

## Ten Questions to Ask About Your City's or County's Comprehensive Plan

A comprehensive plan is a generalized and coordinated land use policy statement adopted by the governing body of a county or city. It also includes maps showing the community's desired future land uses.

These ten questions can identify how well an existing or proposed comprehensive plan will help to maintain your community's quality of life. If the answer to any question is no, recommend that the plan be improved to address the issues. For detailed information on these or other questions about comprehensive plans please see 1000 Friends of Washington's *Checklist for Evaluating Comprehensive Plans with Explanation* included on the *Comprehensive Planning Workshop CD*.

1. Is the urban growth area sized to fit the Office of Financial Management Growth Management population projection chosen by the county and the cities in the county plus no more than 25 percent additional land (referred to as a market factor)? Did the county show how it calculated the urban growth area? \_ Yes  
\_ No
2. Does the plan direct growth away from large areas of wetlands, fish and wildlife habitats, aquifer recharge areas, geological hazards, flood plains, agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance, and forest lands of long-term commercial significance? \_ Yes  
\_ No
3. Does the plan provide for a well distributed system of parks and recreation areas to serve the entire community? \_ Yes  
\_ No
4. Does the plan provide for a variety of housing types at different densities to give community residents a choice of housing and to provide housing for all of your community's income groups? \_ Yes  
\_ No
5. Does the plan encourage an identifiable center with a mix of jobs, stores, parks and recreational areas, community buildings, and housing? \_ Yes  
\_ No
6. Does the plan include a strategy for encouraging jobs in your community that can support a family? \_ Yes  
\_ No
7. Does the transportation plan provide for walking, biking, transit, cars, and freight mobility? \_ Yes  
\_ No
8. Does the plan encourage maintaining the key aspects of your community that make it special? This could include landmarks, views, access to a river or lake or other important community treasures. \_ Yes  
\_ No
9. Does the plan include a balanced plan (referred to as a capital facility plan) to pay for the parks, streets, water facilities, sewer facilities, schools, public buildings, and other facilities needed for the future? \_ Yes  
\_ No
10. Were adequate opportunities for the public to learn about the comprehensive plan, consider alternatives, comment, and learn about opportunities to comment provided during the adoption or updating of the plan? \_ Yes  
\_ No

