

2016 Bellingham Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies Citations
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Policy LU-2 The Multi-Family Residential designation is intended for areas that are able to support higher concentrations of people, while encouraging a desirable living environment within and adjacent to these districts. This zoning also provides a compatible mixture of residential housing types, typical accessory uses, public and semi-public uses, office uses and limited neighborhood commercial uses in appropriate areas.

Policy LU-4 Protect the unique character and qualities of existing neighborhoods, while identifying opportunities for improved livability, safety, and housing affordability and diversity.

Policy LU-19 Consider developing integrated transportation-land use plans along Whatcom Transportation Authority's (WTA) GO Lines connecting urban villages where appropriate. The planning process should consider the following (see Transportation Chapter): • A mix of land uses and higher densities within each corridor, resulting in transit-oriented development; • Design standards that support the multi-modal nature of the corridors; • Efforts to increase the effectiveness of public transportation along the corridors; and • The elements identified in Policies LU-11 and LU-18.

Policy LU-35 seeks to “promote equitable delivery of, and access to, human services by allowing these uses in suitable locations and encouraging their creation through incentives and other innovative measures.”

GOAL LU-9 Preserve historic and cultural resources.

Policy LU-76 Encourage preservation, restoration, and appropriate adaptive reuse of historic properties through code flexibility, fee reductions and other regulatory and financial incentives. Continue to designate and protect historic landmarks.

GOAL CD-6 Encourage contextually-appropriate infill development projects and property renovations.

GOAL CD-7 Preserve historic and cultural resources.

Policy CD-7 Ensure that new development is of a type, scale, orientation, and design that maintains or improves the character, aesthetics, and livability of neighborhoods. While compatibility is more of an issue in established neighborhoods, new development needs to take into account the context of the area and should result in an improvement to the surrounding neighborhood.

Policy CD-40 Encourage preservation, restoration, and appropriate adaptive reuse of historic properties through code flexibility, fee reductions and other regulatory and financial incentives.

Policy H-3 Encourage well-designed infill development on vacant or underutilized properties.

Policy H-15 Support fair and equal access to housing for all persons, regardless of race, religion, ethnic origin, age, household composition or size, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or economic circumstances.

Policy H-34 Encourage the rehabilitation, relocation and reuse, rather than demolition, of existing housing.

Policy H-46 Work with agencies, private developers and nonprofit organizations to locate housing to serve Bellingham's special needs populations, particularly those with challenges related to age, health or disability.

Policy H-47 Allow housing opportunities for special needs populations in appropriate locations throughout the community.