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Thank-you, Susan, for this update. I'm glad to hear of all the work on housing!
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Hi Martha –

We are the main staff working on this project, so I think you have notified the correct people. And while the project is moving slowly, we believe that the objectives of the work and the potential end results can be significant. It takes time to work through these complex issues and ensure we give time for the public to comment.

I say this because in addition to the work that is being done on the HOSAP project, we are also working on a comprehensive plan update project that will involve all of the jurisdictions within the county focusing on housing as well. With new state legislation, the county must now make updates to how housing is addressed in the comprehensive plan, including planning for future housing needs for all income brackets. The comprehensive planning process provides an opportunity to evaluate existing housing policies and analyze what has changed within the housing context as well incorporate updated requirements, including:

- Planning for sufficient land capacity for housing needs for all economic segments of the population (moderate, low, very low and extremely low income, as well as emergency housing and permanent supportive housing).
- Making adequate provisions for housing for existing and projected needs for all economic segments of the community, including documenting programs and actions needed to achieve housing availability.
- Identifying racially disparate impacts, displacement and exclusion in housing policies and regulations, and beginning to undo those impacts; and identifying areas at higher risk of displacement and establishing anti-displacement policies.

The comprehensive plan update must be adopted by December 31, 2025. So, again, while it is moving slowly, we are working on major/complex updates that we hope will be impactful. Please let me know if you would like to discuss this further. Thanks!



Susan Ellinger

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Hi Susan – thanks for the note. My major concern is how slowly this process is moving forward, considering the severe housing need. How do we speed up the process or who should I contact about this?

Thanks for your work!

Martha

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Hi Martha –

Thank you for your work on the project advisory group, and for checking in with us. Now that phase 1 has been approved, we will get phase 2 going again. The group that is overseeing the implementation/code development work is the Technical Housing Code Forum. We had two meetings with the group in 2023 on the multi-family/regulated affordable housing code, but since some time has passed, we are working on a plan to get the group back up to speed and moving forward.

We still have our consultant on board, who has been instrumental in working with the forum and drafting the code. They are beginning work on the materials for the next meeting, and we hope to schedule it soon.

I am sorry I don't have any dates yet, but we are happy that we are beginning to move forward again, and you should see something scheduled in the next several weeks. We welcome you to listen in on these meetings. Once scheduled, more information will be available on the project webpage:

<https://clark.wa.gov/community-planning/housing-options-study-and-action-plan>

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!



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Hi Jose and Susan, I was on the HOSPAG as a Persons with Disabilities Advocate and attended the March 5 Council meeting and spoke in favor of the housing code amendments.

Can you let me know what the plan is for phase 2? How can I speed along the process? As you know, we need to do all we can to increase housing stock.

Thanks for your help,

Martha Maier

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