

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

The Eatonville Comprehensive Plan is a method of deciding between the available choices, and bringing about changes that Eatonville area residents want. The plan rests on the belief that it is wise to look ahead, foresee change, and take charge of the future. It covers decisions regarding Eatonville's growth that are best made in common. These decisions include the following planning concerns: the overall land use pattern, how to serve the area with adequate housing, community facilities, roads, parks, and public utilities (sewer, water and stormwater), and how to protect natural resources, including critical areas and the shoreline. Within this overall guide, there is still much room for individual discretion.

This Comprehensive Plan is designed to satisfy the Washington Growth Management Act and the Pierce County-Wide Planning Policies. It is the result and the product of local residents, having been forged over many public meetings, and is the expression of the popular will. The Comprehensive Plan is organized as follows:

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The Comprehensive Plan will guide the zoning ordinance, the critical areas protection ordinance, the environmental protection ordinance, the subdivision ordinance, the capital improvements program, and other legal and administrative actions that shape the physical community. Those legal instruments are required to implement this plan, and therefore, must be consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.