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Hi Steve,

Thank you for your email. Jeff forwarded it to me to try and answer your questions. Please find responses below each question.

1. which sub-group will address tree cover / tree canopy for the county's CGMP?

- Proposed tree canopy policies can be found in Chapter 14 – Climate Element. You can find a copy of those policies [here](#). I recommend looking at the policies under goal 14.9 and goal 14.10.
- All proposed changes to the county's comprehensive growth management plan will be considered by the Planning Commission, and then ultimately by the County Council.

1. which sub-group will address health of residents for the county's CGMP?

- The county does not have a stand-alone health chapter in its comprehensive plan, but many different chapters in the county's comprehensive plan address aspects of health, from environmental issues like reducing pollution and improving air quality to policies supportive of more active lifestyles, etc.
- There are also new proposed policies to reduce health disparities and improve environmental justice in the county based on new state legislation. Some examples of those proposed policies are: policy 1.1.19, 1.6.3, and 1.6.4 in the Land Use Chapter. You can view those proposed policies [here](#).

2. which sub-group will address environmental health/impact portion of the county's CGMP?

- Environmental health related policies can be found in the following chapters:
 - [Chapter 1 – Land Use](#)
 - [Chapter 4 – Environment](#)
 - [Chapter 14 – Climate](#)

However, there are related policies in other chapters too, such as transportation, capital facilities, etc.

- The environmental impacts of the proposed comprehensive plan are studied through a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process. A draft environmental impact statement is currently in progress. You can learn more about that portion of the project [here](#).

3. how would i submit testimony (written and oral) to each of those sub-groups?

- Written comments can be submitted at any time up until the County Council votes on the updated comprehensive plan. [Here](#) is where you can do that.
- A formal comment period will take place this fall on the draft environmental impact statement once it is published.

- A formal hearing process will take place where the Planning Commission and County Council hold a hearing and accept written and verbal testimony. Hearings are tentatively scheduled to take place during the first half of 2026. You can view the current schedule on the project webpage. Here's a [direct link to the document](#), but, note that dates are subject to change. We recommend signing up to receive project updates if you want to be notified about a project hearing. You can do that [here](#).

4. when is the deadline to submit testimony (written and oral) to each of those sub-groups?

- You can submit written comments up until when the County Council votes on the updated plan, currently scheduled for spring of 2026.
- The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will have a clear deadline when it is published. We recommend signing up for project notifications to receive notice about this. Tentatively, that comment period will start in early October and end later in the fall.
- For the Planning Commission and County Council hearings, you can submit written comments up until the end of the hearing. You can only provide verbal testimony during the hearings.

Hope that answers your questions!

Regards,
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From: Steve Thalberg <sathalberg@gmail.com>

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hello jeffrey,

a couple of questions for the planning commission or other group addressing the update to the county's comprehensive growth management plan (CGMP):

1. which sub-group will address tree cover / tree canopy for the county's CGMP?
2. which sub-group will address health of residents for the county's CGMP?
3. which sub-group will address environmental health/impact portion of the county's CGMP?
4. how would i submit testimony (written and oral) to each of those sub-groups?
5. when is the deadline to submit testimony (written and oral) to each of those sub-groups?

thanks,

steve thalberg