

# 15 Implementation

## 15.1 Introduction

Gig Harbor's Comprehensive Plan is implemented through numerous actions, including day-to-day operations, capital investments, review of new development projects, and related system plans. Planning is an ongoing process, and the Comprehensive Plan is a living document that responds to changing laws, local circumstances, and evolving community values.

The success of the comprehensive planning effort is determined by how the Plan is implemented. Successful implementation requires necessary mechanisms to support monitoring, amendments, and ongoing administration, which are established through the Implementation Element. The purposes of these implementation approaches include ensuring:

- The effective, fair, and impartial administration and enforcement of the Comprehensive Plan and its implementing ordinances and programs;
- Regular reviews and amendments of the Comprehensive Plan are provided that are consistent with state law; and
- The Comprehensive Plan continues to reflect the needs and desires of the Gig Harbor community.

## 15.2 Purpose and Use of the Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan provides a guide and general framework for development in Gig Harbor that reflects community desires. The goals and policies contained in the Plan will encourage and inform public and private investments in development but, by themselves, will not ensure that Gig Harbor becomes the community it wants to be. The City of Gig Harbor will use the Plan to help focus, design, and interpret needed ordinances, incentives, regulations, policies, and programs adopted to implement it.

The Comprehensive Plan will not be relied upon in reviewing applications for specific development projects, except when reference to the Comprehensive Plan is expressly required by an applicable development regulation.

## 15.3 Goals and Policies

### Consistency

- ▶ **IM-1      Ensure that the Gig Harbor Comprehensive Plan complies with state, regional, and county requirements.**
  - IM-1.1    Ensure the Comprehensive Plan is consistent with the provisions of the GMA.
  - IM-1.2    Ensure consistency of the Comprehensive Plan with the PSRC MPPs and Pierce County CPPs.
  - IM-1.3    Maintain clear documentation and references with regards to how the Comprehensive Plan integrates and fulfills these requirements.
- ▶ **IM-2      Ensure consistency and coordination between the Gig Harbor Comprehensive Plan and the Comprehensive Plans of Pierce County and Tacoma.**
  - IM-2.1    Consider aligning policies that apply to common areas or issues with neighboring communities.
  - IM-2.2    Rely on consistent population projections, planning horizons, and other relevant data that are consistent with practices in Pierce County and Tacoma.
  - IM-2.3    Circulate Plan updates and amendments to Pierce County, Tacoma, and other jurisdictions as needed.
- ▶ **IM-3      Ensure that the Gig Harbor Comprehensive Plan is an internally consistent document with clear steps for implementation.**
  - IM-3.1    Develop an implementation strategy for the Comprehensive Plan that includes regulatory and non-regulatory measures needed.
  - IM-3.2    Ensure the implementation strategy for the Comprehensive Plan considers necessary changes to the Gig Harbor Municipal Code.
  - IM-3.3    Include a schedule for the adoption or amendment of the development regulations identified in the implementation strategy.
  - IM-3.4    Ensure that the implementation strategy is a public document available for review.

### Public Engagement

- ▶ **IM-4      Promote active engagement by residents and stakeholders in an open and transparent planning process, especially vulnerable populations and members of overburdened communities.**
  - IM-4.1    Implement procedures for accessible public participation with the Comprehensive Plan and associated documents, including:

- a) Widespread distribution of proposals,
- b) Opportunities for submitting written comments,
- c) Public meetings with effective notice,
- d) Ensuring environments for open discussion,
- e) Maintaining communication programs,
- f) Coordinating information services, and
- g) Responding thoughtfully to public feedback.

IM-4.2 Use diverse and accessible methods to communicate effectively with all members of the public throughout the planning process.

IM-4.3 Strive for inclusive community engagement, drawing in groups previously underrepresented in planning discussions.

IM-4.4 Demonstrate how public comments have been incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan and development regulation legislative actions.

IM-4.5 Record all public meetings held for outreach for planning.

IM-4.6 Clearly reference the sources of data used in the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations.

► **IM-5 Coordinate updates and amendments to the Comprehensive Plan based on a regular schedule.**

IM-5.1 Revise the Gig Harbor Comprehensive Plans and development regulations for compliance with GMA requirements by December 31, 2024, with subsequent reviews conducted on or before June 30, 2034 and every 10 years thereafter.

IM-5.2 Coordinate a five-year periodic review of the Comprehensive Plan by December 31, 2029, and provide the Department of Commerce a progress report detailing implementation conducted for the Comprehensive Plan to that date.

IM-5.3 Create a Climate Change and Resiliency Element as part of the initial implementation progress report due by December 31, 2029, pending availability of funding.

IM-5.4 Limit amendments and revisions to the Comprehensive Plan to no more than once annually.

IM-5.5 Permit emergency amendments to the Comprehensive Plan more frequently than once per year when necessary to address immediate concerns vital to the community's health, safety, and welfare.

## Tribal Coordination

- ▶ **IM-6 Foster collaborative and respectful coordination with federally recognized Indian Tribes whose reservations or ceded lands are within Pierce County.**
  - IM-6.1 Engage in good faith negotiations to develop a memorandum of agreement with any federally recognized Indian Tribe about collaboration and participation in the planning process upon receiving a Tribal resolution indicating their interests within Pierce County and intent for collaboration.
  - IM-6.2 Coordinate and collaborate on planning efforts with Tribes in areas of mutual interest, based on the guidelines and commitments established in the memorandum of agreement.
  - IM-6.3 Provide options for communication and engagement for Tribes which are not subject to a memorandum of agreement but have reservations or ceded lands in the city.

## 15.4 Implementation Strategies

The purpose of this element is to identify specific strategies the City may implement to achieve goals and policies identified in each element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Implementation strategies are listed for each element:

- Land Use (15.4.1)
- The Harbor (15.4.2)
- Community Development (15.4.3)
- Environment (15.4.4)
- Housing (15.4.5)
- Economic Development (15.4.6)
- Essential Public Facilities (15.4.7)
- Utilities (15.4.8)
- Shoreline Management (15.4.9)
- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (15.4.10)
- Transportation (15.4.11)
- Capital Facilities (15.4.12)
- Arts and Culture (15.4.13)

Strategies may relate to multiple elements but are listed under the primary element which they support with related elements noted.

These strategies include the following descriptions:

- A description of the strategy itself.
- The identification of **related elements** that would also need to be considered as part of actions.
- The **expected leads and major partners** associated with carrying out the action itself that would need to be engaged as part of implementation.
- The **anticipated timeline** for the action, which outlines both when the action should occur and whether it would be an ongoing action. Note that short-term would be 0–5 years, medium-term 5–10 years, and long-term 10+ years.
- **Potential funding sources** to support the action, both internal sources to the city and funding from government, nonprofit, and private sources.

### 15.4.1 Land Use

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>High-Priority Strategies</b>				
<b>LU-A</b>	Identify properties inconsistently zoned for their land use designations and develop a strategy for rezoning these properties consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.		Community Development	Short-Term
<b>LU-B</b>	Establish methodology for tracking status of implementing activities to support the required 5-year monitoring report.	All	Community Development	Short-Term
<b>LU-C</b>	Establish minimum density standards of four dwelling units per acre in residential areas to discourage underdevelopment of land resulting in reduced capacity for housing	Housing	Community Development	Short-Term
<b>LU-D</b>	Monitor development to determine whether assumptions made in the Comprehensive Plan regarding development remain valid. Report to the Council the results of monitoring, and highlight thresholds at which departures from projected population, dwelling unit, and employment growth warrant consideration of amendments to land use designations.	Housing; Economic Development	Community Development	Short-Term / ongoing; Medium-Term
<b>LU-E</b>	Require Health Impact Assessments and similar equity-focused tools to guide the land use process and identify how development and infrastructure may impact overburdened or historically disadvantaged community members.	All	Community Development	Short-Term / Ongoing
<b>LU-F</b>	Develop a process to ensure that neighborhood amenities and public benefits provided for increased residential development address the needs of the community, particularly for low-income and disadvantaged residents	Housing	Community Development	Short-Term / Ongoing
<b>LU-G</b>	Conduct outreach to overburdened communities through accessible public meetings, virtual platforms, multilingual materials, and community partnerships to involve them in land use decision making and work to mitigate the negative impacts of public and private development.		Community Development	Short-Term / Ongoing
<b>Additional Strategies</b>				
<b>LU-H</b>	Coordinate with Peninsula School District and Public Works on location of new schools based on growth, available land, and essential public services.	Public Services; Essential Public Facilities; Capital Facilities	Public Works; Peninsula School District	Medium-Term / Ongoing

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>LU-I</b>	Update the Comprehensive Plan on a regular basis to ensure it continues to reflect community values and desires as they change over time	All	Community Development	Medium-Term; Minor Revisions annually
<b>LU-J</b>	Monitor the provision of public services in areas of increased residential development density	Housing, Public Services, Essential Public Facilities, Capital Facilities	Public Works	Medium-Term
<b>LU-K</b>	Monitor and update the Urban Forest Management Plan to designate suitable open space and preservation areas.	Environment; Parks, Recreation, and Open Space; Public Works;	Parks, Community Development, Public Works, Puyallup Tribe	Short-Term; ongoing
<b>LU-L</b>	Revise urban plans and policies to incorporate strategies that support public health (e.g., non-motorized connections and infrastructure improvements, higher-density housing, etc.)	Parks; Transportation; Housing	Community Development; Parks; Transportation	Medium-Term

Note: Short-term = 0–5 years; Medium-term = 5–10 years; Long-term = 10+ years. Anticipated leads, major partners, timeline, and funding sources subject to change.

Sources: City of Gig Harbor, 2024; BERK, 2024.

## 15.4.2 The Harbor

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>High-Priority Strategies</b>				
<b>HB-A</b>	Coordinate with Pierce Transit and relevant public transit agencies to identify specific Harbor needs that can contribute to a multimodal transportation plan that meets the diverse mobility needs of its community members and contribute to equitable non-motorized travel through The Harbor, including the establishment and maintaining of paratransit and microtransit.	Transportation	Public Works; Pierce Transit	Short-Term / Ongoing
<b>HB-B</b>	Update the transportation plan with specific project investments within The Harbor that balances vehicular mobility with safe, accessible, and integrated non-motorized transportation to ensure equitable service levels for all users.	Transportation	Public Works	Short-Term / Ongoing
<b>HB-C</b>	Identify opportunities for traffic calming, improved pedestrian crossing projects, streetscapes, and sidewalk widening	Transportation	Public Works	Short-Term / Ongoing
<b>HB-D</b>	Update development regulations for waterfront developments to include amenities that support inclusive, accessible public space. Amenities include docks, paths, walkways, and picnic and seating areas	Land Use; Shoreline Management	Community Development	Short-Term
<b>HB-E</b>	Coordinate with downtown businesses, property owners, and community groups to define specific economic development goals in relation to The Harbor and provide support for local small businesses and inclusive spaces.	Economic Development	Community Development; Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce	Short- to Medium-Term
<b>HB-F</b>	Develop a plan in collaboration with local Tribal partners to support and enhance the Indigenous and commercial maritime cultural heritage of The Harbor. Engage with local Tribal partners on cultural heritage projects that center Indigenous voices and include educational initiatives that raise awareness, with integration in community events.	Arts & Culture	Community Development; Local Tribal Partners	Short-Term
<b>Additional Strategies</b>				
<b>HB-G</b>	Update development standards to encourage sustainable low-impact land development and building practices, as well as landscape standards that support views of the bay and usage of native vegetation	Land Use; Community Design	Community Development	Short-Term



Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>HB-H</b>	Identify the existing publicly owned shoreline properties in The Harbor. Develop a plan to establish a system of public properties along the waterfront of The Harbor	Shoreline Management; Land Use	Community Development	Short- to Medium-Term
<b>HB-I</b>	Update design standards and development regulations that define the character of historic neighborhoods within The Harbor and create vibrant community spaces.	Community Design	Community Development	Short- to Medium-Term
<b>HB-J</b>	Develop an innovative parking strategy for The Harbor that supports economic development with adequate visitor and commercial parking.	Transportation; Economic Development	Public Works; Community Development	Short- to Medium-Term
<b>HB-K</b>	Develop a plan that identifies local organizations to collaborate with to enhance The Harbor community.	Economic Development	Community Development; Local Tribal Partners	Short-Term
<b>HB-L</b>	Install distinctive physical features, such as artwork, lighting, landmark building and monument forms, and others to produce a gateway effect in The Harbor neighborhood. Consider ways to incorporate public art and signage to celebrate its history and the community.	Community Design; Arts and Culture; Transportation	Community Development; Public Works; Gig Harbor Arts Commission	Long-Term
<b>HB-M</b>	Update development regulations to encourage street-level commercial and retail uses	Land Use; Community Design; Transportation	Community Development; Public Works	Short-Term
<b>HB-N</b>	Identify key improvements and features that support commercial and recreational boating and water activities at The Harbor	Community Design	Community Development	Medium-Term
<b>HB-O</b>	Identify trail opportunities for pedestrian links to the public park system.	Parks, Recreation, and Open Space	<u>PenMet</u> ; Public Works; Community Development; Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce	Short- to Medium-Term
<b>HB-P</b>	Identify and implement local business attraction, retention, and expansion strategies targeted to economic sectors that could support additional local employment.	Economic Development	Community Development; Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce	Short- to Medium-Term

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### 15.4.3 Community Design

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>High-Priority Strategies</b>				
<b>CD-A</b>	Apply and enforce design standards that prioritize people-oriented architectural, site, and street design that allows all community members to enjoy the space, especially marginalized groups such as low-income community members, older adults, and people with disabilities.	Land Use; Housing; Economic Development; Transportation; The Harbor	Community Development	Short-Term; Ongoing
<b>CD-B</b>	Coordinate with Pierce Transit and relevant agencies on identifying investments that promote pedestrian and non-motorized transportation connections and user-friendly bus stops and addressing barriers.	Transportation	Public Works; Pierce Transit	Short-Term
<b>CD-C</b>	Prioritize infrastructure access in neighborhoods that have underserved or low-income populations to work towards equitable access to transportation options for all community members.			
<b>CD-D</b>	Update commercial development regulations to incorporate outdoor common space that is accessible and welcoming to all, including those with mobility challenges.	Land Use	Community Development	Short-Term
<b>Additional Strategies</b>				
<b>CD-E</b>	Identify a list of significant vistas, view corridors and visually sensitive areas as possible designation sites for increased landscaping, including waterfront views	The Harbor; Land Use	Community Development	Short- to Medium-Term
<b>CD-F</b>	Identify and develop a project list and schedule to support city gateway development with formal landscaping, information kiosks, public art, or civic structures	The Harbor; Arts and Culture; Transportation	Community Development; Public Works; Gig Harbor Arts Commission	Long-Term
<b>CD-G</b>	Revise and update development code in areas with increasing density including changes in lot and building orientation, yard size, and setbacks, with consideration of historic development patterns.	Land Use	Community Development	Short-Term

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>CD-H</b>	Establish a Historic Conservation Area to encourage local preservation and maintain the character of historical areas of the city.	The Harbor; Arts and Culture; Economic Development	Community Development; Historic Preservation	Medium-Term
<b>CD-I</b>	Consider adoption of a unifying design theme for street facilities, buildings, and public spaces to help foster a sense of neighborhood or community identity. Ensure any adopted design themes respect and reflect the history of Gig Harbor's communities and foster a welcoming and inclusive environment	Land Use; Arts and Culture; Transportation	Community Development; Public Works	Long-Term
<b>CD-J</b>	Identify desirable through-block linkages to increase connectivity and encourage development in partnership with private development projects or by securing access through purchase or easements.	Transportation	Community Development; Public Works	Long-Term
<b>CD-K</b>	Continue to monitor and refine tree retention regulations and landscaping stands to foster local natural conditions in design and the human experience, and to mitigate the impacts of climate change (e.g., urban heat)	Land Use; Parks, Recreation, and Open Space; Environment; Climate	Community Development; PenMet	Ongoing
<b>CD-L</b>	Define and establish development and design standards for the waterfront, including the preservation of historical structures. Include standards that activate the public realm of the waterfront and develop it as a center for outdoor activities.	Land Use; The Harbor; Arts & Culture; Economic Development	Community Development	Short-Term
<b>CD-M</b>	Identify a list of financial incentives such as low-interest loans, tax credits or grants to contribute to the preservation of structures that have historic, architectural, and/or cultural significance.	Arts & Culture; The Harbor; Economic Development	Community Development	Medium-Term
<b>CD-N</b>	Develop a façade and streetscape improvement program.	Arts and Culture; Transportation	Arts Commission; Public Works; Community Development	Medium-Term

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## 15.4.4 Environment

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>High-Priority Strategies</b>				
<b>EN-A</b>	Develop performance and development standards for critical areas or areas that are subject to moderate and severe environmental hazards. Develop a program to enforce these standards.	Land Use; Shoreline Management	Community Development	Medium- to Long-Term
<b>EN-B</b>	Update development regulations to promote clustered development patterns to preserve the development and conservation of natural open space areas.	Land Use; Parks	Community Development	Short-Term / Ongoing
<b>EN-C</b>	Participate in State and regional greenhouse gas emissions inventory and measurement frameworks to measure progress toward achieving greenhouse gas emission reductions.	Transportation; Land Use	Community Development; Public Works	Short-Term / Ongoing
<b>EN-D</b>	Implement and develop a process to periodically monitor the adopted Climate Action Plan for its alignment with community goals, progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and how it is enhancing climate resilience	Capital Facilities; Parks, Recreation, and Open Space; Transportation	Community Development; Public Works	Short-Term / Ongoing
<b>EN-E</b>	Develop a process to ensure infrastructure investments account for climate change impacts, particularly for overburdened communities and vulnerable populations. Develop strategies within the Climate Action Plan that help address these impacts and the equity and social justice implications of climate change.	Capital Facilities; Utilities	Public Works	Short-Term; Ongoing
<b>Additional Strategies</b>				
<b>EN-F</b>	Participate in interjurisdictional efforts which may be implemented from time to time concerning the natural environment. This includes consideration of environmentally sensitive areas, fish and wildlife habitat areas, fish and wildlife corridors, aquifer recharge lands, critical forestlands, unique or important open space areas, and other lands worthy of preservation within the Gig Harbor Planning Area which are deserving of public reclamation, restoration, acquisition, preservation, and inclusion within the City's open space system.	Transportation; Parks, Recreation, and Open Space	Public Works; Community Development	Short- to Medium-Term
<b>EN-G</b>	Update development regulations for performance standards and control zones around retention pond dams and tidal beaches.	Shoreline Management	Community Development	Medium-Term

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>EN-H</b>	Identify and maintain wetland preservation, protection, and restoration program associated with shorelines.	Shoreline Management	Community Development; Public Works	Short-Term / Ongoing
<b>EN-I</b>	Adopt updated regulations for acceptable noise levels in residential developments.	Land Use	Community Development	Medium-Term
<b>EN-J</b>	Update commercial and residential building development regulation standards to encourage energy-efficiency improvements	Land Use	Community Development	Short- to Medium-Term
<b>EN-K</b>	Develop a robust outreach campaign to promote education of the causes and impacts of climate change, which would include printed and online materials and informational workshops. These materials should be accessible and available in multiple languages.	Land Use; Shoreline; Parks, Recreation, and Open Space; Transportation	Community Development	Short-Term
<b>EN-L</b>	Maintain and update maps and inventories of aspects that pertain to the natural environment, including (but not limited to) critical areas	Land Use; Parks, Recreation, and Open Space; Shoreline	Community Development; GIS	Medium-Term

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## 15.4.5 Housing

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>High-Priority Strategies</b>				
<b>HO-A</b>	Explore infill development incentives to facilitate investment in existing neighborhoods with vacant or under-utilized land and to promote the construction of diverse housing types at a variety of income bands.	Land Use	Community Development	Short-Term; Ongoing;
<b>HO-B</b>	Review production trends (permitted and constructed) in relation to adopted housing targets and consider revising land use regulations if production trends are below the pace needed to meet adopted housing targets, particularly in meeting the housing needs of extremely-low, very-low, and low-income community members.  Submit data to Pierce County annually for preparation of annual growth monitoring reports	Land Use	Community Development	Short-Term; Ongoing;
<b>HO-C</b>	Annually review and reassess strategies the City can implement to address affordable housing funding gaps.		Community Development	Annually
<b>HO-D</b>	Update regulations to offer density bonuses or other incentives for developers to incorporate affordable housing. Ensure these affordable units are in areas with access to essential services, transit, and employment opportunities, promoting housing equity by preventing the concentration of affordable units in low-amenity areas.	Land Use	Community Development	Short-Term; Ongoing
<b>HO-E</b>	Apply the findings from the Displacement Risk Analysis to identify strategies that help mitigate displacement risks, particularly in areas with higher displacement risk.  Create an anti-displacement plan that establishes key strategies and regular evaluation and monitoring of its effectiveness.		Community Development	Short-Term; Ongoing
<b>HO-F</b>	Identify and build a database of available surplus city property and in support of affordable housing development. Determine public service investment to increase the amount of city surplus property adequate for affordable housing  Collaborate with other government agencies and local institutions to identify their surplus land.	Land Use; Essential Public Facilities; Utilities; Capital Facilities	Community Development; Public Works	Short-Term; Ongoing

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>HO-G</b>	Provide clear and accessible information on the ADU permitting process, financing options, and design considerations to empower homeowners to explore ADU development opportunities.		Community Development	Short-Term
<b>HO-H</b>	Consider adopting a pre-approved set of ADU plans.		Community Development	Short-Term
<b>HO-I</b>	Explore and evaluate potential programs that incentivize market-rate and affordable housing, such as the Multifamily Housing Property Tax Exemption program		Community Development	Short- to Medium-Term
<b>HO-J</b>	Review development and zoning standards and amend to encourage more flexibility and innovative housing production to support the development of affordable housing	Land Use; Community Design	Community Development	Medium-Term
<b>Additional Strategies</b>				
<b>HO-K</b>	Explore, identify, and promote development and financial incentives related to renovation of historical structures	The Harbor; Community Design; Land Use	Community Development	Medium-Term
<b>HO-L</b>	Work with the Fire Department to streamline site and subdivision standards, allowing, for example, narrower roads and turn-arounds, and reduced parking requirements, to facilitate more efficient land usage and reduce land and building development costs, keeping in mind the need to maintain minimum life safety standards.	Capital Facilities	Community Development; Gig Harbor Fire; Public Works	Short- to Medium-Term
<b>HO-M</b>	Periodically survey housing conditions and promote housing rehabilitation in targeted areas or across the city. Develop marketing materials for interested community members that promote home upkeep, renovation, and rehabilitation to preserve naturally occurring affordable housing		Community Development; Housing, Health, and Human Services Program	Ongoing
<b>HO-N</b>	Program regular infrastructure maintenance for the City's residential neighborhoods	Capital Facilities	Community Development; Public Works	Ongoing
<b>HO-O</b>	Review small lot single family zoned areas to determine if sufficient land is available to meet a variety of household types at various income bands.	Land Use; Community Design	Community Development	Medium-Term
<b>HO-P</b>	Actively participate in regional efforts, such as SSHA3P, that assist in the provision of affordable housing in Gig Harbor and the South Sound region		Community Development	Ongoing

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HO-Q	Explore, identify, and pursue external funding sources and support housing preservation and affordable housing development programs.		Community Development	Short-Term / Ongoing

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## 15.4.6 Economic Development

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>High-Priority Strategies</b>				
<b>EC-A</b>	Develop an Economic Development and Marketing strategy to guide local actions that impact business attraction, retention, and expansion. Incorporate an equity focus to ensure vulnerable and marginalized populations have access to employment opportunities in local industries.	Land Use; The Harbor; Community Development Transportation; Utilities	Community Development; Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce	Short-Term
<b>EC-B</b>	Develop a commercial and industrial site inventory that identifies major sites that could accommodate local employment opportunities	Land Use	Community Development; Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce	Short-Term / Ongoing
<b>EC-C</b>	Coordinate with Pierce County, public agencies, and local businesses on marketing projects to attract new businesses to Gig Harbor.	Community Design; The Harbor; Arts and Culture	Community Development; Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce; Pierce County	Short-Term / Ongoing
<b>EC-D</b>	Develop a plan that encourages and supports local business development. This would include strategies that support small business flexible financing and management assistance, identify incubator facilities or affordable commercial spaces, and streamline permitting and licensing processes		Community Development; Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce	Short-Term / Ongoing
<b>EC-E</b>	Partner with Pierce County, local educational institutions, and other organizations to further develop workforce development programs tailored for underrepresented groups, such as low-income individuals. Prioritize skill development for industries that offer living wage jobs.		Community Development; Pierce County; Tacoma Community College; Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce	Medium-Term / Long-Term
<b>Additional Strategies</b>				
<b>EC-F</b>	Maintain site-selection resources and engage with local economic development organizations on marketing efforts to help match available commercial and industrial spaces with specific needs of businesses looking to relocate or expand.	Land Use	Community Development; Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce	Short-Term / ongoing

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>EC-G</b>	Promote small business financing and management assistance and training programs		Community Development; Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce	Medium-Term
<b>EC-H</b>	Coordinate efforts with Public Works to identify sites with significant public benefits and identify necessary supporting infrastructure to accommodate additional employment	Essential Public Facilities; Capital Facilities; Utilities; Transportation	Public Works	Medium-Term / Long-Term

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### 15.4.7 Essential Public Facilities

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>High-Priority Strategies</b>				
<b>EF-A</b>	Create and maintain an inventory of current and planned “essential public facilities” that is aligned with the standards and project lists from the Washington State OFM.	Transportation; Capital Facilities; Utilities; Public Services	Public Works	Short-Term / Ongoing
<b>EF-B</b>	Coordinate with Pierce County and neighboring jurisdictions to identify countywide essential public facilities	Transportation; Capital Facilities; Utilities; Public Services	Public Works	Short-Term
<b>EF-C</b>	Conduct periodic assessments to ensure all city services and utilities comply with the Comprehensive Plan and effectively meet community needs.	Capital Facilities; Utilities; Public Services	Public Works	Short-Term / Ongoing
<b>EF-D</b>	Create a site-suitability evaluation tool to support the siting of future essential facilities	Transportation; Capital Facilities; Utilities; Public Services	Public Works	Short-Term
<b>EF-E</b>	Create and introduce a review process to regularly analyze the impacts of essential public facilities. This process should incorporate an equity lens to assess distribution of these facilities in underserved neighborhoods to ensure that marginalized communities are not overburdened by the placement of these facilities	Capital Facilities; Utilities; Public Services	Public Works	Short-term
<b>Additional Strategies</b>				
<b>EF-F</b>	Regularly review the need for demand management strategies and conservation measures to address increases in service demand.	Transportation; Capital Facilities; Utilities; Public Services	Public Works	Long-Term
<b>EF-G</b>	Periodically review the provision of urban services and utilities to the city’s Urban Growth Area (UGA) to determine if service delivery is optimal.	Capital Facilities; Utilities; Public Services	Public Works	Medium-Term
<b>EF-H</b>	Maintain a transparent and efficient process for siting essential public facilities that considers environmental and community impacts.	Transportation; Capital Facilities; Utilities; Public Services	Public Works	

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
EF-I	Maintain and regularly revise the city’s Capital Improvement Program.	Transportation; Capital Facilities; Utilities; Public Services	Public Works	Short-Term / Ongoing
EF-J	Describe site, building, and design standards for essential public facilities to ensure compatibility with surroundings. Include an engagement process to confirm that siting does not create additional harm, particularly on overburdened communities.	Capital Facilities; Utilities; Public Services	Public Works	Medium-Term

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Sources: City of Gig Harbor, 2024; BERK, 2024.

## 15.4.8 Utilities

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>High-Priority Strategies</b>				
<b>UT-A</b>	Maintain an inventory of utility facilities in GIs in coordination with private utility providers.	Essential Public Facilities; Public Services; Capital Facilities	Public Works; Long-Range Planning; private utility providers	Short-Term / Ongoing
<b>UT-B</b>	Maintain a comprehensive schedule to manage and update data on utility corridors and facilities with private utility providers.	Essential Public Facilities; Public Services; Capital Facilities	Public Works; Long-Range Planning; private utility providers	Short-Term / Ongoing
<b>UT-C</b>	<p>Develop materials and engage with utility providers to ensure that the siting, placement, and planning of all utility facilities align with the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>Incorporate an equity lens to ensure utility providers understand and consider the needs of low-income and historically marginalized community members, as well as the potential siting impacts for these communities.</p>	Essential Public Facilities; Public Services; Capital Facilities	Public Works; private utility providers	Short-Term / Ongoing
<b>UT-D</b>	Maintain an integrated stormwater management program and system in compliance with national, state, and county standards.		Public Works	Short-Term; Ongoing
<b>UT-E</b>	Coordinate a Water System Plan for the City Water Service Area.	Public Services; Capital Facilities	Public Works	Short-Term; Ongoing
<b>UT-F</b>	Maintain a Sewer Comprehensive Plan to identify needed wastewater infrastructure over the next 20 years. Identify infrastructure investment that ensures underserved neighborhoods receive necessary upgrades and that there is equitable investment in sewer services.	Essential Public Facilities; Public Services; Capital Facilities	Public Works	Short-Term; Ongoing

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>UT-G</b>	Engage the local community, particularly those who are low-income or historically marginalized, in the siting process to ensure these facilities are fairly distributed.			
Additional Strategies				
<b>UT-H</b>	Coordinate with Peninsula Light Company on the undergrounding of utility feeder and distribution lines to minimize community impact and ensure that is consistent with protection of public's health, safety, and wellness.	Essential Public Facilities; Public Services; Capital Facilities	Public Works	Moderate-Term
<b>UT-I</b>	Update siting guidelines to improve flexible and allow for maximum solar access where practical.	Essential Public Facilities; Public Services; Capital Facilities	Public Works	Long-Term
<b>UT-J</b>	Develop a utility conservation plan in partnership with private utility providers to reduce future needs for additional infrastructure and minimize demand for nonrenewable resources	Public Services; Capital Facilities; private utility providers	Public Works; private utility providers	Moderate Term
<b>UT-K</b>	Update road standards to minimize impervious surfaces, surface water quality impacts, and the use of pavement construction materials	Transportation; Public Facilities	Public Works; Transportation	Moderate Term
<b>UT-L</b>	Conduct a cost-benefit analysis on the use of Local Improvement Districts (LIDs) to support needed upgrades to local stormwater facilities	Public Services; Capital Facilities	Public Works	Moderate-Term
<b>UT-M</b>	Update stormwater management design standards to provide environmental protection, promote efficiency, and maintain adequate storage levels	Public Services; Capital Facilities	Public Works	Moderate-Term
<b>UT-N</b>	Develop a schedule plan to upgrade substandard water systems and provide sufficient fire water flows, with consideration of prioritizing access for communities with historical underinvestment.	Public Services; Capital Facilities	Public Works	Long-Term
<b>UT-O</b>	Conduct an analysis on the use of reclaimed water in the City.	Public Services; Capital Facilities	Public Works	Moderate-Term
<b>UT-P</b>	Update landscaping standards for development regulations to encourage landscaping design and irrigation systems with lower water demands.	Public Services; Capital Facilities; Land Use	Public Works;	Moderate-Term

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>UT-Q</b>	Develop a schedule and identify funding to plan for the capacity expansion of the wastewater treatment plant	Public Services; Capital Facilities;	Public Works	Moderate Term

Note: Short-term = 0–5 years; Medium-term = 5–10 years; Long-term = 10+ years. Anticipated leads, major partners, timeline, and funding sources subject to change.

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### 15.4.9 Shoreline Management

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>High-Priority Strategies</b>				
<b>SM-A</b>	Regularly update the Shoreline Master Program consistent with state requirements and any changes to best available science	All	Community Development	Medium-Term
<b>SM-B</b>	Update development regulations in waterfront areas to require private developments to provide clear access and visibility for tenants, water users, and community members. Encourage public amenities that are consistent with a development, inclusive and accessible by all community members, and reflective of the needs and desires of community members.	Land Use; The Harbor; Community Design	Community Development	Short-Term
<b>SM-C</b>	Review and monitor design standards to control scale, construction methods and materials, drainage patterns, site coverage and other features that impact shoreline and waterfront use.  Maintain stringent standards governing the development of associated improvements (e.g., parking areas, sidewalks, stormwater facilities).	Land Use; The Harbor; Community Design; Capital Facilities; Transportation; Environment	Public Works; Transportation; Community Development	Short-Term
<b>Additional Strategies</b>				
<b>SM-D</b>	Continue to develop and enhance recreation and tourism uses along Gig Harbor Bay to encourage public access and enjoyment of this resource and provide economic opportunities.	Land Use; The Harbor; Community Design; Economic Development	Community Development	Medium-Term

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>SM-E</b>	Review and update zoning code to support a mixed-use waterfront on Gig Harbor Bay that includes commercial uses such as commercial fishing, boating, marine shops and services, restaurants, and retail shops, as well as residential uses that are uniquely able to capitalize on the bay's appeal and associated ecosystems.	Land Use; The Harbor; Community Design; Economic Development	Community Development	Medium-Term

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### 15.4.10 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>High-Priority Strategies</b>				
<b>PR-A</b>	Regularly update the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan, and revise the Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Element and related implementation strategies as needed for consistency with the plan.	All	Parks	Short-Term; Ongoing
<b>PR-B</b>	Acquire and develop additional parkland to serve the city's growing population and improve equitable access to facilities and recreational programming citywide. Coordinate with other agencies and non-profit recreational providers on meeting recreational needs of residents. Prioritize investment in geographically underserved areas and in historically marginalized communities.	Capital Facilities	Parks; Peninsula School District; PenMet; Pierce County	Ongoing
<b>PR-C</b>	Ensure recreational services are response to the community's demographics (e.g., child or senior specific programs, culturally competent programs).	Arts and Culture	Parks	Ongoing
<b>PR-D</b>	Develop a high-quality system of park trails and corridors to increase connectivity of the City's trail network. Include acquisition of new trails and maintenance of current trails.	Transportation	Parks	Short-Term
<b>Additional Strategies</b>				
<b>PR-E</b>	Improve existing parks to conform to ADA standards and ensure universal accessibility.		Parks	Medium-Term; Ongoing
<b>PR-F</b>	Clearly identify areas of programmatic responsibility between the City and other agencies that provide recreational programming to ensure there is no overlap in resource allocation or that gaps in services are not present.		Parks; Peninsula School District; PenMet; Pierce County	Ongoing
<b>PR-G</b>	Explore other funding mechanisms, including local funding options and federal and state grants, to support implementation of parks and recreation projects and programs		Parks; PenMet	Ongoing

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>PR-H</b>	Explore other acquisition tools and methods, including direct purchase methods, landowner incentive measures, and other land protection options, to acquire parkland and protect open space.		Parks; PenMet	Short-Term; Ongoing
<b>PR-I</b>	Regularly review and update Park Impact Fee rates and methodologies to support the expansion of the parks system to meet growth in demand.		Parks; PenMet	Medium-Term
<b>PR-J</b>	Identify parks, structures, and spaces eligible for designation as historic places to ensure they are preserved for the future and planned for long-term preservation and maintenance by the city.	Arts & Culture	Parks; PenMet	Medium-Term; Ongoing
<b>PR-K</b>	Provide sufficient financial and staff resources to maintain and improve park maintenance standards, with an increase in per acre spending.		Parks; PenMet	Short- to Medium-Term; Ongoing
<b>PR-L</b>	Perform an annual park audit and inventory updates using GIS data as a starting point		Parks; PenMet	Short-Term; Ongoing
<b>PR-M</b>	Update the LOS standard for Parks to encompass four community-desired recreational components outlined in the PROS plan		PenMet; Parks	Short- to Medium-Term

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### 15.4.11 Transportation

Refer to Chapter 6 of Appendix B.

### 15.4.12 Capital Facilities

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>High-Priority Strategies</b>				
<b>CF-A</b>	Maintain an updated inventory of existing capital facilities owned by public entities, including the locations and capacities of such facilities.	Essential Public Facilities; Utilities; Parks, Recreation, and Open Space;	Public Works; Community Development; PenMet	Short-Term; Ongoing
<b>CF-B</b>	Monitor capital facilities for adherence to adopted LOS guidelines. Regularly update the needs projections and finance plan based on LOS standards and guidelines, forecasted growth in the Comprehensive Plan, and other relevant considerations.	Essential Public Facilities; Utilities; Parks, Recreation, and Open Space;	Public Works; Community Development; PenMet	Short-Term; Ongoing
<b>CF-C</b>	Formalize a consistent process to review and prioritize capital projects so investments are equitable across the city. Prioritize underserved areas and historically marginalized populations to avoid amassing insufficient capital facilities in vulnerable communities.	Essential Public Facilities; Utilities; Parks, Recreation, and Open Space;	Public Works; Community Development; PenMet	Short-Term;
<b>Additional Strategies</b>				
<b>CF-D</b>	Develop a plan and schedule to explore, identify, and pursue external funding sources, including public grants and private funds, to finance capital improvements	All	Public Works; Community Development; PenMet	Short-Term; Ongoing
<b>CF-E</b>	Coordinate with other jurisdictions and community organizations on the use of cultural and community facilities		Public Works	Medium-Term
<b>CF-F</b>	Coordinate to ensure public facilities are available or planned in connection with and in support of affordable housing development sites	Housing	Public Works; Community Development	Short-Term; Ongoing

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### 15.4.13 Arts and Culture

Implementation Strategies		Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
High-Priority Strategies				
AC-A	Collaborate with the city’s Direct Marketing Organization and Pierce County Tourism to determine arts and cultural priorities in the city and tourism promotion.	Economic Development	Gig Harbor Arts Commission; Pierce County Tourism; Gig Harbor Tourism and Marketing Department	Short- to Medium-Term
AC-B	Develop a plan to engage the community on arts and culture priorities. Actively involve local community organizations that represent or serve marginalized groups to ensure these priorities are reflected in the plan.	Economic Development; The Harbor; Community Design	Gig Harbor Arts Commission; Gig Harbor Tourism and Marketing Department; Community Development	Short-Term / Ongoing
AC-C	Identify current and future arts and cultural facility needs and priorities to inform new venues and spaces that are equitably located and are inviting, accessible, and accommodate all community members, especially those with mobility needs.	Land Use; Economic Development; The Harbor; Community Design	Gig Harbor Arts Commission; Community Development	Short- to Medium-Term
Additional Strategies				
AC-D	Establish a city arts fund to provide grants to local artists, ensuring funding criteria prioritizes support for artists from underrepresented communities.	Economic Development	Gig Harbor Arts Commission	Medium-Term
AC-E	Create a cohesive wayfinding and interpretive signage strategy and incorporate unique city landmarks into this system.	Community Design; The Harbor	Community Development; Gig Harbor Arts Commission; Tourism and Marketing Department	Medium-Term
AC-F	Develop selection criteria for public art that addresses the physical context, represents various cultural narratives and communities, and provides opportunities for local artists to participate, particularly for local and underrepresented artists.	The Harbor; Community Design; Economic Development	Gig Harbor Arts Commission; Community Development	Short-Term

Implementation Strategies	Related Elements	Leads / Major Partners	Anticipated Timeline
<b>AC-G</b> Foster partnerships with the city, business community, arts and culture organizations, public schools and community college and develop a plan with initiatives to support arts and culture programming and education. Prioritize collaboration with organizations that serve marginalized populations and ensure the initiatives respond to those needs.	Community Design	Community Development; Gig Harbor Arts Commission; Tourism and Marketing Department; Peninsula School District; Tacoma Community College	Medium- to Long-Term
<b>AC-H</b> In partnership with local entities, identify historic and cultural sites for preservation and reuse. Engage with community organizations and members that have been historically marginalized to understand which sites are significant to them.	Land Use; Community Design; The Harbor Economic Development;	Community Development; Gig Harbor Arts Commission; Tourism and Marketing Department	Medium-Term

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