



Comprehensive Plan Update 2025-2045

Public Participation Plan

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Introduction and Background

San Juan County will complete a periodic update to the countywide Comprehensive Plan that looks ahead to the year 2045. This update process is required by State law and provides opportunities to broadly engage county residents and interests in shaping their future over the next twenty years. Working with County departments, the Planning Commission, and the public and communities throughout the islands, the Comprehensive Plan will be updated based on guidance provided by the Washington State Department of Commerce related to Growth Management Act compliance. A separate effort to create a Climate Action Plan (CAP) and Climate Element for the Comprehensive Plan is underway based on State legislation under HB 1181. The Comprehensive Plan and Climate Plan teams will be closely coordinating their work efforts including planning related engagement efforts. Both planning efforts are nested under and directed by the County's Department of Community Development.

San Juan County has identified the following key goals for the Comprehensive Plan update project.

Goal: Ensure compliance with the Growth Management Act.

- Update the Comprehensive Plan to meet the requirements listed in the Periodic Update checklist provided by the Department of Commerce
- Provide opportunities for early and continuous public participation and incorporate public feedback into draft elements

Goal: Meet the needs of the projected population consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan Vision.

- Engage the residents of San Juan County to ensure public concerns and aspirations are incorporated into new policies;
- Build off the goals and policies in the existing Comprehensive Plan, updated in 2022; and
- Update Elements and Appendices to reflect current conditions and data and to ensure consistency between elements.

This Public Participation Plan (PPP) for the Comprehensive Plan update provides a strategic framework for engaging residents and communities across the islands, as well as the full diversity of interest groups and organizations and agencies that will be involved in the planning process. The PPP will support the County's intent to provide early and continuous opportunities for public engagement throughout the planning process, fulfilling the requirements of RCW 36.70A.140. The PPP is a living document, and it will be updated throughout the project.

Engagement Objectives and Overall Approaches to Engagement

The following objectives will guide public engagement and outreach as part of the Comprehensive Plan update process.

- Foster an engagement process that is open, inviting, and transparent throughout the duration of the planning process.
- Ensure that engagement is equitable and inclusive by offering a variety of engagement activities and

methods to reach the full diversity of interests and residents across all islands countywide.

- Provide early and continuous opportunities for engagement and keep residents and communities informed and aware of the planning process.
- Support in-person and remote/online opportunities for engagement.
- Reflect the values and priorities of countywide residents in the updated Comprehensive Plan.
- In addition to *engaging* the public and key interests, the planning process will provide opportunities to *inform and educate* through outreach efforts.

The engagement process will be intertwined with the planning process from beginning to end. While specific activities such as workshop sessions, open house meetings, and presence at special events will occur at key milestones, there will be ongoing opportunities to provide input and comments and learn about the project via online outreach and engagement and County staff contacts. At any time during the planning process, people will be able to learn about the status of the project and upcoming activities by checking the project webpage and/or communications from the County.

Equitable engagement will include a combination of activities that support the participation of people of color, immigrant and refugee communities, low-income households, and from diverse backgrounds in public involvement processes. (Strategies for Equitable Engagement, Seattle.gov) Equitable engagement is a two-way ongoing process of building relationships and working collaboratively around a project, plan, or issue.

Approaches to Engagement

The levels of engagement used throughout the process to meet different audience participation needs and overall engagement goals are defined below.

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| Inform | Provide the community with relevant information |
| Consult | Gather input from the community |
| Involve | Community needs and priorities are heard and actively integrated into the planning process and inform decisions |
| Collaborate | Community plays a critical role in planning process and decision-making |

Engagement Summary

The engagement process will be summarized in a final Engagement Summary at the end of the planning process, which will serve as an appendix to the plan. Key themes from comments and input gathered as well as a summary of those engaged will be included in the Engagement Summary. The Summary will include a description of common themes from the input gathered throughout the islands that helped shape updated goals and policies in the plan.

Engagement Audiences

In addition to direct involvement and guidance from County staff from all departments and the County Planning Commission, a variety of key interests and partners will be engaged in the planning process.

Key Engagement Audiences and Engagement Approaches

The following audience groups include both internal and external to the County.

| Audience & Description | Groups | Engagement Approaches |
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| Decision-makers <i>County leaders who make decisions that drive investment and policy</i> | County Council, County Manager, County staff liaisons for departments | Consult and update for decision-making. |
| Implementation Leads <i>County staff who are responsible for directing implementation in departments</i> | County Department heads and staff, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Development ▪ Environmental Stewardship Department ▪ Public Works ▪ Parks, Recreation, & Fair ▪ Health Department ▪ Emergency Management ▪ Conservation Land Bank ▪ Fleet Services | Collaborate to gather feedback on goals and policies updates; align with priorities and processes, and garner support. |
| County Committees <i>Advisory committees consisting of council-appointed community members from across the Islands with specialized expertise.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Advisory Committee • Climate and Sustainability Advisory Committee • Agricultural Resources Committee • Clean Water Advisory Committee • Ferry Advisory Committee • Eastsound, Lopez Village, and Deer Harbor Planning Review Committees | Involve committees and leverage their expertise by asking them to help identify priority areas and incorporating their input into drafts. |

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| <p>Other Governments <i>Non-County government bodies the County will consult and coordinate with</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town of Friday Harbor • Tribal Nations • Local taxing districts and service providers • State agencies, including WSDOT, DOH, and Commerce | <p>Collaborate with other government bodies by reciprocally working toward consistency between plans and goals.</p> |
| <p>Economic Development <i>Interest in maintaining tourism and other local businesses but exploring opportunities to 'level out' in order to maintain rural lifestyle and create a more sustainable business model for local business owners.</i></p> | <p>County-Based Businesses & Business Associations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Visitor's Bureau ▪ Chambers of Commerce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ San Juan Island ○ Orcas Island ○ Lopez Island ▪ Economic Development Council ▪ SJC Homebuilders Association | <p>Involve with spreading the word about the Comprehensive Plan update; Gather input and data.</p> |
| <p>Community Development <i>Interest in supporting community cohesion, maintaining the rural lifestyle, and providing access to housing and other social services.</i></p> | <p>Community Based Organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Family Resource Centers ▪ Community/Senior Centers <p>Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ OPAL, Lopez Community Land Trust, Housing Lopez, San Juan Community Home Trust, and other housing non-profits <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Groups – Kiwanis, Rotary, etc. ▪ Transition Groups ▪ Ag Guild, Makers Guild ▪ Schools ▪ Community Event Planners ▪ Historic Societies | <p>Involve through tailored outreach to create accessible opportunities to participate in planning process and build/strengthen relationships with community groups or individuals for long-term engagement.</p> |
| <p>Conservation <i>Interest in maintaining and protecting natural resources and the rural lifestyle and expanding open spaces.</i></p> | <p>Environmental Organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Friends of the San Juans ▪ SJI Conservation District ▪ SJI Preservation Trust <p>Land Management Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BLM – SJI National Monument ▪ WA State Parks ▪ Ports ▪ Land Bank and County Parks ▪ National Parks <p>DNR</p> | <p>Involve with spreading the word about the Comprehensive Plan update; Gather input</p> |
| <p>Infrastructure Implementation Partners</p> | <p>Utilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WSDOT – Ferries | <p>Involve with spreading the word about</p> |

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| <p><i>Maintaining and expanding infrastructure to support sustainable growth while maintaining natural resources.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ County Public Works ▪ OPALCO – energy ▪ Water – Eastsound water and sewer, Fisherman Bay water district, Town of Friday Harbor, among others <p>Utilities & Contracted Service Providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SJI Sanitation ▪ Orcas Recycling Services ▪ Lopez Solid Waste ▪ Lautenbach ▪ Town of Friday Harbor <p>Other public entities Ports</p> | <p>Comprehensive Plan update; Gather input.</p> |
| <p>General Public <i>Interest in supporting community cohesion, maintaining the rural lifestyle,</i></p> | <p>Full time residents</p> | <p>Engage in planning process; Gather input.</p> |

Engagement Methods and Activities

Based on planning context, scope of work, and timeline for the Comprehensive Plan update, the following methods of engagement are proposed. Engagement opportunities will include in-person and online activities. Public engagement activities will be conducted by both the County and our team members.

To support public engagement and provide up-to-date information on the comprehensive plan update, the County has established and will maintain a website for this project through the Engage platform: <https://engage.sanjuancountywa.gov/2025-comp-plan-update>.

The consultant team will coordinate translation of informational and online engagement materials, such as flyers and surveys, from English to Spanish. The consultant team will be responsible for addressing public inquiries relating to methodologies used for technical reports, specifically the Land Capacity Analysis, the Housing Needs Assessment and the Level of Service analyses for the Capital Facilities and Transportation elements. The consultant team also will organize, track, and evaluate public comments throughout the project. As part of Task 3.0, the consultant team will summarize engagement and show how engagement results will be incorporated into the plan update.

The table below lists anticipated engagement activities, the desired objectives associated with each, and roles and responsibilities assigned to each.

| Proposed Activities | Desired Objectives | Roles/Responsibilities |
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| <p>Project Information Sheet and FAQs Project information sheet and FAQs will be developed for the County to distribute in print and electronically providing information about the Comprehensive Plan update and planning process. The information sheet can be distributed at the County, various tabling events, and activities, as well as workshop sessions (see below).</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping countywide residents informed of information about the Comprehensive Plan update process. • Announcing upcoming activities. • Providing contact information. • Guiding readers to the online project presence. | <p>Consultant Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop the information sheet and FAQ sheet with County review; one round of revisions; two updates during planning process. <p>County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production and distribution |
| <p>Project Online Presence via Engage Platform To support public engagement and provide up-to-date information on the comprehensive plan update, the County has established and will maintain a website for this project: https://engage.sanjuancountywa.gov/2025-comp-plan-update.</p> <p>ARC GIS Portal Open to Public Access: Development of an ArcGIS-based portal open to the public for gathering online comments (geographically based).</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping countywide residents informed of information about the Comprehensive Plan update process. • Announcing upcoming activities. • Providing contact information. Guiding readers to the online project presence. • Posting drafts and staff reports for public review • Will provide an opportunity for countywide input on key needs related to specific geographies. | <p>Consultant Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide materials (text and graphics to support updates) <p>County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall responsibility for implementing updates <p>Consultant Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will set up online portal for access to the public <p>County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review/approve before going live |
| <p>Online Polls: Development and facilitation of up to three separate polls to gather public input across the islands); these can be linked to the project web presence/webpage developed by the County.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather countywide input on a variety of key topics that will inform updating the goals, policies, and other content of the Comprehensive Plan. | <p>Consultant Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of poll questions; using Engage platform or other survey program that can link to online web presence <p>County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review/approve before going live |
| <p>Workshop Series: One series of multiple workshop sessions (with sessions held over the course of four days—two days on San Juan Island, one day on Orcas Island, and one day on Lopez Island). We anticipate that these would be set up to occur in</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather input from workshop participants (multiple groups and general public on San Juan, Orcas, and Lopez) on a variety of key topics that will inform updating the goals, policies, and other content of the Comprehensive Plan. | <p>Consultant Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for and preparation of materials for the workshop series. • Attendance, facilitating, and |

the summer or possibly early fall of 2024- early enough in the update process to gather meaningful input from the public and diverse interests. We would work with County staff to identify attendees, such as groups, organizations, etc. and notify/invite them to the workshop sessions. There would also be afternoon or evening public workshops or open houses open to the public as part of these series of meetings. We will work closely with County staff to plan and facilitate these sessions. These multi-day workshop sessions will provide the opportunity to reach out to and engage diverse groups and interests in the planning process.

documentation of input received.

County:

- Support logistics of scheduling and reserving venues for meetings.
- Help with noticing and invitations
- Provide contact information for diverse groups to be invited to the sessions.

Planning Commission: We will meet monthly with Planning Commission; meetings are open to the public.

- Obtaining guidance throughout the update process on key topics and plan elements being updated.
- Providing opportunities for the public to review and comment on drafts

Consultant Team:

- Preparation of materials for meetings.
- Attendance and co-facilitation of discussion.

County:

- Scheduling on Planning Commission agendas.
- Co-facilitation of discussion.

County Committees: We will work with County committees to identify priorities and receive feedback on goal and policy amendments within specific subject areas. We will meet with committees to present information, gather input, and answer questions. We will provide drafts for committees to review and comment on.

- Obtaining guidance regarding specific topics (i.e. housing, water resources, ferries) from groups with specialized knowledge and experience

Consultant Team:

- Preparation of materials for meetings in a support role.
- Attendance of some meetings and supporting facilitation discussion.

County:

- Scheduling and coordination with County staff
- Preparation of materials for some meetings.
- Lead facilitation of discussion.

In addition to the specific activities above, our team will work with County staff to support social media postings (providing graphics and content), flyers, noticing in newsletters and news publications, and official public notices associated with publishing the draft plan for public and agency review. We also will support providing materials for tabling events that County staff will facilitate throughout the planning process. The County may wish to hold additional focus group meetings or other activities, and we can support those with materials as well.

Our team also will work closely with the Climate planning team and Cascadia to review and apply input received through that process's engagement efforts, surveys, and public meetings. We will integrate public feedback to the development of updates for the Comprehensive Plan as relevant and appropriate per County direction.

Key Messages and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan is the centerpiece of local planning in the County, the framework for how our community will grow. The Comp Plan contains goals and policies guiding how the County will meet the needs of the projected population in alignment with a [Vision](#) developed by the community. Goals and policies guide County regulations, programs, and actions which affect the nature of life in the County. The Comp Plan also contains inventories and analyses that help the County understand existing conditions and evaluate future needs.

San Juan County's Comp Plan contains [10 elements](#) (soon to be 11 with the addition of a climate element currently in progress):

1. Governance
2. Land Use
3. Shoreline Master Program (not part of Comp Plan update)
4. Water Resources
5. Housing
6. Transportation
7. Capital Facilities
8. Utilities
9. Historic and Archaeological Preservation
10. Economic Development
11. Climate (new element in progress)

Who is responsible for updating the Comprehensive Plan?

The San Juan County Department of Community Development (DCD) is leading the development of the Comp Plan update with support from a consultant team and in conjunction with the Planning Commission. Multiple County departments will contribute to the update. The County will coordinate with local governmental agencies, service providers, and community organizations to gather the latest information and understand priorities. The public is encouraged to participate in engagement opportunities, submit comments, and make requests throughout the process. The County Council will guide policy priorities and, in the end, approve and adopt the Comp Plan update ordinance.

When was the Comprehensive Plan last updated?

San Juan County adopted its last periodic update in November 2022 by [Ordinance 20-2022](#) (exhibits [HERE](#)). The last Comp Plan update included significant revision of the entire plan, and incorporated hundreds of hours of work from committees, the Planning Commission and the County Council. It also incorporated public feedback from engagement events, surveys, written and oral comments, and testimony at public hearings. The Comp Plan adopted in 2022 is available [HERE](#).

What changes should we expect to occur in San Juan County over the next twenty years?
<Discussion with Planning Commission pending on this response.>

Why should I participate in this process?

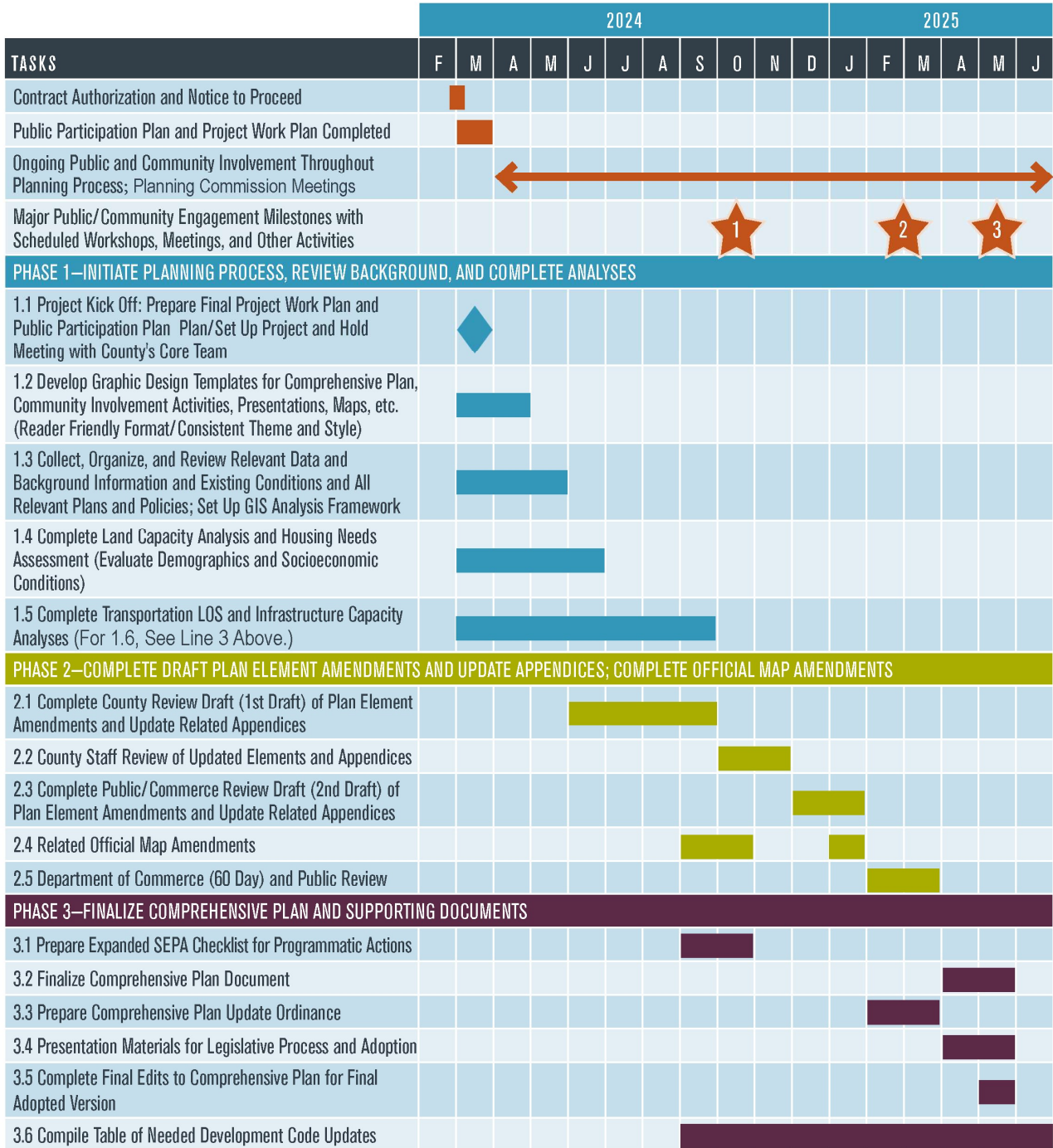
- This is an ongoing opportunity to share your priorities and vision related to planning for the next twenty years in San Juan County.
- By participating, you have an opportunity to share your perspectives with the planning team so that goals and policies can reflect and address community and public interests across the islands.

How does the Comprehensive Plan update relate to the Climate Planning work that is also underway?

- The Climate planning work will include development of a Climate Element that will be integrated into the updated Comprehensive Plan.
- The Growth Management Act (Chapter 36.70A RCW) was amended in 2023 under Washington House Bill 1181, requiring cities and counties to integrate climate mitigation and/or resilience policies into their periodic comprehensive plan updates.
- The climate element with the required resilience sub-element will include policies that:
 - Requirement 1: Address natural hazards created or aggravated by climate change, including sea level rise, landslides, flooding, drought, heat, smoke, wildfire, and other effects of changes to temperature and precipitation patterns (some of which will be addressed by the update to the SJC Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan);
 - Requirement 2: Identify, protect, and enhance natural areas to foster climate resilience, as well as areas of vital habitat for safe species migration;
 - Requirement 3: Identify, protect, and enhance community resilience to climate impacts, including social, economic, and built-environment factors, which support adaptation to climate impacts consistent with environmental justice.

Planning and Engagement Timeline

The Comprehensive Plan update process began in April 2024. The plan is scheduled to be completed and adopted by June 30, 2025. The plan will set the stage for the next twenty years in San Juan County, with the planning horizon year of 2045. The overall planning timeline for the Comprehensive Plan update is reflected in the table below.



Key Public / Community Engagement Milestones:

- ★ 1 Present Analyses Findings and Anticipated Updates
- ★ 2 Public Review of Draft Plan
- ★ 3 Formal Adoption (Public Process)

Working Schedule of Specific Dates (Tentative)

County Project Website Updated: May 2024: <https://engage.sanjuancountywa.gov/2025-comp-plan-update>

Project Information Sheet / FAQs: May 2024

GIS Portal Set Up/Update Online Project Presence: – by End of June 2024

First Online Poll: - by End of June 2024 for gathering initial input to help shape updates to plan goals. The poll would be open to the public countywide but also marketed to special interest groups.

Analyses: The Draft Land Capacity and Analysis, Housing Needs Assessment, and Transportation Level of Service Analysis will be shared with the County Council and Planning Commission. At this time, the drafts will be shared with the public on the Engage Page and the County will receive public comments, which will be considered prior to finalizing the analyses.

Second Online Poll: Early Fall 2024 for gathering input to help shape policies that are being updated through key questions on specific topics (housing, multimodal transportation, environmental protection, etc.) The poll will be open to the public countywide but also marketed to special interest groups.

Committee Engagement: The Comp Plan update will rely on Committees to help identify priorities and provide feedback on policy amendments.

- Spring/Summer 2024: DCD and Otak will contact committees to inform them of the general Comp Plan update areas within their purview, attend a meeting with committees that wish to meet with the Comp Plan update team, and request input from committees on priority areas within the scope of work.
- Fall 2024-Winter 2025: Draft element amendments will be sent to committees with requests for review. Committees can provide feedback, which will be incorporated into the drafts with discretion from DCD and the Planning Commission

Climate Element:

- The Engage Page for this project directs viewers to the Climate-specific Engage Page
- DCD will coordinate in-person engagement to include at least one member of the County's Climate Element team
- August 15-18, 2024: County Fair. There will be Comp Plan Update information (flyers and a poster) at the Environmental Stewardship booth. The purpose of this outreach activity is to spread awareness of the Comp Plan update and to let the public know where they can find more information.
- The Comp Plan update will consider feedback received through Climate Element-specific engagement.

Workshop Series: September <Planning Commission – provide input on best timing please.> This workshop series is in the early stages of planning. More information to come.

Draft Elements: the draft Plan Elements will be posted on the Engage Page as they become available. DCD and Otak will brief the Planning Commission and County Council on the proposed amendments, and the County will advertise the opportunity for the public to review and comment on proposed amendments.

Third Online Poll: Early 2025 for gathering input to help inform actions, implementation strategies, needed projects, and capital facilities updating. The poll will be open to the public and marketed to specific groups.

Intergovernmental Consultation: The County will lead conversations with the Town of Friday Harbor, other Counties, and interested and affected tribal governments.

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County Demographics

The following information was compiled by Cascadia Consulting Group, the consultant working on Climate planning with San Juan County. We have included this information, which provides a community snapshot of the Islands communities including demographic data and audience groups, because it can be helpful reference to the team in planning engagement activities and events in the coming months.

Total Population (2022) = 18,001¹

| Age ² | |
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| Under 5 years | 2.8 % |
| 5-19 years | 11.4 % |
| 20-44 years | 22.2 % |
| 45-64 years | 29.0 % |
| 65 and over | 34.6 % |

| Gender ³ | |
|---------------------|--------|
| Male | 49.2 % |
| Female | 50.8 % |

| Race ⁴ | |
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| White alone | 91.1 % |
| Black or African American | 1.3 % |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 2.4 % |
| Asian | 2.3 % |
| Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander | 0.5 % |
| Two or More Races | 3.4 % |
| Hispanic or Latino | 6.8 % |

| Language Spoken at Home ⁵ | |
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| Speak only English | 93.4 % |
| Speak a language other than English | 6.6 % |
| Speak Spanish at home | 3.4 % |
| Speak other Indo-European language | 2.0 % |
| Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages | 0.9% |
| Speak Other languages | 0.2 % |

| Computer and Internet Use ⁶ | |
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| Households with a computer, 2018-2022 | 96.6 % |
| Households with a broadband Internet subscription, 2018-2022 | 90.7 % |

| Education Level ⁷ | |
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| Less than 9 th grade | 1.3 % |
| 9 th to 12 th grade, no diploma | 2.9 % |
| High school graduate, including equivalency | 15.9 % |
| Some college, no degree | 20.6 % |
| Associate's degree | 6.7 % |
| Bachelor's degree | 30.1 % |
| Graduate or professional degree | 22.5 % |

| Means of Transportation to Work ⁸ | |
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| Car, truck, or van – drove alone | 61.8 % |
| Car, truck, or van - carpooled | 6.8 % |
| Public transportation (excluding taxicab) | 1.3 % |
| Work from home | 30.1 % |

| Income Levels ⁹ | |
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| Less than \$10,000 | 6.2 % |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 9.5 % |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 16.4 % |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 16.7 % |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 12.6 % |
| \$100,000 - \$149,999 | 16.1 % |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 8.8 % |
| \$200,00 or more | 13.5 % |
| Median income (dollars) | \$76,745 |

¹ Sourced from the [US Census: 2022 American Community Survey](#)

² Sourced from the [US Census: 2022 American Community Survey](#)

³ Sourced from the [US Census: 2022 American Community Survey](#)

⁴ Sourced from the [US Census: 2022 American Community Survey](#)

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⁶ Sourced from the [US Census QuickFacts 2022](#)

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WA Health Disparities Data¹⁰

The [Washington Environmental Health Disparities Map](#) is an interactive mapping tool comparing communities across the state for environmental health disparities. The map provides decision makers with key insights into where public investments can be prioritized to best target their jurisdiction's highest environmental health concerns.

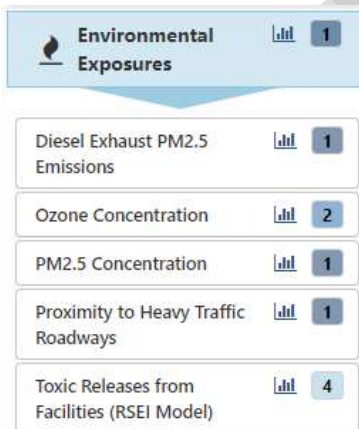
The tool ranks key data categories from 1-10, with 1 being the lowest occurrence of environmental health disparities and 10 being the highest. There are 19 indicators, divided into four themes: Environmental Exposures, Environmental Effects, Socioeconomic Factors, and Sensitive Populations. Documenting this data is required for the Commerce grant.

Below are the key findings for San Juan County:

Figure 2. Figure 1. SJC's overall Environmental Health Disparities score is 1.



Figure 3. SJC's Environmental Exposures score is 1. The "Toxic Releases from Facilities (RSEI Model)" category is the highest-ranking indicator of the category with a score of 4.



¹⁰ Sourced from the [Washington Environmental Health Disparities Map](#)

Figure 4. SJC's Environmental Effects score is 2. The indicators with the highest scores are "Lead Risk From Housing (%)" and "Wastewater Discharge" with scores of 5 and 4, respectively.

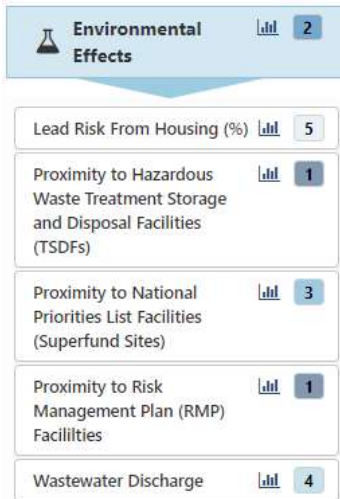


Figure 5. SJC's Socioeconomic Factors are 3. The indicators with the highest scores are "Population Living in Poverty <=185% of Federal Poverty Level (%)" scoring 7, and "Transportation Expenses" and "Unaffordable Housing (> 30% of Income)" both scoring 8.



Figure 6. SJC's Sensitive Populations score is 1. Both indicators received the same score.



Engagement Considerations Related to Demographics

Engagement considerations based on the preliminary demographic information are described below and utilized as materials are crafted, engagement conducted, and feedback analyzed.

- Although many residents are considered affluent, there is a significant number of community members living at the poverty line and facing a high cost of living.
- Housing, both affordability and availability, can be an expected priority.
- Transportation is another top-of-mind priority, recognizing that single-occupant vehicles are the primary source of transportation on the islands.
- Community members skew towards the older age range, with over half the population (63.6%) over the age of 45.

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