**What is the Seattle Comprehensive Plan?**

<http://2035.seattle.gov/>

<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/cityplanning/completeprojectslist/comprehensiveplan/whatwhy/default.htm>

Our Comprehensive Plan, *Toward a Sustainable Seattle*, is a 20-year vision and roadmap for Seattle’s future. Our plan guides City decisions on where to build new jobs and houses, how to improve our transportation system, and where to make capital investments such as utilities, sidewalks, and libraries. Our Comprehensive Plan is the framework for most of Seattle’s big-picture decisions on how to grow while preserving and improving our neighborhoods.

Our Comprehensive Plan meets the requirements of the [Washington State Growth Management Act](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=36.70A) by helping protect our environment, quality of life, and economic development. Our plan is consistent with [Vision 2040](http://www.psrc.org/growth/vision2040/) and King County’s [Countywide Planning Policies](http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/permits/codes/growth/GMPC/CPPs.aspx)*.*

The four core values of Seattle’s Comprehensive Plan are:

* **Community** - developing strong connections between a diverse range of people and places
* **Environmental Stewardship** - protect and improve the quality of our global and local natural environment
* **Economic Opportunity and Security** - a strong economy and a pathway to employment is fundamental to maintaining our quality of life
* **Social Equity** - limited resources and opportunities must be shared; and the inclusion of under-represented communities in decision-making processes is necessary

Our plan’s urban village strategy supports the core values by:

* Directing growth to existing urban centers and villages
* Contributing to the vibrancy of our neighborhood centers
* Reinforcing the benefits of City investments in transit, parks, utilities, community centers, and other infrastructures