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LU-G1	New	New Goal	Maintain large-scale, high intensity land uses in urban growth areas to accommodate housing and employment for the next 20-years, reduce costs, and reduce development pressure on agricultural and resource lands.	Establish a new high-level goal to capture policies for urban growth areas.
LU-P1	LU-G1	UGAs shall be consistent with the following criteria: a. Each UGA shall provide sufficient urban land to accommodate future population/employment projections through the designated planning period; b. Lands included within UGAs shall either be already characterized by urban growth or directly adjacent to such lands; c. Existing urban land uses and densities should be included within UGAs; d. UGAs shall provide a balance of industrial, commercial, and residential lands; e. Each UGA shall have the anticipated financial capability to provide infrastructure/services needed in the areas over the planning period under adopted concurrency standards; f. Protect natural resource lands and critical areas; g. Encourage the conversion of undeveloped lands into urban densities (infill); h. Provide for the efficient provision of public services; i. Promote a variety of residential densities; and j. Include sufficient vacant and buildable land.	UGAs shall be consistent with the following criteria: a. Each UGA shall provide sufficient urban land to accommodate future population/employment projections through the designated planning period; b. Lands included within UGAs shall either be already characterized by urban growth or directly adjacent to such lands; c. Existing urban land uses and densities should be included within UGAs; d. UGAs shall provide a balance of industrial, commercial, and residential lands; e. Each UGA shall have the anticipated financial capability to provide infrastructure/services needed in the areas over the planning period under adopted concurrency standards; f. Protect natural resource lands and critical areas; g. Encourage the conversion of undeveloped lands into urban densities (infill); h. Provide for the efficient provision of public services; i. Promote a variety of residential densities; and j. Include sufficient vacant and buildable land.	These goals are following the state requirements for land use elements but are not customized to Kittitas County which makes them very difficult to implement or ensure that they are upholding the vision of the Community. Recommend condensing GMA requirements to 1 land use policy to ensure consistency with RCW. Some policies can be created to ensure this over time. Consolidate with new Goal LU-G1
	LU-G2	Promote the development of large-scale, high-intensity urban land uses within the UGA where there is supporting infrastructure.	<del>Promote the development of large-scale, high-intensity urban land uses within the UGA where there is supporting infrastructure.</del>	Policy was combined with new Goal LU-G1.
	LU-G3	Development densities, intensities or uses that require urban level of services should not be allowed outside of urban areas.	<del>Development densities, intensities or uses that require urban level of services should not be allowed outside of urban areas.</del>	It is already prohibited in the GMA to allow urban densities and intensities outside of Urban Growth Areas. This is already covered well in other policies. The rural and resource policies also discourage urban densities and intensities.
	LU-G4	Maintain a flexible balance of land uses which will protect, preserve, and enhance the rural character, historical forest lands, agricultural industries, mineral lands, and high-quality environment.	<del>Maintain a flexible balance of land uses which will protect, preserve, and enhance the rural character, historical forest lands, agricultural industries, mineral lands, and high-quality environment.</del>	There are individual policies established for rural character, forest lands, mineral lands, and ag lands that discuss preservation and protection this does not need to repeated.
	LU-G5	Collaborate with cities to participate in the County’s transfer of development rights (TDR) program, to encourage and promote the protection of Rural Lands, Resource Lands and frequently flooded areas.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Goal RU-G1

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	LU-G6	Identify, designate, and protect agriculture transportation corridors that facilitate farm use.	<del>Identify, designate, and protect agriculture transportation corridors that facilitate farm use.</del>	This is duplicated in the Transportation Element T-P22 and only needs to be included once.
LU-G6	LU-G7	Identify, protect, preserve and restore sites that contain resources of cultural, archaeological, historic, educational, or scientific value or significance.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with historic and cultural resource policies.
LU-P2	LU-P1	Minimize the cost of providing public services and utilities by directing urban growth and development to areas where public roads and services can support such growth.	<del>Minimize the cost of providing public services and utilities by directing</del> Concentrate urban growth and development to urban growth areas where public roads and services can support such growth to reduce costs.	Consolidate with new Goal LU-G1.
LU-P3	LU-P2	Reduce the conversion of land for development and concentrate future growth in urban growth areas.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Goal LU-G1.
LU-P4	LU-P3	Promote areas where compatible mixed commercial and industrial uses can be sited.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Goal LU-G1.
LU-P5	LU-P4	Pursue consistency in development regulations in urban growth areas with adjacent cities. This may be accomplished through: Potential Annexation Areas (PAAs); Coordination through the Conference of Governments; Development of Interlocal agreements; and Use of overlay zones such as Rural Transition Zones.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Goal LU-G1
LU-P6	LU-P5	Expansion of a UGA shall be characterized by urban development and be supported by population forecasts and land capacity analysis.	Expansion of a UGA shall be characterized by urban development, consider patterns of existing development, and be supported by population forecasts and land capacity analysis.	Consolidate with new Goal LU-G1, added language to be consistent with revised state law RCW 36.70A.130.
LU-P7	LU-P6	Any UGA expansions should preserve rural areas.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with LU-G1 Policy addressing requirements for RCW 36.70A.177.
LU-P8	LU-P7	Promote infill development of vacant or under-utilized properties.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Goal LU-G1.
LU-G3	LU-P8	Promote green building and environmental stewardship through development regulations.	No recommended change.	Converted to a goal with established policies for sustainable development.
LU-P16	New	New Policy	Coordinate with the cities for consistent application of green initiatives and incentives through development regulations.	This is associated with LU-P8 which was converted to a Goal.
LU-P17	New	New Policy	Coordinate with cities or regional partners to apply for joint funding for green initiatives.	This is associated with LU-P8 which was converted to a Goal.
LU-P18	New	New Policy	Periodically review sustainable development or green initiatives that may be well suited for rural areas and update development regulations.	This is associated with LU-P8 which was converted to a Goal.
LU-G4	New	New Goal	Mitigate impacts of state and federal agencies purchasing land which removes opportunities for housing, jobs, and economic development within the county and impacts county finance.	This was mentioned has a high priority for the County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners to help facilitate and monitor land changes on large portions of County land over time

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LU-P20	New	New Policy	When future land purchases are being considered by state agencies, provide notification to ensure they are aware that state agencies are required to comply with the comprehensive plan and development regulations per RCW 36.70A.103. Notification should outline comprehensive plan goals, policies, and development regulations where property sales may impact compliance with adopted plans and policies.	This was mentioned has a high priority for the County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners to help facilitate and monitor land changes on large portions of County land over time.
LU-P21	New	New Policy	Consider developing a program to transfer density from properties owned by state and federal agencies to cities and unincorporated urban growth areas.	This was mentioned has a high priority for the County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners to help facilitate and monitor land changes on large portions of County land over time.
LU-P22	New	New Policy	Work through the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) to identify measures which may be taken to mitigate land purchase impacts.	This was mentioned has a high priority for the County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners to help facilitate and monitor land changes on large portions of County land over time.
LU-P19	LU-P9	Encourage future subarea planning efforts to more directly implement land use and economic development measures.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Goal RU-G1
LU-G5	New	New Goal	Explore new opportunities for industrial uses that may support economic growth or job creation.	This is in response to the BOCC and PC concerns about economic development opportunities and locally retaining workforce from CWU.
	LU-P10	Ensure an adequate supply of appropriate land in parcel sizes adequate to allow for future development as industrial uses or the expansion of existing industrial uses.	<del>Ensure an adequate supply of appropriate land in parcel sizes adequate to allow for future development as industrial uses or the expansion of existing industrial uses.</del>	Policy is too similar to other industrial policies.
LU-P23	LU-P11	Plan capital facility and infrastructure investments to facilitate the development of lands designated for industrial uses.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new group of industrial lands goals.
	LU-P12	Designate industrial land in areas convenient to utilities, fire protection, and to major transportation facilities (air, rail, freeway). Industrial developments may be located beyond UGAs.	<del>Designate industrial land in areas convenient to utilities, fire protection, and to major transportation facilities (air, rail, freeway). Industrial developments may be located beyond UGAs.</del>	
LU-P24	LU-P13	Industrial uses located adjacent to residential areas or along scenic routes should be situated so as to minimize impacts on those areas. These industrial uses should provide screening and other measures to achieve compatibility.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new group of industrial lands goals.
	LU-P14	Collaborate with the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the Yakama Nation to protect historic lands and cultural resources in the County.	<del>Collaborate with the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the Yakama Nation to protect historic lands and cultural resources in the County.</del>	This is repeating Policy LU-P36 and does not need to be listed twice.
	LU-P15	Support initiatives to improve public awareness of historic lands and cultural resources, for example, interpretive exhibits, signage, or formal designation on local, state, or federal registries.	<del>Support initiatives to improve public awareness of historic lands and cultural resources, for example, interpretive exhibits, signage, or formal designation on local, state, or federal registries.</del>	This is repeating language from LU-P37 Consolidate with new group of historical and cultural resources goals with LU-G7

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LU-P27	LU-P16	Historic and archeological features designated by the County should be preserved and protected from any development.	Historic and archeological features designated by the County <b>or by State and Federal agencies</b> should be preserved and protected from any development.	Consolidate with new group of historical and cultural resources goals with LU-G7. Adjusted language to include DAHP designations.
LU-G7	New	<b>New Goal</b>	<b>Expand commercial opportunities in Kittitas County and prioritize opportunities to expand workforce and high-paying jobs.</b>	Establish a new high-level goal to capture policies for commercial lands.
LU-P37	LU-P17	Evaluate, monitor, and improve development standards to ensure compatibility between adjacent commercial and noncommercial uses through bulk, height, and scale standards.	No recommended change.	Identify a few actions that are feasible for the County to accomplish over the next 10-20 years to help promote sited mixed commercial and industrial. Then revise policy. Consolidate with new goal for commercial lands.
LU-P38	LU-P18	Ensure the adequate supply of developable property to accommodate the siting of new, and the expansion of existing, commercial uses.	<del>Ensure the adequate supply of developable property to accommodate the siting of new, and the expansion of existing, commercial uses.</del> <b>Work with cities and other partners to understand future market trends and proactively assess commercial and industrial land base needs to achieve identified economic goals</b>	This policy seems like a large responsibility and may not yield feasible steps to take. Consolidate with new goal for commercial lands.
LU-G8	New	<b>New Goal</b>	<b>Provide adequate space for airport operations and monitor the relationship between adjacent uses.</b>	Establish a new high-level goal to capture policies relating to airport planning and coordination.
	LU-P19	Maintain an Airport Layout Plan for the Kittitas County Airport (Bowers Field) in conformance with the Federal Aviation Administration and Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation Division.	<del>Maintain an Airport Layout Plan for the Kittitas County Airport (Bowers Field) in conformance with the Federal Aviation Administration and Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation Division.</del>	This language is repeated in policy LU-P65 and does not need to be state twice. The airport policies will be consolidate to avoid this.
	LU-P20	Consider aviation easements in the airport overlay zone(s) where appropriate to ensure compatibility.	<del>Consider aviation easements in the airport overlay zone(s) where appropriate to ensure compatibility.</del>	This language is repeated in policy LU-P66 and does not need to be state twice. The airport policies will be consolidate to avoid this.
	LU-P21	The County will continue to implement the following Federal Aviation Administration safety zones within the airport overlay zone(s) to protect airport operations and reduce safety risks: Inner Safety Zone; Inner Turning Zone; Outer Safety Zone; Sideline Zone; and Traffic Pattern Zone	<del>The County will continue to implement the following Federal Aviation Administration safety zones within the airport overlay zone(s) to protect airport operations and reduce safety risks: Inner Safety Zone; Inner Turning Zone; Outer Safety Zone; Sideline Zone; and Traffic Pattern Zone.</del>	This language is repeated in policy LU-P68 and does not need to be state twice. The airport policies will be consolidate to avoid this.
LU-P48	LU-P22	Encourage aviation-related land uses in the airport overlay zone(s), provided that the FAA airport design criteria are met.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new set of airport policies.
	LU-P23	Promote economic development and employment opportunities for the Airport Industrial Zone and Bowers Field Overlay Zone through the Airport Master Plan.	<del>Promote economic development and employment opportunities for the Airport Industrial Zone and Bowers Field Overlay Zone through the Airport Master Plan.</del>	This language is repeated in Policy LU-P70 and does not need to be stated twice. Airport policies will be combined to avoid this.

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LU-P24		Establish zoning standards which will ensure that industrial uses will not impact airborne aircraft because of height structures, smoke, glare, lights which shine upward, and radio transmissions, nor any water impoundments or sanitary landfills which would create hazards from waterfowl to airborne aircraft.	<del>Establish zoning standards which will ensure that industrial uses will not impact airborne aircraft because of height structures, smoke, glare, lights which shine upward, and radio transmissions, nor any water impoundments or sanitary landfills which would create hazards from waterfowl to airborne aircraft.</del>	This language is repeated in Policy LU-P71 and does not need to be stated twice. Airport policies will be combined to avoid this.
LU-P25		Promote renewable energy developments and industries within the Bowers Field Overlay Zone.	<del>Promote renewable energy developments and industries within the Bowers Field Overlay Zone.</del>	This language is repeated in Policy LU-P72 and does not need to be stated twice. Airport policies will be combined to avoid this.
LU-G9	New	New Goal	Continue master planned resorts and prioritize their contribution to Kittitas County's outdoor recreation opportunities.	Establish a new goal to capture all of the policies for master planned resorts.
LU-P57	LU-P26	Any MPR shall be planned and designed to minimize impact upon the rural character of Kittitas County by examining the entire site or area and adjacent lands and communities and shall avoid significant negative impacts upon surrounding areas.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new set of master planned resort policies.
LU-P58	LU-P27	A MPR should maintain and enhance the surrounding and critical area physical environment.	<del>A MPR should maintain and enhance the surrounding and critical area physical environment.</del> A MPR should maintain and enhance the physical environment. Planning for a MPR should be based on natural systems, constraints, and opportunities and not adversely affect surrounding lands. Design characteristics should consider the overall context of the MPR, maintaining a common character throughout the project, which blends with natural features on-site.	Combined with similar language in RR-P71 and removed RR-P71
LU-P59	LU-P28	Natural and man-made recreational facilities and opportunities shall be the central focus of a MPR.	Natural and man-made on-site recreational facilities and opportunities shall be the central focus of a MPR.	Consolidate with new set of master planned resort policies. Combined with language from RR-P78
LU-P60	New		Recreational facilities will be included with initial development phases of a MPR with accommodations and other development types following.	Moved from Rural Element combining RR-P76, RR-P77
LU-P61	LU-P29	Recreational facilities must be included with initial development phases of a MPR.	<del>Recreational facilities must be included with initial development phases of a MPR.</del>	This language is repeated in Policy LU-P601 and does not need to be stated twice.
LU-P62	LU-P30	A MPR should have a primary focus on short-term visitor accommodations, including vacation and second homes. Other residential uses may be permitted within a MPR.	A MPR should have a primary focus on short-term visitor accommodations, including vacation and second homes. <del>Other residential uses may be permitted within a MPR.</del> Other residential uses may be permitted within a MPR if such uses are integrated into and support the on-site recreational nature of the resort. Short-term visitor accommodations should constitute more than fifty percent (50%) of all resort accommodation units. Short-term visitor accommodations, such as hotel rooms, should be included with the first and initial phases of a MPR development.	Combined with similar language from RR-P79, RR-P80, RR-P81



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LU-P62	LU-P31	An adequate supply of affordable employee housing within a MPR, or within a reasonable distance of a MPR, should be demonstrated. If this supply cannot be demonstrated, steps should be taken to mitigate the lack of affordable housing supply, so that an unreasonable burden is not placed on the affordable housing markets of surrounding communities.	An adequate supply of affordable employee housing within a MPR, or within a reasonable distance of a MPR, should be demonstrated. If this supply cannot be demonstrated, steps should be taken to mitigate the lack of affordable housing supply, so that an unreasonable burden is not placed on the affordable housing markets of surrounding communities. <b>A MPR’s ability to hire local residents should be taken into account in determining whether an “adequate supply” of affordable housing is available.</b>	Consolidate with new set of master planned resort policies. Combined with similar language from RR-P82 and removed that policy from rural element.
LU-P64	LU-P32	Public facilities, utilities, and services will be provided to MPRs within UGAs, so long as all costs associated with such extensions, capacity increases, and services are borne by the MPR. Such public facilities, utilities, and service providers may include the County, the cities and towns within the County, water and sewer districts, and owners of water systems.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new set of master planned resort policies.
LU-P65	LU-P33	MPR facilities, utilities, and services shall be designed to accommodate only the projected needs of the resort users.	<del>MPR facilities, utilities, and services shall be designed to accommodate only the projected needs of the resort users.</del> <b>MPR facilities, utilities, and services should be designed to accommodate only the projected needs of the resort users. Because a resort is fully occupied only occasionally, MPR facilities and utilities need not be designed to meet peak user occupancy demands and should rely in part on storage and other appropriate mechanisms and technology to meet peak demands.</b>	Combined with similar language from RR-P89
LU-P66	LU-P34	Construction of a MPR and all necessary on-site and off-site capital facilities and utilities infrastructure must be concurrent.	<del>Construction of a MPR and all necessary on-site and off-site capital facilities and utilities infrastructure must be concurrent.</del> <b>Construction of a MPR and all necessary onsite and off-site capital facilities and utilities infrastructure will be concurrent, but may be provided in phases to meet the needs of development phases as constructed and utilized.</b>	Combined with similar language from RR-P90. Consolidate with new set of master planned resort policies.
LU-P67	LU-P35	All school district facility and service impacts shall be mitigated by the MPR on a fair and proportionate basis, and review and mitigation of impacts on affected school districts may take into consideration the relatively low student population typically generated by a MPR.	No recommended change.	This is similar to language to RR-P90. Consolidate with new set of master planned resort policies.
LU-P28	LU-P36	The County shall work with the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the Yakama Nation to protect historic lands and cultural resources in the County.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new set of historical and cultural resources policies.

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LU-P29	LU-P37	The County shall support initiatives to improve public awareness of historic lands and cultural resources, for example, through interpretive exhibits, signage, or through formal designation on local, State, or federal registries. However, the County recognizes the need to keep the location of some historic sites from public knowledge, such as areas known to contain archeological remains, to avoid disturbance and damage.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new set of historical and cultural resources policies.
LU-G10	New	New Goal	Support the planning and coordination of water resources and water rights in urban and rural areas.	Establish a new goal to capture private property and water rights policies.
LU-P89	LU-P38	Kittitas County will place a high priority in the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan on the following State goal: RCW 36.70A.020(6) Property Rights. Private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation having been made. The property rights of landowners shall be protected from arbitrary and discriminatory actions.	Kittitas County will place a high priority in the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan on the following State goal: RCW 36.70A.020(6) Property Rights. Private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation having been made. The property rights of landowners shall be protected from arbitrary and discriminatory actions.	This is a federal law and does not identify any actions on the Counties part to execute over the next 10-20. Federal laws are required to upheld regardless.
LU-P90	LU-P39	The County will continue to support development and implementation of the Yakima Basin Integrated Management Plan to support water supply for agricultural lands.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new set of water and private property policies.
LU-P91	LU-P40	Kittitas County may place limitations on the establishment of new uses of groundwater based on the county’s authority to protect ground and surface water.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new set of water and private property policies.
LU-P92	LU-P41	Kittitas County finds that new uses of groundwater that are not mitigated in the Yakima River drainage basin threaten to interfere with senior water rights and stream flows and create a public health and safety threat that warrants application of provisions set forth in Kittitas County Code to existing lots as allowed by RCW 58.17.170(3).	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new set of water and private property policies.
	LU-P42	In the rural areas, development that is less dense and features larger lot sizes will be favored.	<del>In the rural areas, development that is less dense and features larger lot sizes will be favored.</del>	This policy is written with limited conditions to define what "less dense" and "larger lot sizes" and may be difficult to implement over time. Recommend adding specificity
LU-P9	LU-P43	Kittitas County shall seek consistency in development regulations in urban growth areas with adjacent cities and when appropriate where rural development may impact future urban growth. This may be accomplished through: Coordination through the Conference of Governments Development of Interlocal agreements <del>Use of overlay zones such as Rural Transition Zones</del>	Kittitas County shall seek consistency in development regulations in urban growth areas with adjacent cities and when appropriate where rural development may impact future urban growth. This may be accomplished through coordination through the Conference of Governments and evelopment of Interlocal agreements. <del>Use of overlay zones such as Rural Transition Zones</del>	Consolidate with new Urban Growth Area policies. Revised to remove reference to rural transition zones which hasn't been completed or implemented since the last update.

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	LU-P44	All future development should consider the development’s adaptability to both public and private utilities such as municipal water and sewer systems.	<del>All future development should consider the development’s adaptability to both public and private utilities such as municipal water and sewer systems.</del>	If the County cannot identify what actions would require the developer to "consider" future adaptability then the policy should be removed to encourage transparent policies and accompanying development regulations.
LU-P10	LU-P45	Expansion of the UGA shall be encouraged in areas least suited for agriculture and areas not impacted by critical areas.	Expansion of the UGA shall be encouraged in <del>areas least suited for agriculture</del> and areas not impacted by critical areas.	Recommendation for change provided by County staff.
	LU-P46	In UGAs where there is an absence of urban utilities, a system of subdivision and development should be encouraged which would produce a pattern capable of redivision to a higher density at such time when utilities are available.	<del>In UGAs where there is an absence of urban utilities, a system of subdivision and development should be encouraged which would produce a pattern capable of redivision to a higher density at such time when utilities are available.</del>	If there is no action that allows the County to encourage this then the policy should be removed.
LU-P11	LU-P47	Encourage and accommodate future expansion of utilities and roadways in a logical manner for new development in urban growth areas. Expansion of utilities and roadways shall not be made exclusively to accommodate new development outside of urban growth areas	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Urban Growth Area policies.
	LU-P48	Adopt urban growth area (UGA) boundaries to accommodate residential and employment increases projected within the boundaries over the next 20 years.	<del>Adopt urban growth area (UGA) boundaries to accommodate residential and employment increases projected within the boundaries over the next 20 years.</del>	Consolidate with new Goal LU-G1. This is largely repeating state law, converted some language in the goal to acknowledge this.
LU-G2	LU-P49	The County should develop a study area around each Urban Growth Area that may lead to the development of a Rural Transition Zone overlay. The study area should consider but not be limited to: Strategies to accommodate urban development in the 20-to-50-year planning horizon Shadow platting to plan for and accommodate future development Transfer of Development Rights receiving areas Use of Cluster Development Urban design standards consistent with adjacent or nearby cities	<div>Identify areas adjacent to existing cities and unincorporated urban growth areas which may be most conducive to facilitating future urban growth.</div> <div>Implement incentives to keep these areas from developing with rural growth patterns which may not facilitate a transition to being included within a UGA.</div> <del>The County should develop a study area around each Urban Growth Area that may lead to the development of a Rural Transition Zone overlay. The study area should consider but not be limited to: Strategies to accommodate urban development in the 20-to-50-year planning horizon Shadow platting to plan for and accommodate future development Transfer of Development Rights receiving areas Use of Cluster Development Urban design standards consistent with adjacent or nearby cities</del>	Convert this to a goal. Consolidate with new Urban Growth Area policies. Revise this goal to better reflect feasible actions that county would like to take around planning for Growth in UGAs with the Cities.
LU-P13	New	New policy	Limit identified areas to those with fewer critical areas and where infrastructure, such as public water, sewer, and new roads may be more easily provided.	This policy is meant to a long-term action associated with planning for growth with cities in unincorporated UGAs. This was mentioned at the BOCC and PC joint workshop as a priority for the County to focus on.



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LU-P14	New	New Policy	Incentivize the use of planning measures such as shadow platting, cluster development, or Transfer of Development Rights to encourage growth which may better facilitate future inclusion into the UGA.	This policy is meant to an update to code associated with planning for growth with cities in unincorporated UGAs. This was mentioned at the BOCC and PC joint workshop as a priority for the County to focus on.
LU-P15	New	New Policy	Ensure landowners understand that the identification as an area where urban growth may be facilitated in the future does not signify that the property will be included into the UGA in the future.	This policy is meant to an ongoing action associated with planning for growth with cities in unincorporated UGAs. This was mentioned at the BOCC and PC joint workshop as a priority for the County to focus on.
LU-P50		The UGAs shall be consistent with the following criteria: a) Each UGA shall provide sufficient urban land to accommodate future population/employment projections through the designated planning period; b) Lands included within UGAs shall either be already characterized by urban growth or directly adjacent to such lands; c) Existing urban land uses and densities should be included within UGAs; d) UGAs shall provide a balance of industrial, commercial, and residential lands; e) Each UGA shall have the anticipated financial capability to provide infrastructure/services needed in the areas over the planning period under adopted concurrency standards; f) Protect natural resource and critical areas; g) Encourage the conversion of undeveloped lands into urban densities (infill); h) Provide for the efficient provision of public services; i) Promote a variety of residential densities; and, j) Include sufficient vacant and buildable land.	<del>The UGAs shall be consistent with the following criteria: a) Each UGA shall provide sufficient urban land to accommodate future population/employment projections through the designated planning period; b) Lands included within UGAs shall either be already characterized by urban growth or directly adjacent to such lands; c) Existing urban land uses and densities should be included within UGAs; d) UGAs shall provide a balance of industrial, commercial, and residential lands; e) Each UGA shall have the anticipated financial capability to provide infrastructure/services needed in the areas over the planning period under adopted concurrency standards; f) Protect natural resource and critical areas; g) Encourage the conversion of undeveloped lands into urban densities (infill); h) Provide for the efficient provision of public services; i) Promote a variety of residential densities; and, j) Include sufficient vacant and buildable land.</del>	This is repeated twice in the plan.
LU-P51		Per RCW 36.70A.060 forest land and agricultural land located within urban growth areas shall not be designated by a county or a city as forest land or agricultural land of long-term commercial significance under RCW 36.70A.170, unless the city or county has enacted a program authorizing transfer or purchase of development rights.	<del>Per RCW 36.70A.060 forest land and agricultural land located within urban growth areas shall not be designated by a county or a city as forest land or agricultural land of long-term commercial significance under RCW 36.70A.170, unless the city or county has enacted a program authorizing transfer or purchase of development rights.</del>	This is directly repeating state law which is appliable whether or not a policy in the County plan acknowledges it. This should be removed to improve the useability of the plan.
LU-P12	LU-P52	Lands designated agriculture, mineral resource, or forest lands of long-term significance shall not be used to expand an urban growth area.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Urban Growth Area policies.

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LU-P39	LU-P53	Kittitas County will act to preserve the viability and integrity of existing business districts within the incorporated and unincorporated County.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Commercial Lands policies.
LU-P40	LU-P54	Most comparison shopping (general merchandise, clothing, appliance, auto, sporting goods) should be located in or near existing business districts.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Commercial Lands policies.
LU-P41	LU-P55	Home occupations and cottage industries which result in accumulations of vehicles, appliances, or other materials should be regulated and required to provide sight screening from adjacent properties and roadways.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Commercial Lands policies.
LU-P42	LU-P56	Highways and roads should not be developed with new commercial sites without compelling reasons and supporting economic data. Expansion and full development of existing business districts is encouraged	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Commercial Lands policies.
LU-P43	LU-P57	Designate sufficient available land for specialized commercial uses that are by their nature compatible with residential, agricultural, recreational. and other general land use types.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Commercial Lands policies.
LU-P44	LU-P58	Promote large-scale commercial development within the UGAs by encouraging infrastructure improvements and new business recruitment	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Commercial Lands policies.
LU-P45	LU-P59	Promote small-scale commercial development outside of UGAs when compatible with adjacent land uses	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Commercial Lands policies.
LU-P46	LU-P60	Encourage an adequate inventory of developable property to accommodate the siting of new, and the expansion of existing, commercial uses	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Commercial Lands policies.
LU-P47	LU-P61	Identify areas where mixed commercial and industrial uses can be sited if compatibility is evident	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Commercial Lands policies.
LU-P25	LU-P62	Location of Industrial Land. The County should designate sufficient industrial land located in areas convenient to utilities, fire protection, and to major transportation facilities (air, rail, freeway). Industrial developments may be permitted beyond urban growth areas, when zoning allows	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Industrial Lands policies.
	LU-P63	Compatibility. Industry located adjacent to residential areas or along scenic routes should be situated so as to minimize impacts on those areas and should provide screening and other measures to achieve compatibility	<del>Compatibility. Industry located adjacent to residential areas or along scenic routes should be situated so as to minimize impacts on those areas and should provide screening and other measures to achieve compatibility</del>	This language is repeating the same language in LU-P13

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LU-P26	LU-P64	<p>“Major Industrial Developments” may be approved within Kittitas County as authorized by the general principles of RCW 36.70A.365. “Major Industrial Developments” means a master planned location for a specific manufacturing, industrial or commercial business that:</p> <p>a) Requires a parcel of land so large that no suitable parcels are available within an urban growth area; or</p> <p>b) Is a natural resource based industry requiring a location near agricultural land, forestland or mineral resource land upon which it is dependent. The major industrial development shall not be for the purpose of retail commercial development or multi-tenant office parks. It is the intent of the above provisions that the Major Industrial Development policies are solely intended to identify a nonexclusive list of rural areas that possibly could be considered in the future for Major Industrial Development. This listing does not in any way designate those listed areas as industrial development sites, nor does it authorize industrial development sites within rural Kittitas County. Major Industrial Development sites will only be approved and designated in the future if and when appropriate policies have been developed, amendments to the County-Wide Planning Policies have been made, and the Comprehensive Plan has been amended to reflect such amendments.</p>	<p>“Major Industrial Developments” may be approved within Kittitas County as authorized by the general principles of RCW 36.70A.365. <del>“Major Industrial Developments” means a master planned location for a specific manufacturing, industrial or commercial business that:</del></p> <p><del>a) Requires a parcel of land so large that no suitable parcels are available within an urban growth area; or</del></p> <p><del>b) Is a natural resource based industry requiring a location near agricultural land, forestland or mineral resource land upon which it is dependent. The major industrial development shall not be for the purpose of retail commercial development or multi-tenant office parks.</del></p> <p><del>It is the intent of the above provisions that the Major Industrial Development policies are solely intended to identify a nonexclusive list of rural areas that possibly could be considered in the future for Major Industrial Development. This listing does not in any way designate those listed areas as industrial development sites, nor does it authorize industrial development sites within rural Kittitas County. Major Industrial Development sites will only be approved and designated in the future if and when appropriate policies have been developed, amendments to the County-Wide Planning Policies have been made, and the Comprehensive Plan has been amended to reflect such amendments.</del></p>	<p>Consolidate with new Industrial Lands policies. The second paragraph of this policy does not identify any actions and may be better suited somewhere else in the Comprehensive plan</p>
LU-P49	LU-P65	<p>The County shall maintain an Airport Layout Plan for the Kittitas County Airport (Bowers Field) in conformance with the Federal Aviation Administration. The area contained in the FAR Part 77 should be designated as the Airtort Overlay Zone.</p>	<p>The County shall maintain an Airport Layout Plan for the Kittitas County Airport (Bowers Field) in conformance with the Federal Aviation Administration. The area contained in the FAR Part 77 should be designated as the Airport Overlay Zone.</p>	<p>Consolidate with new Airports policies.</p>
LU-P50	LU-P66	<p>The County should consider aviation easements in the Airport Overlay Zone.</p>	<p><del>The County should</del> Consider aviation easements in the Airport Overlay Zone.</p>	<p>Consolidate with new Airports policies.</p>
LU-P51	LU-P67	<p>The County should consider notifying all property owners within the Airport Overlay Zone of airport activities.</p>	<p><del>The County should consider</del> Notifying all property owners within the Airport Overlay Zone of airport activities.</p>	<p>Consolidate with new Airports policies.</p>
LU-P52	LU-P68	<p>The County should adopt the following safety zones within the Airport Overlay Zone:</p> <p>Inner Safety Zone</p> <p>Inner Turning Zone</p> <p>Outer Safety Zone</p> <p>Sideline Zone</p> <p>Traffic Pattern Zone</p>	<p><del>The County should adopt</del> Continue to implement the following FAA safety zones within the Airport Overlay Zone to protect operations and reduce safety risks:</p> <p>Inner Safety Zone</p> <p>Inner Turning Zone</p> <p>Outer Safety Zone</p> <p>Sideline Zone</p> <p>Traffic Pattern Zone</p>	<p>This language was combined with another policy (LU-P21) that achieved the same thing. Consolidate with new Airports policies.</p>
LU-P53	LU-P69	<p>All aviation related land uses should be considered acceptable in the area designated as “industrial,” provided that the FAA airport design criteria are met.</p>	<p>No recommended change.</p>	<p>Consolidate with new Airports policies.</p>

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LU-P54	LU-P70	The County should promote economic development and employment opportunities for the Airport Industrial Zone and Bowers Field Overlay Zone.	<del>The County should</del> promote economic development and employment opportunities for the Airport Industrial Zone and Bowers Field Overlay Zone and <b>the Airport Master Plan.</b>	Revised to combined two similar policies (LU-P23) into one)
LU-P55	LU-P71	The County should establish zoning standards which will insure that the industrial uses will not impact airborne aircraft because of height structures, smoke, glare, lights which shine upward, and radio transmissions, nor any water impoundments or sanitary landfills which would create hazards from waterfowl to airborne aircraft.	<del>The County should</del> establish zoning standards which will insure that the industrial uses will not impact airborne aircraft because of height structures, smoke, glare, lights which shine upward, and radio transmissions, nor any water impoundments or sanitary landfills which would create hazards from waterfowl to airborne aircraft.	Consolidate with new Airports policies.
LU-P56	LU-P72	The County should promote renewable energy developments and industries within the Bowers Field Overlay Zone	<del>The County should</del> promote renewable energy developments and industries within the Bowers Field Overlay Zone	Consolidate with new Airports policies.
LU-P30	LU-P73	Minimize the risk of disturbing cultural, archaeological and historic resources within Kittitas County.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Historical and Cultural Resources goals.
LU-P31	LU-P74	Prevent the destruction of or damage to any site having cultural, archaeological, historic, scientific, or educational value as identified by the appropriate authorities, including affected Indian tribes and DAHP.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Historical and Cultural Resources goals.
LU-P32	LU-P75	Consult with professional archaeologists, DAHP, and affected Native American tribes, before permitting or otherwise approving the use of development of shoreline areas containing cultural, archaeological, or historic resources	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Historical and Cultural Resources goals.
LU-P33	LU-P76	Consult with professional archaeologists, DAHP, and affected Native American tribes to establish procedures for salvaging cultural, archaeological, or historic resources, and/or for maintaining such resources in an undisturbed location.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Historical and Cultural Resources goals.
LU-P34	LU-P77	Make informed specific land use decisions based upon information provided by DAHP or Native American tribes.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Historical and Cultural Resources goals.
LU-P35	LU-P78	Ensure the use of the best available information, technology, and techniques in identifying, protecting, preserving, and restoring cultural, archaeological. and historic resources.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Historical and Cultural Resources goals.
LU-P36	LU-P79	Consult with DAHP and affected Native American tribes as appropriate in implementing the cultural, archaeological, and historic resources goals, objectives, policies, and regulations contained in a variety of Kittitas County codes.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Historical and Cultural Resources goals.
H-G1	H-G1	Support strategies that increase and maintain the availability of affordable housing for all income levels throughout the county.	No recommended change.	
H-G2	H-G2	Encourage mixed residential and commercial development close to employment opportunities, public transportation, and social and health services within Urban Growth Areas.	No recommended change.	
H-G4	H-G3	Provide equitable housing options to allow residents with supported living needs to live as independently as possible throughout the County.	No recommended change.	

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H-P13	H-G4	Encourage large employers and educational institutions to support housing options for their employees.	No recommended change.	Convert the goal to a policy associated with Goal H-G2
H-P15	H-G5	Encourage the development of housing types compatible with workforce and student housing lifestyles.	No recommended change.	Convert the goal to a policy associated with Goal H-G2
H-P16	H-G6	Allow for the development of accessory dwelling units and cooperative housing (multi-family) within Urban Growth Areas and in mixed-use (commercial/residential) corridors.	No recommended change.	Convert the goal to a policy associated with Goal H-G2
H-G7	H-G7	Provide a sufficient number of housing units for future populations in rural areas of Kittitas County while maintaining environmental corridors and quality habitats.	No recommended change.	
H-G6	H-G8	Provide for future populations while protecting individual property rights	<del>Provide for future populations while protecting individual property rights.</del> Provide for future populations while preserving existing housing stock and balancing property rights.	Policy was revised to address existing housing stock and existing residents.
H-P1	H-P1	Establish development regulations and incentives that provide an equitable supply of housing types, sizes, costs and densities which are affordable to all economic groups throughout the County.	Within UGAs, establish development regulations and incentives that provide an equitable supply of housing types, sizes, costs and densities which are affordable to all economic groups throughout the County.	
H-P2	New	New Policy	Coordinate with the City of Kittitas to promote the development of affordable housing in the Kittitas UGA.	
H-P3	New	New Policy	Coordinate with the City of Ellensburg to promote the development of affordable housing in the Ellensburg UGA.	These urban growth provide the most opportunity for growth, according to the land capacity and housing analysis and their proximity to necessary services make them ideal for medium to high density housing
H-P4	New	New Policy	Coordinate with the City of Cle Elum to promote development of affordable housing in the Cle Elum UGA.	These urban growth provide the most opportunity for growth, according to the land capacity and housing analysis and their proximity to necessary services make them ideal for medium to high density housing
H-P5	New	New Policy	Coordinate with the City of Ellensburg to expand subsidized housing opportunities in the Ellensburg UGA.	The housing needs assessment demonstrates a lack of affordable units across the County which requires subsidized or other housing programs to actually provide affordability to incomes 0-50% AMI
H-P6	New	New Policy	Monitor development patterns around the Ellensburg UGA to reduce the potential for urban sprawl in rural areas.	The rural lands around the City of Ellensburg are at high risk for urban sprawl from the high growth expected from the City of Ellensburg. The County will need to monitor for indicators of urban sprawl
H-P7	New	New Policy	Explore incentives that may reduce costs, reduce timelines, or expand housing types, these may be density incentives, fee reductions, setback reductions, or increased building heights.	This came from Community engagement data collection and stakeholder interviews.



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H-G3	New	New Goal	Develop a permit ready Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) program in coordination with the cities to provide more affordable housing options throughout the county.	This has been brought up by the BOCC, PC, and community engagement public comments, and is a low effort way to provide new opportunity for housing on existing lots.
H-P21	New	New Policy	Work with the cities through the Kittitas County Council of Governments to establish a joint permit ready Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) program. Creating a program together will reduce upfront costs of developing a program, long term implementation costs, and it will provide users of the program consistency across jurisdictions.	This has been brought up by the BOCC, PC, and community engagement public comments, and is a low effort way to provide new opportunity for housing on existing lots.
H-P22	New	New Policy	Create a permit ready ADU to reduce pre-construction costs, reduce permit timelines, and contribute to creating more housing options.	This has been brought up by the BOCC, PC, and community engagement public comments, and is a low effort way to provide new opportunity for housing on existing lots.
H-P17	H-P2	Promote a higher density of residential land uses by implementing innovative residential developments, such as cluster developments, master planned developments, and planned unit developments within urban growth areas.	No recommended change.	
H-P14	New	New Policy	Coordinate with Central Washington University to understand the County's ongoing role in supporting student and workforce housing.	The County will need to monitor housing needs as they relate to changing jobs markets and student population to understand how UGAs can support affordable housing options.
H-P18	H-P3	Identify lands within areas which are served by centralized water and sewer systems, paved streets, and have other public services provided to them which are suitable for higher density residential use, including multi-family and single family planned unit developments and clustered housing.	No recommended change.	
H-P23	H-P4	Promote and pursue grant opportunities to increase the supply and accessibility of housing for special needs populations.	No recommended change.	
H-P31	H-P5	Adopt zoning and development regulations that support ongoing residential/mixed use development and the preservation or rehabilitation of existing housing stock and established neighborhood character.	No recommended change.	
H-P32	H-P6	Promote the preservation, rehabilitation and reuse of historic structures for housing and other neighborhood compatible uses.	No recommended change.	
H-P19	H-P7	Invest in the maintenance and expansion of water, sewer, streets, parks and fire protection services to adequate service levels in areas designated for higher density residential uses.	No recommended change.	
H-P8	H-P8	Encourage home ownership within the community.	No recommended change.	
H-P20	H-P9	Allow multi-family units and accessory dwelling units in mixed-use buildings within commercial zones.	County is reviewing this policy and may revise in the next draft of the comprehensive plan policies	The County is currently reviewing policies as they relate to development regulations.

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H-P24	H-P10	Improve accessibility and public services within areas compatible with group homes, foster homes, and other specialized care facilities.	No recommended change.	
H-P25	New	New Policy	Consider housing strategies and housing types that support multiple stages of life, increasing opportunities for residents to age in place.	This was mentioned in the Community Engagement data several times, respondents mentioned the need to provide housing for younger generations and increased the opportunity for older residents to age in place. An approach that accounts for a variety of life stages addresses unique housing needs (affordability, amenities, space) for individuals, couples, and families.
H-P26	H-P11	Evaluate the impact of proposed policies and procedures on the cost of developing, preserving or maintaining of residential units prior to adoption.	No recommended change.	
H-P9	H-P12	Develop criteria for the use of density bonuses for new housing developments that include at least 10% affordable housing within urban growth areas.	County is reviewing this policy and may revise in the next draft of the comprehensive plan policies.	The County is currently reviewing policies as they relate to development regulations.
H-P10	H-P13	Coordinate with other agencies and non-governmental organizations for the use of competitive subsidies and grants.	No recommended change.	
H-P11	H-P14	Support the use of non-profit community housing that will own and lease land and/or structures to homeowners and guarantee permanent affordability of the homes in the event of resale.	No recommended change.	
H-P12	New	New Policy	Promote a mix of on-site and off-site housing production in and around urban growth areas.	These different types of housing can provide different costs for developers which may increase the likelihood of development. Off-site production options can sometimes be a compatible solution in dispersed rural areas
H-P27	H-P15	Allow use of innovative technology in residential developments which promote sustainable practices and healthy lifestyles.	No recommended change.	
H-P28	New	New Policy	Promote development regulations that encourage and incentivize design flexibility and pair with other incentives like fast-track processing and fee changes to improve likelihood of housing development as much as possible.	In order to address new housing requirements under HB 1220 the County will need to increase the likelihood of housing development in UGAs in order to plan for and accommodate growth.
H-P29	New	New Policy	Coordinate with resorts and other partners in upper county responsible for outdoor recreation destinations to understand how housing can be located for access to outdoor recreation.	This came from discussions with departments and community stakeholder about the need for more detailed review of transportation and housing conditions in upper county as recreation demands increases.

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H-P30	New	New Policy	Ensure that programs and projects focused on increasing housing and recreation/tourism opportunities consider long term impacts to the transportation system and how to proactively address those impacts as growth occurs.	This came from discussion with community stakeholders and the Planning Commission.
T-G0	T-G1	Create a transportation network that can be shared safely by all users and provides sufficient access for emergency response.	No recommended change.	
T-P1	T-P1	Require new development to provide multiple access points that are designed to support emergency access and evacuation.	No recommended change.	
T-P2	T-P2	Develop or update the existing evacuation plan that is interagency, ties specific transportation route designations to a countywide and regionally based system of emergency traffic routes, and identifies evacuation centers that accommodate people, pets, and livestock.	No recommended change.	
T-P3	T-P3	Develop and maintain a safe, efficient and environmentally sound multi-modal transportation system in accordance with local, state, and federal requirements.	No recommended change.	
T-P4	T-P4	Provide all weather, all-season use of the road system for the movement of goods and services.	No recommended change.	
T-P5	T-P5	Develop road standards that incorporate traffic calming techniques that are appropriate for the roadway and surrounding land use.	No recommended change.	
T-P6	T-P6	Implement safety improvements in areas with high accident locations, prioritizing those locations with pedestrian or all-terrain-vehicle collisions.	No recommended change.	
T-P7	T-P7	Seek program funds for implementing investments identified in the countywide safety plan.	No recommended change.	
T-P8	T-P8	Encourage new development to provide for safe transportation alternatives.	No recommended change.	
T-P9	New	New Policy	Consider the potential impacts of climate exacerbated hazards, like drought, extreme heat, and extreme precipitation, in transportation projects.	The GMA requires all jurisdictions to address impacts from climate-exacerbated hazards. Droughts and extreme heat can have an impact on concrete and soil conditions which may erode or degrade existing transportation networks. The County will need to consider these impacts in future infrastructure projects.
T-G2	T-G2	Efficient and Accommodates Growth, but Respects Rural Character: Provide a transportation system network that works hand-in-hand with existing and planned land uses, supports farm-to-market and recreational tourism needs, but respects the rural character and wildlife that residents cherish	<del>Efficient and Accommodates Growth, but Respects Rural Character:</del> Provide a transportation system network that works hand-in-hand with existing and planned land uses, supports farm-to-market and recreational tourism needs, but respects the rural character and wildlife that residents cherish.	It is well established in other goals and policies that rural character will be observed and respected and is required in the GMA. Removed some language to improve readability.

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T-10	T-P9	Ensure an efficient regional system of roads that is functional, safe, accommodates evacuation, and is consistent with adopted County policv and local comprehensive plans.	No recommended change.	
T-11	T-P10	Encourage the development and implementation of transportation demand management programs appropriate for the various communities in the County.	No recommended change.	
T-12	T-P11	Develop and implement a concurrency management system, which identifies existing deficiencies and funded improvements to maintain adopted level of service standards.	No recommended change.	
T-13	T-P12	Build and maintain a modern transportation network that expands and grows with the needs of its growing population.	No recommended change.	
T-14	T-P13	Identify transportation corridors to be preserved as part of the overall transportation plan by requiring right-of-way dedication or easements as part of development approval, and by acquiring right-of-way for future needs.	No recommended change.	
T-15	T-P14	Maintain level of service “C” in rural areas and “D” in county urban areas as measured during the PM peak hour for roadway segments along segments that are classified as collectors or higher	No recommended change.	
T-G3	T-P15	Provide a transportation system with a hierarchy of roads, with distinct purposes, forming a complete network.	No recommended change.	
T-P16	T-P16	Encourage a grid system in the Urban Growth Areas (UGAs) where practical.	No recommended change.	
T-G4	T-P17	Evaluate and plan for regional facility improvements that may impact the County road system.	No recommended change.	
T-P17	T-P18	Evaluate the merits of a proposed land use action against the potential impacts on the transportation system by reviewing development proposals for potential impacts to the transportation system and requiring developments to identify and mitigate their transportation impacts through SEPA or other local regulatory reviews and county permits or actions.	No recommended change.	
T-P18	T-P19	Provide a transportation system that corresponds to and is consistent with patterns of land development and which provides access to and from population centers and recreational opportunities identified in the comprehensive plans in accordance with adopted land use plans	No recommended change.	
T-P19	T-P20	Encourage land use development patterns and investments which reduce the demands on the roadway network.	No recommended change.	
T-P20	New	New Policy	If probable funding falls short, coordinate with cities to revise regional growth efforts and adjust land use designations and zoning.	It is required under the GMA to provide a land use framework that can be supported by adequate services.
T-G5	T-P21	Encourage opportunities for the county to explore rail transportation.	No recommended change.	

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T-P21	T-P22	Identify, designate, and protect agriculture transportation corridors that facilitate farm use.	No recommended change.	
T-P22	New	New Policy	Coordinate with the agricultural industry and farmers to understand future transportation needs.	Added a policy here to support the continued coordination with property owners to understand future needs.
T-G6	T-P23	Consider refinements to roadway plans and design standards to minimize impacts to wildlife.	No recommended change.	
T-P23	T-P24	Where appropriate, new roadways should consider incorporating wildlife friendly design features.	No recommended change.	
T-G7	New	New Goal	Provide a complete multi-modal network for communities that support rural lifestyles and outdoor recreation.	Establish a new goal that helps describe the future that multi-modal policies are trying to achieve.
T-P24	T-G3	Complete, Multimodal, and Accommodates Outdoor Recreation: Fill gaps in the system to accommodate safe and enjoyable travel by those choosing to walk, bike, or use transit, including recreational users.	<del>Complete, Multimodal, and Accommodates Outdoor Recreation:</del> Fill gaps in the system to accommodate safe and enjoyable travel by those choosing to walk, bike, or use transit, including recreational users.	The removed section has been added to the new goal.
T-P25	T-P25	Consider alternative modes when reviewing development applications, incorporate multiple modes into transportation improvement projects, and establish development standards to support the use of alternative transportation modes	No recommended change.	
T-P26	T-P26	Develop a variety of performance measurements to evaluate the multi-modal transportation system and prioritize improvements.	No recommended change.	
T-P27	T-P27	Work with WSDOT, transit, and local agencies to develop park-and-ride, park-and-pool, and express transit service where the need for such facilities has been identified.	No recommended change.	
T-P28	New	New Policy	Consider establishing level of service for modes of transportation including buses, bicycles, trail systems and walking paths operated by the county which connect recreation and tourism areas with residential and employment centers.	This has been brought up in Community Engagement data about planning for traffic demands in upper county based on recreational opportunities and seasonal peak times.
T-G8	New	New Goal	Enhance active transportation networks that connect rural communities, urban growth areas, and outdoor recreation and promote healthy lifestyles.	Establish a new goal to support active transportation and changes to the GMA to prioritize the reduction of vehicle miles traveled.
T-P29	T-P28	Public Works will work to identify and evaluate high priority non-motorized corridors and on-road bike networks; coordinating efforts with adjacent projects and maintenance.	Public Works will work to identify and evaluate high priority <del>non-motorized</del> active transportation corridors and on-road bike networks; coordinating efforts with adjacent projects and maintenance.	Consolidate with new active transportation goal.
T-P30	T-P29	Encourage the expansion and use of non-motorized transportation by constructing and maintaining safe, efficient, and pleasant streets for pedestrian and bicycle use.	Encourage the expansion and use of <del>non-motorized</del> active transportation by constructing and maintaining safe, efficient, and pleasant streets for pedestrian and bicycle use.	Consolidate with new active transportation goal.



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T-P31	New	New Policy	Identify communities lacking active transportation facilities based on existing facilities, demographics, historic distribution, and exposure to climate-exacerbated hazards to help address inequity and build community resilience.	It is required under the GMA for communities to address the inequitable distribution of multi-modal facilities, which includes active transportation. The creation of active transportation facilities can also assist with the reduction of GHG emissions, and promote healthy lifestyles which have also been added to the GMA and expected for jurisdictions to
T-G9	T-P30	Promote and support recreational activities throughout the County by providing adequate access to public lands.	No recommended change.	
T-P32	T-P31	Coordinate with other entities to identify viable options and projects for connection to the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail (FKA John Wayne Pioneer Trail) within Kittitas County and to adjacent counties.	No recommended change.	
T-P33	T-P32	Support the construction of parking facilities at identified locations known for recreational and multi-modal use.	No recommended change.	
T-G10	T-P33	Support efforts to provide public transportation services to the general population.	No recommended change.	
T-P34	T-P34	Work with local transit operators to maintain existing transit services. Where appropriate, support service expansion. For the purposes of measuring Level of Service for transit routes in Kittitas County, the table at right summarizes this Plan’s standard.	No recommended change.	
T-G11	T-G4	Leveraged by Active Partnerships: Coordinate with a broad range of groups (including local, state, and regional agencies, airports, businesses, and the public) to develop and operate the transportation svstem.	<del>Leveraged by Active Partnerships:</del> Coordinate with a broad range of groups (including local, state, and regional agencies, airports, businesses, and the public) to develop and operate the transportation system.	
T-G12	T-P35	Identify, review, and resolve interjurisdictional transportation concerns within or affecting Kittitas County.	No recommended change.	
T-P35	T-P36	Work with WSDOT to minimize traffic on County roads resulting from congestion on heavily used state facilities.	No recommended change.	
T-P36	T-P37	Work with WSDOT, QuadCo RTPO, cities and neighboring counties to develop and maintain a system of arterials, collectors and local access roads.	No recommended change.	
T-P37	T-P38	Coordinate transportation planning, construction and maintenance efforts with all affected agencies by developing joint transportation standards for UGAs between the County and the adjoining city or town.	No recommended change.	
T-P38	T-P39	Seek partnerships with other public or private agents when mutual benefits and significant cost savings are anticipated as a result of a coordinated transportation improvement project to maximize benefits while minimizing costs.	No recommended change.	

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T-P39	T-P40	Actively participate on selected state, regional and local transportation committees.	No recommended change.	
T-P40	T-P41	Ensure County plans and policies are consistent with other plans and policies within the region.	No recommended change.	
T-P41	T-P42	Identify stakeholders and include them in the decision-making process, and jointly develop a process for resolving conflicts between iurisdctions	No recommended change.	
T-P42	T-P43	Promote public information and communication with businesses, organizations, and individual citizens as part of the transportation planning and decision-making process.	No recommended change.	
T-G13	T-P44	Protect Kittitas County Airport (Bowers Field), Cle Elum Municipal, DeVere Field and Easton State airports from adjacent incompatible land uses and/or activities that could impact the present or future use of these or other public use airports as essential public facilities.	No recommended change.	
T-P43	T-P45	Recognize air transport and airports as an important mode of the transportation system and coordinate with FAA and WSDOT Aviation Division.	No recommended change.	
T-P44	T-P46	Maintain up-to-date maps of airport overlays and make available to the general public	No recommended change.	
T-G14	T-G5	Sustainably Funded and Maintains What We Have: Plan for a financially-viable system that considers the full lifecycle costs of infrastructure and leverages outside funds, while maintaining existing transportation facilities in a state-of-good-repair to ensure their continued function.	No recommended change.	
T-P45	T-P47	Improve the sustainability of the county’s funding for maintenance, operations, and capital improvements. Periodically review funding status and consider either increasing revenues generated by existing sources or establishing new funding sources for transportation.	No recommended change.	
T-P46	T-P48	Maximize local funds by pursuing outside funding sources for all transportation improvement projects.	No recommended change.	
T-P47	T-P49	Consider all funding options for financing transportation improvements by evaluating the potential funds, including taxes, grants, fees, etc., and securing funds from all available sources.	No recommended change.	
T-P48	T-P450	Encourage efforts to reduce the costs associated with administration of transportation improvement projects by identifying opportunities to consolidate or coordinate administration responsibilities.	No recommended change.	

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T-P49	T-P51	Ensure the transportation system can support new development and that new development funds all new construction and improvements that might be necessary to maintain adopted level of service standards	No recommended change.	
T-G15	T-P52	Prioritize projects and expenditures of transportation funds that have multiple benefits.	No recommended change.	The community identify in the Comprehensive Plan which benefits it would like to prioritize.
T-P50	T-P53	Prioritize arterial improvements and maintenance activities based on traffic volumes, multimodal uses, and identified safety concerns.	No recommended change.	
T-P51	T-P54	Establish appropriate performance measures by maintaining the Pavement Management System (PMS) to measure pavement conditions and to prioritize maintenance or improvement projects, and the Hazard Elimination Safety Program to identify potentially hazardous locations and to prioritize mitigation measures.	No recommended change.	
T-P52	T-P55	Maintain an arterial system that can accommodate legal weights year-round by developing a program for identifying and prioritizing maintenance and reconstruction projects for roads that are used primarily for freight and goods movement	No recommended change.	
T-G16	T-P56	Provide scheduled preservation and maintenance of valuable roadway assets.	No recommended change.	
T-P53	T-P57	Consider the traffic volumes, type of use, adjacent land uses, and maintenance costs before approving any new county-maintained gravel roads.	No recommended change.	
T-P54	T-P58	Maintain and operate transportation infrastructure according to industry standards.	No recommended change.	
T-P55	T-P59	Encourage and initiate Road Improvement Districts to bring all roads up to County standards.	No recommended change.	
T-P56	T-P60	Protect at-risk roads by imposing seasonal weight restrictions as appropriate.	No recommended change.	
CF-G1	CF-G1	Provide needed public facilities that are within the ability of the County to fund the facilities, or within the County's authority to require others to provide the facilities.	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies may be re-organized in a later draft to improve useability. All goals should have clear policies associated to transparently communicate to the public how the goal will be achieved.
CF-G2	CF-G2	Manage the land development process to ensure that all development receives public facility levels of service equal to the standards adopted by the County Commissioners by implementing the schedule of capital improvements contained in this Capital Facilities Plan, and by using the fiscal resources.	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies may be re-organized in a later draft to improve useability. All goals should have clear policies associated to transparently communicate to the public how the goal will be achieved.

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CF-G3	CF-G3	Provide consistency with the adopted land use map and the goals and policies of other elements of this Comprehensive Plan.	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies may be re-organized in a later draft to improve useability. All goals should have clear policies associated to transparently communicate to the public how the goal will be achieved.
CF-G4	CF-G4	Provide and maintain adopted standards for levels of service for existing and future development in a manner and location consistent with the Land Use Element of this Comprehensive Plan.	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies may be re-organized in a later draft to improve useability. All goals should have clear policies associated to transparently communicate to the public how the goal will be achieved.
CF-G5	CF-G5	Develop criteria and cooperative and structured processes through the Kittitas County Conference of Governments for siting regional facilities.	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies may be re-organized in a later draft to improve useability. All goals should have clear policies associated to transparently communicate to the public how the goal will be achieved.
CF-G6	CF-G6	The County may identify lands useful for public purposes and incorporate such designations in the comprehensive plan.	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies may be re-organized in a later draft to improve useability. All goals should have clear policies associated to transparently communicate to the public how the goal will be achieved.
CF-G7	CF-G7	Ensure that Essential public facilities, which are identified by the County, by regional agreement, or by State or Federal government, follow all local approvals by the County and each municipality in the County.	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies may be re-organized in a later draft to improve useability. All goals should have clear policies associated to transparently communicate to the public how the goal will be achieved.
CF-G8	CF-G8	Ensure public involvement when siting of essential public facilities using timely press releases, newspaper notices, public information meetings, and public hearings.	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies may be re-organized in a later draft to improve useability. All goals should have clear policies associated to transparently communicate to the public how the goal will be achieved.

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CF-G9	CF-G9	Administer the County's policies and regulations on facility siting with and in advance of other planning goals including, but not necessarily limited to, the following: Promotion of economic development and employment opportunities. Protection of the environment. Positive fiscal impact and on-going benefit to the host jurisdiction. Serving population groups needing affordable housing. Receipt of financial or other incentives from the State and/or other local governments. Fair distribution of such public facilities throughout the County. Requiring State and Federal projects to be consistent with this policy.	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies may be re-organized in a later draft to improve useability. All goals should have clear policies associated to transparently communicate to the public how the goal will be achieved.
CF-G10	CF-G10	Provide adequate public facilities for urban growth areas.	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies may be re-organized in a later draft to improve useability. All goals should have clear policies associated to transparently communicate to the public how the goal will be achieved.
CF-G11	CF-G11	The County and each municipality in the County will coordinate and address fiscal issues including tax revenue sharing, the provision of regional services and annexations through the development of interlocal agreements.	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies may be re-organized in a later draft to improve useability. All goals should have clear policies associated to transparently communicate to the public how the goal will be achieved.
CF-G12	CF-G12	As growth continues to occur both in the urban and rural areas of Kittitas County, evaluate increased impacts on existing library services and increasing demands for additional library services.	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies may be re-organized in a later draft to improve useability. All goals should have clear policies associated to transparently communicate to the public how the goal will be achieved.
CF-P1	CF-P1	The County shall establish standards for levels of service for public facilities. The levels of service shall be cooperatively defined by all segments of the public and private sector involved in providing a service.	No recommended change.	
CF-P2	CF-P2	The County shall determine the quantity of capital improvements that is needed.	No recommended change.	



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CF-P3	CF-P3	Legal restrictions on the use of many revenue sources limit the extent to which types of facilities compete for priority with other types of facilities because they do not compete for the same revenues. All capital improvements that are necessary for achieving and maintaining a standard for levels of service adopted in this Comprehensive Plan are included in the financially feasible schedule of capital improvements contained in this Capital Facilities Plan. The relative priorities among types of public facilities (i.e., roads, sanitary sewer, etc.) were established by adjusting the standards for levels of service and the available revenues until the resulting public facilities needs became financially feasible. This process is repeated with each update of the Capital Facilities Plan, thus allowing for changes in priorities among types of public facilities.	No recommended change.	
CF-P4	CF-P4	Capital improvements within a type of public facility are to be evaluated on the following criteria and considered in the order of priority listed below. The County shall establish the final priority of all capital facility improvements using the following criteria as general guidelines. Any revenue source that cannot be used for a high priority facility shall be used beginning with the highest priority for which the revenue can legally be expended: A. Reconstruction, rehabilitation, remodeling, renovation, or replacement of obsolete or worn out facilities that contribute to achieving or maintaining standards for levels of service adopted in this Comprehensive Plan. B. New or expanded facilities that reduce or eliminate deficiencies in levels of service for existing demand. Expenditures in this priority category include equipment, furnishings, and other improvements necessary for the completion of a public facility (i.e., recreational facilities and park sites). C. New public facilities, and improvements to existing public facilities, that eliminate public hazards if such hazards were not otherwise eliminated by facility improvements prioritized according to Policies A or B, above. D. New or expanded facilities that provide the adopted levels of service for new development and redevelopment during the next six fiscal years, as updated by the annual review of this Capital Facilities Plan. The County may acquire land or right-of-way in advance of the need to	No recommended change.	

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CF-P5	CF-P5	All facilities scheduled for construction or improvement in accordance with this Policy shall be evaluated to identify any plans of State or local governments or districts that affect, or will be affected by, the proposed County capital improvement.	No recommended change.	
CF-P6	CF-P6	Project evaluation may also involve additional criteria that are unique to each type of public facility, as described in other elements of this Comprehensive Plan.	No recommended change.	
CF-P7	CF-P7	Kittitas County shall consider recreation needs and the services, which the County is able to provide from the countywide recreation plan and in coordination with other agencies and jurisdictions within Kittitas County. Recreation opportunities and facilities include, but are not limited to parks, trails, river access, public lands access, campgrounds and picnic facilities.	No recommended change.	
CF-P8	CF-P8	Kittitas County shall consider the applicable adopted city’s comprehensive plan for capital facilities and its relation to the identified Urban Growth Areas.	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies relating to funding may be consolidated to improve document useability.
CF-P9	CF-P9	Existing and future development shall both pay for the costs of needed capital improvements.	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies relating to funding may be consolidated to improve document useability.
CF-P10	CF-P10	Existing development may be required to pay for capital improvements that reduce or eliminate existing deficiencies, some or all of the replacement of obsolete or worn out facilities and may pay a portion of the cost of capital improvements needed by future development.	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies relating to funding may be consolidated to improve document useability.
CF-P11	CF-P11	Existing development's payments may take the form of user fees, charges for services, special assessments and taxes.	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies relating to funding may be consolidated to improve document useability.
CF-P12	CF-P12	Future development shall be required to pay its fair share of the capital improvements needed to address the impact of such development and may pay a portion of the cost of the replacement of obsolete or worn out facilities. Upon completion of construction, "future" development becomes "existing" development, and shall contribute to paying the costs of the replacement of obsolete or worn out facilities.	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies relating to funding may be consolidated to improve document useability.
CF-P13	CF-P13	Future development's payments may take the form of, but are not limited to, voluntary contributions for the benefit of any public facility, impact fees, mitigation payments, capacity fees, dedications of land, provision of public facilities, and future payments of user fees, charges for services, special assessments and taxes. Future development shall not pay fees for the portion of any public facility that reduces or eliminates existing deficiencies.	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies relating to funding may be consolidated to improve document useability.

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CFP-14	CF-P13	Existing and future development may both have part of their costs paid by grants, entitlements or public facilities from other levels of government and independent districts.	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies relating to funding may be consolidated to improve document useability.
CFP-15	CF-P14	Capital improvements shall be financed, and debt shall be managed as follows: Capital improvements financed by County enterprise funds (i.e., solid waste) shall be financed by: » Debt to be repaid by user fees and charges and/or connection or capacity fees for enterprise services. » Current assets (i.e., reserves, equity or surpluses, and current revenue, including grants, loans, donations and interlocal agreements). » A combination of debt and current assets. » Capital improvements financed by non- enterprise funds shall be financed from either current asset: (i.e., current revenue, fund equity and reserves), or debt, or a combination thereof. Financing decisions shall include consideration for which funding source (current assets, debt, or both) will be a) most cost effective, b) consistent with prudent asset and liability management, c) appropriate to the useful life of the project(s) to be financed, and d) the most efficient use of the County's ability to borrow funds. Debt financing shall not be used to provide more capacity than is needed within the schedule of capital improvements for non-enterprise public facilities unless one of the following conditions are met: » The excess capacity is an integral part of a capital improvement that is needed to achieve or maintain standards for levels of service (i.e., the minimum capacity of a capital project is larger than the capacity required to provide the level of service).	No recommended change.	Capital facilities policies relating to funding may be consolidated to improve document useability.
CFP-16	CF-P15	The County shall not provide a public facility, nor shall it accept the provision of a public facility by others, if the County or other provider is unable to pay for the subsequent annual operating and maintenance costs of the facility	No recommended change.	

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CFP-17	CF-P16	<p>If sources of revenue require voter approval in a local referendum that has not been held, and a referendum is not held, or is held and is not successful, this Comprehensive Plan shall be revised at the next annual amendment to adjust for the lack of such revenues, in any of the following ways:</p> <p>Reduce the level of service for one or more public facilities.</p> <p>Increase the use of other sources of revenue.</p> <p>Decrease the cost, and therefore the quality of some types of public facilities while retaining the quantity of the facilities that is inherent in the standard for level of service.</p> <p>Decrease the demand for and subsequent use of capital facilities.</p> <p>Combination of the above alternatives.</p>	No recommended change.	
CFP-18	CF-P17	All development permits issued by the County which require capital improvements that will be financed by sources of revenue which have not been approved or implemented (such as future debt requiring referenda) shall be conditioned on the approval or implementation of the indicated revenue sources, or the substitution of a comparable amount of revenue from existing sources.	No recommended change.	
CFP-19	CF-P18	The County and Cities may jointly sponsor the formation of Local Improvement Districts, Road Improvement Districts, and other benefit areas for the construction or reconstruction of infrastructure to a common standard, which are in the City and the Urban Growth Areas.	No recommended change.	
CFP-20	CF-P19	Provide adequate public facilities by constructing needed capital improvements which (1) repair or replace obsolete or worn out facilities, (2) eliminate existing deficiencies, and (3) meet the needs of future development and redevelopment caused by previously issued and new development permits. The County's ability to provide needed improvements will be demonstrated by maintaining a financially feasible schedule of capital improvements in this Capital Facilities	No recommended change.	

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CFP-21	CF-P20	<p>The County shall provide, or arrange for others to provide, the capital improvements listed in the schedule of capital improvements in this Capital Facilities Plan. The schedule of capital improvements may be modified as follows:</p> <p>The schedule for capital improvements shall be updated annually beginning in conjunction with the annual budget process.</p> <p>Pursuant to the Growth Management Act, the schedule for capital improvements may be amended one time during any calendar year.</p> <p>The schedule of capital improvements may be adjusted by ordinance not deemed to be an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for corrections, updates, and modifications concerning costs; revenue sources; acceptance of facilities pursuant to dedications which are consistent with the plan; or the date of construction (so long as it is completed within the 6-year period) of any facility enumerated in the schedule of capital improvements.</p>	No recommended change.	
CFP-22	CF-P21	<p>The County shall include in the capital appropriations of its annual budget all the capital improvements projects listed in the schedule of capital improvements for expenditure during the appropriate fiscal year, except that the County may omit from its annual budget any capital improvements for which a binding agreement has been executed with another party to provide the same project in the same fiscal year.</p>	No recommended change.	



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CFP-23	CF-P22	<p>The County Commission finds that the impacts of development on public facilities within the County occur at the same time as occupancy of development authorized by a final development permit. The County shall issue development permits only after a determination that there is sufficient capacity of the public facilities to meet the standards for levels of service for existing development and the impacts of the proposed development concurrent with the proposed development. For the purpose of this policy and the County's land development regulations, "concurrent with" shall be defined as follows:</p> <p>The availability of public facility capacity to support development concurrent with the impacts of such development shall be determined in accordance with the following:</p> <p>» For roads:</p> <p>The necessary facilities and services are in place at the time a development permit is issued; or</p> <p>The necessary facilities are under construction at the time a development permit is issued, and the necessary facilities will be in place when the impacts of the development occurs; or</p> <p>Development permits are issued subject to the condition that the necessary facilities and services will be in place when the impacts of the development occur; or</p> <p>The County has in place commitments to complete the necessary</p>	No recommended change.	
CFP-24	CF-P23	<p>No final development permit shall be issued by the County unless there shall be sufficient capacity of public facilities available to meet the standards for levels of service for existing development and for the proposed development.</p>	No recommended change.	

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CFP-25	CF-P24	<p>No preliminary development permit shall be issued by the County unless the applicant complies with one of the following policies:</p> <p>The applicant may voluntarily request a determination of the capacity of public facilities as part of the review and approval of the preliminary development permit.</p> <p>The applicant may elect to request approval of a preliminary development permit without a determination of capacity of public facilities provided that any such order is issued subject to requirements in the applicable land development regulation or to specific conditions contained in the preliminary development permit that:</p> <p>» Final development permits for the subject property are subject to a determination of capacity of public facilities, as required by GPO5.21.</p> <p>» No rights to obtain final development permits, nor any other rights to develop the subject property have been granted or implied by the County's approval of the preliminary development permit without determining the capacity of public facilities.</p>	No recommended change.	
CFP-26	CF-P25	<p>Development permits shall be subject to the following requirements:</p> <p>The determination that facility capacity is available shall apply only to specific uses, densities and intensities based on information provided by the applicant and included in the development permit.</p> <p>The determination that facility capacity is available shall be valid for the same period of time as the underlying development permit, including any extensions of the underlying development permit.</p> <p>The standards for levels of service of public facilities shall be applied to the issuance of development permits on the following geographical basis: Roads: applicable roads and areas impacted by the proposed development.</p>	No recommended change.	
CFP-27	CF-P26	<p>The County shall develop, adopt and use implementation programs which integrate its land use planning and decisions with its planning and decisions for public facility capital improvements.</p>	No recommended change.	

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CFP-28	CF-P27	<p>The County and each municipality in the County may establish a countywide process for siting essential public facilities of region-wide significance. This process may include:</p> <p>An inventory of needed facilities.</p> <p>A method of fair share allocation of facilities.</p> <p>Economic and other incentives to jurisdictions receiving such facilities.</p> <p>A method of determining which jurisdiction is responsible for each facility.</p> <p>A public involvement strategy.</p> <p>Assurance that the environmental and public health and safety are protected.</p>	No recommended change.	
CFP-29	CF-P28	<p>The County may develop and adopt regulations that ensure that the facility siting is consistent with the adopted County comprehensive plan, including:</p> <p>The future land use map.</p> <p>The Capital Facilities Plan Element and budget.</p> <p>The Utilities Element.</p> <p>The Transportation Element.</p> <p>The Housing Element.</p> <p>The Rural Element.</p> <p>The Economic Development Element.</p> <p>The comprehensive plans of adjacent jurisdictions that may be affected by the facility siting.</p>	No recommended change.	
CFP-30	CF-P29	Essential public facilities sited outside of urban growth areas must be self-supporting and not require the extension, construction, or maintenance of urban services and facilities.	No recommended change.	
CFP-31	CF-P30	The County and each municipality in the County shall designate urban growth areas and encourage adequate public facilities and services concurrent with development.	No recommended change.	
CFP-32	CF-P31	Levels of service for public facilities in the unincorporated portion of the urban growth areas shall be the same as the County's adopted standards.	No recommended change.	
CFP-33	CF-P32	New municipal urban public facilities (central sewage collection and treatment, public water systems, urban street infrastructure and stormwater collection facilities) will not be extended beyond urban growth area boundaries for residential development. Water service - public or private - may be provided beyond urban growth area boundaries. This policy does not apply to storm water drainage.	No recommended change.	

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CFP-34	CF-P33	Capital Facilities and Utilities may be sited, constructed, and operated by outside public service providers (or sited, constructed, and/or operated jointly with a Master Planned Resort (MPR), LAMIRD, or Fully Contained Community to the extent elsewhere permitted), on property located outside of an urban growth area if such facilities and utilities are located within the boundaries of such resort or community which is approved pursuant to County Comprehensive Plan policies and development regulations.	Capital Facilities and Utilities may be sited, constructed, and operated by outside public service providers (or sited, constructed, and/or operated jointly with a Master Planned Resort (MPR), LAMIRD, <del>or Fully Contained Community to the extent elsewhere permitted</del> ), on property located outside of an urban growth area if such facilities and utilities are located within the boundaries of such resort or community which is approved pursuant to County Comprehensive Plan policies and development regulations.	Removed reference to fully contained community which are not implemented in code.
CFP-35	CF-P34	Electric and natural gas transmission and distribution facilities may be sited within and through areas of Kittitas County both inside and outside of municipal boundaries, UGAs, Master Planned Resorts, LAMIRDs, and Fully Contained Communities, including to and through rural areas of Kittitas County.	Electric and natural gas transmission and distribution facilities may be sited within and through areas of Kittitas County both inside and outside of municipal boundaries, UGAs, Master Planned Resorts or LAMIRDs, <del>and Fully Contained Communities</del> , including to and through rural areas of Kittitas County.	Removed reference to fully contained community which are not implemented in code.
CFP-36	CF-P35	Financing Providers of public facilities are responsible for paying for their facilities. Providers may use sources of revenue that require users of facilities to pay for a portion of the cost of the facilities. As provided by law, some providers may require new development to pay impact fees or mitigation payments for a portion of the cost of public facilities.	No recommended change.	
CFP-37	CF-P36	The County may enter into interlocal-joint planning agreements, contracts, memorandums of understanding or joint ordinances with municipalities and other providers of public facilities to coordinate consistent planning for and development of the Urban Growth Area.	No recommended change.	
	CF-P37	To recognize the Swiftwater Corridor Vision Plan as a planning tool that provides recommendations for specific strategies to improve, enhance, and sustain the corridor’s unique intrinsic qualities and the many enjoyable experiences it offers. Selected projects within the vision plan shall not place additional management policies or regulations on private property or adjacent landowners beyond those that already exist under federal, state, regional, and local plans and regulations.	<del>To recognize the Swiftwater Corridor Vision Plan as a planning tool that provides recommendations for specific strategies to improve, enhance, and sustain the corridor’s unique intrinsic qualities and the many enjoyable experiences it offers. Selected projects within the vision plan shall not place additional management policies or regulations on private property or adjacent landowners beyond those that already exist under federal, state, regional, and local plans and regulations.</del>	The Swift Water Corridor plan was adopted in 1997 and is likely no longer being implemented. The County is checking with WSDOT if any long range plans have been recently adopted.
CFP-P38	New	<b>New Policy</b>	<b>If probable funding falls short of meeting existing capital facility needs based on the adopted level of service standards, the land use element and any other applicable elements shall be reassessed. After reassessment, adjustments shall be made to provide adequate facility provision for existing and future needs</b>	To address state requirement to have a policy or procedure to reassess the land use element if probably funding falls short of meeting existing needs.
Combined	U-G1	Appropriately place utility facilities within public rights-of-way, where feasible.	No recommended change.	Convert to policy. Consolidate with U-G11
U-G1	U-G2	The County should coordinate with the cities and towns throughout the county on utility planning.	<del>The County should</del> Coordinate with the cities and towns throughout the county on utility planning.	
U-G2	U-G3	The County should coordinate with all utility providers.	<del>The County should</del> Coordinate with all utility providers.	

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U-P5	U-G4	Kittitas County should coordinate with other utilities to create a County-wide utilities location map using Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping.	<del>Kittitas County should</del> Coordinate with other utilities to create a County-wide utilities location map using Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping.	Convert to a policy and consolidate with U-G3
U-P1	U-G5	Multi-jurisdictional utility facility coordination and cooperation should include efforts to coordinate the procedures of making specific land use decisions to achieve consistency in timing inter-jurisdictional coordination in the planning and provisions of utilities.	No recommended change.	Convert to a policy and consolidate with U-G2
U-G3	U-G6	Decisions made regarding utility facilities should be consistent with and complementary to regional demand and resources and should reinforce an interconnected regional distribution network.	No recommended change.	
U-P6	U-G7	Within the urban growth areas, development of less than one acre in size would not be required under County ordinances to provide water systems to the properties for irrigation system water.	No recommended change.	Convert to policy and consolidate with U-G3
U-P16	U-G8	Any and all easement rights shall be acquired under normal lawful procedures.	No recommended change.	Convert to policy and consolidate with new goal for permits and easements.
U-P7	U-G9	Avoid, where possible, routing major electric transmission lines above 55 KV through urban areas and critical areas.	Advocate for avoiding, where possible, routing major electric transmission lines above 55 KV through urban areas and critical areas.	Revised the language to reflect the County's role in communicating this with utility providers.
U-G5	U-G10	Kittitas County should reduce the risk of accidents caused by hazardous liquid pipelines, natural gas lines, sewer lines, and other potential hazardous materials, which are conveyed both above and below ground.	No recommended change.	
U-G6	New	New Goal	Facilitate the use and maintenance of the right-of-way responsibly and efficiently.	Establish a new goal to capture the policies relating to the continued use of the right-of-way.
U-P23	U-G11	The County should promote the joint use of transportation rights-of-way and other corridors consistent with the underlying private property rights and easement limitations.	No recommended change.	Convert to policy and consolidate with new right of way goal.
	U-G12	Develop a study area encompassing the entire county to establish criteria and design standards for the siting of wind farms to include but not be limited to: Location relative to residential development Location relative to visual impacts Location relative to audible impacts <del>Issues pertaining habitat and avian impacts</del>	<del>Develop a study area encompassing the entire county to establish criteria and design standards for the siting of wind farms to include but not be limited to:</del> Location relative to residential development Location relative to visual impacts Location relative to audible impacts Issues pertaining habitat and avian impacts	This has been achieved. Siting of windfarms has been identified in 17.61A. Standards for wind farms have been adopted in 17.61B.
	U-G13	Develop a study area encompassing the entire county to establish criteria and design standards for the siting of solar power production facilities (SPPS).	<del>Develop a study area encompassing the entire county to establish criteria and design standards for the siting of solar power production facilities (SPPS).</del>	This has been achieved. Standards for SPPFs have already been adopted in 17.61C.090.



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U-P8	U-P1	On an annual basis, provide all private utility companies copies of the Kittitas County revised 6-year Capital Facilities Plan, particularly the schedule of proposed road and public utility construction provides so that the companies may coordinate construction, maintenance, and other needs in an efficient manner.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal U-G3
U-P9	U-P2	Expansion of improvement of utility systems should be recognized primarily as the responsibility of the utility providing the corresponding service.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal U-G3
	U-P3	Decisions made by the Kittitas County regarding utility facilities will be made in a manner consistent with and complementary to regional demands and resources.	<del>Decisions made by the Kittitas County regarding utility facilities will be made in a manner consistent with and complementary to regional demands and resources.</del>	This policy is too repetitive of the goal, the language is also repeated in
U-P10	U-P4	Additions to and improvements of utilities facilities will be allowed to occur at a time and in a manner sufficient to serve growth.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal U-G3
U-G4	New	New Goal	Efficiently and transparently process permits for utility maintenance and expansion.	Establish a new goal to capture the permitting and administration of utilities in the County.
U-P17	U-P5	Process permits and approvals for all utility facilities in a fair and timely manner, and in accordance with the development regulations that ensure predictability and project concurrency.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Goal for permits and easements.
U-P2	U-P6	Community input should be solicited prior to county approval of utility facilities, which may significantly impact the surrounding community.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal U-G2
	U-P7	Utility facility planning by Kittitas County will be coordinated with a planning effort by other jurisdictions for utility facility development.	<del>Utility facility planning by Kittitas County will be coordinated with a planning effort by other jurisdictions for utility facility development.</del>	Policy to repetitive to the goal and if it does not add further details does not need to be repeated.
U-P3	U-P8	The County shall coordinate the formulation and periodic update of the utility element and relevant implementing development regulations with adjacent jurisdictions.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal U-G2
	U-P9	The County shall coordinate and seek to cooperate with other jurisdictions in the implementation of multi-jurisdictional utility facility planning and improvement.	<del>The County shall coordinate and seek to cooperate with other jurisdictions in the implementation of multi-jurisdictional utility facility planning and improvement.</del>	Policy to repetitive to the goal and if it does not add further details does not need to be repeated.
U-P11	U-P10	Provide timely and effective notice to utilities regarding construction, maintenance, or repair of streets, roads, highways, or other facilities, and coordinate such work with the serving utilities to ensure that utility needs are appropriately considered.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal U-G3
U-P18	U-P11	Trespass on utility easements shall be discouraged.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Goal for permits and easements.
U-P20	U-P12	Kittitas County reserves the right to review all applications for utilities placed within or through the County for consistency with local policies, laws, custom, and culture.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Goal for permits and easements.

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U-P22	U-P13	Kittitas County will address hazardous liquid pipelines, natural gas lines, sewer lines, and other potentially hazardous materials through the County’s development regulations. The development regulations shall include the specific addition or restriction of these and associated uses as well as the possible adoption of performance standards for siting, maintenance, and monitoring. These performance standards shall include best management practices.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal U-G10
U-P12	U-P14	Kittitas County recognizes reclamation irrigation districts within Kittitas County as utilities. Kittitas County also recognizes smaller private and cooperative irrigation water providers, including but not limited to: Westside Irrigation Company Taneum Ditch Company Bull Ditch Company	No recommended change.	Consolidate with U-G6
U-P24	U-P15	Kittitas County recognizes that some county easements and rights-of-way provide current and historic water conveyance. Kittitas County also recognizes the damage done to roadways by some of these conveyances. Kittitas County will allow current conveyances where properly maintained and operated but will assume no liability or responsibility for delivery of irrigation water, including maintenance of ditches, unless conducive to good roadside management practices. New irrigation conveyances may be installed within the county easement or right-of-way but must be separated from the county roadside ditch.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal U-G11
U-P21	U-P16	It is the position of Kittitas County that it is inappropriate for utilities to over or under build other utilities. A specific example of such requirements may be found in RCW 35A.14.900 and other state law.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Goal for permits and easements.
U-P14	U-P17	Kittitas County encourages the extension of utilities to major industrial developments.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal U-G6
U-P15	U-P18	Utilities may be extended to serve a Master Planned Resort or Fully Contained Community, which is approved pursuant to County Comprehensive Plan policies and development regulations, so long as all costs associated with utility and service extension and capacity increases directly attributable to the MPR or Fully Contained Community are fully borne by the resort or community. To the extent state law (including without limitations a tariff filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) requires contrary cost allocations, such state law shall control.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal U-G6

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	U-P19	Capital Facilities and Utilities may be sited, constructed, and operated by outside public service providers (or sited, constructed, and/or operated jointly with a Master Planned Resort (MPR), limited area of more intensive rural development (LAMIRD), or Fully Contained Community to the extent elsewhere permitted), on property located outside of an urban growth area if such facilities and utilities are located within the boundaries of such resort or community which is approved pursuant to County Comprehensive Plan policies and development regulations	<del>Capital Facilities and Utilities may be sited, constructed, and operated by outside public service providers (or sited, constructed, and/or operated jointly with a Master Planned Resort (MPR), limited area of more intensive rural development (LAMIRD), or Fully Contained Community to the extent elsewhere permitted), on property located outside of an urban growth area if such facilities and utilities are located within the boundaries of such resort or community which is approved pursuant to County Comprehensive Plan policies and development regulations</del>	This policy is repeating the same language in CF-P33 and does not need to be repeated twice.
	U-P20	Electric and natural gas transmission and distribution facilities may be sited within and through areas of Kittitas County both inside and outside of municipal boundaries, UGA’s, Master Planned Resorts, LAMIRDS, and Fully Contained Communities, including to and through rural areas of Kittitas County.	<del>Electric and natural gas transmission and distribution facilities may be sited within and through areas of Kittitas County both inside and outside of municipal boundaries, UGA’s, Master Planned Resorts, LAMIRDS, and Fully Contained Communities, including to and through rural areas of Kittitas County.</del>	This language is repeated in CF-P34 and does not need to be repeated.
U-P4	U-P21	Encourage joint electric utility construction standards for all electrical infrastructure constructed in the UGA. In the interim, Puget Sound Energy and the Kittitas County Public Utility District will allow the City of Ellensburg to review any new construction in the UGA.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal U-G2
U-P13	U-P22	The Kittitas County’s plan for utility facilities will be formulated, interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with and complimentary to the serving utility’s public service obligations.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal U-G3
U-G7	New	New Goal	Plan for, coordinate, and allow the expansion of solar production, small nuclear and wind facilities to improve the resilience of Kittitas County. Ensure codes encourage upfront mitigation for project impacts and are properly sited	Establish a new goal to capture the policies relating to the solar and wind production.
U-P25	U-P23	Establish a process to recognize and designate properties in the county that are suitable locations of Solar Power Production Facilities.	<del>Establish a process to recognize and designate</del> Continue to recognize and designate properties in the county that are suitable locations of Solar Power Production Facilities.	Consolidate with Goal U-G13. This process is established in 17.61C.
U-P26	U-P24	Establish overlay zones to preserve prime agricultural land by designating areas of the county that are appropriate for the siting of solar power production facilities.	<del>Establish overlay zones</del> Continue to preserve prime agricultural land by using the Windfarm Resource Overlay Zone and designating areas of the county that are appropriate for the siting of solar power production facilities.	Consolidate with Goal U-G13. This process is established in 17.61A.
U-P27	U-P25	Require written notification to the Department of Defense when the county receives application for an energy plant or alternative energy resource.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal U-G13
U-P28	New	New Policy	Complete a study to identify where uses such as solar, wind, and battery storage are most likely to be proposed in the future. Update codes to reflect study findings.	This came from discussions with the BOCC and PC about providing opportunities for new energy facilities.
U-P29	New	New Policy	Balance where uses are permitted or conditionally permitted with stakeholder and community feedback.	This came from discussions with the BOCC and PC about providing opportunities for new energy facilities.

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U-P30	New	New Policy	Where permitted. update codes to upfront identify studies and project mitigation to provide a more streamlined permitting process.	This came from discussions with the BOCC and PC about providing opportunities for new energy facilities.
	RR-G1	Open space and visual and natural landscape should predominate over the built environment.	<del>Open space and visual and natural landscape should predominate over the built environment.</del>	Consolidate into one goal to capture the preservation or rural character.
RR-G1	New	New Goal	Promote the preservation of rural character by: Promoting open space and the natural landscape, Expanding opportunities for rural lifestyles and economies, Allowing development compatible with fish and wildlife, Limiting the development of undeveloped lands and the extension of urban services, and Promoting the protection of surface and ground water flows and recharge/discharge areas.	Create a new goal to capture the rural character goals on page 83/94 (Comp Plan, 2021).
	RR-G2	Opportunities should exist for traditional rural lifestyle and rural based economies.	<del>Opportunities should exist for traditional rural lifestyle and rural based economies.</del>	Consolidate into one goal to capture the preservation or rural character.
	RR-G3	Spaces and development should be compatible with fish & wildlife habitat	<del>Spaces and development should be compatible with fish &amp; wildlife habitat</del>	Consolidate into one goal to capture the preservation or rural character.
	RR-G4	Undeveloped land should not be converted to development of sprawl and low density.	<del>Undeveloped land should not be converted to development of sprawl and low density.</del>	Consolidate into one goal to capture the preservation or rural character.
	RR-G5	Activities generally should not require extension of urban governmental services.	<del>Activities generally should not require extension of urban governmental services.</del>	Consolidate into one goal to capture the preservation or rural character.
	RR-G6	Land use should be consistent with protection of surface and ground water flows and recharge/discharge areas.	<del>Land use should be consistent with protection of surface and ground water flows and recharge/discharge areas.</del>	Consolidate into one goal to capture the preservation or rural character.
RR-P1	RR-P1	The County shall promote the retention of its overall character by establishing zoning classifications that preserve rural character identified to Kittitas Countv.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
RR-P2	RR-P2	In order to protect and preserve Resource Lands, non-resource development and activities on adjacent Rural lands shall require preservation of adjacent vegetation, existing landforms (e.g. ravines) or use of other methods that provide functional separation from the resource land use.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
RR-P3	RR-P3	The use of cluster platting and conservation platting shall be encouraged in specific rural areas to lessen the impacts upon the environment and traditional agricultural/forestry uses and to provide services most economically. The use of other innovative land use techniques that protect rural character and resource land uses will be evaluated for future implementation.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
RR-P4	RR-P4	A certain level of mixed uses in rural areas and rural service centers is acceptable and may include limited commercial, service, and rural industrial uses.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
RR-P5	RR-P5	Protecting and preserving resource lands shall be given priority. Proposed development allowed and adjacent to resource lands shall be conditioned to protect resource lands from negative impacts from that develonment.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.

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RR-P6	RR-P6	Allow for lands which offer adequate supply of rock and gravel resources located in areas compatible for such uses and conditioned so that operation does not negatively impact rural character.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
	RR-P7	Policies will be consistent with Kittitas County’s “right to farm” ordinance, 17.74 KCC.	<del>Policies will be consistent with Kittitas County’s “right to farm” ordinance, 17.74 KCC.</del>	If this already in the development regulations, a policy establishing consistency is not needed. Recommend mentioning in the existing conditions right-to-farm regulations.
	RR-G7	The County should consistently work to preserve and maintain the rural character of Kittitas County for the benefit of its residents.	<del>The County should consistently work to preserve and maintain the rural character of Kittitas County for the benefit of its residents.</del>	The preservation of rural character has been revised into one goal.
RR-G3	RR-G8	The County should strive to sustain and protect the westerly mountainous, recreational open space, and its easterly non-resource agricultural and rangeland activities.	No recommended change.	This one might need to be it's own goal with a new set of policies to better reflect the transition to greater outdoor recreation economic opportunities.
	RR-G9	The County should continue to explore ways to provide rural economic opportunity.	<del>The County should continue to explore ways to provide rural economic opportunity.</del>	The preservation of rural character has been revised into one goal.
RR-G2	RR-G10	The County should look for opportunities for a variety of rural density and housing choices while maintaining rural character and protecting health and safety.	<del>The County should look for opportunities for</del> Provide a variety of rural development opportunities, densities and housing choices <del>that support rural lifestyles. while maintaining rural character and protecting health and safety.</del>	Revised to be more action oriented, consolidate with new rural character policies.
RR-P23	New	New policy	Collaborate with cities to participate in the County’s transfer of development rights (TDR) program, to encourage and promote the protection of Rural Lands, Resource Lands and frequently flooded areas.	This policy to encourage the increased ue the exsting TDR program to help focus growth appropriately.
RR-P24	RR-G11	The County should provide for infrastructure and services necessary to rural development.	No recommended change.	The preservation of rural character has been revised into one goal. Moved to Rural Development under RR-G10
RR-P7	RR-P8	Incentive-based land use strategies will be examined and adopted to encourage land uses which are compatible to the rural environment.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
RR-P8	RR-P9	Encourage development activities and establish development standards which enhance or result in the preservation of rural lands.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
RR-P9	RR-P10	Allow for a variety of rural densities which maintain and recognize rural character, agricultural activities, rural community and development patterns, open spaces and recreational opportunities.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
RR-P10	RR-P11	Only allow comprehensive plan amendments, rezones, bonus densities, and other measures that increase rural densities where adequate supplies of potable water are available that will not adversely affect surface and ground water and agriculture.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.



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RR-P11	RR-P12	Set allowed densities based on the available water resources and reserve adequate resources to support the Kittitas County’s economic base. including agriculture.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
RR-P12	RR-P13	Development shall be located distances from streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands, critical areas determined necessary and as outlined within existing Shorelines Management Program, the Critical Areas Ordinance and other adopted resource ordinances in order to protect ground and surface waters	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
RR-P13	RR-P14	Uses common in rural areas of Kittitas County enhancing rural character, such as agriculture uses in Lower Kittitas and rural residential uses and recreation uses in Upper Kittitas shall be protected from activities which encumber them.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
RR-P14	RR-P15	Give preference to land uses in Rural designated areas that are related to agriculture, rural residential development, tourism, outdoor recreation. and other open space activities	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
RR-P15	RR-P16	Land use development within the Rural area that is not compatible with Kittitas County rural character or agricultural activities as defined in RCW 90.58.065(2)(a) will not be allowed.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
RR-P16	RR-P17	Limit development in rural areas through density requirements that protect and maintain existing rural character, natural open space, critical areas, and recreation areas. Direct rural development to lands that have adequate public services.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
RR-P25	RR-P18	Buffer standards and regulations should continue to be developed that will be used between incompatible rural uses.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
RR-P26	New	New Policy	Encourage future subarea planning efforts to more directly implement land use and economic development measures.	Recommendation to include as subarea planning helps identify and address unique geographical needs.
RR-P27	RR-P17	Cottage and home occupations which are rural in nature are allowed within all rural land use designations and regulations. Impact upon surrounding environments and upon existing public services shall be considered when such industries are proposed.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
RR-P28	RR-P18	Future “General Commercial” zones will not be allowed outside Urban Growth Areas and LAMIRDs.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
RR-P29	RR-P19	Kittitas County will provide criteria within its zoning code to determine what uses will be permitted within rural zone classifications in order to preserve rural character.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
RR-P30	RR-P20	Residential and commercial buildings outside Type 1 LAMIRDs will be located in areas buffered by vegetation to maintain Kittitas County’s historic rural character.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.

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RR-P31	RR-P21	Functional separation and setbacks found necessary for the protection of water resources, rural character and/or visual compatibility with surrounding rural areas shall be required where development is proposed.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
RR-P32	RR-P22	Provisions will be made for roadside stands, farmers’ markets, “U-pick,” and customer share cropping operations.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new rural character set of policies.
	RR-G12	Permit residential development in rural areas which enhance and protect rural character	<del>Permit residential development in rural areas which enhance and protect rural character</del>	This policy is very broad, does not identify any county actions, and is already covered in the overall rural goals of the element.
	RR-G13	Preserve and protect non-resource forests and agriculture lands which are dominant in Kittitas County.	<del>Preserve and protect non-resource forests and agriculture lands which are dominant in Kittitas County.</del>	This policy is very broad, does not identify any county actions, and is already covered in the overall rural goals of the element.
	RR-G14	Provide opportunity for development for recreational purposes which are consistent with rural character and protect public health and safety.	<del>Provide opportunity for development for recreational purposes which are consistent with rural character and protect public health and safety.</del>	This policy is very broad, does not identify any county actions, and is already covered in the overall rural goals of the element.
	RR-G15	Provide opportunity for limited development of rural community.	<del>Provide opportunity for limited development of rural community.</del>	This policy is very broad, does not identify any county actions, and is already covered in the overall rural goals of the element.
	RR-G16	Allow for residential opportunity with rural character and a variety of densities outside UGAs without population expecting all urban services	<del>Allow for residential opportunity with rural character and a variety of densities outside UGAs without population expecting all urban services</del>	This policy is very broad, does not identify any county actions, and is already covered in the overall rural goals of the element.
RR-G4	RR-G17	Generally, provide services supporting rural development and lower population densities.	<del>Generally, provide</del> Allow rural services supporting rural and development and in areas least suitable for open space preservation, recreation, and agriculture. and serving lower population densities.	Consolidate with the new rural designations and service policies.
RR-P36	RR-G18	Designate areas where lots are generally less than 10 acres in size and have a common land use pattern	No recommended change.	Convert to a policy. Consolidate with the new rural designations and service policies.
RR-P37	RR-G19	Permit siting in areas generally without commercial activity	No recommended change.	Convert to a policy. Consolidate with the new rural designations and service policies.
	RR-G20	Protect residential activities from flooding areas and natural hazard areas	<del>Protect residential activities from flooding areas and natural hazard areas</del>	This policy has been moved to the new climate and resiliency Element.
RR-P38	RR-G21	Preserve views of open space while providing opportunity for variety of rural densities	No recommended change.	Consolidate with the new rural designations and service policies.
RR-P39	RR-P23	Municipal, or public urban services should not be extended outside of urban growth areas in Rural Lands. However, municipal services may be provided to a Master Planned Resort which is approved pursuant to County Comprehensive Plan policies and development regulations so long as all costs directly attributable to the extension of such services to the resort or community, including capacity increases, are fully borne by the resort or community.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with the new rural designations and service policies.
RR-P17	RR-P24	Residential development near water will limit impervious surfaces to the size necessary to conduct the allowed use proposed on the site.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with the new rural development policies.

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RR-P18	RR-P25	New rural residential development shall provide adequate water for domestic use.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with the new rural development policies.
RR-P40	RR-P26	Capital Facilities and Utilities may be sited, constructed, and operated by outside public service providers (or sited, constructed, and/or operated jointly with a Master Planned Resort (MPR), limited area of more intensive rural development (LAMIRD)) on property located outside of an urban growth area if such facilities and utilities are located within the boundaries of such resort or community which is approved pursuant to County Comprehensive Plan policies and development	No recommended change.	Consolidate with the new rural designations and service policies.
RR-P41	RR-P27	Electric and natural gas transmission and distribution facilities may be sited in any areas of Kittitas County including “Rural” designated areas, municipalities, UGAs, Master Planned Resorts, and LAMIRDs.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with the new rural designations and service policies.
RR-P42	RR-P28	Public services and public facilities established under RCW 36.70A.070(5)(d) are limited to just those necessary to serve the developed area boundaries and will not be allowed to expand into adjacent Rural Lands.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with the new rural designations and service policies.
RR-P43	RR-P29	Essential public facilities as defined in RCW 36.70A.200 shall be allowed located in rural lands when: The nature of the facility requires spaces for operation not commonly found in UGAs Can be self-supporting and not depend upon services of municipalities Operational needs require use of rural lands Operation of such facilities will not affect the activity or nature of rural lands.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with the new rural designations and service policies.
RR-P44	RR-P30	Clustering of development can only occur where it results in the protection of open space and protects against conflicts with the use of farming or other resource lands. When clustering of development is proposed on land that shares boundaries with public lands and provides existing public access to recreational uses on adjacent public lands, easements for public access connections shall be considered during development review. The open space portion of the cluster development shall be located to protect fish & wildlife habitat and	No recommended change.	Consolidate with the new rural designations and service policies.
RR-P33	RR-P31	County restrictions on free-running dogs shall be developed and enforced.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with the new rural uses policies.
RR-P34	RR-P32	Residential uses, where permitted, shall be located where farming and forestry activities and opportunities are not negatively impacted.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with the new rural uses policies.
RR-P35	RR-P33	Residences will be located to create the least interference with the movement of farm vehicles and farmlands.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with the new rural uses policies.

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RR-P19	RR-P34	The benefits of cluster residential development will be explored with criteria for such to occur in rural areas. Criteria, such as limited density, open space minimums and lot size maximums, will be developed to preserve the rural character existing in the area where clustering is proposed.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with the new rural development policies.
RR-P20	RR-P35	Cluster residential development in forested areas will be sited to maintain visual compatibility with the surrounding landscape and to limit the removal of natural vegetation and trees.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with the new rural development policies.
RR-P21	RR-P36	Planned Unit Developments (PUD) in rural areas will only be established where such developments will not result in high density environments which require urban services and reduce maintenance of rural character.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with the new rural development policies.
RR-P22	RR-P37	Innovative housing developments which preserve rural character will be encouraged.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with the new rural development policies.
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RR-P45	RR-P38	Future amendments should consider placing more emphasis on public benefits that can be accessed and enjoyed by the general public, such as public access trails, publicly accessible formal and informal recreation features, and contiguous open space protected in perpetuity through conservation easements.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with the new designation and services policies
RR-P46	RR-P39	Public benefits of cluster platting that are provided as Transfer Development Rights lots shall be specifically identified on recorded plats and maintained through easements, covenants, plat notes or other mechanisms.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with the new designation and services policies
RR-G5	RR-G22	Provide preservation of agriculture activities where producers can live and work on their own lands separate from Resource Lands.	No recommended change.	
RR-G6	RR-G23	Support the continuation, whenever possible, of agriculture, timber and mineral uses on lands not designated for long-term commercial significance.	No recommended change.	
RR-G7	RR-G24	Provide some buffer between rural residential lands and resource lands.	No recommended change.	
RR-G8	RR-G25	Provide areas of low intensity land use activities within the agriculture and forest activities.	No recommended change.	
RR-P52	RR-P40	Conveyance instruments including plats and short plats, development permits and building permits, within 500 feet of land designated as Rural Working lands or Resource Lands shall contain a notice to potential buyers and residents as directed within RCW 36.70A.060(1)(b).	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G24
RR-P51	RR-P41	Right to farm ordinances will continue and new ordinances achieving the objective will be researched.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G23
RR-P47	RR-P42	Irrigation delivery facilities should be managed and maintained to facilitate the unimpeded delivery of water to agricultural lands	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G22

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RR-P48	RR-P43	Kittitas County will continue to research new land use techniques such as Transfer Development Rights, Purchase of Development Rights and open space preservation tools to provide economic incentives to farmers to continue agriculture activities.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G22
	RR-P44	Planned Unit Developments (PUD) should be prohibited in Rural Working land zones.	<del>Planned Unit Developments (PUD) should be prohibited in Rural Working land zones.</del>	Recommended for removal
RR-P56	RR-P45	Commercial/Industrial development in Rural Working lands shall be compatible to the rural environment, and must be developed as determined necessary to not significantly impact surface and groundwater	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G25
RR-P57	RR-P46	Development standards for access, lot size and configuration, fire protection, water supply and dwelling unit location will be adopted for development within or adjacent to forest and agriculture lands.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G25
RR-P49	RR-P47	Kittitas County will continue to research innovative incentive-based strategies – including tax incentives - that encourage and support farming activity.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G22
RR-P50	RR-P48	Kittitas County will encourage voluntary farm conservation and agriculture preservation activities, and support activities engaged in agriculture preservation.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G22
RR-P53	RR-P49	In addition to the notice requirements in RCW 36.70A.060(1)(b), non-farming residents should be informed on the practices of farming so that they are aware of the non-urban activities and impacts that occur in the agricultural environment.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G24
RR-P54	RR-P50	Open ranges are a resource land not subject to nuisance complaints due to residential activity.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G24
RR-P55	RR-P51	Where proposed residential development is determined in conflict with natural resource activities, all mitigation measures to make the development compatible with the activities shall be completed and cost borne by the developer.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G24
RR-G9	New	New Goal	Promote the continued protection of the Liberty Historic District.	Create a new goal to capture the policies relating to the Liberty Historic District.
RR-P58	RR-P52	The Liberty Historic District is in the Rural Working land use designation. To ensure compatibility with the historic district, development in the adjacent forest lands shall conform to any standards that assure compatibility.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Liberty Historic District Goal
RR-P59	RR-P53	Future development in the historic district shall be primarily residential and be consistent with any existing or new design review standards.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Liberty Historic District Goal
RR-G10	RR-G26	Maintain and enhance the extraordinary and expansive recreational opportunities in Kittitas County	No recommended change.	



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RR-G11	RR-G27	Provide safe opportunities to develop public and private recreational spaces while preserving rural character	No recommended change.	
RR-G12	RR-G28	Increase rural tourist and rural recreational spaces while maintaining environments characteristic to rural areas	No recommended change.	
RR-G13	RR-G29	Allow for and encourage commercial activities characteristic to recreational activity while maintaining rural character	No recommended change.	
RR-P60	RR-P54	Convenience and motorist services, when permitted near highway, freeway and major arterial intersections, shall be designed to be compatible with surrounding rural character.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G26
RR-P62	RR-P55	The County should seek financial support from State and federal agencies to assist in providing for recreational area access and safety.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G27
RR-P67	RR-P56	Developments located for commercial, residential/recreational purposes, such as Master Planned Resorts or Planned Unit Developments, shall have adequate water, septic and public facilities to service such development without over-burdening the County public services	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G29
RR-P68	RR-P57	Commercial service proposals in Rural Recreation areas shall have provisions within any conditional use decisions to assure compatibility with adjacent rural environments	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G29
RR-P65	RR-P58	Developers should be required to approach project design which provides a visual rural environment characteristic of Kittitas County including preservation of open spaces, adequate buffering between development and natural areas, and preservation of critical areas and forested lands	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G28
RR-P66	RR-P59	Rural recreation development should be promoted where there is potential for limited infill of seasonal recreation structure, in areas where seasonal structures are not uncommon, and upon soils and geologic conditions which can support structural development.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G28
RR-P61	RR-P60	Consider incentive programs that create active and passive open space.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G26
RR-P69	RR-P61	Commercial uses proposed for development to service recreational tourists and residents will be permitted in spaces when found to be suitable to surrounding rural areas.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G29
RR-P63	RR-P62	International Wildland-Urban Interface Code should be enforced when approving a recreational residential structure for greatest protection of life and property.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G27
RR-P64	RR-P63	Specific natural hazards in rural recreation areas shall be considered before creation of habitable or residential structure	No recommended change.	Consolidate with RR-G27

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LU-P68	RR-P64	MPRs should have a thorough review process prior to being located or designated and such review process should be phased, consistent, specific, and timely.	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
	RR-P65	A MPR will be planned and designed by looking at the entire site or area and adjacent lands and communities.	<del>A MPR will be planned and designed by looking at the entire site or area and adjacent lands and communities.</del>	Language is repeating RR-LU-P26
	RR-P66	A MPR should be designed in context with its surrounding environment, natural and man-made. A MPR should not adversely affect surrounding lands in any significant way.	<del>A MPR should be designed in context with its surrounding environment, natural and man-made. A MPR should not adversely affect surrounding lands in any significant way.</del>	Combined with LU-P27 Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
LU-P69	RR-P67	A variety of urban residential densities should be included in a MPR site design, providing efficient, compact residential land use. Residential uses may include single-family detached lots and multi-family and attached residential structures. Clustering of residential units in a manner that preserves open space is strongly encouraged. Overall MPR density shall not exceed an average of one unit per acre. Non-urban residential densities are appropriate within a MPR if they promote and are linked to the on-site recreational features and value of the resort	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
LU-P70	RR-P68	A MPR application should include a clear and detailed mapped description of how the development phases of the MPR fit together. Estimated timelines for site development, building construction and all necessary public and private capital facilities, utilities, and services should be provided	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
LU-P71	RR-P69	A MPR should be physically and, for the most part, visually separated from the nearest developed area	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
LU-P72	RR-P70	A substantial physical buffer should be included in a MPR’s internal site design, allowing adjacent lands to be separated from the MPR so that activities within the MPR create no significant increases in ambient noise, reductions in air quality, or visual alterations outside the MPR. To the extent possible, natural features such as water bodies, vegetation cover, slopes, or existing man-made features should be utilized as the MPR’s buffer. The actual width of a MPR’s buffer should be evaluated to determine the appropriate separation from adjacent lands. The term “substantial physical buffer” is intended to mean more than one hundred feet between a MPR’s perimeter and adjacent lands.	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.

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LU-P75	RR-P71	A MPR should maintain and enhance the physical environment. Planning for a MPR should be based on natural systems, constraints, and opportunities. Design characteristics should consider the overall context of the MPR, maintaining a common character throughout the project, which blends with natural features onsite.	<del>A MPR should maintain and enhance the physical environment. Planning for a MPR should be based on natural systems, constraints, and opportunities. Design characteristics should consider the overall context of the MPR, maintaining a common character throughout the project, which blends with natural features onsite.</del>	Combined with LU-P27 Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
LU-P73	RR-P72	An application for a MPR, a sub-area plan for an existing resort, should include site plans depicting the locations and describing the attributes of all on-site and surrounding natural features, critical plant and animal habitats, and potentially hazardous areas. The plan should propose opportunities to integrate the site’s natural amenities with the proposed built amenities.	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
LU-P74	RR-P73	Historic and archeological features are to be preserved. Serious consideration should be given to whether such features could be appropriately integrated into a MPR’s proposed features as valuable attributes.	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
LU-P75	RR-P74	A design theme for a MPR may be appropriate but is not required. However, multiple discordant themes should be avoided.	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
	RR-P75	Natural and man-made recreational facilities and opportunities shall be the central focus of a MPR.	<del>Natural and man-made recreational facilities and opportunities shall be the central focus of a MPR.</del>	Combined with LU-P28 Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
LU-P63	RR-P76	Recreational facilities will be included with initial development phases of a MPR.	Recreational facilities will be included with initial development phases of a MPR with accommodations and other development types following.	Moved to Land Use Element and combined with RR-P77
	RR-P77	Recreational facilities and visitor accommodations should be phased along with other types of development within a MPR.	<del>Recreational facilities and visitor accommodations should be phased along with other types of development within a MPR.</del>	Moved to Land Use Element and combined with RR-P76
LU-P76	RR-P78	A MPR will include significant recreational areas and facilities on-site so that the use of off-site recreational areas and facilities by resort visitors and associated impacts are minimized.	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
	RR-P79	A MPR will have a primary focus on short-term visitor accommodations, including vacation and second homes. Other residential uses may be permitted within a MPR if such uses are integrated into and support the on-site recreational nature of the resort.	<del>A MPR will have a primary focus on short-term visitor accommodations, including vacation and second homes. Other residential uses may be permitted within a MPR if such uses are integrated into and support the on-site recreational nature of the resort.</del>	Combined with LU-P30 Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.

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	RR-P80	Short-term visitor accommodations should constitute more than fifty percent (50%) of all resort accommodation units.	<del>Short-term visitor accommodations should constitute more than fifty percent (50%) of all resort accommodation units.</del>	Combined with LU-P30 Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
	RR-P81	Short-term visitor accommodations, such as hotel rooms, should be included with the first and initial phases of a MPR development.	<del>Short-term visitor accommodations, such as hotel rooms, should be included with the first and initial phases of a MPR development.</del>	Combined with LU-P30 Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
	RR-P82	An adequate supply of affordable employee housing within a MPR, or within a reasonable distance of a MPR, should be demonstrated. If this supply cannot be demonstrated, steps should be taken to mitigate the lack of affordable housing supply, so that an unreasonable burden is not placed on the affordable housing markets of surrounding communities. A MPR’s ability to hire local residents should be taken into account in determining whether an “adequate supply” of affordable housing is available.	<del>An adequate supply of affordable employee housing within a MPR, or within a reasonable distance of a MPR, should be demonstrated. If this supply cannot be demonstrated, steps should be taken to mitigate the lack of affordable housing supply, so that an unreasonable burden is not placed on the affordable housing markets of surrounding communities. A MPR’s ability to hire local residents should be taken into account in determining whether an “adequate supply” of affordable housing is available.</del>	Policy is repeating another MPR policy. Policies do not need to be cited twice in a Comprehensive Plan.
LU-P80	RR-P83	Retail and commercial services should be designed to serve only the users of the MPR and should be limited in scope and location to serve only as ancillary uses within the MPR.	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
LU-P79	RR-P84	Retail and commercial services offered on-site by a MPR should not duplicate the full range of commercial services available in adjacent communities. Retail and commercial services offered on-site by a MPR should be designed to discourage use from outside the MPR by locating such services well within the MPR site rather than on its perimeter.	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
LU-P80	RR-P85	A full-range of commercial services should only be provided within the urban growth areas of the surrounding region.	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
LU-P81	RR-P86	Adequate security, fire suppression and first aid facilities and services should be provided on-site, taking into account the emergency facilities and levels of service available from the County sheriff and local fire and emergency medical districts.	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
LU-P82	RR-P87	MPR community sewer, water and stormwater facilities (including associated treatment facilities) will be provided on-site and should be limited to meeting the needs of the MPR.	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.

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	RR-P88	Public facilities, utilities, and services will be provided to the MPR so long as all costs associated with such extensions, capacity increases, and services are borne by the MPR. Such public facilities, utilities, and service providers may include the County, the cities and towns within the County, water and sewer districts, and owners of water systems.	<del>Public facilities, utilities, and services will be provided to the MPR so long as all costs associated with such extensions, capacity increases, and services are borne by the MPR. Such public facilities, utilities, and service providers may include the County, the cities and towns within the County, water and sewer districts, and owners of water systems.</del>	This is the exact language from LU-P32. Removing this one and keep the MPR policies in the Land Use Element.
	RR-P89	MPR facilities, utilities, and services should be designed to accommodate only the projected needs of the resort users. Because a resort is fully occupied only occasionally, MPR facilities and utilities need not be designed to meet peak user occupancy demands and should rely in part on storage and other appropriate mechanisms and technology to meet peak demands.	<del>MPR facilities, utilities, and services should be designed to accommodate only the projected needs of the resort users. Because a resort is fully occupied only occasionally, MPR facilities and utilities need not be designed to meet peak user occupancy demands and should rely in part on storage and other appropriate mechanisms and technology to meet peak demands.</del>	Consolidate with LU-P33 Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
	RR-P90	Construction of a MPR and all necessary onsite and off-site capital facilities and utilities infrastructure will be concurrent, but may be provided in phases to meet the needs of development phases as constructed and utilized.	<del>Construction of a MPR and all necessary onsite and off-site capital facilities and utilities infrastructure will be concurrent, but may be provided in phases to meet the needs of development phases as constructed and utilized.</del>	Consolidate with LU-P34 Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
LU-P83	RR-P91	Impacts to public services should be fully reviewed and fair and proportionate mitigation provided by the MPR.	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
	RR-P92	All school district facility and service impacts should be mitigated by the MPR on a fair and proportionate basis. Review and mitigation of impacts on affected school districts may take into consideration the relatively low student population typically generated by a MPR.	<del>All school district facility and service impacts should be mitigated by the MPR on a fair and proportionate basis. Review and mitigation of impacts on affected school districts may take into consideration the relatively low student population typically generated by a MPR.</del>	This is the same language as LU-P35 and does not need to be repeated. Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
LU-P84	RR-P93	County road standards should be followed for on-site and off-site roadways and access points; provided, however that some flexibility with respect to on-site road design standards may be appropriate if the MPR’s natural features and critical areas are to be maintained. Administrative variance procedures should be utilized for this purpose.	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
LU-P85	RR-P94	At all times, MPR road standards will meet the minimum safety standards adopted by the County Fire Marshal.	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
LU-P86	RR-P95	On-site roadway and access costs should be fully borne by the MPR, and off-site road impacts should be mitigated by the MPR in proportion to its demonstrated impacts, including secondary impacts.	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.



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LU-P87	RR-P96	Traffic impacts of the MPR, on-site and between the MPR and nearby areas of interest, should be mitigated by appropriate measures, e.g., transit/shuttle services, pedestrian and bicycle trails, etc.	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
LU-P88	RR-P97	All external road connection points with the MPR should be determined through review agreements with affected agencies and local governments in the region	Move to land use element.	Moving this policies to the Land Use element with the other master planned resort policies. Some policies may also be removed for consolidation.
RR-G14	RR-G30	Establish areas of community pattern that accommodate community activities without having to incorporate	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new LAMIRD policies.
RR-G15	RR-G31	Provide opportunity for residential infill which provides a variety of housing and yet maintains rural character	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new LAMIRD policies.
RR-G16	RR-G32	Provide for rural community settings which do not require urban level services and maintain existing rural development patterns that have existed for long periods	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new LAMIRD policies.
RR-P70	RR-P98	The County should allow for designation of LAMIRDs in the rural area, consistent with the requirements of the GMA.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new LAMIRD policies.
RR-P71	RR-P99	The following factors should be considered when designating a LAMIRD and establishing boundaries: a) Existing development pattern, potential for redevelopment and infill, and for Type 1 LAMIRDs the ability to establish a logical outer boundary; b) Rural character of the potential LAMIRD and surrounding area; c) Existing and potential mix of uses, densities and intensities and potential impacts to the surrounding area; d) Presence/location of infrastructure and other “man-made” facilities; e) Distance from other LAMIRD, UGA, designated resource land or other special land use designation. If in close proximity, consider the potential for sprawl, and/or land use conflicts; f) Feasibility, cost and need for public services; g) Significant natural constraints or features to be preserved; and h) Public input and comment.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new LAMIRD policies.
RR-P72	RR-P100	Once boundaries are established, geographic expansion will not be permitted unless needed based on one or more of the following criteria: a) to correct for mapping errors, or b) to correct for other informational errors, or c) when otherwise consistent with the requirements of GMA.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new LAMIRD policies.

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RR-P73	RR-P101	Allow inclusion of undeveloped land in LAMIRDs for limited infill, development or redevelopment when consistent with rural provisions of the Growth Management Act.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new LAMIRD policies.
RR-P74	RR-P102	Require that development or redevelopment harmonize with the rural character of the surrounding areas.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new LAMIRD policies.
RR-P76	RR-P103	Recognize that public services will continue to be provided at a rural level of service. Public services and facilities will not be provided in a manner that allows low-densitv sprawl.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new LAMIRD policies.
RR-P75	RR-P104	Development densities, intensities or uses that require urban level of services should not be allowed	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new LAMIRD policies.
RR-P77	RR-P105	Continue to protect the long-term viability of designated forest, mineral and agricultural resource lands.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new LAMIRD policies.
RR-P78	RR-P106	Strip commercial development along State and County roads will not be permitted in any LAMIRD	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new LAMIRD policies.
RR-G17	New	New Goal	Plan for long-term sustainability of natural resource lands including forest, agriculture, and mining areas.	Establish a new goal to capture the policies that relate to the planning and coordination required for natural resource lands. Consolidate with new planning for resource lands policies.
RR-P79	RR-P107	Conserve important natural resource lands with the implementation of a Transfer of Development Rights program, a market-based tool in which land owners volunteer to sell the right to develop their land to areas where greater density is more appropriate, permanently conserving specified natural resource lands.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new planning for resource lands policies.
RR-P80	RR-P108	Development standards for lot size and configuration, fire protection, water supply and structure location will be adopted for land use activity within or adjacent to resource lands.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new planning for resource lands policies.
RR-P81	RR-P109	Kittitas County will continue to research innovative incentive-based ordinances that encourage and preserve resource land activity.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new planning for resource lands policies.
RR-P82	RR-P110	Open ranges are a resource land not subject to nuisance complaints due to residential activity	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new planning for resource lands policies.
RR-P83	RR-P111	The County should research tax incentives that encourage the establishment and continuance of resource land protection and preservation.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new planning for resource lands policies.
RR-P84	RR-P112	Where proposed development is determined incompatible with natural resource activities, all mitigation measures to make the development compatible with the activities shall be completed at expense of the develoner	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new planning for resource lands policies.
RR-P85	RR-P113	Forest land and agricultural land located within UGAs should not be designated by a county or a city as forest land or agricultural land of long-term commercial significance, unless the city or county has enacted a program authorizing transfer or purchase of development rights	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new planning for resource lands policies.

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RR-P86	RR-P114	Lands designated commercial agriculture or commercial forest lands should not be used to expand an urban growth area or designated as future urban growth expansion areas.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new planning for resource lands policies.
RR-P87	RR-P115	Ongoing agriculture and forestry activities in rural working and resource lands should not be unduly restricted by development regulations.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new planning for resource lands policies.
RR-G18	New	New Goal	Preserve the long-term commercial viability of agricultural lands	Establish a new goal to capture policies relating to agricultural lands.
RR-P88	RR-P116	The County will oppose laws and regulations which restrict agriculture and support laws and regulations which enhance agriculture.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial agricultural land use policies.
RR-P89	RR-P117	The County should develop a study area where the various Rural land use designations and the Commercial Agriculture designation interface occurs which may lead to the development of a Commercial Agriculture Transition Zone overlay. The study area should consider but not be limited to: Strategies that site land use activities within or adjacent to Commercial Agriculture lands that minimize conflicts with agricultural activities. Effectiveness of Transfer of Development Rights from Commercial Agriculture to Rural lands. Use of Cluster Development to minimize impacts. Use of open space to act as a “buffer” between Rural and Commercial Agriculture designations.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial agricultural land use policies.
RR-P90	RR-P118	Continue and expand support for right-to-farm ordinances.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial agricultural land use policies.
RR-P91	RR-P119	The County should promote the preservation of agricultural activities through programs that encourage long-term ownership and production on agricultural lands	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial agricultural land use policies.
RR-P92	RR-P120	Kittitas County recognizes that new residents may not understand the rural living differences encountered in Kittitas County; therefore, the County supports the efforts of educational opportunities and agencies to educate on rural living and agricultural activities of long term significance	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial agricultural land use policies.
RR-P93	RR-P121	The County should encourage development projects whose outcome will be the significant conservation of farmlands.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial agricultural land use policies.
RR-P94	RR-P122	The County should identify and designate agriculture transportation corridors that facilitate farm use.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial agricultural land use policies.
RR-P95	RR-P123	The County should participate in sound voluntary farm conservation or preservation plans (i.e., be recipients and overseers for conservation easements and/or assist with transferable development rights programs).	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial agricultural land use policies.

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RR-P96	RR-P124	The County should look into additional tax incentives to retain productive agricultural lands	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial agricultural land use policies.
RR-P97	RR-P125	The County should create a growth management agricultural advisory council comprised only of agriculture producers to review and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on at least an annual basis over the coming 20 years on: a) the status of agriculture in Kittitas County, b) County agriculture policies and regulations, c) local agriculture marketing and economic planning, and d) review and make recommendations regarding zoning and development regulations.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial agricultural land use policies.
RR-P98	RR-P126	Current agricultural uses in urban residential areas should continue to be allowed as the lands transition to urban residential uses.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial agricultural land use policies.
RR-P99	RR-P127	The County should provide for flexible use of agricultural lands that are located in areas with limited or no irrigation.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial agricultural land use policies.
RR-P100	RR-P128	The County will continue to support development and implementation of the Yakima Basin Integrated Management Plan to support water supply for agricultural lands	<del>The County will continue to support development and implementation of the Yakima Basin Integrated Management Plan to support water supply for agricultural lands</del>	This is in the Land Use Element under LU-P39 and does not need to be repeated.
RR-G19	New	<b>New Goal</b>	<b>Provide the opportunity for communication and incentives around the preservation of commercial agricultural lands.</b>	Establish a new goal to capture policies relating to agricultural lands.
RR-P101	RR-P129	The County should establish an agricultural advisory commission to advise the BOCC on agricultural issues.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Commercial Agricultural lands incentives.
RR-P102	RR-P130	The County should develop incentives for farming and ranching to continue as significant land uses, for example, innovative cluster platting, transfer of development rights, and planned unit developments, and agricultural commercial binding site plan for agriculture-supporting uses	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Commercial Agricultural lands incentives.
RR-P103	RR-P131	The County should work with landowners to ensure waters in naturally occurring ponds and springs (with no surface connection to a stream) are retained for stock water uses when they are on or adjacent to lands used as pasture or range for livestock.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Commercial Agricultural lands incentives.
RR-P104	RR-P132	Where appropriate, Kittitas County will exert its influence to help provide the delivery of water to all lands within the County.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Commercial Agricultural lands incentives.
RR-P105	RR-P133	Encourage all development to incorporate drought tolerant or native vegetation as a major component of their landscaping plan (i.e. xeriscaping)	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Commercial Agricultural lands incentives.
RR-P106	RR-P134	To the extent possible the Board of County Commissioners shall promote processing facilities for the products produced upon those lands designated as Commercial Agricultural under this Chapter and WAC 365.190.050 (6).	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Commercial Agricultural lands incentives.

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RR-P107	RR-P135	All plats, short plats, development permits, and building permits issued for development activities on, or within five hundred feet of, lands designated as agricultural lands, forest lands, or mineral resource lands, shall contain a notice that states that: “The subject property is within or near designated agricultural lands, forest lands, or mineral resource lands on which a variety of commercial activities and mineral operations may occur that are not compatible with residential development for certain periods of limited duration. Commercial natural resource activities and/or mineral operations performed in accordance with County, State and federal laws are not subject to legal action as public nuisances.” (RCW 7.48.305)	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new Commercial Agricultural lands incentives.
RR-G20	New	New Goal	Protect the continued preservation of forest lands.	Establish a new goal to capture the policies relating to the protection of forest lands.
RR-P108	RR-P136	The County should promote active management of lands to create and maintain healthy forests through support of related infrastructure.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial Forest land use policies.
RR-P109	RR-P137	Classification and designation of Forest Lands of Long-Term Commercial Significance shall be made to maintain and enhance natural resource-based industries, including productive timber industries.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial Forest land use policies.
RR-P110	RR-P138	Any proposal for de-designation of commercial forestlands shall be subject to a cumulative impacts analysis, including the size and ownership of the commercial forestlands remaining in the County, the needs of the local forest products industry and impacts to those needs by the proposed de-designation, and the potential benefits that may result from the proposed de-designation including higher property taxes and economic stimulus.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial Forest land use policies.
RR-P111	RR-P139	The County should encourage incentives and alternatives to keep working forests viable by considering when feasible emerging markets such as carbon sequestration, Transfer of Development Rights, Bio-fuel and bio-energy production that offset the loss of the traditional log and special forest product markets.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial Forest land use policies.
RR-P112	RR-P140	Resource activities performed in accordance with County, State and federal laws should not be subject to legal actions as public nuisances	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial Forest land use policies.
RR-P113	RR-P141	The County should support and encourage the maintenance of commercial forest lands in timber and current use property tax classifications consistent with RCW 84.28. 84.33 and 84.34	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial Forest land use policies.



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RR-P114	RR-P142	Kittitas County will support local forest landowners seeking regulatory relief in order to help them remain economically viable.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial Forest land use policies.
RR-P115	RR-P143	Land use activities within or adjacent to commercial forest land will be sited and designed to minimize conflicts with forest management and other activities on commercial forestlands.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial Forest land use policies.
RR-P116	RR-P144	Kittitas County will encourage rural developments in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) and the owners of adjacent commercial forest lands to develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs).	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial Forest land use policies.
RR-P117	RR-P145	When appropriate, the County will encourage cluster developments on adjacent non-commercial forestlands so that open space buffers adjacent forestland from development	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial Forest land use policies.
RR-P118	RR-P146	Kittitas County will advocate active management of Federal and State forest lands to create and maintain healthy, fire-safe forests	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial Forest land use policies.
RR-P119	RR-P147	It is the policy of the County to encourage the continuation of commercial forest management by: a) supporting land trades that result in consolidated forest ownerships; and b) working with forest managers to identify and develop other incentives for continued forestry; and c) encouraging and supporting a local and regional infrastructure of manufacturing facilities that use wood products within an economically	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial Forest land use policies.
RR-P120	RR-P148	The County shall require that all plats, short plats, development permits, and building permits issued for development activities on, or within five hundred feet of, lands designated as Commercial Forest lands contain a notice that states that: “The subject property is within or near designated agricultural lands, forest lands, or mineral resource lands on which a variety of commercial activities and mineral operations may occur that are not compatible with residential development for certain periods of limited duration. Commercial natural resource activities and/or mineral operations performed in accordance with County, State and federal laws are not subject or legal action as public nuisances.”	No recommended change.	Consolidate with commercial Forest land use policies.
RR-G21	New	New Goal	Protect the continuation of viable mineral lands as part of Kittitas County’s rural economy.	Establish a new goal to capture the policies relating to the protection of mineral lands.
RR-P121	RR-P149	The County should allow for extraction of mineral resources where such extraction does not significantly impact other natural resources	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new mineral lands policies.

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RR-P122	RR-P150	When the County reviews proposed new land uses that have the potential to conflict with commercial mining activities, such as residential subdivisions, consideration of both surface and mineral rights ownership should be included in the review	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new mineral lands policies.
RR-P123	RR-P151	New uses, such as residential and commercial uses, conflicting with existing commercial mining activities in designated mineral resource areas shall be required to locate away from such mining activities.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new mineral lands policies.
RR-P124	RR-P152	The County shall require that all plats, short plats, development permits, and building permits issued for development activities on, or within five hundred feet of, lands designated as mineral resource lands, shall contain a notice that states that: “The subject property is within or near designated mineral resource lands on which a variety of commercial activities and mineral operations may occur that are not compatible with residential development for certain periods of limited duration. Commercial natural resource activities and/or mineral operations performed in accordance with County, State and federal laws are not subject or legal action as public nuisances.”	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new mineral lands policies.
RR-P125	RR-P153	The impact of potential residential/commercial development upon Mineral Resource Lands of Long-term Significance shall be considered when determining the compatibility of the proposed development within the Rural area	No recommended change.	Consolidate with new mineral lands policies.
No Change	GPO 2.48	Kittitas County will consider creating a wildfire protection policy tied to land use zoning that will protect both the private landowner and public lands from wildfire. When the use of forested lands is changed, the party doing the changing is responsible for providing a fire-resistant buffer around the property.	No recommended change.	
No Change	Policy 3.1 (Reduce Sprawl)	When commercial facilities are developed in conjunction with an approved Master Planned Resort, those portions of hotel/motel, short-term visitor accommodations, residential uses, conference and meeting rooms, and eating and drinking, and active recreation service facilities which are not devoted to retail sales shall not be subject to the 4,000 square foot limitation. All other retail, wholesale, or service related facilities included in the Master Planned Resort shall be subject to the 4,000 maximum square foot size	No recommended change.	

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No Change	Policy 3.2 (Reduce Sprawl)	Temporary industrial uses may be allowed within Master Planned Resorts approved by the County pursuant to RCW 36.70A.360 and the County Comprehensive Plan Master Planned Resort policies; provided, any such use shall be limited to master planned resort construction, development, maintenance, and operational purposes and shall be subject to annual review and approval by the County.	No recommended change.	
No Change	Policy 3.6 (Reduce Sprawl)	The County may authorize master planned resorts in Kittitas County pursuant to RCW 36.70A.360-362, and the County’s Comprehensive Plan Master Planned Resort Policies	No recommended change.	
	E-G1	Support economic development initiatives that meet the varied needs and demands of the community.	<del>Support economic development initiatives that meet the varied needs and demands of the community.</del>	This Goal is very broad and difficult to identify specific county actions that should be achieved over the next 10 to 20 years - If there is no action that allows the County to encourage this then the policy should be removed. The other goals listed help the County meet needs and demands in a variety of ways.
E-G1	E-G2	Support the retention and expansion of existing local businesses and industries	No recommended change.	
E-G4	E-G3	Recruit new business and industries to foster a strong and diverse base of jobs and wages	No recommended change.	
E-G5	E-G4	Encourage economic growth while protecting the rural character of the County.	No recommended change.	
E-G6	E-G5	Promote a balance of employment opportunities and housing.	No recommended change.	
E-G7	E-G6	Encourage the full economic use of commercial and industrial lands, buildings, and infrastructure.	No recommended change.	
	E-G7	Encourage efforts to decrease business loss to other regional markets.	<del>Encourage efforts to decrease business loss to other regional markets.</del>	Goal is very broad and difficult to identify specific county actions that should be achieved over the next 10 to 20 years - If there is no action that allows the County to encourage this then the policy should be removed.
E-G8	E-G8	Protect the viability of the airport as a significant economic resource to the community by encouraging compatible land uses, densities, and reducing hazards that may hinder economic viability of the airport.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Policy E-P18
E-G9	E-G9	Balance economic development with environmental stewardship, social equity, and fiscal responsibility/sustainability	<del>Balance economic development with environmental stewardship, social equity, and fiscal responsibility/sustainability</del> Enhance cultural resources through economic development initiatives	Revised to correlate to policy E-P22.
E-P1	E-P1	Develop and maintain the infrastructure and public facilities needed to support economic activity and growth.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G2

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E-P2	E-P2	Establish and expand education, research and other related activities that support existing local industries and businesses.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G2
E-P3	E-P3	Develop partnerships and collaboration with other economic development organizations, the business community, other government entities and educational institutions.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G2
E-P24	E-P4	Support the long-term sustainability of natural resource based activities.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G4
E-P4	E-P5	Promote tourism and tourist based businesses to attract outside investment	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G2
E-P5	E-P6	Develop a collaborative framework for the creation and implementation of local and regional economic development strategies.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G2
E-P6	E-P7	Support a stable mix of industrial and service sector businesses.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G2
E-P7	E-P8	Promote regional infrastructure coordination to facilitate regional growth and commerce, including rail for freight and passengers.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G2
E-G2	New	New Goal	Explore options to grow outdoor recreational opportunities within the county, such as partnerships, code updates, and coordination.	This was mentioned as a high priority for the Planning Commission and supports community engagement data that called for increased economic opportunities in the County that may provide new jobs
E-P11	New	New Policy	Use studies that assess opportunities and challenges for recreational opportunities to find potential solutions.	There are already several existing studies, like the recently adopted Tourism Strategic plan, that may be useful to help identify potential actions to promote recreation. Otherwise, the County may seek funding for additional studies, when possible
E-P12	New	New Policy	Engage stakeholders to isolate or define recreational areas and build greater identity and branding around their unique features.	This is meant to provide an opportunity to help residents and property owners build up greater sense of place that may lead to further improvements in recreational areas.
E-P13	New	New Policy	Engage stakeholders in discussions about the potential benefits and impacts of recreation industry growth to plan for mitigation efforts ahead of implementing actions.	This policy is meant to balance potential conflicting values and provide greater economic opportunities while respecting existing property ownership
E-P14	New	New Policy	Consider how new large scale recreational opportunities will provide options for multi-model transportation options to decrease impacts on county roads, where feasible.	As the County and partners consider new recreational opportunities it will be important to include analysis and impacts of existing infrastructure.

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E-G3	New	New Goal	Promote economic development and job growth through coordination with Kittitas County Economic Development, the cities, and Central Washington University	This goal comes from discussions with the BOCC, PC and the community about retaining younger generations, providing well-paying jobs for retaining existing County residents.
E-P15	New	New Policy	Complete a study to identify the opportunities and challenges of economic development and job growth within the county.	The County may want to continue studying unique industries to further understand opportunities for recruitment of specific high-paying sectors.
E-P16	New	New Policy	Based upon the findings from recent or newly completed studies, update development regulations to remove barriers and incentivize uses, as necessary.	This came from discussions with the Community and BOCC. Any effort spent on recent studies or economic development strategies should be adopted into regulations, programs, or incentives, and there progress measured annually or periodically.
E-P17	New	New Policy	Through Kittitas County Economic Development and cities, consider options to jointly fund campaigns to recruit businesses to the county.	Joint financial or planning efforts should be prioritized for best use of financial resources and to bolster grant applications.
E-P18	New	New Policy	Build relationships and recruit employers from target job sectors like tourism, recreation, aviation manufacturing and training, timber industries, agriculture, and beverage sectors.	Ongoing communication and coordination with industry leaders and property owners should be established periodically throughout the year.
E-P19	New	New Policy	Engage and work with the Kittitas County Economic Development, Central Washington University (CWU), and the City of Ellensburg on a strategic plan to attract businesses which align with and support graduates of CWU to grow economic opportunities, support CWU, and provide increased job opportunities for graduates within the county.	This was discussed with the community and stakeholders several times, CWU is a great source of future long-term country residents and new workforce for key industries that the County wishes to grow. Ongoing coordination and communication should be prioritized.
E-P8	E-P9	Collaborate with the private sector and local communities in actively improving conditions for economic growth and development.	No recommended change.	Identify specific community groups or partners for the County to coordinate with over the next 10 years to improve economic conditions. Moved under F-G2.
E-P9	E-P10	Employ a strong marketing campaign through the establishment of County branding and promotion of the County as a great place to do business.	No recommended change.	Has this been achieved by the County, if not, does this plan to be accomplished over the next 10 years - otherwise recommend removing. Moved under F-G2
E-P20	E-P11	Develop strategies for attracting large economic generators such as manufacturing and industrial uses and technological companies.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G3
E-P21	E-P12	Increase or support the creation/retention of home-based businesses	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G3



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E-P22	E-P13	Encourage flexible office developments that act as small business “incubators”; office share space.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G3
E-P10	E-P14	Ensure that the development review process is efficient and predictable.	No recommended change.	Moved under Goal E-G2
E-P32	E-P15	Support the remediation of environmentally contaminated sites into productive uses.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G9
E-G10	New	New Goal	Ensure that the local economy is resilient to climate disruption and fosters business opportunities associated with climate mitigation and adaptation.	
E-P33	E-P16	Foster parks and recreation resources to leverage community assets and/or local events to grow the local economy (e.g. natural amenities, cultural events. etc.)	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G9
E-P23	E-P17	Support start-up businesses with technical assistance for County-supported economic development initiatives.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G3
E-P30	E-P18	E-G9	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G8
E-P27	E-P19	Encourage the redevelopment and infill development of underutilized properties.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G6
E-P26	E-P20	Develop and maintain a strong labor force through access to housing and educational and training programs that meet the needs of local businesses.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with E-G5
	E-P21	Enhance our cultural resources and promote expanded cultural opportunities.	<del>Enhance our cultural resources and promote expanded cultural opportunities.</del>	Policy is too repetitive to the Goal, if the Policy does not identify specific actions recommend removing
E-P31	E-P22	Support arts and heritage organizations, public art and historic properties.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G9
E-P25	E-P23	Enhance opportunities for recognition of farming and ranching in the community, such as Farm to Table and harvest festivals.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G4
E-P28	E-P24	Develop intergovernmental cooperation for shared infrastructure and services.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G6
E-P29	E-P25	Encourage industrial or technological parks in urban growth areas by providing supporting infrastructure and utilities.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal E-G6
RPO-G1	RPO-G1	Kittitas County should encourage the enhancement of existing recreational areas and the development of new areas whenever feasible.	No recommended change.	The recent 2021 Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Plan covers this in depth. The Goals and policies in the Comprehensive plan have been revised to focus more on the 2021 plan that covers extensive actions for the County to complete regarding parks and recreation.
RPO-P10	RPO-G2	Kittitas County should promote private/nonprofit partnerships to finance capital improvements to public parks/recreational areas.	<del>Kittitas County should promote</del> Use private/nonprofit partnerships to finance capital improvements to public parks/recreational areas.	This Goal has been converted to a policy and paired with RPO-G5
RPO-G4	RPO-G3	Kittitas County should provide education and enforcement to ensure a balance of safe recreational use and protection of critical areas.	Kittitas County should provide education and enforcement to ensure a balance of safe recreational use, permitting, and protection of critical areas.	This aligns with the 2021 Recreation and Tourism Plan Action 5.1.

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RPO-P12	New	New Policy	Seek partnerships with The Nature Conservancy, Suncadia, Washington State Departments of Fish & Wildlife, Natural Resources, and Parks & Recreation Commission, US Forest Service, US Fish & Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management for ways to educate on proper stewardship of lands and resources.	It is important to identify key stakeholders in planning efforts in order to share resources and align strategies. This aligns with actions in the 2021 Recreation, and Tourism Plan Objective 2.0
RPO-P13	New	New Policy	Periodically review permitting of vital recreational facilities and reduce barriers, when identified.	It is important to ensure the new or existing facilities can continue to be expanded with minimal administrative barriers. This aligns with actions in the 2021 Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Plan Objective 1.0
RPO-P4	RPO-G4	Kittitas County should maintain public access for multiple uses on public lands.	<del>Kittitas County should</del> Maintain public access for multiple uses on public lands.	This has been converted to a policy and combined with RPO-G1 This aligns with the 2021 Recreation and Tourism Plan Action 6.2.2 "Provide public access to environmentally sensitive areas and sites that are especially unique to Kittitas County and surrounding area"
RPO-G3	RPO-G5	Kittitas County should adopt, financially support and implement a long-range vision and strategic plan for Kittitas County recreation. The vision and plan would guide development of recreation and related programs, taking into consideration the following: Quality of life for County residents Recreation impacts on communities Community involvement in recreation Economic and environmental impacts of recreational tourism Cooperation with communities, other agencies or departments, land owners and other stakeholders	No recommended change.	The policy has been combined with RPO-G2
RPO-P11	New	New Policy	Explore funding sources that may lead to more parks and recreation facilities managed by the County.	This policy came up in discussions with stakeholders and PC that the County may want to consider a more active role in management of recreation facilities, there are several areas along the yakima river owned by the County that may benefit.
RPO-G2	RPO-G6	Kittitas County should recognize, utilize and improve upon existing plans, including the Kittitas County Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan and the Kittitas County Tourism Infrastructure Plan.	<del>Kittitas County should</del> Recognize, utilize and improve upon existing plans, including the Kittitas County Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan, 2021 Recreation, and Tourism Plan and the Kittitas County Tourism Infrastructure Plan	Added specificity relating to the recreation and tourism plan.
	RPO-G7	Kittitas County should enforce public safety and recreation rules and regulations such as permit requirements and appropriate use.	<del>Kittitas County should enforce public safety and recreation rules and regulations such as permit requirements and appropriate use.</del>	The goal has been combined with RPO-G3 as they both cover enforcement of critical rules and regulations
	RPO-G8	Kittitas County should develop new incentives to promote parks, recreation and tourism.	<del>Kittitas County should develop new incentives to promote parks, recreation and tourism.</del>	It is unclear what actions for the County would result from this policy.

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	RPO-G9	Kittitas County should support and encourage the purchase and dedication of lands by public or private organizations for Parks and Recreation.	<del>Kittitas County should</del> Support and encourage the purchase and dedication of lands by public or private organizations for Parks and Recreation.	This Goal has been converted to a policy and paired with RPO-G1
RPO-P7	RPO-P1	Create and maintain a comprehensive recreation plan which: Incorporates new parks/recreational areas into growth planning Establishes additional passive recreation sites and opportunities Formulates recreational guidelines Includes cooperation with county and city recreation districts and committees Creates a long range vision for recreation	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal RPO-G6
RPO-P8	RPO-P2	Consider recreation needs and the services the County is able to provide by developing a countywide recreation plan in coordination with other agencies and jurisdictions within Kittitas County. Recreation opportunities and facilities include, but are not limited to parks, trails, river access, public lands access, campgrounds and picnic facilities.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal RPO-G6
RPO-P9	New	New Policy	Support initiatives to create or improve the maintenance and rehabilitation of public parks and recreation spaces and facilities within the county, including spaces and facilities located within or near critical areas, floodplains and shorelines.	This policy was recommended by County staff, although the County may not have resources to manage new facilities as they come other agencies may find they can support with maintenance and rehabilitation.
RPO-P2	RPO-P3	Recognize the important functions served by private and public open space, designate and map public and private open space of regional importance, and designate open space corridors within and around urban growth areas.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal RPO-G1
RPO-P3	RPO-P4	Provide a land use designation for public and private open space of regional/statewide significance. These areas are identified because their recreational, environmental, scenic, cultural, and other open space benefits extend beyond the local area.	No recommended change.	Consolidate with Goal RPO-G1
RPO-P4	RPO-P5	Develop a program to identify and prioritize open space corridors and greenbelts within and between urban growth areas that include lands useful for recreation, wildlife habitat, trails, and connection of critical areas	Develop a program to identify and prioritize open space corridors and greenbelts within and between urban growth areas that include lands useful for recreation, wildlife habitat, restoration projects, trails, and connection of critical areas	Consolidate with Goal RPO-G1, added additional to be inclusive of restoration projects

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RPO-P5	New	New Policy	Explore ways that a transfer of development rights program could contribute increased land for recreation and open space.	This policy was recommended by County staff and was brought up in discussions with stakeholders to alleviate development pressure in rural areas. Alleviating development pressure in rural areas provides multiple benefits including focusing growth in areas with existing services and providing greater open space and recreation opportunities.
RPO-P6	New	New Policy	Consider recreation access needs and opportunities with county land acquisition projects.	This policy was recommended by County staff is mirrored in the Community Engagement data showing greater desire for recreation opportunities in the future.
NE-G1	NE-G1	Designate and protect the functions and values of critical areas consistent with Best Available Science.	No recommended change.	
NE-G3	NE-G2	Support floodplain restoration to reduce flood hazards and promote water consideration on the landscape.	No recommended change.	
NE-G4	NE-G3	Implement and update as needed a comprehensive management program for water resources.	No recommended change.	
NE-G5	NE-G4	Promote efforts to connect habitat and open space on private lands and open space on public lands	No recommended change.	
NE-G6	NE-G5	Maintain a Shoreline Master Program that is consistent with the State Shoreline Management Act and which reflects Best Available Science	No recommended change.	
	NE-G6	Maintain a Critical Areas Ordinance that is consistent with the Growth Management Act and which reflects Best Available Science.	<del>Maintain a Critical Areas Ordinance that is consistent with the Growth Management Act and which reflects Best Available Science.</del>	This is too similar to goal NE-G1 and does not need to be repeated unless associated with specific policies.
NE-P24	NE-P1	Protect surface and groundwater resources.	No recommended change.	
NE-P1	NE-P2	Give special consideration to conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries, including measures that protect habitat important for all life stages of anadromous fish	No recommended change.	
NE-P2	NE-P3	Use Best Available Science to regulate development in a manner that balances protection of property rights and human health and safety with protection of critical area functions and values.	No recommended change.	
NE-P3	NE-P4	Develop regulations and performance standards to mitigate land use incompatibilities in and adjacent to critical areas and their buffers for new and expanded uses and structures.	No recommended change.	
NE-P4	NE-P5	Use a preference-based system of mitigation sequencing that reduces impacts using approaches ranging from avoidance to replacement.	No recommended change.	

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NE-P5	NE-P6	Identify and map critical areas throughout the County and ensure that the information is accessible to and understandable by citizens.	No recommended change.	
NE-P6	NE-P7	Evaluate opportunities to: 1. Use innovative land use management techniques to conserve and protect designated critical areas. 2. Use non-regulatory measure to protect and enhance critical areas (e.g. education, transfer of development rights). 3. Encourage restoration and enhancement of critical area functions and values through incentives (e.g. development flexibility). 4. Compensate property owners impacted by critical area regulations (e.g. modified taxation, value-added development flexibility).	No recommended change.	
NE-P7	NE-P8	Develop incentives to promote agricultural and environmental stewardship, such as the Voluntary Stewardship Program, to protect critical areas in areas used for agricultural activities while maintaining and enhancing the viability of agriculture.	No recommended change.	
NE-P8	NE-P9	The County shall coordinate its own programs, regulations and mapping with public, tribal and private organizations to protect and, where feasible, enhance the functions and values of critical areas.	No recommended change.	
NE-P9	NE-P10	Except as required by the Growth Management Act, the County shall develop performance standards and regulations that are complementary and not duplicative or more restrictive than other existing and applicable regulations (e.g. federal or state regulation).	No recommended change.	
NE-P10	NE-P11	CAO regulations should recognize that some minor activities in critical areas or their buffers may be exempt from critical area regulations due to their low likelihood of adverse impact.	No recommended change.	
NE-P11	NE-P12	Support and encourage the purchase and dedication of lands by public or private organizations for critical area protection and apply Best Management Practices to said property	No recommended change.	
NE-P12	NE-P13	Designate and protect the functions and values of medium and high susceptibility critical aquifer recharge areas.	No recommended change.	
NE-P13	NE-P14	Recognize that some aquifers have critical recharging effects on streams, lakes, and wetlands that provide critical fish and wildlife habitat and that protecting adequate recharge of such aquifers may benefit fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas.	No recommended change.	
NE-P14	NE-P15	Develop performance standards and regulations for new activities and expanded uses likely to adversely impact water quality in aquifers.	No recommended change.	



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NE-P15	NE-P16	Identify and map critical aquifer recharge areas. Continue data collection and evaluation efforts to better understand the vulnerability of County critical aquifer recharge areas to contamination.	No recommended change.	
NE-P25	NE-P17	Designate and protect and where feasible, enhance the functions and values of fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas.	No recommended change.	
NE-P26	NE-P18	Evaluate opportunities to protect fish and wildlife habitat on a regional and site-specific scale, considering the following: 1. Habitat connectivity; 2. Habitat diversity; 3. Areas of high species diversity; 4. Unique and rare habitats; and 5. Winter range and migratory bird habitats of seasonal importance.	No recommended change.	
NE-P27	NE-P19	Support actions that protect species from becoming listed as sensitive, threatened, or endangered.	No recommended change.	
NE-P16	NE-P20	Designate and protect, and where feasible, enhance the functions and values of frequently flooded areas.	Designate and protect, and where feasible, enhance the functions and values of frequently flooded areas.	
NE-P17	NE-P21	Prevent the loss of property and minimize public and private costs associated with repairing or preventing flood damages from development in frequently flooded areas.	Prevent the loss of property and minimize public and private costs associated with repairing or preventing flood damages from development in frequently flooded areas.	The majority of County administrative buildings and other essential public facilities are located in downtown Ellensburg and a 500-year floodplain. This goal is consistent with recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.
NE-P18	NE-P22	Maintain Kittitas County’s eligibility under the National Flood Insurance program.	No recommended change.	
NE-P19	NE-P23	New or expanded uses or structures shall avoid impacts that reduce the effective flood storage volume within frequently flooded areas. When impacts are unavoidable, such impacts should be mitigated with compensatory storage, when feasible.	New or expanded uses or structures shall avoid impacts that reduce the effective flood storage volume within frequently flooded areas. When impacts are unavoidable, such impacts should be mitigated with compensatory storage, when feasible.	
NE-P20	NE-P24	Evaluate opportunities to increase the reservoir capacity of the river system in a manner beneficial to flood control and the public welfare.	No recommended change.	
NE-P21	NE-P25	Support the County Flood Control District to manage flood related issues and to implement projects that prevent or reduce damage during floods.	No recommended change.	
NE-P22	New	New Policy	Consider climate change, including extreme precipitation, increased winter streamflow, and other impacts, in floodplain management planning.	Floods are expected to increase in frequency over the next century, putting assets at risk of damage and loss of functionality. This policy is consistent with recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.

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NE-P23	New	New Policy	Evaluate the use of beavers as an adaptation strategy for addressing climate change impacts on water quality, streamflow volume, and riparian habitat, and work with partners to develop recommendations on how and where beavers can be incorporated strategically	In the event of flooding, beavers increase resilience by slowing and storing water through dam structures. The County should consider this as a viable strategy. This policy is consistent with recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.
NE-G7	NE-P26	Designate and protect the function and value of geologically hazardous areas.	Designate and protect the function and value of geologically hazardous areas.	Convert this policy to a goal to capture the future vision to be achieved through the action discussed in the associated policies.
NE-P28	NE-P27	Appropriate mitigation measure should be required to either avoid or recue significant public health and safety risks that are posed by geologicallv hazardous areas.	No recommended change.	
NE-P29	NE-P28	Potential impacts and alternative mitigation measures to eliminate or minimize the impacts in geologically hazardous areas shall be documented during the review of development applications.	No recommended change.	
NE-P30	NE-P29	Restrict development in geologically hazardous areas, including areas which are subject to erosion, landslide, channel migration, avalanche, or subsidence.	No recommended change.	
NE-P31	NE-P30	Risk of erosion shall be considered during the review of development applications based on localized rainfall, soil type, slope, drainage, run-off. and other site factors.	No recommended change.	
NE-P32	NE-P31	Siting of structures on known individual mine hazard areas shall be avoided, and where it cannot be avoided, the danger of mine hazards should be adequatelv considered.	No recommended change.	
NE-P33	NE-P32	Identify and map geologically hazardous areas, including but not limited to erosion areas, landslide areas, seismic areas, channel migration zones, alluvial fan hazard areas, mine hazard areas, and volcanic hazards.	No recommended change.	
NE-P34	NE-P33	Continue data collection and evaluation efforts to better understand the risks of County geologically hazardous areas.	No recommended change.	
NE-P35	NE-P34	At such time there are volcanic or seismic hazards identified and mapped in the County, any application for development in or near that area must show its location in relation to the hazard area.	No recommended change.	
NE-G8	NE-P35	Designate and protect, and where feasible, enhance the functions and values of wetlands.	Designate and protect, and where feasible, enhance the functions and values of wetlands.	Convert this to a goal to capture the future vision state to be achieved with the actions contemplated in the goal.
NE-P36	NE-P36	Wetlands shall be protected because they provide important functions such as assisting in the reduction of erosion, siltation, flooding, ground and surface water pollution, and providing wildlife, plant, and fisheries habitats.	No recommended change.	

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NE-P37	NE-P37	Develop a regulatory program for wetlands protection that is both sufficiently flexible to allow reasonable use and enjoyment of private property and consistent with the requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA).	No recommended change.	
NE-P38	NE-P38	Encourage the implementation of wetlands enhancement strategies that will result in a gain of wetlands habitat in the long term.	No recommended change.	
NE-P39	NE-P39	Wetland identification, delineation, categorization, and, where appropriate, mitigation, shall rely on guidance from the Washington State Department of Ecology, the US Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	No recommended change.	
CR-G4	New	New Policy	Ensure no net loss of ecosystem composition, structure, and functions, especially in Priority Habitats and Critical Areas, and strive for net ecological gain to enhance climate resilience.	Investing in ecosystem stability will create more efficient resources use, maintain productivity during stress, and increase recovery time during a climate event. This policy is consistent with recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.
CR-P10	New	New Policy	Encourage the use of green infrastructure and low-impact development to address increased storm intensities and stormwater runoff.	Green infrastructure and low-impact development are a cost-effective and resilient approach to stormwater management. This policy is consistent with recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.
CR-P11	New	New Policy	In areas with significant vulnerability to climate hazards, facilitate and support long-term community visioning including consideration relocating high-intensity land uses away from floodplains	As the frequency of extreme precipitation increases, surface water along rivers is anticipated to experience high stream flows that increases the chances of large flood events. Assets that are located along the Yakima River and large tributaries are exposed to 100-year and 500-year flood zones. This policy is consistent with the recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.

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CR-P12	New	New Policy		Protect significant historic sites prone to floods or other hazards worsened by climate change	The majority of County administrative buildings and other essential public facilities such as museums are located in downtown Ellensburg within the 0.2% probability, or 500-year floodplain. Not protecting these sites will lead to partial or full destruction in the event of a climate-exacerbated hazard. This policy is consistent with the recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.
CR-G1	New	New Goal		Protect Kittitas County's rural communities, local economies, and outdoor recreation from drought.	Agricultural sectors such as farms, tourism, and ecological habitats are most exposed to changes in drought conditions. This goal is consistent with recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.
CR-P1	New	New Policy		Work with stakeholders to evaluate impacts of reduced snowpack on winter tourism and recreation and identify potential strategies	The County should start preparing for specific impacts to winter tourism and recreation to reduce impacts to the economy. This policy is consistent with recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.
CR-P2	New	New Policy		Engage with agricultural stakeholders to identify adaptation strategies to mitigate impacts from drought and reduced snowpack	Preparedness will help lower the impacts of drought and reduced snowpack on agriculture. This policy is consistent with recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.
CR-P3	New	New Policy		Support the local agricultural sector's efforts to adapt to changing climate conditions and capitalize on sustainable business opportunities	Helping the local agricultural sector adapt helps farmers manage climate related risks and remain productivity. This policy is consistent with recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.
CR-P4	New	New Policy		Choose native drought- and pest-resistant trees, shrubs, and grasses in restoration efforts to support climate resilience.	This vegetation helps build landscapes that can better withstand climate impacts. They also contribute to water conservation by being less water dependent. This policy is consistent with recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.

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CR-P1	New	New Goal	Reduce risks from extreme precipitation to transportation systems, infrastructure, and property.	Agricultural productivity, transportation infrastructure, and stormwater infrastructure are all at risk to climate-exacerbated hazards without adequate adaptation planning. This goal is consistent with recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.
CR-P6	New	New Policy	Monitor development regulations that incorporate best practices for reducing the risk of wildfire, extreme heat, flooding, and other climate-exacerbated hazards.	County investment in this policy will mitigate the urban heat island effect and influence future resilient planning. This policy is consistent with recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.
CR-P7	New	New Policy	Ensure that tree species selection and planting guidance are updated to be resilient to climate change	Strategic planting allows for the County to focus on planting trees in specific locations to address high heat. This policy is consistent with recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.
CR-P8	New	New Policy	Work with energy utilities to improve the safety and reliability of infrastructure replace with during extreme heat events.	Extreme heat places significant stress on an aging power grid, increasing the risk of equipment failure. By upgrading this infrastructure the County can be more resilient during a heat wave. This policy is consistent with recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.
CR-G3	New	New Goal	Reduce heat-related risks and increase resilience in the community by implementing long term strategies for adaptation.	Planning for risk helps the County be prepared for the impacts of climate-exacerbated hazards. This policy is consistent with recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.
CR-P5	New	New Policy	Monitor mapped transportation infrastructure that is vulnerable to repeated floods, landslides, and other natural hazards, and designate alternative travel routes for critical transportation corridors when roads must be closed	Mapping vulnerable transportation infrastructure will improve emergency response while proactively protecting critical systems. This policy is consistent with recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.



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CR-P9	New	New Policy	Identify and plan for climate impacts to value community assets such as parks and recreation facilities, including, relocation or replacement.	The County should start preparing for specific impacts to unique and valuable community facilities to reduce impacts to residents quality of life. This policy is consistent with recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.
CR-G4	New	New Goal	Ensure no net loss of ecosystem composition, structure, and functions, especially in Priority Habitats and Critical Areas, and strive for net ecological gain to enhance climate resilience.	Investing in ecosystem stability will create more efficient resources use, maintain productivity during stress, and increase recovery time during a climate event. This policy is consistent with recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.
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CR-P13	New	New Policy	Support enhanced data collection for hazard events in greater magnitude than today, to increase preparedness	The County should start collecting data for hazards events to increase preparedness and resiliency. This policy is consistent with the recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards
CR-P14	New	New Policy	Support the restoration and resiliency of stream crossings, including culverts and bridges, to higher peak flows.	This came from the stakeholder interviews and is supported in various regional long-range plans, like the Yakima Nation Climate Action Plan and the
CR-P15	New	New Policy	Support the implementation of the Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan.	This came from the stakeholder interviews and support statewide consistency, required under the GMA, and is supported in regional long-range plans, like the Yakima Nation Climate Action Plan and the
CR-G5	New	New Goal	Mitigate wildfire risk in Kittitas County by implementing strategic land-use planning, improving emergency preparedness, and strengthening critical infrastructure.	The chances of more frequent and severe wildfire events occurring are anticipated to increase. This goal is consistent with the recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards
CR-P16	New	New Policy	Identify and implement strategies for reducing residential development pressure in the wildland-urban interface.	Reducing residential development in the WUI builds resilience because assets located in the WUI are the most sensitive to wildfire impacts. This policy is consistent with the recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate.
CR-P17	New	New Policy	Coordinate with private forest landowners to increase the climate resilience of forests and streams on their lands.	Forest management practices help to reduce the intensity and spread of wildfires which increases overall climate resiliency. This policy is consistent with the recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.
CR-P18	New	New Policy	Analyze ways to enhance emergency preparedness, response, and recovery efforts to mitigate risks and impacts associated with extreme weather and other hazards worsened by climate change	County investment in enhancing emergency preparedness can improve response times, designate resources strategically, and speed up disaster recovery. This policy is consistent with the recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.

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CR-P19	New	New Policy	Create evacuation plans and outreach materials to help residents plan and practice actions that make evacuation quicker and safer.	It is important for the County to communicate with residents to improve safety and resiliency in the community. This policy is consistent with recent changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.
CR-P20	New	New Policy	Incorporate post-wildfire debris flow and flooding hazard information into critical area delineation in fire-prone communities	County should be prepared to do this to improve assessing risk and the planning of wildfire management. This policy is consistent with the changes to the GMA relating to planning for climate-exacerbated hazards.