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To: Reviewing Agencies, Tribes, and Interested Parties

**RE: Grays Harbor County 2027 Comprehensive Land Use Plan –  
Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

Grays Harbor County is issuing this Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) pursuant to the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) to inform agency decision making on the proposed adoption of the 2027 Comprehensive Land Use Plan for unincorporated Grays Harbor County. This cover letter is provided consistent with WAC 197-11-435 and is not part of the Draft EIS for purposes of EIS adequacy.

The proposed Land Use Plan is a non-project (programmatic) action intended to provide long-range land use policy guidance that may inform housing, transportation, public services, environmental protection, and economic development through the year 2037. Because adoption of the action may result in probable significant adverse environmental impacts, Grays Harbor County is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement under SEPA.

The purpose of the Draft EIS is to provide environmental information to decision makers and the public to support future County decisions regarding adoption, modification, or denial of the proposed Land Use Plan. The County has not identified a preferred alternative. Consistent with SEPA, a final decision may combine elements of the alternatives evaluated in the Draft EIS, provided that resulting impacts are within the range of impacts analyzed.

The Draft EIS evaluates a No Action Alternative and two action alternatives that differ primarily in the amount of population growth and development intensity accommodated within unincorporated areas of the County. The Draft EIS also identifies key environmental issues, potential mitigation measures, and options for decision makers regarding the location and distribution of growth, infrastructure needs, and environmental protection.

The Draft EIS is issued for public, agency, and tribal review and comment. Grays Harbor County invites comments on the Draft EIS during the 30-day comment period beginning on Thursday, May 14, 2026 and will close at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026.

Written comments must be received by the close of the comment period and may be submitted to:

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Send online comments to: [info@graysharbor2027compplan.com](mailto:info@graysharbor2027compplan.com)

The Draft EIS is available for public review online at: <https://graysharbor2027compplan.com/>

Sincerely,



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SEPA Responsible Official