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Public Invited to Open House and Hearing for Comprehensive Plan Update

(Edmonds - WA) A public open house on the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update will be held Wednesday, June 10th, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Brackett Room, 3rd floor City Hall, 121 5th Ave N. in Edmonds. A public hearing by the Planning Board will follow at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at 250 5th Avenue N.

The open house will display information about the Comprehensive Plan update process, including opportunities for public involvement, input on community values, the draft changes proposed so far, and next steps. Staff will be on hand to answer questions.

At the 7:00 pm public hearing, the Planning Board will consider making a recommendation to the City Council about adopting the proposed update.

A requirement of the Growth Management Act, the Comprehensive Plan is the centerpiece of local planning. It provides a 20-year vision for how communities will grow and develop over time. The Comprehensive Plan features broad goals and policies on land use, housing, economic development, community culture, and other elements. It sets a foundation for the City to follow.

Periodic updates of the Comprehensive Plan are required by Washington’s Growth Management Act and are considered good practice. The plans consider future growth while maintaining strong and providing for a range of housing opportunities, access to transportation, economic development, community health, and a clean environment.

Review of the Comprehensive Plan began about a year ago, with a focus on updating information and meeting the state deadline of mid-2015 to adopt needed changes.

Edmonds’ existing Plan covers the period through 2025. The update will cover the period through 2035.
Additional information can be found on the City of Edmonds website, http://www.edmondswa.gov/ by searching for ‘Comprehensive Plan.’