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Regional Authority Grants Full Certification of Duvall's Comprehensive Plan

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DUVALL, Wash. – After close to two years' worth of public meetings and community engagement the City of Duvall on January 25th, earned full certification of its Transportation and Comprehensive Plan from the Puget Sound Regional Council.

The planning document will help guide the city's transportation improvements, housing and job growth for the next 20 years. The plan was approved by the City Council in 2016 and received conditional certification until an updated transportation improvement plan was complete.

"Comprehensive Plans set the tone for the future and are required in order to maintain compliance with Washington State's Growth Management Act. These plans are meant to reflect the values & ideals of the community, translating them into policies which will be implemented for years to come" remarks Duvall's Planning Director Lara Thomas.

The City's Comprehensive Plan update will help Duvall guide additional residential and commercial growth within the City and its urban growth areas through zoning and capital facilities planning efforts for the next twenty plus years. The plan also sets polices for transportation, parks, utilities (sewer, water, and stormwater), land use, economic development, environment and sustainability. While the process showed the need to plan for an additional 628,254 square feet of commercial space and 1,189 residential units by 2035; officials are expecting a fairly moderate rate of 2-3.5% per year for the next few years.

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The document, officially titled the "City of Duvall 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update," has been working its way through the regional approval process since being formally being adopted by the City Council on June 7th of 2016. A conditional certification pending a full update of the Transportation Plan was granted in 2016. The City worked closely with Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) staff to complete the process. Amendments were completed in late 2017 before the plan was recommended for certification to the executive board of PSRC.

"I am pleased that the work of the community, planning commission, council and staff to meet the countywide planning policies and Growth Management Act requirements while working to retain Duvall's small-town feel for the next generation has been recognized," said Amy Ockerlander, Duvall's Mayor. "This certification was a big step to help our City move forward with the policies that our community desires, and I thank the Puget Regional Council for their support."

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2015 Comprehensive Plan

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