Building Sequim's Vision for the Next 20 Years

The 2025 Draft Comprehensive Plan updates the City's 2015 Plan to meet new state requirements, address today's housing and economic needs, and prepare for future growth while preserving Sequim's unique character.

The 2025 Draft Plan Strengthens the City's Vision by:

Planning for Housing Choices

The updated plan includes strategies to meet Washington State housing requirements while providing a wider variety of housing options for residents at every stage of life, including young families, workers, seniors, and retirees. It supports housing affordability, neighborhood compatibility, and thoughtful infill development.

Creating Multi-Modal Connectivity

The Draft Plan places greater emphasis on connected neighborhoods where people can safely walk, bike, roll, and access parks, services, schools, and businesses. It encourages mixed-use development and improved neighborhood connectivity.

Supporting Local Jobs and Economic Development

The plan identifies opportunities for new employment areas, businesses, light industrial uses, and redevelopment of underutilized properties to create more living-wage jobs while strengthening Sequim's regional economy.

Protecting Community Character

One of the biggest additions is a dedicated Community Character Chapter, providing policies for building design, landscaping, downtown, gateways, streetscapes, historic preservation, and public spaces to ensure future development reflects Sequim's small-town identity.

Planning for Climate and Resiliency

The Draft Plan adds new policies addressing climate resiliency, wildfire preparedness, low-impact development, and environmental stewardship to help prepare Sequim for future challenges.

Better Coordinating Growth and Infrastructure

The updated plan more closely integrates land use with transportation, utilities, parks, and capital facilities so infrastructure can keep pace with future growth and maintain adopted levels of service.

Making the Plan Easier to Use

The Draft Plan has been reorganized with:

- Clear goals and policies
- Updated maps
- Improved consistency with Washington's Growth Management Act and recent legislation.

What Hasn't Changed?

The Draft Plan continues Sequim's long-standing commitment to:

- Preserving small-town character
- Protecting critical and natural areas
- Supporting downtown and city businesses
- Maintaining quality neighborhoods
- Investing in parks, trails, and open space
- Providing public facilities and services that support the community

Looking Ahead

The Comprehensive Plan is a 20-year policy guide. It does not approve individual development projects. Instead, it provides the long-term vision that will guide future zoning, capital improvements, infrastructure investments, and community decisions.