

# BRIDGEPORT

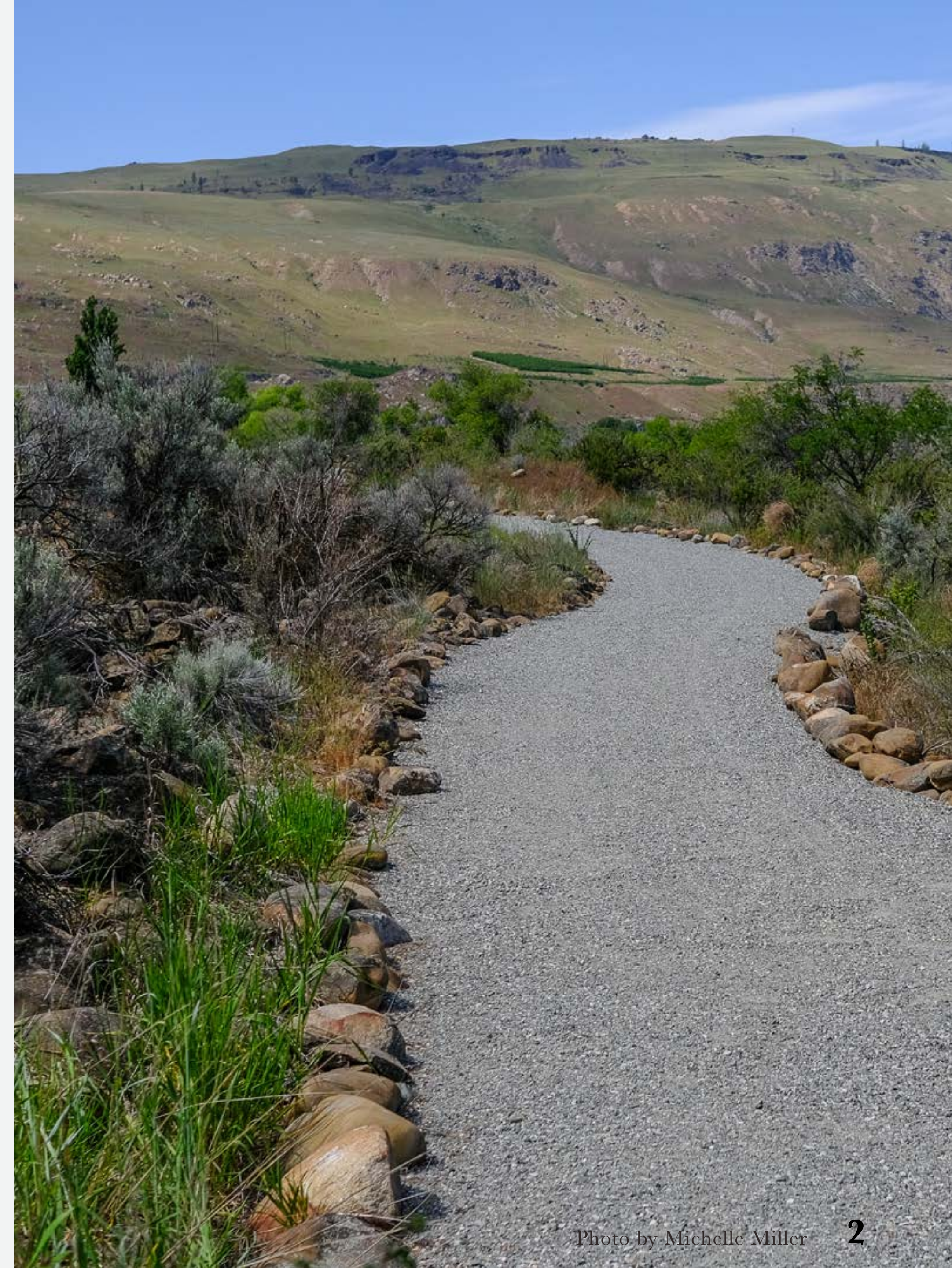
COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT PLAN  
2024

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
PERIODIC UPDATE



# P R O J E C T

Bridgeport is conducting a periodic update of its Comprehensive Plan under the Growth Management Act (GMA). Bridgeport is seeking to engage with the community and stakeholders for input and feedback. The City wants to know what YOU value and any issues that can be addressed.





# GRANT

Brideport received a grant from Washington's Department of Commerce (Commerce) to work on completing the periodic update over the next two years (2024-2026). Bridgeport's Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2001. It has been updated in 2004, 2006, 2016, 2017, 2002, and 2023. In 2017, the Environment and Critical Areas Conservation element and the Capital Facilities element were updated. In 2022, the Land Use Designation Map was updated.

# G M A

The Growth Management Act (GMA) is a series of state statutes (RCW) focused on accommodating growth, while protecting critical environmental areas and conserving natural resources. The GMA requires Bridgeport to review and update its Comprehensive Plan, capital facility plan, and/or development regulations, every 10 years (RCW 36.70A.130) to bring them up to date with any relevant changes in state law and to respond to land use changes and population growth.



# WHAT IS A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

**The GMA requires community engagement when updating the comprehensive plan and development regulations.**

This Community Engagement Plan lays out how Bridgeport plans to engage with the community and stakeholders throughout the periodic update process. Engaging with the community provides opportunities for people to be directly involved in shaping the future of the City.

Effective community engagement practices create a vehicle for people to engage in local democracy by giving the community the opportunity to become directly involved in guiding policy decisions that will shape the future of the City. Effective community engagement provides community members, Counties and neighboring jurisdictions with ways to directly contribute in the process in meaningful ways.



**THE PLAN WILL BE  
UPDATED THROUGHOUT  
THE PROCESS**

# TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT

TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT IS ESSENTIAL.  
IT IS ALSO A NEW REQUIREMENT  
UNDER THE GMA.

## New Requirements under the GMA - HB 1717 (2022)

- **RCW 36.70A.040** – Allows tribes to voluntarily participate in the local governments' comprehensive planning process.
- **RCW 36.70A.085** – Cities with a Port element must collaborate development with the city, port, and tribe(s).
- **RCW 36.70A.106** – Requires Commerce to share submittals with tribes. Tribes will indicate Commerce which jurisdiction's submissions will be transmitted.
- **RCW 36.70A.110** – Requires local jurisdictions to work with tribes to coordinate urban growth. Tribes must opt-in to coordinate with the jurisdiction.
- **RCW 36.70A.190** – Requires Commerce to provide facilitation services. Federally recognized tribes may request assistance from Commerce to resolve issues related to proposed changes to local comprehensive plans and development regulations.
- **RCW 26.70A.210** – Requires counties to invite tribes to participate in developing countywide planning policies. Counties must develop policies for the protection of tribal cultural resources in collaboration with tribes if they choose to participate.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT SERVICES

FACT SHEET FOR TRIBAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

## GMA Planning and Tribal Participation

### New Changes to GMA:

- ❖ **Who must plan, summary of requirements** (RCW 36.70A.040) – Allows tribes to voluntarily participate in the local governments' comprehensive planning process.
- ❖ **Port element** (RCW 36.70A.085) – Cities with a Port element must collaborate development with the city, port, and tribe(s).
- ❖ **Comprehensive plan review** (RCW 36.70A.106) – Requires Commerce to share submittals with tribes. Tribes will indicate to Commerce which jurisdiction's submittals will be transmitted. For access to PlanView data system contact the Commerce Tribal Planning Liaison.
- ❖ **UGAs** (RCW 36.70A.110) – Requires local jurisdictions to work with tribes to coordinate urban growth. Tribes must **opt-in** to coordinate with the jurisdiction.
- ❖ **Technical Assistance, procedural criteria, grants and mediation services** (RCW 36.70A.190) – Requires Commerce to provide facilitation services. Federally recognized tribes may request assistance from Commerce to resolve issues related to proposed changes to local comprehensive plans and development regulations.
- ❖ **Countywide planning policies** (RCW 36.70A.210) – Requires counties to invite tribes to participate in developing countywide planning policies. Counties must develop policies for the protection of tribal cultural resources in collaboration with tribes if they choose to participate.



HB 1717 (2022) changed six sections of the GMA, effective June 9, 2022.

Applies to federally recognized tribes with a reservation or with ceded lands in a county or city.

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Tribal Coordination Manager  
Growth Management Services  
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Phone: 360-725-2735

**Regional Assistance Planners:**  
<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/growth-management/>



We strengthen communities





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# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Kickoff**
- **Project Website**
- **Social Media**
- **Email/Phone Feedback**
- **Public Meetings**
- **Take the Survey (including feedback on how the community would like to be engaged during the process)**
- **Workshops after each major task if finished**
- **Public Hearings**



**BENEFITS OF COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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# **PARTICIPATE**

**PARTICIPATING IN THE UPDATE  
PROCESS EMPOWERS THE COMMUNITY  
TO HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON THE  
FUTURE**

**Influence decision making**

**Voice concerns**

**Contribute to local knowledge**

**Promote sustainable growth**

**Hold government accountable**

**Stay informed**

**Foster civic engagement**

**Protect property values**

**Develop trust**

**Help with transparency**

**Shape quality of life**

# GOALS

GATHER INPUT AND ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION THAT FOSTERS DIVERSE VIEWPOINTS TO ENSURE PLANNING DECISIONS REFLECT THE NEEDS AND VALUES OF THE COMMUNITY AT EVERY STEP.

## CONTINUAL INVOLVEMENT

- Seek early and continual involvement from the community by offering workshops, meetings, hearings (informal and formal), input at project milestones prior to decision making by local officials.

## PRIORITIES

- Understand different priorities from each stakeholder group.

## INFORM THE COMMUNITY

- Provide information to the community and stakeholders, to assist in understanding of the process.



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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEEDBACK

- Provide opportunities for the community to provide feedback to staff, planners, appointed officials, and elected officials.

## USER FRIENDLY

- Develop a plan that is user friendly.

ENCOURAGE COLLABORATION

# ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

## City Council

The City Council considers all available information and the planning commission's recommendations and makes a decision whether to adopt the recommendation or make changes to it. The City Council's decision is then sent to the Department of Commerce for the formal 60-day review.

## Planning Commission

The Planning Commission usually reviews all available information and recommendations from advisory committees, hears public comments at workshops and public hearings, and makes a recommendation to the City Council.

## Community

The community collaborates by participating in the project process, attending meetings and hearings, providing feedback, and offering ideas and recommendations.



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## Commerce

The mission of Commerce's Growth Management Services is to assist and guide local governments, state agencies, and others to manage growth and development consistent with the GMA. Commerce participates during the public review process and may provide comments on proposed changes.

## Stakeholders

In addition to Commerce, there are many state agencies that Bridgeport must consult with. The state agencies have a responsibility to provide timely feedback early and often to ensure the policies under their purview are implemented.

## Staff and Planners

Staff and planners usually gather information, create deliverables (example work program, community engagement plan), introduce the periodic update process, engage with the community and stakeholders, and facilitate the planning process.

**WORKING TOGETHER**

# T I M E L I N E O V E R V I E W

**This snapshot timelines provides an overview of deliverables and opportunities for the community to engage.**

## **October - November 2024**

Create a work plan; approve plan

## **October - November 2024**

Create a community engagement plan; approve plan

## **October - June 2025**

Engage the community; open house, workshops after each major task is finished, survey, planning commission meetings, public hearings

## **December - June 2025**

Review Critical Area regulations; fill out checklist

## **January - June 2025**

Draft Critical Areas amendment

## **January - June 2025**

Analyze Comprehensive Plan; fill out checklist

**WORKING TOGETHER**

# T I M E L I N E

**Estimated timeline, to be updated throughout the process.**





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# C O M P R E H E N S I V E P L A N

A comprehensive plan is a general land use policy document that serves as the focal point of planning. It lays out the community's 20 year vision by setting goals, objectives, and policies, which serve to guide elected officials and staff's decision making. The periodic update, due every 10 years, is meant to look at what has changed in the community and in the rules and bring Bridgeport's Comprehensive Plan up to date.

Adopted by Ordinance 18-695  
December 19, 2018

Amended by Ordinance 22-720  
March 23, 2022

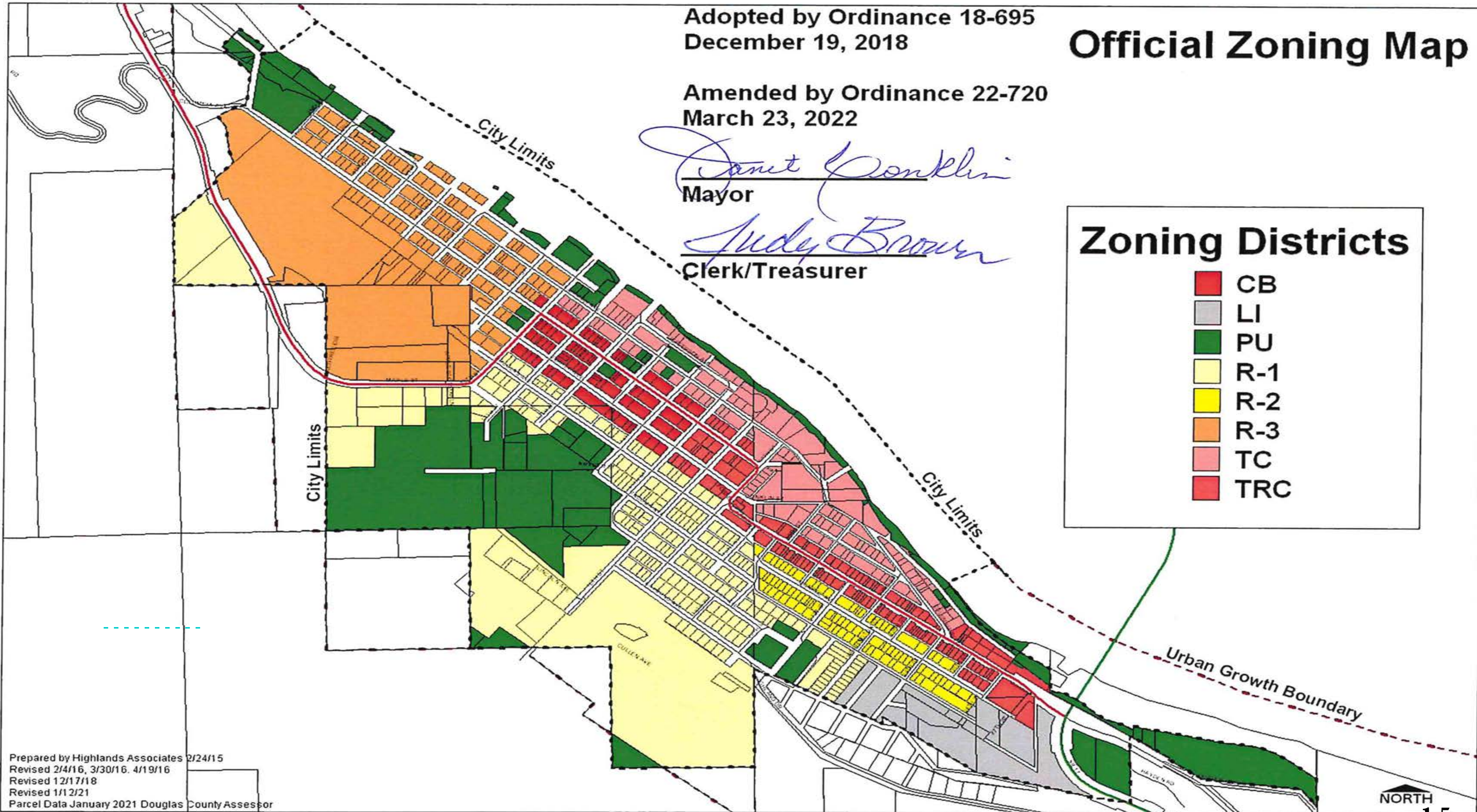
# Official Zoning Map

*Janet Franklin*  
Mayor

*Judy Brown*  
Clerk/Treasurer

## Zoning Districts

- CB
- LI
- PU
- R-1
- R-2
- R-3
- TC
- TRC



Prepared by Highlands Associates 2/24/15  
 Revised 2/4/16, 3/30/16, 4/19/16  
 Revised 12/17/18  
 Revised 1/12/21  
 Parcel Data January 2021 Douglas County Assessor

## Checklist Navigation

Section I: Comprehensive Plan	Section II: Development Regulations	Appendices
LAND USE	CRITICAL AREAS	APPENDIX A: HOUSING UNIT MINIMUMS PER POPULATION
HOUSING	ZONING CODE	APPENDIX B: ELEMENT UPDATES UNDER HB 1181
CAPITAL FACILITIES	SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM	
UTILITIES	RESOURCE LANDS	
TRANSPORTATION	ESSENTIAL PUBLIC FACILITIES	
SHORELINE	SUBDIVISION CODE	
ESSENTIAL PUBLIC FACILITIES	STORMWATER	
TRIBAL PLANNING	ORGANIC MATERIALS MANAGEMENT	
CLIMATE CHANGE & RESILIENCY	IMPACT FEES	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	CONCURRENCY & TDM	
PARKS & RECREATION	TRIBAL PARTICIPATION	
OPTIONAL ELEMENTS	REGULATIONS FOR OPTIONAL ELEMENTS	
CONSISTENCY	PROJECT REVIEW PROCEDURES	
	AMENDMENTS	

**PERIODIC UPDATE  
CHECKLIST - 47 PAGES**



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# E L E M E N T S

The GMA requires nine elements to be included in the Comprehensive Plan. Each element has its own goals and policies.

**LAND USE  
( CRITICAL AREAS )**

**HOUSING**

**CONSERVATION**

**TRANSPORTATION**

**ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

**PARKS AND  
RECREATION**

**CAPITAL  
FACILITIES**

**CLIMATE CHANGE  
& RESILIENCY**

**UTILITIES**

## Critical Areas Checklist

A Technical Assistance Tool from Growth Management Services – updated May 2024

**Name of city or county:**

**Staff contact, phone, and e-mail address:**

### INSTRUCTIONS

This checklist is intended to help local governments update their development regulations, pursuant to the schedule in [RCW 36.70A.130\(5\)](#). We strongly encourage but do not require jurisdictions to complete the checklist and return it to Growth Management Services (GMS), along with their updates. **However, If the jurisdiction is using a portion of their Periodic Update Grant (PUG) to update the Critical Areas Ordinance, this checklist is required.**

This checklist may be used by all jurisdictions, including those local governments planning for resource lands and critical areas only. For general information on update requirements, refer to [A Guide to the Periodic Update Process Under the Growth Management Act – Fully Planning Counties & Cities, 2022](#) and [WAC 365-196-610](#).

For additional information, resources, and general checklists pertaining to comprehensive plan and development regulation periodic updates please see Commerce’s [Growth Management Act Periodic Update webpage](#). **Items are a GMA requirement or may be related requirements of state or federal laws.** Underlined items are links to Internet sites and may include best practices or other ideas to consider.

**Commerce WAC provisions are advisory** under Commerce’s statutory mandate to provide technical assistance, [RCW 43.330.120](#) which states that the Department of Commerce “...*shall help local officials interpret and implement the different requirements of the act through workshops*”

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# ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Engagement opportunities will range from informal to formal, with workshops after each major task is finished, an open house, a survey, public hearings, stakeholder consultations, review and comment on draft and final documents. Public notices will be issued throughout the update process to notify the community.

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## **P U B L I C   H E A R I N G S**

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing with at least one public comment period to solicit feedback on all drafts prior to submitting the draft update and amendments to the City Council for review.

The City Council will hold a public hearing before final adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and amendments. The City will publish notices of all hearings. The notice will state the date and time, who is holding the hearing, the location of the hearing, and the duration of the comment period.

# GET INVOLVED

Community involvement is a key piece to updating the Comprehensive Plan and regulations. There are a handful of ways to become involved and have your voice heard. For example, the Planning Commission will hold monthly meetings, hold workshops after each major task is finished, and advertise a survey.

**ATTEND A  
MEETING**

**VISIT THE  
WEBPAGE**

**TAKE THE  
SURVEY**

**ATTEND AN  
OPEN HOUSE**

**REVIEW PUBLIC  
NOTICES**

**PROVIDE  
COMMENTS**



## **R E S U L T S**

Bridgeport will adopt the Community Engagement Plan by resolution to satisfy the GMA requirements for early and continuous public involvement.



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# STAKEHOLDERS

**Douglas County**

**Tribes**

**PUD**

**PORT**

**Corps**

**Grange**

**Farm Bureau**

**Foster Creek Conservation**

**District**

**WDFW**

**DNR**

**School Districts**

**WORKING TOGETHER**

**THANK YOU**

**PLEASE  
ENGAGE**

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