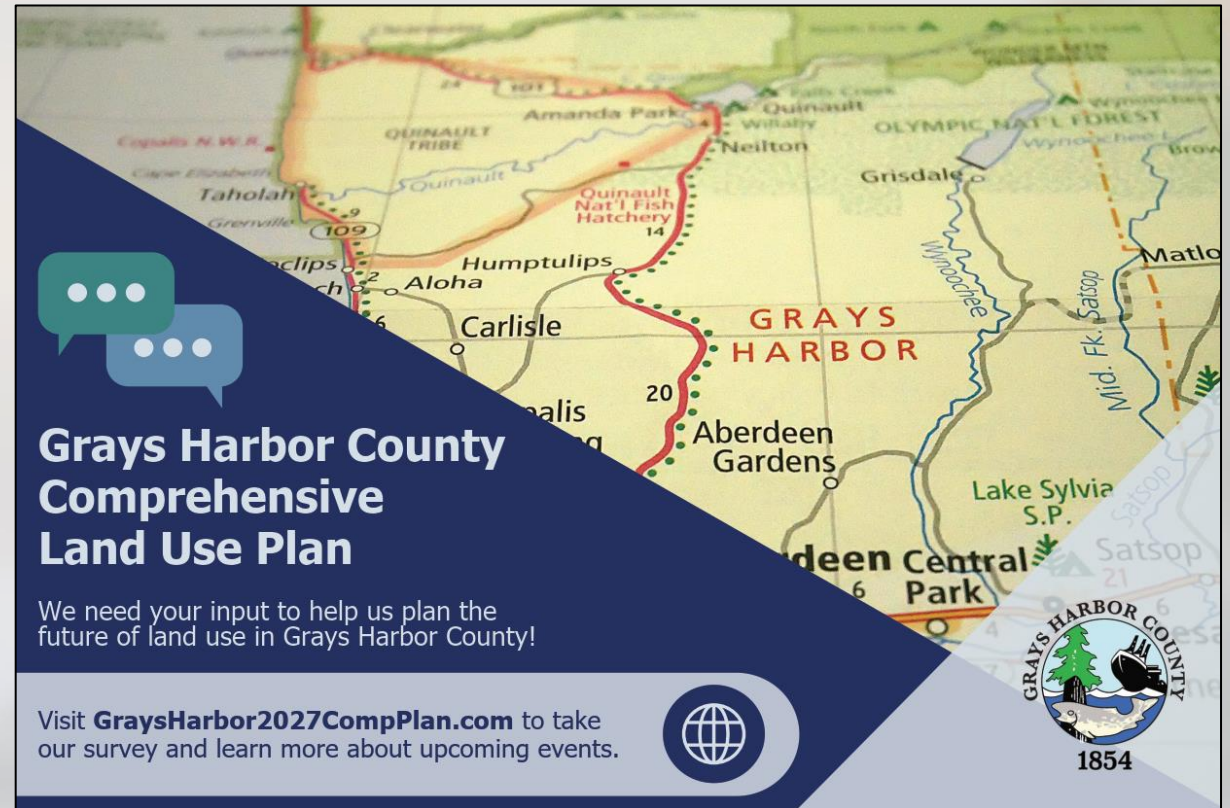
Project phase	Engagement approach
 Visioning and Draft EIS scoping Jun - Jul 2025	Involve: Visioning and Comp Plan comment periods allow public/stakeholders to share feedback on what they want to see in the future Comp Plan <i>Robust public engagement in the Visioning process will be critical to ensure community input informs the new land use plan</i>
Draft Comp Plan and regulations and Draft EIS comment periods Aug 2025 - Mar 2026	Involve: Public comment periods allow public/stakeholders to share their desires, values, ideas
Final Comp Plan and regulations and Final EIS Apr - Sept 2026	Inform: Share final EIS and Comp Plan with public/stakeholders

Engagement Updates



Engagement (Apr. 2025 – Jun. 2025)

- Built and launched a project website
- Developed a survey to began collecting Visioning feedback
- Sent a postcard to 14,275 County properties with web links and email sign-up
- Coordinated a project workshop to engage community members
- Prepared for pop-up tabling to engage community members



Source: Grays Harbor County



Community Visioning

Community Vision



What is a community vision?

- A community vision is a shared understanding of what a community wants to be like in the future, serving as a guide for strategic planning efforts and decision-making. It is a collaborative process where the community explores their aspirations and priorities for the future.

Visioning efforts will:

- Use meaningful community engagement to understand the needs and challenges of the area
- Align land use alternatives with the values and goals of the community
- Build community relationships to support implementation of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- Develop a community supported vision for long-term planning

Vision Examples



- *"The San Juan Islands Scenic Byway will provide access to a unique marine and island environment. Byway-supported actions will protect sensitive resources, promote ecologically-sustainable tourism, and preserve the culture and quality of life in the islands. Here, visitors will encounter a place like no other, where they can learn about stewardship while building lasting memories from their extraordinary experiences."*
- *"The City of Port Angeles is vibrant and prospering, nurturing a balance of innovation and tradition to create an environmentally, economically, and fiscally sustainable community, accepting and cherishing its social diversity, small-town character and natural setting."*
- *"The Sunrise Corridor Community is a thriving place that fosters well-being and belonging, where people enjoy economic success, safe mobility options, access to nature, and seamless connections within the area, as well as access to greater Clackamas County and beyond."*



Visioning Phase Engagement

2025

2026

Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep

Project Phase

Comp Plan & Development Regulations

Early drafting activities
Finalize Draft Comp Plan and regulations

Draft Final Plan and regulations
Publish

EIS

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Public and Partner Engagement

ENGAGEMENT PHASES

Visioning + DEIS Scoping

Comment Period

Share

Website updates

Web comment form

Online Open House

Survey

Pop-up Events

In-person workshops

Tribal Coordination

Planning Commission

Board of County Commissioners

Online engagement



Website

- Visit the website at graysharbor2027compplan.com

Email

- Send direct emails at info@graysharbor2027compplan.com
- Receive updates by signing-up for project email listserv

Online survey

- Open through Friday, August 15!
- Take the survey at bit.ly/graysharbor2027compplansurvey



Source: Grays Harbor County

In-person engagement



Workshop

- South Beach Fire Authority Training Center
Thursday, July 31, 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Pop-up Events

- **Location #1:**
Moclips Country Store
Friday, August 1, 10:00am – 12:00pm
- **Location #2:**
Copalis Beach Grocery
Friday, August 1, 1:30pm – 3:30pm
- **Location #3:**
Grays Harbor County Fair
Saturday, August 2, 10:00am – 7:00pm



Source: Grays Harbor County Fair

EIS Scoping Process



Per RCW 43.21C, a scoping notice will be initiated with a comment period through mid August 2025 for the purpose of:

- Engaging the public and other agencies
- Refining the proposed alternatives
- Narrowing the focus of the EIS to significant environmental issues
- Eliminating insignificant impacts from detailed study

Environmental Impact Statement



- Potentially significant environmental issues for Draft EIS analysis:
 - Land and Shoreline Use
 - Population, Housing and Employment
 - Public Services and Utilities
 - Plans and Policies
 - Earth
 - Water Resources
 - Air Quality
 - Plants and Animals
 - Cultural Resources
 - Transportation



Next steps

Finish visioning engagement (Jul. 2025 – Aug. 2025)

- Conduct in-person workshop and pop-up tabling events
- Complete online survey

Create community vision (Aug. – Sept. 2025)

- Based on community feedback
- Bring draft vision to Planning Commission meeting in September

Develop land use alternatives (Aug. – Oct. 2025)

- Based on community vision
- Planning Commission work sessions

Thank you

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