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Good day, Sam,

Thank you for providing comments on behalf of the City of Battle Ground ahead of tonight's Joint Hearing to select the Preferred Land Use Alternative.

Your comments will be brought to the attention of the Planning Commission and Council ahead of the Hearing. This will also be added to the Index of Record.

Best,



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Hello Jeff, Rebecca,

Looks like the opportunity to submit written comments is closed online.

Our Mayor will be reading some version of this letter into the Record this evening. I'll have copies as well, I can give to the Clerk. I'll be in attendance as well.

Thank you.

Sam



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On behalf of the City of Battle Ground, please accept the following testimony regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Battle Ground is supportive of Growth Alternative 2 as represented in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). For Battle Ground, this growth alternative provides reasonable measures to add capacity within city limits and the existing planning area.

One of Battle Ground's primary goals in this process is to expand its Urban Growth Area (UGA) to the Dollars Corner area for the purpose of accommodating employment growth. In 2021, Battle Ground completed a Land Use Master Plan to better understand its growth needs. This study found Battle Ground is deficient in employment lands.

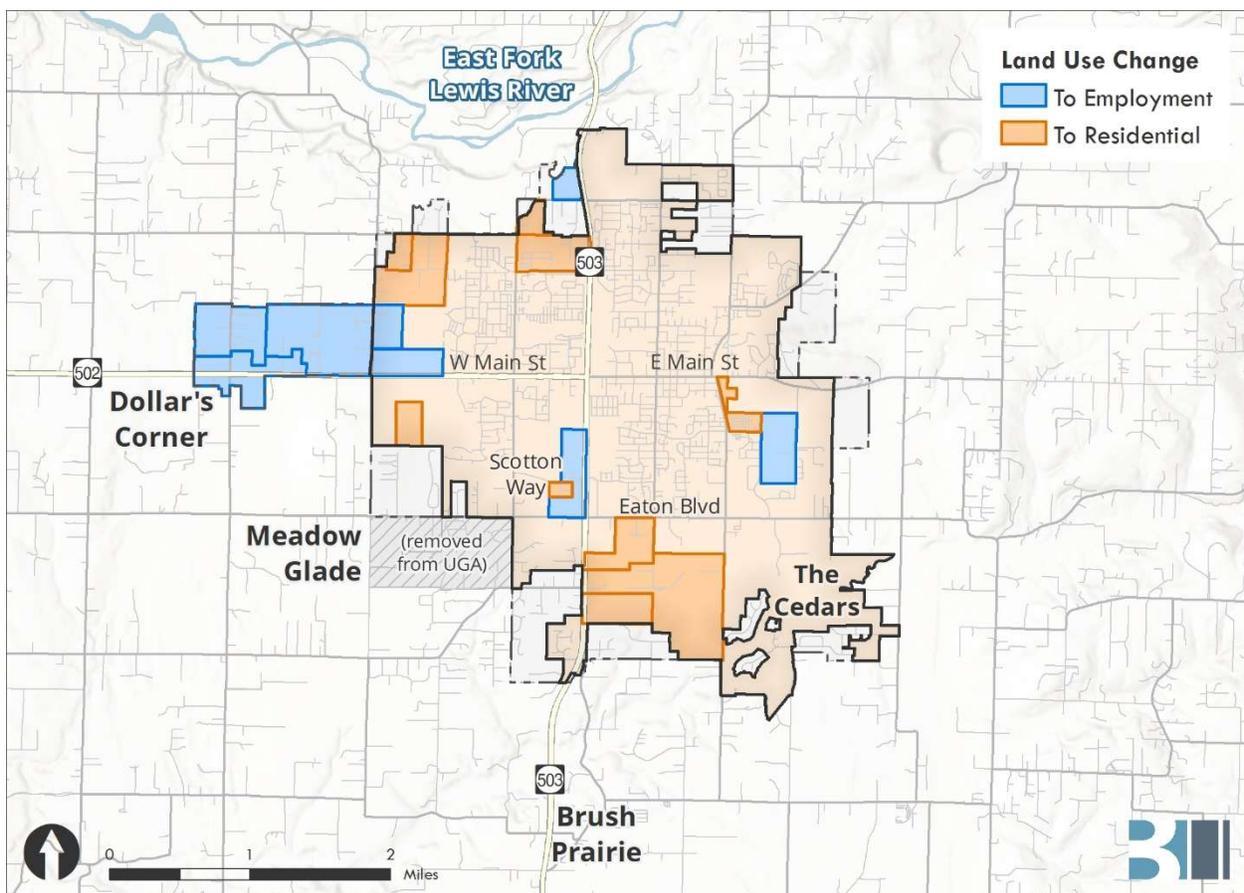
Data studied on home locations for Battle Ground workers and where they work, supports the perception that Battle Ground is a "bedroom" community. In 2021, the top three places where Battle Ground residents travel to work are Vancouver, Portland, and Battle Ground, in that order.

To reverse this trend, Battle Ground's Plan will create more jobs close to home. The expansion to Dollars Corner would add approximately 450 (gross) acres for job growth. The

existing Dollars Corner commercial center would be added to the Battle Ground UGA. This area has already received significant state transportation infrastructure investment and its location minimizes traffic impacts related to shipping and freight in Battle Ground’s city center.

Our request also removes approximately 330 acres from the Meadow Glade area in the southwest of the current UGA. Existing development patterns and lack of infrastructure make this area unlikely to develop within the 20-year planning horizon. Removing this residential area will help focus residential growth more compactly into the rest of Battle Ground’s planning area. Figure 1 below illustrates Battle Ground’s growth request.

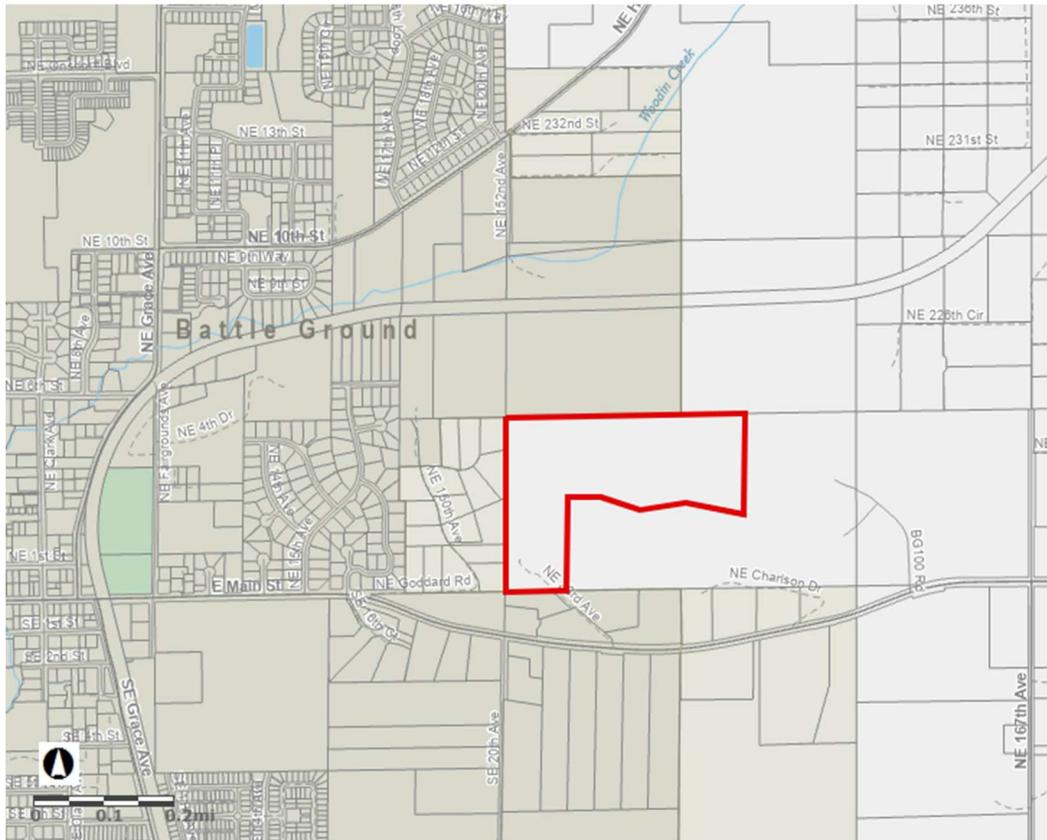
Figure 1. City of Battle Ground Growth Proposal (Alternative 2).



While Battle Ground is supportive of Alternative 2, it is asking for two minor modifications to the requested UGA expansion, resulting from community visioning and as recommended by our Planning Commission and City Council.

The requested modifications are related to city infrastructure and utility needs. The first modification request would add three parcels: 226938000 (Miller), 226943000 (Haldeman),

Figure 3. City Water Reservoirs Parcel



Battle Ground understands the gravity and complexity of a 20-year countywide growth plan. Since the County and partner cities are currently outside of the GMA timeframe for compliance, we encourage you to move through this process as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Thank you for the collaborative leadership you and your staff have provided. We look forward to our continued partnership and assisting in bringing this effort across the finish line.

Sincerely,

Eric Overholser
Mayor, City of Battle Ground

A full copy of Battle Ground's Draft Plan may be found here:
<https://cityofbg.box.com/s/2l7tt8hl4pyezwphfkr78joz883uvq7f>