



San Juan County Planning Commissioners

The Comprehensive Plan is a living document that changes with input from YOU!

### How To Get Involved

The best way to make sure that the Comprehensive Plan is the best it can be is to actively participate in updating the plan. Here are some upcoming planning events:

- **October 2, 2017 Friday Harbor**  
8AM to 4:30PM Pop-Up Studio  
@ Market Place  
6PM to 8PM Community Workshop  
@ Brickworks
- **October 3, 2017 Eastsound**  
8AM to 4:30PM Pop-Up Studio  
@ Orcas Island Market  
6PM to 8PM Community Workshop  
@ Orcas High School Cafeteria
- **October 4, 2017 Lopez Village**  
8AM to 4:30PM Pop-Up Studio  
@ Lopez Village Market  
6PM to 8PM Community Workshop @  
Lopez Center for Community and the Arts

## SAN JUAN COUNTY Department of Community Development

### Our Mission:

To support healthy, diverse, sustainable island communities, and a high quality of life through effective planning, administration, and enforcement of building and land use codes that balance and accommodate appropriate development of the community while protecting the natural environment.

### Contact Us

Drop us a line for more information about the Comprehensive Plan.

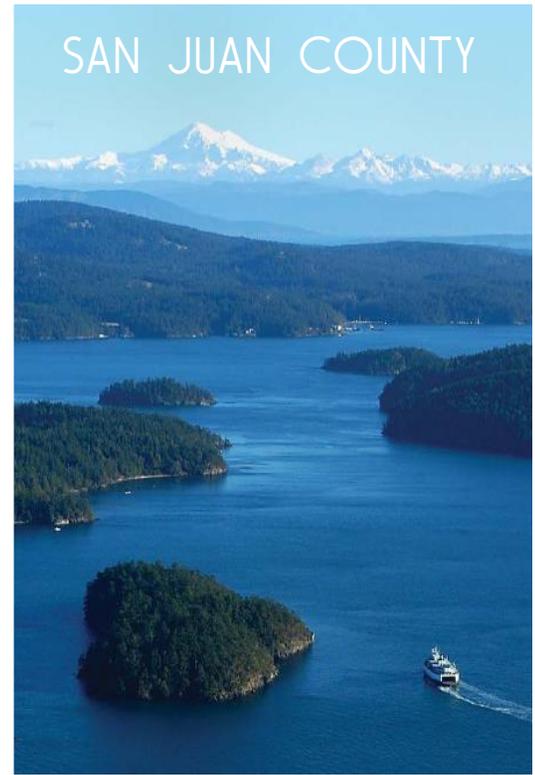
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SAN JUAN COUNTY

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

### AN INTRODUCTION



SAN JUAN COUNTY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



## What is the Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan represents the county's vision for the future. The Comprehensive Plan outlines how our county will respond to changes in the next twenty years. The plan contains a 20 year vision, goals, policies and a land use map. It is the guiding document for new policies and programs.

## Why does the Comprehensive plan matter?

- The Comprehensive Plan is the expression of our community's shared aspirations.
- The plan will guide the county to continued success in the face of future challenges.
- The plan guides county policy, shaping elements such as: land use, housing policy, transportation, and shoreline management.

## What are the elements covered in the San Juan County Comprehensive Plan?

- Governance
- Land Use
- Shoreline Master Program
- Water Resources
- Housing
- Transportation
- Capital Facilities
- Utilities
- Historic and Archaeological Preservation
- Subarea Plans



## How is a Comprehensive Plan Implemented?

The Comprehensive Plan outlines goal and policies to express the community's vision and address potential changes in the coming years.

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Planned goals and policies  
guide county programs,  
capital projects, and land use  
development regulations.

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## Land Use Designations

The Comprehensive Plan designates certain lands for specific types of development. This is one of the best tools for protecting our islands' natural resource lands and rural character.

## Urban Growth Areas

Urban Growth Areas are established as a part of the Comprehensive Plan. These areas are specially marked out as places where increased development is encouraged in an effort to protect agricultural & forest lands.