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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BRIDGEPORT

PERIODIC UPDATE
WORK PLAN
2024

I N T R O D U C T I O N

Bridgeport's Comprehensive Plan was initially adopted in 2001. It has been updated in 2004, 2006, 2016, 2017, 2022, 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.

Bridgeport received a grant from Washington's Department of Commerce (Commerce) to work on completing the Periodic Update over the next two years (2024-2026).

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W O R K P L A N

What is a work plan?

This Work Plan is a document that outlines the entire periodic update process.

This Work Plan identifies deliverables, estimated timelines, and opportunities for the community to participate in the periodic update. The Work Plan is a requirement of the grant provided by Commerce. The Work Plan may be updated throughout the process.



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PERIODIC UPDATE

Why are we updating the Comprehensive Plan?

Washington's Department of Commerce has prepared checklists that include all the requirements for the periodic update.

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.

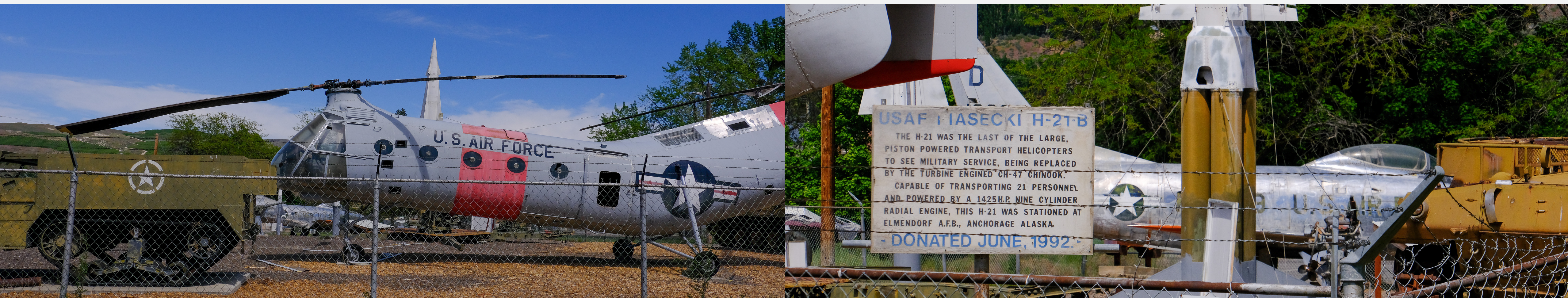
The GMA requires Bridgeport to review and update its Comprehensive Plan, capital facility plan, and/or development regulations to bring them up to date with any relevant changes in state law and to respond to land use changes and population growth.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

What is the Comprehensive Plan?

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.

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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

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

Bridgeport's Comprehensive Plan also has the following elements that are not part of the periodic update:

U N I N C O R P O R A T E D
A R E A
D E V E L O P M E N T

C U L T U R A L
D I V E R S I T Y

NEW BILLS

What are the new bills?

The following House (HB) and Senate (SB) Bills are driving the periodic update legislative changes. There are other SB and HB that are not reflected here, but also drive the update.

HB 1220	Jurisdictions must plan for and accommodate, rather than encourage the availability of, emergency and affordable housing
HB 1241	Changes the Periodic update and SMP cycles from 8 to 10 years. Requires a 5-year implementation progress report and an annual work program for select jurisdictions
HB 1717	New regulations for cities and counties to include local and regional tribes in planning processes and decisions
HB 2001	Expands the ability to build tiny houses
SB 5042	Changes the initial effective date of certain actions under the GMA
SB 5118	Supports successful reentry for juveniles, amending the definition of “essential public facilities”
SB 5235	Increasing housing unit inventory by removing arbitrary limits on housing
SB 5275	Enhances opportunity in LAMIRDs
SB 5368	Encourages rural economic development
SB 5593	Allows a county to make revisions to a UGA boundary to accommodate patterns of development
SB 5818	Promoting housing construction in cities through amendments to and limiting appeals under SEPA and GMA

DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

What are the development regulations?

Development regulations are the controls placed on the development or land use activities in Bridgeport and are found in the City Code. Examples of development regulations include zoning, critical areas, subdivisions, and shoreline master programs.

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BRIDGEPORT MUNICIPAL CODE

A Codification of the General Ordinances of the City of Bridgeport, Washington

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The Bridgeport Municipal Code is current through Ordinance 731, passed November 15, 2023.

Disclaimer: The City Clerk's Office has the official version of the Bridgeport Municipal Code. Users should contact the City Clerk's Office for ordinances passed subsequent to the ordinance cited above.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Effective community engagement provides community members, Counties and neighboring jurisdictions with ways to directly contribute in the process in meaningful ways. Tribal engagement is essential and is a new requirement under the GMA.

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

The Community Engagement Plan will lay out how Bridgeport plans to engage with the community and stakeholders throughout the 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.

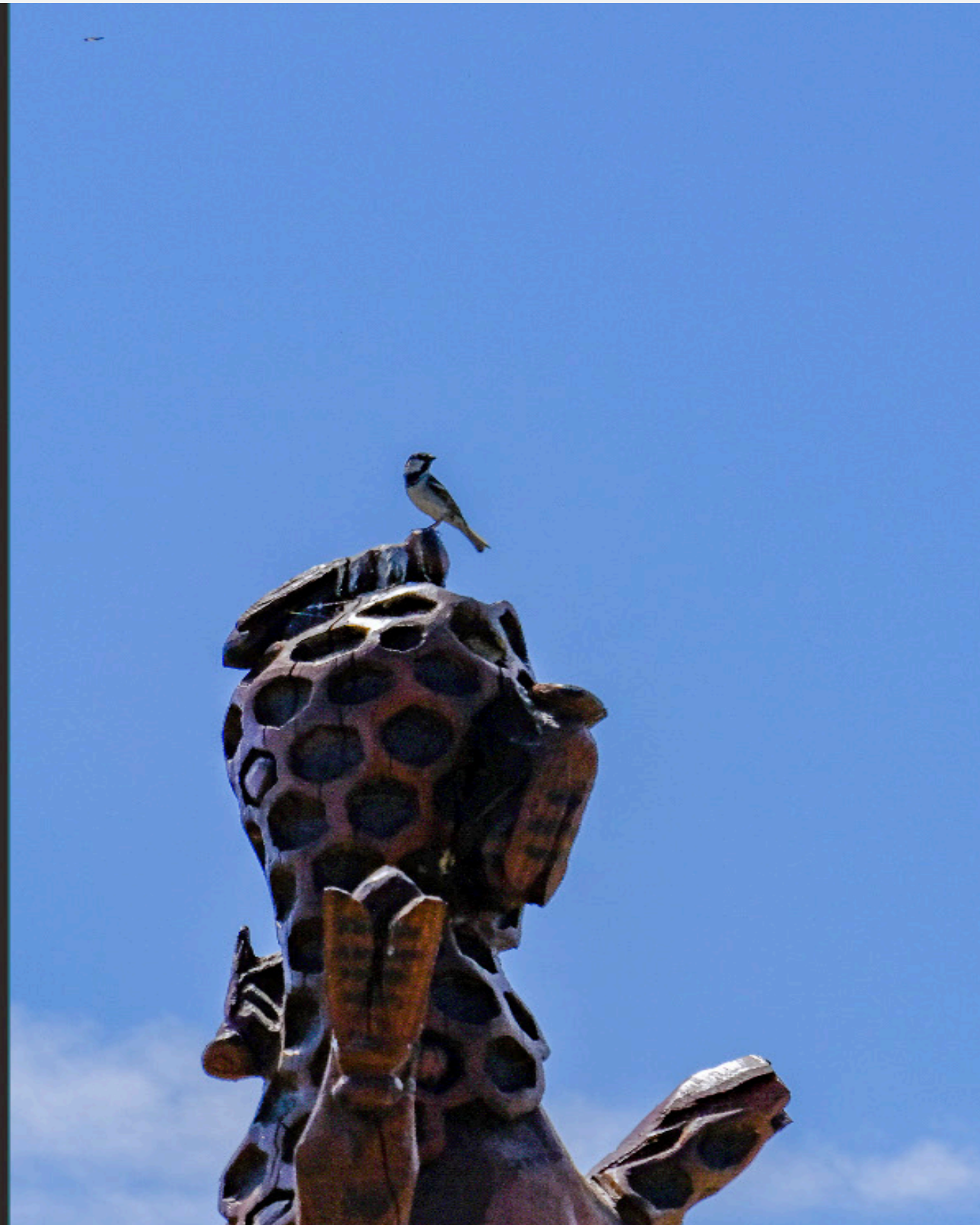
The Community Engagement Plan will be updated throughout the process.

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ENSURE
PLANNING
DECISIONS
REFLECT
THE NEEDS
AND VALUES
OF THE
COMMUNITY



WHY YOU SHOULD 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

Address social equity

Hold government accountable

Stay informed

Foster civil engagement

Protect property values

Shape quality of life



T I M E L I N E

Overview of deliverables with estimated timeframe, to be updated throughout the process. More complete timeline on next page.

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More complete work and deliverables with estimated timeline, to be updated throughout the process.

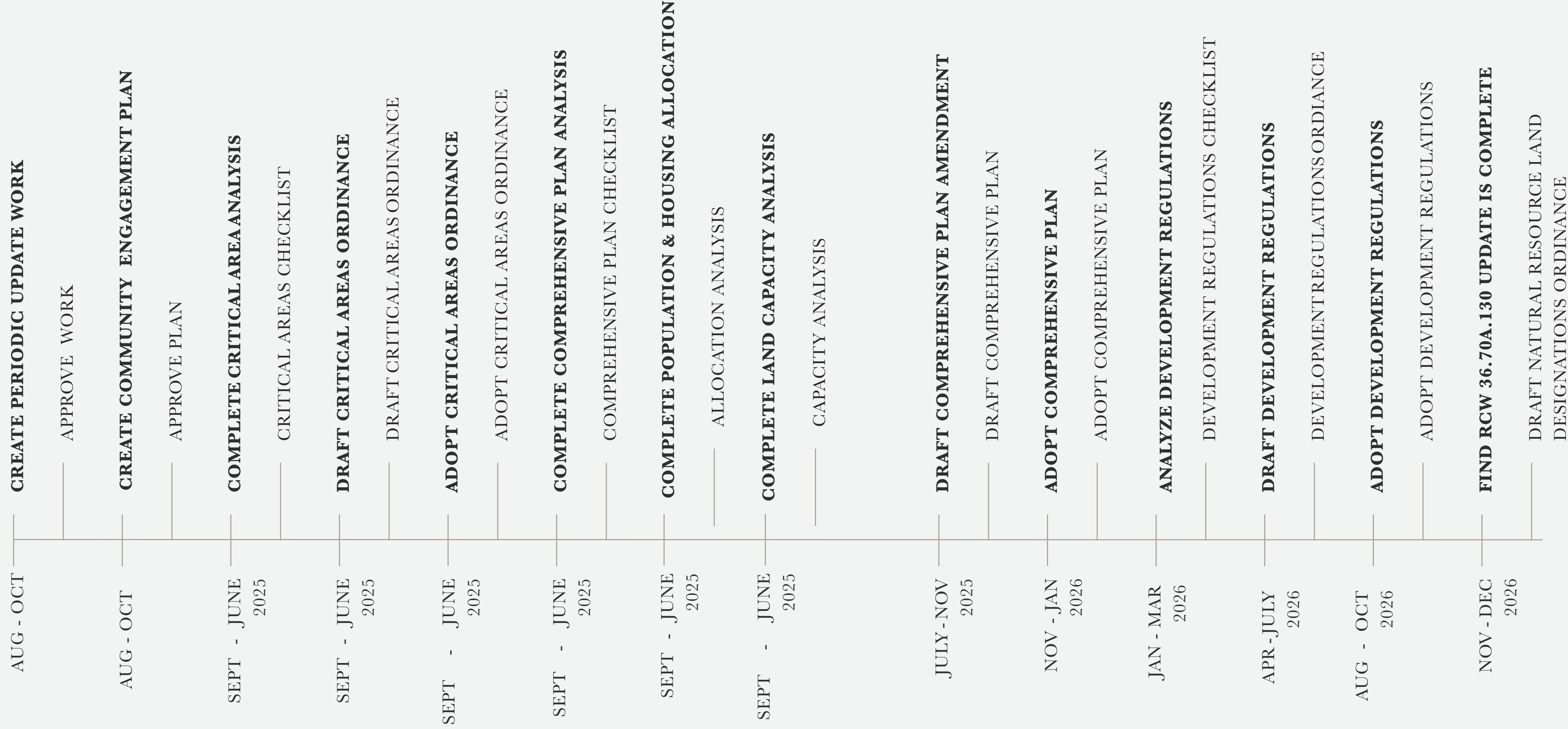




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P R O C E S S

The periodic update will move in phases - phase 1 to phase 6, beginning with community engagement and ending in adopting an updated Comprehensive Plan and regulations. The planner will review amendments to the GMA, the Comprehensive Plan, development regulations, critical areas ordinance, population projections, and resource lands.



PHASE 1

Community Engagement

In the initial phase, the planner will create a Work plan and Community Engagement Plan. The planner will introduce the periodic update process and engage with the community and stakeholders by presenting the Work Plan and Community Engagement Plan at a staff meeting and an open house kickoff.

Deliverables:

- Work Plan
- Public Participation Plan
- Survey

Meetings:

- Staff meetings
- PC meetings
- Open house kickoff

PHASE 2

Gather and Analyze Information

- In the second phase, the planner will engage in a analysis to see what needs to be updated. The critical areas regulations will be part of this review and the planner will review the Department of Commerce's critical areas checklist.

- **Materials relied on in reviewing critical areas:**

- Periodic Update Checklist for Fully Planning Cities
- Critical Areas Checklist
- Critical Areas Handbook
- Best Available Science
- Westlands Guidance for Critical Areas Ordinance Updates

PHASE 3

Evaluate and Shape

In the third phase, the planner will present each element to the Planning Commission, engage with the community, and incorporate feedback into drafts.

Deliverables:

- Draft documents

Meetings:

- Staff meetings
 - PC meetings
 - Workshops
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PHASE 4

SEPA Determination & Checklist

In the fourth phase, the planner will make a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) determination and fill out the checklist. SEPA requires Bridgeport to consider the adverse impacts of planning actions. There is a comment period that runs after the determination is made.

Deliverables:

- SEPA checklist
- SEPA determination

Meetings:

- Staff meetings
- PC meetings

PHASE 5

Revise and Refine Regulations

In the fifth phase, the planner will present draft versions of updated elements and regulation amendments to the Planning Commission and have work sessions to revise and refine the Comprehensive Plan and regulations.

Deliverables:

- Draft amendments
- Draft elements
- Periodic Update checklist
- Critical Areas checklist

Meetings:

- Staff meetings
 - PC meetings
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PHASE 6

Legislative Process and Adoption

In the sixth and final phase, the planner will present draft versions of updated elements and regulation amendments to the Planning Commission and City Council. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and receive comments. The City Council will adopt the updated Comprehensive Plan and regulations. The City will submit the final documents to Commerce for a 60-day review

Deliverables:

- Draft amendments
- Draft elements
- Final Comprehensive Plan
- Development regulations

Meetings:

- Staff meetings
- PC meetings



GET INVOLVED

Community engagement 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.



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