



## North Highline (White Center) Subarea Plan Initial Proposal Overview

### A subarea plan is...

A detailed land use plan for a small, defined area. Subarea plans focus on land use issues such as zoning, long-term land use, and other topics related to how land is used in the area such as housing, commercial and industrial areas, and community character.

### Community outreach

County planners attended more than 20 public meetings between July and October 2019 to share knowledge about land use and zoning and learn about the community's values and priorities. Planners also received over 100 responses to a survey about land use. Planners have developed draft concepts based on this engagement.

### Key community values

- Diversity and inclusivity
- Parks and green spaces
- "Small-town" feel
- Housing affordability
- Supporting local small business community
- Self-reliance and creativity

### Key community priorities

- Housing affordability
- More housing options
- Sidewalks / pedestrian infrastructure
- Preventing displacement
- Protecting neighborhood character

### Housing – draft concepts

- Increase housing options in primarily single-family neighborhoods near transit lines and commercial areas
- Encourage new development to match the scale of the surrounding neighborhood
- Encourage the construction of affordable housing units in the downtown core (16th Avenue SW)

### Commercial and industrial – draft concepts

- Encourage walkable mixed-use (business and housing) buildings in commercial areas near 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW
- Phase out industrial uses in White Center downtown core; encourage mixed-use development

### Additional considerations

Changes in land use rules can result in a range of outcomes that can benefit some groups and place a burden on others. County planners are studying the potential effects of these changes and encourage the community to help identify additional topics to consider.

### Community's role

Planners will continue to work with the community to improve these initial proposals before releasing a full draft of the Plan in March. Public engagement will include public meetings and a survey at

<https://bit.ly/2Za2cZV>. To sign up for e-mail updates and view other planning documents, visit

<http://kingcounty.gov/northhighlineplan>.



## North Highline (White Center) Subarea Plan Project Timeline

### July – October 2019

*Initial public outreach – get to know the community and its priorities*

- Community open house
- Focus group and neighborhood group meetings
- Online survey

### November 2019

*County develops first draft*

### December 2019 - January 2020

*Community review of first draft*

- Community open house
- Focus group and neighborhood group meetings

### February 2020

*County develops public review draft*

### March 2020

*Public review draft released*

### April – May 2020

*County develops, and community reviews, final draft*

- Community open house
- Focus group and neighborhood group meetings

### June 2020

*Subarea Plan is transmitted to the King County Council*

Learn more at: [www.kingcounty.gov/northhighlineplan](http://www.kingcounty.gov/northhighlineplan)

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