



Periodic Update Checklist for Counties – Updated June 2013

Covers laws through 2012

This checklist is intended to help counties that are fully planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) to conduct the “periodic review and update” of comprehensive plans and development regulations required by [RCW 36.70A.130\(4\)](#). Counties can use the checklist to identify components of their comprehensive plan and development regulations that may need to be updated to reflect the latest information, or to comply with changes to the GMA since their last update.

This checklist includes only components of the comprehensive plan and development regulations that are specifically required by the GMA. **Statutory requirements adopted since 2003 are emphasized in highlighted text** to help identify new components of the GMA that may not have been addressed in annual updates or other amendments outside of the required periodic update process. Counties within the Puget Sound Regional Council boundaries may want to use this checklist in tandem with [PSRC checklists](#). A separate checklist is available for cities. Expanded checklists (one for Comprehensive Plans, one for Development Regulations) are also available, which include a more comprehensive list of related good ideas and things to consider.

How to fill out the checklist

With the most recent version of your comprehensive plan and development regulations in hand, fill out each item in the checklist. Select the check box or type in text fields, answering the following questions:

Is this item addressed in your current plan or regulations? If YES, fill in the form with citation(s) to where in the plan or code the item is addressed. We recommend using citations rather than page numbers because they stay the same regardless of how the document is printed. If you have questions about the requirement, follow the hyperlinks to the relevant statutory provision or rules. If you still have questions, visit the [Commerce Web page](#) or [contact one of the Commerce planners](#) assigned to your region.

Is amendment needed to meet current statute? Check YES to indicate a change to your plan or regulations will be needed. Check NO to indicate that the GMA requirement has already been met. Local updates may not be needed if the statute hasn’t changed since your previous update, if your county has kept current with required inventories, or if there haven’t been many changes in local circumstances. Check “Further Review Needed” if you are unsure whether the requirement has already been met.

Is your county considering optional amendments? Use this field to note areas where your county may elect to work on or amend sections of your plan or development regulations that are not strictly required by the GMA.

How to use the completed checklist

Commerce strongly encourages you to use the completed checklist to develop a [detailed work plan](#) (see [Appendix B](#)) for your periodic update. The checklist can be used to inform the contents of a council resolution that defines what actions will be taken as part of the GMA periodic update.

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I. Required Comprehensive Plan Elements and Components:

1. A Land Use Element that is consistent with county-wide planning policies (CWPPs) and RCW 36.70A.070(1) .			
a. A future land use map showing city limits and urban growth area (UGA) boundaries. RCW 36.70A.070(1) and RCW 36.70A.110(6) WAC 365-196-400(2)(d) , WAC 365-196-405(2)(i)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
b. Urban Growth Area review. Periodic review and update, if needed, of UGA boundaries. Based on population projection made for the County by OFM, the county and each city must include areas and densities sufficient to permit the urban growth projected to occur in the county or city for the succeeding twenty year period, except UGAs completely within a national historic reserve. RCW 36.70A.110(2) and (6) ; RCW 36.70A.130 WAC 365-196-310	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
c. <i>If</i> there is an urban growth area (UGA) expansion into the 100-year floodplain of a river segment that is located west of the Cascade crest and when the river has a mean annual flow of 1,000 or more cubic feet per second, it meets the statutory exceptions to the general ban on such UGA expansions. RCW 36.70A.110(8) , Adopted 2009.	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
d. A consistent population projection throughout the plan which should be consistent with the Office of Financial Management forecast for the county or the county's sub-county allocation of that forecast. RCW 43.62.035 ; WAC 365-196-405(2)(f)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
e. Estimates of population densities and building intensities based on future land uses. RCW 36.70A.070(1) ; WAC 365-196-405(2)(c)(i)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
f. Consideration of urban planning approaches that increase physical activity. RCW 36.70A.070(1) , Amended in 2005 WAC 365-196-405 (2)(j)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	

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g. Provisions for protection of the quality and quantity of groundwater used for public water supplies. RCW 36.70A.070(1)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
h. Identification of lands useful for public purposes such as utility corridors, transportation corridors, landfills, sewage treatment facilities, stormwater management facilities, recreation, schools, and other public uses. RCW 36.70A.150 and WAC 365-196-340	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
i. Identification of open space corridors within and between urban growth areas , including lands useful for recreation, wildlife habitat, trails, and connection of critical areas. RCW 36.70A.160 and WAC 365-196-335	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
j. <i>If there is an airport within or adjacent to the county:</i> policies, land use designations (and zoning) to discourage the siting of incompatible uses adjacent to general aviation airports. RCW 36.70A.510 ; RCW 36.70.547 , New in 1996. <i>Note: The plan (and associated regulations) must be filed with the Aviation Division of WSDOT.</i> WAC 365-196-455	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
k. <i>If there is a Military Base within or adjacent to the jurisdiction employing 100 or more personnel:</i> policies, land use designations, (and consistent zoning) to discourage the siting of incompatible uses adjacent to military bases. RCW 36.70A.530(3) , New in 2004. See WAC 365-196-475	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
l. Where applicable, a review of drainage, flooding, and stormwater run-off in the area and nearby jurisdictions and provide guidance for corrective actions to mitigate or cleanse those discharges that pollute waters of the state. RCW 36.70A.070(1) and WAC 365-196-405(1)(e) <i>Note: RCW 90.56.010(26) defines waters of the state.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
m. Policies to designate and protect critical areas including wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat protection areas, frequently flooded areas, critical aquifer recharge areas, and geologically hazardous areas. In developing these policies, the county must have included the best available science (BAS) to protect the functions and values of critical areas, and give “special consideration” to conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	

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<p>anadromous fisheries. RCW 36.70A.030(5), RCW 36.70A.172, BAS added in 1995. See WAC 365-195-900 through -925. <i>Note:</i> A voluntary stewardship program was created in ESHB 1886 [New in 2011] as an alternative for protecting critical areas in areas used for agricultural activities. Counties had the opportunity to opt into this voluntary program before January 22, 2012. See requirements of the voluntary stewardship program. RCW 36.70A.700 through .904.</p>			
<p>n. <i>If forest or agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance are designated inside an urban growth area, there must be a program authorizing Transfer (or Purchase) of Development Rights.</i> RCW 36.70A.060(4), Amended in 2005</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
<p>o. Criteria for designating natural resource lands consistent with minimum guidelines to classify agricultural, forest, mineral lands and critical areas? RCW 36.70A.050, WAC 365-190, and WAC 365-195, see 900-925.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
<p>p. Policies for agriculturally designated lands limiting nonagricultural uses to lands with poor soils or otherwise not suitable for agricultural purposes, and policies limiting the allowable range of accessory uses to those allowed by statute. RCW 36.70A.177(3) [Amended in 2004 and 2006]</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
<p>q. Policies encouraging the conservation of productive forest and agricultural lands and discouraging incompatible uses. RCW 36.70A.020(8), Amended in 1997. WAC 365-190-050, WAC 365-196-815</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
<p>r. Review of designated mineral resource lands. RCW 36.70A.131 requires consideration of new information, including data available from the Department of Natural Resources, relating to mineral resource deposits when reviewing mineral resource land designations. Minerals include sand, gravel and valuable metallic substances. RCW 36.70A.030(11) and WAC 365-190-070.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
<p>s. <i>If the county is eligible and has designated a major industrial development or master planned location outside of the UGA, is the area consistent with the criteria in the GMA?</i> RCW 36.70A.365 and .367. New in 1995, Amended in 2004,</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review	

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and 2007. WAC 365-196-465, WAC 365-196-470		needed	
t. If the county has permitted a master planned resort , have the requirements of RCW 36.70A.360 and RCW 36.70A.362 been met? WAC 365-196-460	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
2. A Housing Element to ensure the vitality and character of established residential neighborhoods and is consistent with relevant CWPPs, and RCW 36.70A.070(2) . See WAC 365-196-410 .			
a. Goals, policies, and objectives for the preservation, improvement, and development of housing. RCW 36.70A.070(2)(b) and WAC 365-196-410(2)(a)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
b. An inventory and analysis of existing and projected housing needs over the planning period. RCW 36.70A.070(2)(a) and WAC 365-196-410(2)(b) and (c)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
c. Identification of sufficient land for housing , including but not limited to, government-assisted housing, housing for low-income families, manufactured housing, multifamily housing, group homes, and foster care facilities. RCW 36.70A.070(2)(c)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
d. Adequate provisions for existing and projected housing needs for all economic segments of the community RCW 36.70A.070(2)(d) and WAC 365-196-410 .	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
e. If enacting or expanding an affordable housing program under RCW 36.70A.540 : identification of land use designations within a geographic area where increased residential development will assist in achieving local growth management and housing policies? RCW 36.70A.540 , New in 2006. WAC 365-196-870	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
f. Policies so that manufactured housing is not regulated differently than site built housing. RCW 35.21.684 , 35.63.160 , 35A.21.312 , and 36.01.225 , Amended in 2004	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	

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g. If the county has a population of over 125,000: provisions for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) to be allowed in single-family residential areas. RCW 36.70A.400 , RCW 43.63A.215(3)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
3. A Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) Element to serve as a check on the practicality of achieving other elements of the plan, covering all the capital facilities planned, provided, and paid for by public entities including local government and special districts, etc; including water systems, sanitary sewer systems, storm water facilities, schools, parks and recreational facilities, police and fire protection facilities. Capital expenditures from Park and Recreation Elements, if separate, should be included in the CFP Element. The CFP Element must be consistent with CWPPs, and RCW 36.70A.070(3) , and include:			
a. Policies or procedures to ensure capital budget decisions are in conformity with the comprehensive plan. RCW 36.70A.120	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
b. An inventory of existing capital facilities owned by public entities. RCW 36.70A.070(3)(a) and WAC 365-196-415(2)(a)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
c. A forecast of needed capital facilities. RCW 36.70A.070(3)(b) and WAC 365-196-415(2)(b) Note: The forecast of future need should be based on projected population and adopted levels of service (LOS) over the planning period.	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
d. Proposed locations and capacities of expanded or new capital facilities. RCW 36.70A.070(3)(c) and WAC 365-196-415 (3)(c)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
e. A six-year plan (at least) identifying sources of public money to finance planned capital facilities. RCW 36.70A.070(3)(d) and RCW 36.70A.120 and WAC 365-196-415(2)(c)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	

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f. A policy or procedure to reassess the Land Use Element if probable funding falls short of meeting existing needs. RCW 36.70A.070(3)(e) and WAC 365-196-415(2)(d)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
g. If impact fees are collected: identification of public facilities on which money is to be spent. RCW 82.02.050(4) and WAC 365-196-850	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
4. A Utilities Element which is consistent with relevant CWPPs and RCW 36.70A.070(4) and includes:			
a. The general location, proposed location and capacity of all existing and proposed utilities. RCW 36.70A.070(4) and WAC 365-195-420	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
5. A Rural Element consistent with RCW 36.70A.070(5) , RCW 36.70A.011 , RCW 36.70A.030 (15, 16, and 17) , and should consider WAC 365-196-425 . Rural lands are lands not included in urban growth areas, or designated as agricultural, forest, or mineral resource lands.			
a. A Rural Element that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes patterns of rural densities and uses considering local circumstances, including a written record explaining how the rural element harmonizes the planning goals of the GMA and meets the requirements of 36.70A.070(5); allows rural development, forestry, and agriculture in rural areas; provides for a variety of rural densities, uses, essential public facilities and rural governments services; and includes measures that apply to rural development and protects the rural character of the area. RCW 36.70A.030 (15)(16) and (17) , RCW 36.70A.070(5) ; WAC 365-196-425	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
b. Policies that limit urban services in rural areas. RCW 36.70A.110(4) Note: The plan may include optional techniques such as limited areas of more intensive rural development (LAMIRDs), clustering, density transfer, design guidelines, and conservation easements to accommodate rural uses not	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	

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characterized by urban growth as specified in RCW 36.70A.070(5)(b) , Amended in 2004. WAC 365-196-425(4)			
6. A Transportation Element which must be consistent with relevant CWPPs and RCW 36.70A.070(6) . The Transportation Element must include:			
a. An inventory of air, water, and ground transportation facilities and services, including transit alignments, state-owned transportation facilities, and general aviation airports. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(A) and WAC 365-196-430(2)(c) .	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
b. Adopted levels of service (LOS) standards for all arterials, transit routes and highways. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(B) , New in 1997 and WAC 365-196-430	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
c. Identification of specific actions to bring locally-owned transportation facilities and services to established LOS. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(D) , Amended in 2005. WAC 365-196-430	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
d. A forecast of traffic for at least 10 years , including land use assumptions used in estimating travel. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(i) ; RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(E) . WAC 365-196-430(2)(f) .	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
e. A projection of state and local system needs to meet current and future demand. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(F) WAC 365-196-430(2)(f)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
f. A pedestrian and bicycle component . RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(vii) , Amended 2005 WAC 365-196-430(2)(j)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
g. A description of any existing and planned transportation demand management (TDM) strategies , such as HOV lanes or subsidy programs, parking policies, etc. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(vi) WAC 365-196-430(2)(i)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	

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h. An analysis of future funding capability to judge needs against probable funding resources. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iv)(A) WAC 365.196-430(2)(k)(iv)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
i. A multiyear financing plan based on needs identified in the comprehensive plan, the appropriate parts of which serve as the basis for the 6-year street, road or transit program. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iv)(B) and RCW 35.77.010 . WAC 365-196-430(2)(k)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
j. If probable funding falls short of meeting identified needs: a discussion of how additional funds will be raised , or how land use assumptions will be reassessed to ensure that LOS standards will be met. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iv)(C) WAC 365-196-430(2)(l)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
k. A description of intergovernmental coordination efforts , including an assessment of the impacts of the transportation plan and land use assumptions on the transportation systems of adjacent jurisdictions and how it is consistent with the regional transportation plan. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(v) . WAC 365-196-430(2)(a)(iv)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
7. Provisions for siting essential public facilities (EPFs) , consistent with CWPPs and RCW 36.70A.200 . This section can be included in the Capital Facilities Element, Land Use Element, or in its own element. Sometimes the identification and siting process for EPFs is part of the CWPPs. WAC 365-196-340 and 550 .			
a. A process or criteria for identifying and siting essential public facilities (EPFs) . RCW 36.70A.200 , Amended in 1997 and 2001 Notes: EPFs are defined in RCW 71.09.020(14) . Jurisdictions should consider OFM's list of EPFs that are required or likely to be built within the next six years. Regional Transit Authority facilities are included in the list of essential public facilities. RCW 36.70A.200(1), amended 2010. WAC 365-196-550(d)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
b. Policies or procedures that ensure the comprehensive plan does not preclude the siting of EPFs . RCW 36.70A.200(5) ; WAC 365-196-550(3) Note: If the EPF siting process is in the CWPPs, this policy may be contained in the comprehensive plan as well.	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	

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8. Consistency is required by the GMA.			
a. All plan elements must be consistent with relevant county-wide planning policies (CWPPs) and, where applicable, Multicounty Planning Policies (MPPs), and the GMA. RCW 36.70A.100 and .210 WAC 365-196-400(2)(c), 305 and 520	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
b. All plan elements must be consistent with each other. RCW 36.70A.070 (preamble) WAC 365-197-400(2)(f)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
c. The plan must be coordinated with the plans of adjacent jurisdictions. RCW 36.70A.100 WAC 365-196-520	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
9. Shoreline Provisions:			
Comprehensive plan acknowledges that for shorelines of the state, the goals and policies of the shoreline management act as set forth in RCW 90.58.020 are added as one of the goals of this chapter as set forth in RCW 36.70A.020 without creating an order of priority among the fourteen goals. The goals and policies of the shoreline master program approved under RCW 90.58 shall be considered an element of the comprehensive plan. RCW 36.70A.480, WAC 365-196-580	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
10. Public participation, plan amendments and monitoring.			
Note: House Bill 2834, passed in 2012, eliminates the requirement for cities planning under the GMA to report every 5 years on its progress in implementing its comprehensive plans.			
a. A process to ensure public participation in the comprehensive planning process. RCW 36.70A.020(11), .035, and .140; WAC 365-196-600(3) Note: The process should address annual amendments (if the jurisdiction allows for them) [RCW 36.70A.130(2), Amended in 2006], emergency amendments[RCW 36.70A.130(2)(b)], and may include a specialized periodic update process. Plan amendment processes may be coordinated among cities within a county [RCW 36.70A.130(2)(a)] and should be well publicized.	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	

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b. The plan describes the process for making amendments. RCW 36.70A.130(2)(a) . Plan provides that amendments are to be considered no more often than once a year, not including the exceptions described in RCW 36.70A.130(2) . WAC 365-196-640 .	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
c. A process to assure that proposed regulatory or administrative actions do not result in an unconstitutional taking of private property. See Attorney General's Advisory Memorandum: Avoiding Unconstitutional Takings of Private Property for guidance. RCW 36.70A.370	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	

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II. Required Components of Development Regulations: [WAC 365-196-810](#)

11. Regulations designating and protecting critical areas are required by RCW 36.70A.170 , RCW 36.70A.060(2) and RCW 36.70A.172(1) . <i>Note: A voluntary stewardship program was created in ESHB 1886 (2011) as an alternative for protecting critical areas in areas used for agricultural activities. Counties may choose to opt into this voluntary program before January 22, 2012. Click here for the requirements of the voluntary stewardship program.</i>			
a. Classification and designation of each of the five types of critical areas (<i>wetlands, critical aquifer recharge areas, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, frequently flooded areas, and geologically hazardous areas</i>), if they are found within your county. RCW 36.70A.170 and RCW 36.70A.190 ; WAC 365-196-830(2) <i>Note: Senate Bill 5292 adopted in 2012 clarified that certain water-based artificial features or constructs are excluded from being considered part of a fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
b. Findings that demonstrate Best Available Science (BAS) was included in developing policies and regulations to protect the function and values of critical areas. In addition, finding should document giving special consideration to conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries. RCW 36.70A.172(1) ; WAC 365-195	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
c. Regulations that protect the functions and values of wetlands . RCW 36.70A.060(2) and RCW 36.70A.172(1) WAC 365-190-090	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
d. A definition of wetlands consistent with RCW 36.70A.030(21) WAC 365-190-090 , WAC 173-22-035	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
e. Delineation of wetlands using the approved federal wetlands delineation manual and applicable regional supplements RCW 36.70A.175 , RCW 90.58.380 , WAC 173-22-035	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	

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f. Regulations that protect the functions and values of critical aquifer recharge areas (“ areas with a critical recharging effect on aquifers used for potable water ” RCW 36.70A.030(5)(b)). RCW 36.70A.060(2) , RCW 36.70A.172(1) , WAC 365-190-100	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
g. Regulations to protect the quality and quantity of ground water used for public water supplies. RCW 36.70A.070(1)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
h. Regulations that protect the functions and values of fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas . In addition, counties shall give special consideration to conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries . RCW 36.70A.060(2) and RCW 36.70A.172(1) ; WAC 365-195-925(3) , 365-190-130	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
i. Regulations that protect the functions and values of frequently flooded areas . RCW 36.70A.060(2) and RCW 36.70A.172(1) WAC 365-190-110 , WAC 173-158-040	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
j. Definition of “fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas” does not include such artificial features or constructs as irrigation delivery systems, irrigation infrastructure, irrigation canals, or drainage ditches that lie within the boundaries of and are maintained by a port district or an irrigation district or company. RCW 36.70A.030(5) New in 2012.	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
k. Provisions to ensure water quality and stormwater drainage regulations are consistent with applicable Land Use Element policies. RCW 36.70A.070(1) , WAC 365-196-405	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
l. Regulation of geologically hazardous areas consistent with public health and safety concerns. RCW 36.70A.030(9) , RCW 36.70A.060(2) and RCW 36.70A.172(1) WAC 365-190-120	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	

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m. Provisions that allow “ reasonable use ” of properties constrained by presence of critical areas. RCW 36.70A.370 . See Attorney General’s Advisory Memorandum: Avoiding Unconstitutional Takings of Private Property for guidance.	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
n. If your county is assuming regulation of forest practices as provided in RCW 76.09.240: forest practices regulations that protect public resources, require appropriate approvals for all phases of conversion of forest lands, are guided by GMA planning goals, and are consistent with adopted critical areas regulations. RCW 36.70A.570, Amended in 2007, 2010 and RCW 76.09.240 Amended in 2007, 2010. <i>Note: Applies only to counties fully planning under the GMA with a population greater than 100,000 and the cities and towns within those counties where a certain number of Class IV applications have been filed within a certain timeframe.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
12. Shoreline Master Program See Washington State Department of Ecology’s SMP Submittal Checklist			
a. Zoning is consistent with Shoreline Master Program (SMP) environmental designations. RCW 36.70A.070 ; RCW 36.70A.480 WAC 365-196-580	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
b. If SMP regulations have been updated to meet Ecology’s shoreline regulations and approved by Ecology: protection for critical areas in shorelines is accomplished solely through the SMP. The exception is where buffers are not adequate to protect critical areas. RCW 36.70A.480(4), Amended in 2003, 2010 and RCW 90.58.090(4). WAC 365-196-580	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
13. The Zoning Code:			
a. Family daycare providers are allowed in areas zoned for residential or commercial uses. Zoning conditions should be no more restrictive than those imposed on other residential dwellings in the same zone, but may address drop-off and pickup areas and hours of operation. RCW 36.70A.450, RCW 74.15.020(1)(f); WAC 365-196-865	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
b. Manufactured housing is regulated the same as site-built housing. [RCW 35.21.684, 35.63.160, 35A.21.312 and 36.01.225, All Amended in 2004]	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further	

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c. <i>If the county has a population of over 125,000, accessory dwelling units (ADUs) are allowed in single-family residential areas.</i> RCW 43.63A.215(3)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
d. <i>If there is an airport within or adjacent to the city: zoning that discourages the siting of incompatible uses adjacent to general aviation airports.</i> RCW 36.70.547 , New in 1996). <i>Note: The zoning regulations must be filed with the Aviation Division of WSDOT.</i> RCW 36.70A.510 , RCW 36.70.547 ; WAC 365-196-455	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
e. <i>If there is a Military Base within or adjacent to the jurisdiction employing 100 or more personnel: zoning that discourages the siting of incompatible uses adjacent to military bases.</i> RCW 36.70A.530(3) , New in 2004. WAC 365-196-475	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
f. Residential structures that are occupied by persons with handicaps are regulated the same as a similar residential structure occupied by a family or other unrelated individuals. RCW 36.70A.410 , WAC 365-196-860	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
g. A variety of rural densities and innovative techniques that protect rural character. RCW 36.70A.070(5)(b)and (c) WAC 365-196-425(5)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
h. Zoning consistent with natural resource lands designations in the comprehensive plan. RCW 36.70A.060(3) , RCW 36.70A.030(2),(8),and (10) , WAC 365-196-800 , WAC 365-196-815 , WAC 365-190(020)(6) .	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
i. Regulations to conserve natural resource lands. RCW 36.70A.060(1)(a) WAC 365-196-800	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	

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j. Regulations that encourage nonagricultural uses to be limited to lands with poor soils or otherwise not suitable for agricultural purposes with the exception of accessory uses. Accessory uses located, designed and operated so as to not interfere with, and to support the continuation of, the overall agricultural use. Accessory uses consistent with RCW 36.70A.177(3)(b). New in 2004, amended in 2006.	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
k. Regulations to assure that the use of lands adjacent to natural resource lands shall not interfere with natural resource production. RCW 36.70A.060(1)(a), WAC 365-190, WAC 365-196-815	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
l. Regulations that require notice on all development permits and plats within 500 feet of designated natural resource lands that the property is within or near a designated natural resource land on which a variety of commercial activities may occur that are not compatible with residential development for certain periods of limited duration and that an application might be made for mining-related activities? RCW 36.70A.060(1)(b), Amended from 300 to 500 ft in 1998.	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
m. Mineral lands designations and regulations reviewed as required by RCW 36.70A.131. Note: For more information, contact DNR's Geology Division at (360) 902-1439 or review DNR's earth resource mapping. WAC 365-190-040(5)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
n. Cities adjacent to I-5, I-90, I-405, or SR 520 and counties -- for lands within 1 mile of these highways -- must adopt regulations that allow electric vehicle infrastructure (EVI) as a use in all areas except those zoned for residential or resource use, or critical areas by July 1, 2011. RCW 36.70A.695, New in 2009.	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
o. Development regulations of all jurisdictions must allow electric vehicle battery charging stations in all areas except those zoned for residential or resource use, or critical areas by July 1, 2011. RCW 36.70A.695, New in 2009.	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
14. Subdivision Code regulations			
a. Subdivision code is consistent with comprehensive plan policies. RCW 36.70A.030(7) and 36.70A.040(4)(d), WAC 365-196-820	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further	

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b. Code requires written findings documenting that proposed subdivisions provide appropriate provision under RCW 58.17.110(2)(a) for: Streets or roads, sidewalks, alleys, other public ways, transit stops, and other features that assure safe walking conditions for students; potable water supplies [RCW 19.27.097], sanitary wastes, and drainage ways (stormwater retention and detention); open spaces, parks and recreation, and playgrounds; and schools and school grounds. WAC 365-196-820(1)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
c. Preliminary subdivision approvals under RCW 58.17.140 are valid for a period of five or seven years (previously five years). RCW 58.17.140 and RCW 58.17.170 . [Amended 2010 by SB 6544 and in 2012 by HB 2152. <i>Note:</i> Preliminary plat approval is valid for: seven years if the date of preliminary plat approval is on or before December 31, 2014; five years if the preliminary plat approval is issued on or after January 1, 2015; and nine years if the project is located within city limits, not subject to the shoreline management act, and the preliminary plat is approved on or before December 31, 2007.	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
15. Concurrency , Impact Fees, and TDM			
a. The transportation concurrency ordinance includes specific language that prohibits development when level of service standards for transportation facilities cannot be met. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(b) WAC 365-196-840	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
b. <i>If adopted:</i> impact fee methods are consistent with RCW 82.02.050 through 100 . <i>Note:</i> The timeframe for expending or encumbering impact fees has been extended to ten years. [RCW 82.02.070 and RCW 82.02.080 , Amended in 2011 ; WAC 365-196-850	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
c. <i>If required by</i> RCW 70.94.527 : a commute trip reduction ordinance to reduce the proportion of single-occupant vehicle commute trips. RCW 70.94.521-551 , Amended in 2006 ; WAC 468-63 <i>Note:</i> WSDOT maintains a list of affected jurisdictions	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	

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d. Development regulations may implement traffic demand management (TDM) policies. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(vi) WAC 365-196-840(4)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
16. Siting Essential Public Facilities (EPFs)			
Regulations are consistent with Essential Public Facility siting process in countywide planning policies or city comprehensive plan, and do not preclude the siting of EPFs. RCW 36.70A.200(5) , WAC 365-196-550	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
17. Project Review Procedures			
Project review processes integrate permit and environmental review for: notice of application; notice of complete application; one open-record public hearing; allowing applicants to combine public hearings and decisions for multiple permits; notice of decision; one closed-record appeal. RCW 36.70A.470 , RCW 36.70B and RCW 43.21C WAC 365-196-845	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
18. General Provisions The GMA requires that development regulations be consistent with and implement the comprehensive plan. [RCW 36.70A.030(7)] and .040(4)(d) . WAC 365-196-810			
a. A process for early and continuous public participation in the development regulation development and amendment process. RCW 36.70A.020(11) , .035 , .130 and .140 .	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	
b. A process to assure that proposed regulatory or administrative actions do not result in an unconstitutional taking of private property. RCW 36.70A.370 , WAC 365-196-855 <i>Note: See Attorney General's Advisory Memorandum: Avoiding Unconstitutional Takings of Private Property.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Further review needed	

This checklist covers the requirements of the Growth Management Act through the laws of 2012. It does not address related issues, or things that are not specifically required but that are commonly found in comprehensive plans and the implementing regulations. It may be useful to look at the expanded checklists (one for comprehensive plans, one for development regulations) and the Growth Management Act Amendment Changes 1995-2012 (amended annually). For more information, please visit:
<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/Services/localgovernment/GrowthManagement/Growth-Management-Planning-Topics/Pages/GMA-Periodic-Update.aspx>