Countywide Planning Policies Housing Chapter Monitoring and Reporting Update

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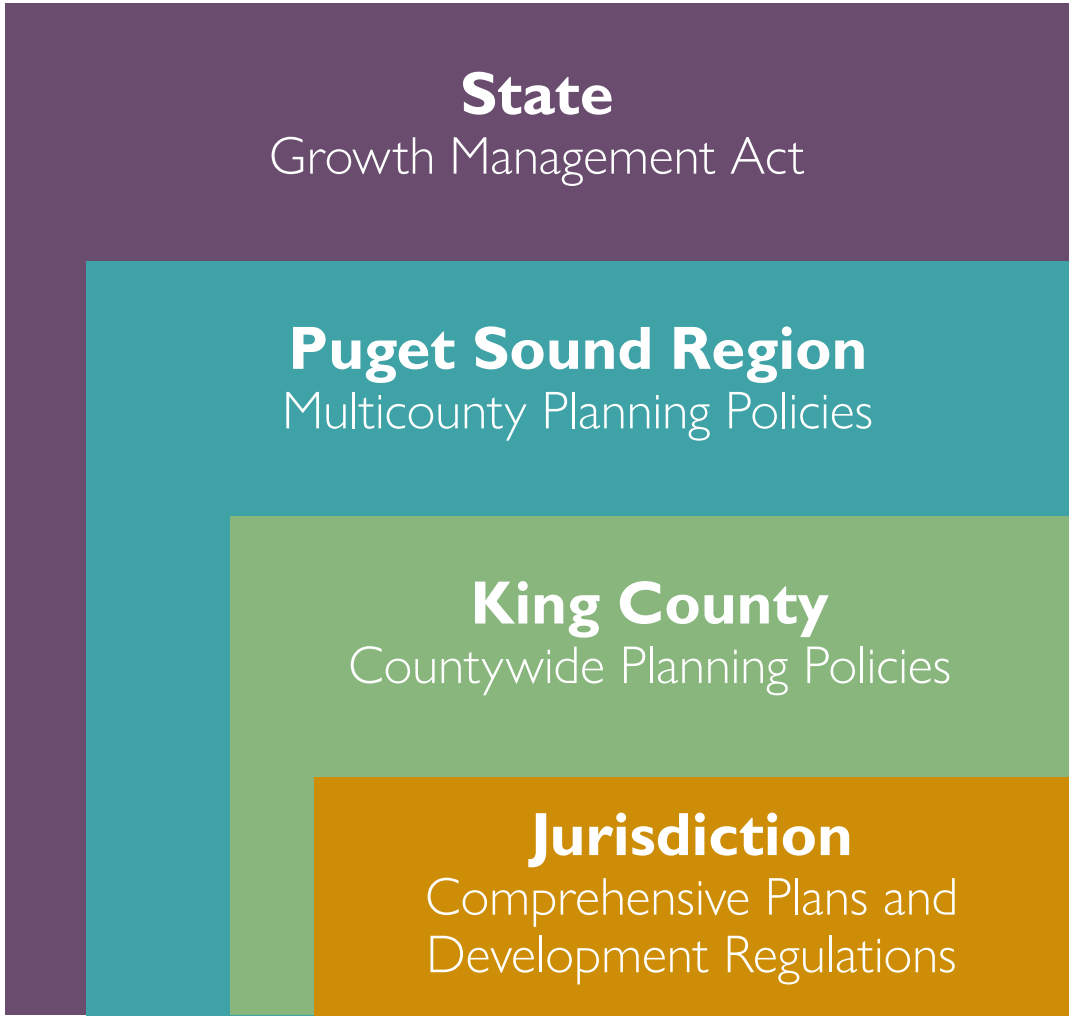
Today's Briefing

Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) staff will provide an update on:

1. Countywide Planning Policy (CPP) Housing Chapter monitoring and reporting requirements
2. Current efforts to align and standardize reporting

What are the Countywide Planning Policies?

- The CPPs create a **shared and consistent framework** for growth management planning for all jurisdictions in King County
- Adopted by King County and ratified by cities, in accordance with Growth Management Act
- Jurisdiction's comprehensive plan must be consistent with the CPPs (CPP FW-5)
- CPP Housing Chapter establishes:
  - by-income level and emergency housing needs countywide and by jurisdiction
  - a common framework for how all jurisdictions plan for and accommodate their shares of countywide housing needs



A Framework for Countywide Accountability

- Review and comment on draft comprehensive plans
- Monitor and report progress annually
- Identify significant shortfalls in efforts to plan for and accommodate and implement actions to address shortfalls five years after plan adoption

Review for Alignment

CPP H-26

What Happens

- AHC reviews draft periodic updates to comprehensive plans for alignment with CPP Housing Chapter and comments
- Jurisdictions may address comments to align adopted plan with CPP Housing Chapter

Why it Matters

- Early guidance supports consistency across jurisdictions
- Jurisdictions report implementation strategies for the AHC to monitor

Monitor & Report

CPPs H-27 & H-28

What Happens

- Jurisdictions report limited housing data to King County in an annual survey
- King County compiles, consolidates with other data, and publishes information online each year in a public facing tool

Why it Matters

- Increases likelihood of housing-related plan implementation to ensure needs are met
- Builds a shared understanding of progress, needs, and emerging issues

Assess Shortfalls & Adjust Strategies

CPP H-29

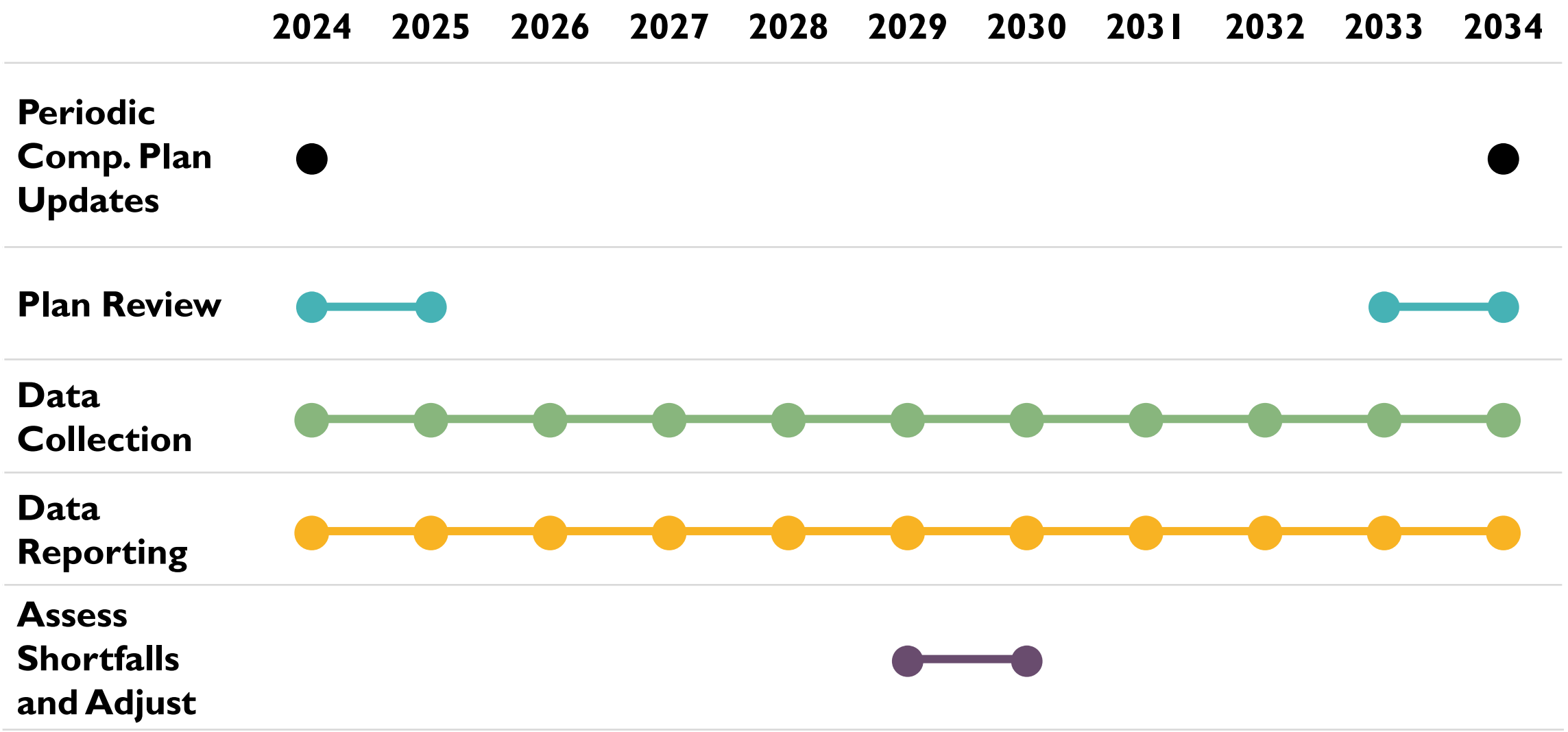
What Happens

- Five years after periodic update, the AHC uses monitoring data to identify significant shortfalls in efforts to plan for and accommodate housing needs
- Jurisdictions implement actions to address shortfalls

Why it Matters

- Highlights where additional action is needed to stay aligned with CPP Housing Chapter
- Supports continuous improvement between periodic plan updates

CPP Accountability Framework Schedule



Annual Jurisdictional Data Collection

	CPP Requirement	Use Cases
1	**Income-restricted housing units** to which they are party to an affordable housing covenant	• Track income-restricted housing production • Understand effectiveness of programs / strategies
2	Description and magnitude of **zoned residential capacity changes**	• Acknowledge significant planning accomplishments
3	**New housing strategies** promoting housing diversity, increasing the supply of income-restricted housing, and implementation details in comprehensive plans	• Showcase new strategies and best practices • Track progress on implementation • Promote shared learning between jurisdictions
4	Value of **subregional collaboration contributions**	• Understand and recognize each jurisdiction's role in accelerating subregional housing production

Past King County Survey Efforts

- CPPs require collaboration to avoid duplicative reporting
- County partnered with Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) in 2022 and 2025 to gather required jurisdictional data
- Because PSRC surveys occur every three years, King County issues a shorter CPP-focused survey in off-years
- With no PSRC survey planned for 2026, King County will release its own CPP-focused survey

Efforts to Streamline Reporting

Increase Predictability

- Release the survey at the same time each year
- Email multiple contacts at each jurisdiction
- Notify key stakeholders

Reduce Workload and Costs

- Shorten survey
- Refine the survey questions and instructions
- Prepopulate survey forms
- Streamline land-capacity reporting
- Provide technical assistance
- Request information about subregional contributions directly from subregional organizations

What's Next

- Annual King County Housing Implementation Progress Survey will remain open from **June 25-September 11, 2026**
- Plan ahead—**no extensions**
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