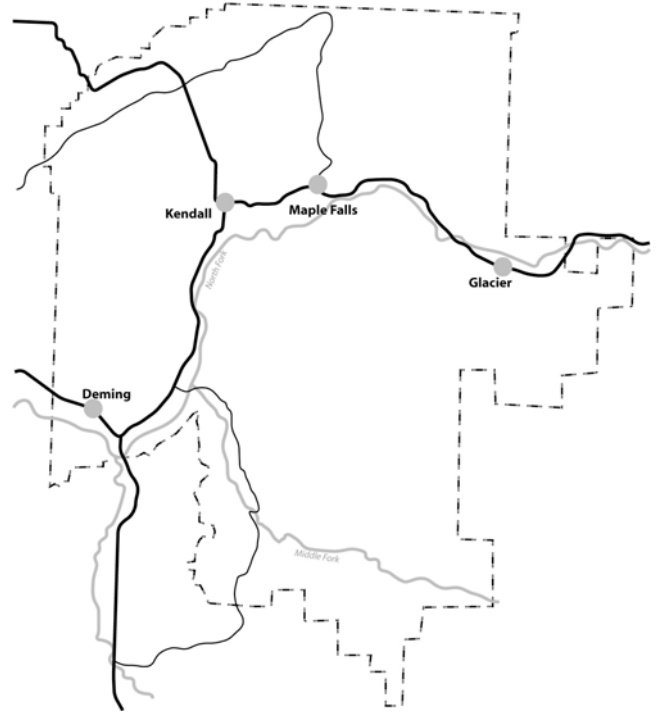


Foothills Subarea Plan Public Questionnaire

A **citizen advisory committee** and **Whatcom County** are preparing an update to the **Foothills** subarea portion of the countywide comprehensive plan. This is an opportunity for you to **comment** early on in the process, influencing the direction the plan takes and identifying important considerations the plan must address. The community's comments, goals, and priorities will help to determine the **direction** of the Foothills Subarea Plan.



Please contact Matt Aamot or Sharon Digby at Whatcom County Planning (360) 676-6907 if you have any **questions** about this questionnaire or if you would like to know more about this planning process and how you can get **involved**. This questionnaire is also available on line and in **Russian**. Feel free to encourage family and friends to participate, too! For additional information, visit the project Web site at:

www.co.whatcom.wa.us/pds/planning/FoothillsSubareaPlanUpdate.htm

Please **return** this questionnaire to the County planning department by **October 20, 2006**.

Part One - Location

Please indicate on the map on this page approximately where you live with an "L" and, if appropriate, where you work (with a "W") and where you own property (with an "O").

Part Two - Preferences

Using the scale on the right, please indicate with an "X" to what degree you agree with the statements below.

| Community | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | No Opinion |
|---|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|------------|
| I would like to see more places for Foothills residents to gather. | | | | | |
| I would like to see increased multicultural interaction in the Foothills. | | | | | |
| I would like to know people in my community better. | | | | | |
| I suggest the following as places to gather in my community: | | | | | |

| Sewer/Water | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | No Opinion |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| The availability of public sewer is important to me. | | | | | |
| Protecting the high quality of water in Foothills is important to me. | | | | | |
| I think water conservation is important because: My well goes dry periodically. | | | | | |
| My water quality degrades periodically. | | | | | |
| For protection of fish habitat. | | | | | |
| Other: _____ | | | | | |

| Land Use/Housing | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | No Opinion |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| I support encouraging population density while preserving open space. | | | | | |
| I think we should continue the type of single-family and rural residential patterns we now have in the Foothills. | | | | | |
| Variety in housing types is a good way to make housing more affordable (defined as housing costs not to exceed 30% of household income). | | | | | |
| I think we should revise land use policy and zoning to help make housing more affordable in the Columbia Valley/Kendall Urban Growth Area (UGA). | | | | | |
| I support increasing housing density in the Columbia Valley/Kendall Urban Growth Area beyond what is currently allowed. | | | | | |
| I support retaining the rural character of the Foothills area. | | | | | |

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|---|--------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------|------------|
| Affordable housing is best located in which of the following locations (please circle one or more): | Deming | Columbia Valley/ Kendall UGA | Maple Falls | Glacier | Other | No Opinion |
|---|--------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------|------------|

| Recreation | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | No Opinion |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| I think additional parks should be identified and set aside for recreational purposes. | | | | | |
| I would like to see the Foothills area continue to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitors. | | | | | |

| Economy | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | No Opinion |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| I would like to see new employment opportunities in the Foothills. | | | | | |
| The ability to start a home-based or cottage business in the Foothills is important to me. | | | | | |
| I think resource-based (forestry, mining, fisheries) industry should continue to be an important component of the Foothills' economy. | | | | | |
| I think agriculture should continue to be an important component of the Foothills' economy. | | | | | |
| I think tourism should continue to be an important component of the Foothills' economy. | | | | | |
| I live in the Foothills area by choice and not because of economics. | | | | | |

New employment opportunities I would like to see (circle one or more):

| | | | |
|----------------|---------------------------|--------|----------------------|
| Light industry | technology-based business | retail | other (please list): |
|----------------|---------------------------|--------|----------------------|

| Transportation | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | No Opinion |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| I would use public transportation if it were more available. | | | | | |
| I think we should make bicycling and walking more attractive transportation options. | | | | | |
| I would walk and use my bike more if safe trails between communities were available. | | | | | |
| Road improvements I would like to see are (please list): | | | | | |

| Emergency preparedness | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | No Opinion |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| I am concerned about emergency response times for: | | | | | |
| Police | | | | | |
| Fire | | | | | |
| Medical | | | | | |
| Natural Disaster | | | | | |
| I am concerned about the ability to communicate by cell phone or radio in the Foothills. | | | | | |

Part Three - Tradeoffs and Priorities

Making policy choices involves tradeoffs. There are ten topics listed here, including a “wild card” that you can fill in. Please **rank** them (1 through 10) in order of importance to you, with “1” being the most important. It’s supposed to be difficult.

| | | | |
|----------------------------|------|--|------|
| | Rank | | Rank |
| Local jobs | | Rural character | |
| Improved levels of service | | Convenient access to urban areas | |
| Housing affordability | | Environmental Protection | |
| Water quality | | Emergency response and law enforcement | |
| Recreation | | Other: | |

Part Four - Vision

These questions encourage you to tell us about your relationship with the Foothills. You can attach additional sheets if necessary for your response.

1. What do you value about the Foothills?
2. What changes would you most like to see?
3. What changes would you least like to see?
4. What are your hopes for the Foothills in the next 20 years?
5. I would like to see the following local community services provided in my community:

Part Five - Respondent Comments

This is your opportunity to make additional comments or clarify your responses to any of the above questions. You can attach additional sheets if necessary.

How old are you? (*Optional*)

| | | | |
|--------------|--|-------------|--|
| Less than 18 | | 45 to 59 | |
| 19 to 29 | | 60 to 74 | |
| 30 to 44 | | 75 or older | |

Thank you for your participation!

Return this questionnaire to:

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 Bellingham, WA 98226