

GUIDE FOR REVIEWING PACIFIC COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENTS

To Review for all Elements:

- Flag policies that might not be feasible for Pacific. If they are not required to be left in, we can remove or edit them.
- Review for plain language: Do you feel like it's easy to understand? Or could the writing be more clear?
- Review policies highlighted for climate resiliency. Is the City doing anything else to address climate change that should be included in the plan?
- If there are any photos you think would fit well in any of the elements, please send them our way.
- Think about how the goals and policies help advance Pacific's Vision Statement:

Pacific lives up to its name – a peaceful place where the small-town atmosphere of friendliness and independence endures, as does the community pride of our residents. Pacific protects its vitality, and people of all ages and abilities feel safe and are included in all aspects of community life. Neighbors trust and rely on one another. City leaders seek opportunities to ensure that seniors and young people with families have places to live. People value civic involvement, support for local businesses, and access to recreational facilities.

Natural Environment Element (1/9/24 Draft)

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

- Shorter element focused on Goals and Policies (reduced from 32 pages to 15)
- All analysis, data, and background information has been moved to the Appendix
- Policy language revised:
 - Most policies were edited for clarity and to incorporate “discussion” topics into policy language
 - Some policies moved to this element from Land Use, Community Character.
 - We are holding Shoreline Master Program goals and policies in a separate section, shown here at the end of this Element for now. They were last updated with the WA Department of Ecology in 2019, and do not need to be changed as part of this Comprehensive Plan update.
 - New policies were added for required coordination with Countywide planning policy and multicounty planning policies (Vision 2050).
- Additional updates to policies related to critical areas may be provided by Raedeke in a few months.

WHAT TO REVIEW?

- Policy NE-2.6 and NE-10.01 – Has the Lower White River Biodiversity Management Area Stewardship Plan been adopted or is it still being used for management purposes?
- Review the discussion section under Policy NE-3.1 – Does the City want to do this? If so, we can incorporate it into policy language. If not, we can remove the discussion section.
- Take a look at new Goals NE-11 and NE-12 and evaluate for how well these fit Pacific’s Vision statement.

BHC’S ONGOING WORK

- Incorporate PC, community feedback

Housing Element (11/21/2023 Draft)

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

- Shorter and focused on Goals and Policies (reduced from 36 pages to 7)
- All analysis, data, and background information has all been moved to the Appendix
- Policy language revised:
 - Goals specific to Economic Development, Capital Facilities, Parks, or Transportation moved to those Elements
 - Open Space policies removed
 - most of the old policy language wasn’t specific to residential open space requirements, so open space conservation easements could be part of the Parks Element or possibly the Land Use Element instead.
 - requirements for open space buffers between uses will be dealt with in the Land Use Element to reduce redundancy and overlapping policy ideas
 - Goals and Policies regarding Multifamily development brought to this Element from the Land Use Element
 - Clarify language and minimize barriers to building more housing
 - Eliminate redundancy with other policies
 - Eliminate redundancy with development regulations
 - Meet County, Regional, and State guidance, particularly with regards to providing housing for specific income bands (a new state requirement)

WHAT TO REVIEW?

- Does Pacific want specific Open Space requirements for residential development?

BHC’S ONGOING WORK

- Incorporate PC, community feedback

REVIEW GUIDANCE FOR PREVIOUS DOCUMENTS

Introduction (11/07/2023 Draft)

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

The introduction has been restructured to:

- Highlight a revised Vision Statement that is shorter and based on 2023 public feedback
- Provide a guide on where in the plan to find key principles in the Comprehensive Plan
- Provide an abbreviated version of the history of Pacific (a more detailed History has been preserved in the Appendix)
- Shorter (Reduced from 22 pages to 8)
- Provide a high level Community Profile, mostly to highlight aspects that will help the City achieve their Vision

WHAT TO REVIEW?

Specific things to consider:

- Vision statement + principles that guide the plan – are there any other principles that are important to include?

BHC'S ONGOING WORK

- Include vicinity map.
- Update community involvement section (for final draft) and summary of Fiscal Impacts of Annexation
- Include an expanded implementation section once developed
- Provide more high level data in the Community Profile section, mostly to highlight aspects that will help the City achieve their Vision

Land Use Element (11/07/2023 Draft)

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

- Shorter and focused on Goals and Policies (Reduced from 92 pages to 11)
- The introduction section was shortened to focus on Future Land Use Designations and the Future Land Use Map (once it's been revised)
- All analysis, data, and background information has all been moved to the Appendix
- Some Goals and Policies from Community Character Element were brought into Land Use Element
- 34 Goals reduced to 21
 - Shoreline Goals moved to Natural Environment section
 - Goals specific to Housing, Economic Development, Capital Facilities, Parks, or Transportation moved to those Elements
 - Annexation Goals and Policies moved to the end of the Element
- Policy language revised to:
 - Clarify language
 - Eliminate redundancy with other policies
 - Eliminate redundancy with development regulations
 - Meet County, Regional, and State guidance

WHAT TO REVIEW?

- What kinds of Design Standards does Pacific want to administer?
- Has an energy audit been done?
- Has the City considered adoption of the State Historic Building Code?
- Has the City explored an Arts Commission?

BHC'S ONGOING WORK

- Insert updated Future Land Use Map and Designations
- Incorporate PC, community feedback