



REDMOND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

2010-2011 Comprehensive Plan Update: What is it?

In response to Redmond policies and state Growth Management Act requirements for periodic plan review, the City has initiated a Comprehensive Plan review and update to enable Redmond to thrive according to the community's vision through 2030.

Since City Council's adoption of the last major update of the Redmond Comprehensive Plan in 2004, the community has made great strides in realizing the future vision for Redmond! Some of these changes include new residential development in Downtown, the transit center and the completion

of the Bear Creek Parkway. In addition, a downtown park and improvements within the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corridor will further encourage the urban neighborhood envisioned in the Comprehensive Plan. In the Overlake neighborhood the City is working with transit agencies to bring light rail to the area in the next ten years. Further, several neighborhood plans have been completed since the 2004 Comprehensive Plan Update.

All of these actions require long term planning, and must reflect the vision of the community. Red-

mond's Comprehensive Plan incorporates these ideas which become the guide for future actions during the next 20 years. The organizing theme for the update is sustainability, defined as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. As part of this effort, the City is also updating the Transportation Master Plan. The update of the Comprehensive Plan will be completed by December, 2011.

Where are we now in the process?

In January, we asked for your ideas on what should be included in the scope of the Comprehensive Plan update. In April, the City Council approved the scope of the Comprehensive Plan Update. In summary, the review and update process will include consideration of the following topics:

- Amendments to add and refine sustainability concepts related to the environment, economy and social equity;
- Amendments to extend the planning horizon for the Comprehensive Plan from 2022 to 2030, with a corresponding update to Redmond's growth targets;
- Amendments to reflect City actions or studies since 2004, as well as other changes in conditions; and
- Amendments required because of changes in the Growth Manage-

ment Act or regional plans since 2004.

As the update progresses, Redmond's Planning Commission will be reviewing Comprehensive Plan Elements (e.g., chapters) throughout the next year. These elements contain policies on Transportation, Land Use, Utilities, Housing and Parks, and other topics.

A community event will be held on November 3rd in the late afternoon and early evening, regarding sustainability and these updates. Stay tuned for meeting details.

How can I participate?

We encourage your participation through the Comprehensive Plan review and update! One of the key ways to participate is by providing feedback during Planning Commission review. As each element is reviewed by the Planning Commission, there will be public hearings with opportunity to provide comments, both orally and in writing. The dates and times of these hearings are on the Planning Commission page of the City's website.

(www.redmond.gov/inside-cityhall/boards/planning.asp). The City website also includes information about Comprehensive Plan Elements

that are currently under review by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission meets at 7 pm most Wednesday evenings in the City Hall Council Chambers, 15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond. All Commission meetings are open to the public and are cablecast live on RCTV channel 21 and streamed live and archived for "on demand" viewing at www.redmond.gov/aboutredmond/rctv/rctv.asp.

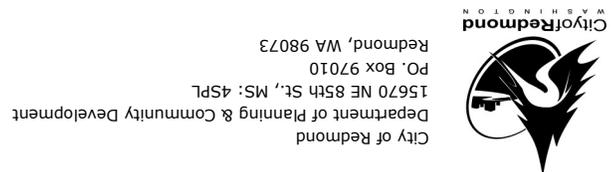
In September, the Planning Commission will review proposed up-

dates to the following Comprehensive Plan Elements:

Introduction to the Neighborhoods Element: Public hearing on September 15, 2010

Participation, Implementation and Evaluation: Public hearing on September 15, 2010

Annexation and Regional Planning: Public hearing on September 22, 2010



In addition to seeking comments through public hearings, the Commission reserves up to 15 minutes at the beginning of each meeting for public comment. Comments can be provided in person or in writing:

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