

**State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) WAC 197-11
DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE and
ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

Proposal: Clallam County 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update

Applicant: Clallam County Department of Community Development
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Description of Proposal: The proposal consists of amendments to Clallam County's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Development regulations as follows:

- Data throughout the document has been updated to reflect recent population trends, economic data, updated studies, adoption of the Lands Capacity Analysis, Future Land Use Map, and reference to ASHTO Highway Capacity Manual 2018 for LOS methodology.
- Several sections have been reorganized to match the sequence within the GMA and include a range of text edits for internal consistency. These organizational changes are highlighted in yellow.
- Definitions have been updated and some added, including emergency housing types, as well as transitional housing.
- Include "zero lot line standards" and eliminate language concerning lot size as an alternative for housing opportunities.
- New Section added to require coordination with cities to ensure implementation of county-wide planning policies, identification of lands useful for public purposes, special consideration for achieving environmental justice and reducing wildfire risk.
- Add section regarding Climate Change and Resiliency Issues, establishing objectives and measures.
- Addition of language for modification to UGA boundaries where a clear public benefit exists.
- Expand language concerning multimodal transportation consistent with GMA requirements.
- Establish new standards for Accessory Dwelling Units in UGA's in accordance with RCW 36.70A.681.
- Changing approximately 46.7 acres within the unincorporated Sequim Urban Growth Area from Sequim Urban Residential II (SR-II) to Sequim Urban Residential III (SR-III).
- Changing all of the current Urban Residential High (URH) Designation to the Urban Moderate Density (MD) designation within the Clallam Bay/Seki UGA.

Location of Proposal: This proposal would apply throughout the unincorporated portions of Clallam County.

Title of documents being adopted: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Clallam County Comprehensive Plan, issuance date of June 16, 1995. This document is the final environmental impact statement regarding the updated 1995 Clallam County Comprehensive Plan. Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the Carlsborg Urban Growth Area, issued August 8, 2000. This document is the final EIS for the designation of Carlsborg as an Urban Growth Area. There are no challenges to these documents.

SEPA: The updates to the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations are a non-project action (per WAC 197-11-704(2)(b)). Phased review is a component of a non-project action. The lead agency determines the appropriate scope and level of detail of environmental review to coincide with meaningful points in the planning and decision-making processes. Environmental review may be phased if it assists agencies and the public to focus on issues that are ready for decision and exclude from consideration issues not yet ready. Broader environmental documents may be followed by narrower documents such as site specific analysis (project specific) per WAC 197-11-060(5) of SEPA Rules. When project actions to implement these regulations are proposed, these project actions will be subject to further environmental review.

Clallam County is the lead agency for this proposal. Clallam County has determined that the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations would not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment based on a review of a completed environmental checklist, proposed amendments Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations and the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Clallam County in 1995. This information is available to the public upon request and at: <https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/1842/Comprehensive-Plan-Update>

APPEALS: This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal. Unless the Responsible Official withdraws the threshold determination pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(3)(a), the threshold determination shall be final at the end of the comment period. Agencies and interested parties will be notified if the threshold determination is withdrawn. The threshold determination may be appealed as part of the Board of County Commissioner's final decision regarding adoption of the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. Contact the Responsible Official for SEPA appeal procedures.

This Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for this non-project action is issued February 11, 2026 under WAC 197-11-340(2).

Comments on this DNS must be submitted by March 26, 2026.

Signature:



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