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## **APPENDIX F: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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# CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Area/ category</b>
City Council/Planning Commission kick-off (Visioning) workshop meeting	8/11/05	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Comprehensive Plan
Planning Commission work session	10/13/05	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Comprehensive Plan
Open house (workshop)	5/22/06	Gathering Place, 2800 Cooks Hill Road	Land use, housing, economic development
Open house (workshop)	5/23/06	Centralia Community College, Locust Street & Rock Street	Land use, housing, economic development
Open house (workshop)	5/25/06	Centralia Middle School, 901 Johnson Road	Land use, housing, economic development
Trolley Tour (workshop)	8/24/06	City wide	Land use, housing, economic development
Parks & Recreation Committee work session	9/25/06	Parks & Recreation building	Parks and Recreation element
Planning Commission work session	9/26/06	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Land use and update
Historic Preservation Committee meeting (kickoff)	10/9/06	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Historic Preservation element
Planning Commission work session	10/12/06	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Annexation element, land use categories
Lewis County Master Builders	10/18/06	Kit Carson Restaurant	Comprehensive Plan presentation
Open house (workshop)	10/18/06	Centralia Community College, Locust Street & Rock Street	Parks and Recreation element
City Council update on Plan	10/21/06	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Overall plan and transportation
Planning Commission work session	10/26/06	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Land use designations, map, historic preservation
Planning Commission work session	11/9/06	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Land use designations, map, historic preservation, annexation, environmental
Parks & Recreation Committee work session	11/20/06	Parks & Recreation building	Parks and Recreation element
City Council work session	11/27/06	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Land use designations, map, historic preservation, annexation, environmental
Parks & Recreation Committee work session	12/11/06	Parks & Recreation building	Parks and Recreation element

City Council work session	12/12/06	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Parks and Recreation element (copy of draft plan)
Kiwanis Club	12/13/06	Elks Lodge	Comprehensive plan presentation
Planning Commission work session	3/8/07	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Comprehensive Plan map presentation
Lewis County Master Builders	4/18/06	Kit Carson Restaurant	Comprehensive Plan presentation
City Council work session	5/8/07	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Hand out draft copy of Comprehensive Plan
Planning Commission	5/10/07	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Hand out draft copy of Comprehensive Plan
Historic Preservation Committee	5/14/07	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Comprehensive Plan presentation
City Council work session	5/22/07	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Reviewed Comprehensive Plan
Planning Commission	5/24/07	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Reviewed Comprehensive Plan
City Council work session	6/12/07	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Reviewed Comprehensive Plan
CTED REVIEW TIMEFRAME	6/18-8/17/07		
Lewis County Review	6/18-8/17/07		
Environmental Review	6/18-8/17/07		
Planning Commission Public Hearing	8/23/07	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Comprehensive Plan (All Elements)
Planning Commission Public Hearing	9/13/07	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Comprehensive Plan (All Elements)
City Council Public Hearing	9/25/07	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Comprehensive Plan (All Elements)
City Council Public Hearing - Adoption	10/9/07	118 West Maple Street (City Hall)	Comprehensive Plan (All Elements)
<b>Note: All meetings are open to the public</b>			

Other governmental reviews: City of Chehalis, Port of Centralia, other governmental agencies through the SEPA process

# Comprehensive Plan Update

## FACT SHEET

### What is a Comprehensive Plan and why is Centralia updating its Comprehensive Plan?

**W**ashington's Growth Management Act requires all cities and counties to plan for future growth by creating a comprehensive plan that sets out how the community will grow and develop over a 20-year planning period. The law also requires that this plan be reviewed and updated regularly in order to make sure our children and grandchildren will have places to live, work, shop, and play.

#### How does this affect me?

**T**he update of the City of Centralia's Comprehensive Plan might mean changes in how land is to be developed. More houses or apartments per acre might be built, or new commercial and industrial development might be constructed. The changes could affect people who own or live near these types of lands.

#### What has happened so far?

**A**s a first step in updating the plan, last spring, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners expanded the City's urban growth area by an additional approximately 3,000 acres. Through the Comprehensive Plan update and with significant input from the community, this additional land will be redesignated for urban development, similar to land within the current City limits.

Once the City knew which areas would be included in the urban growth area, City Council and Planning Commission conducted a joint public work session to review the current plan and discuss how the City might develop in the future.

Following the work session, the Planning Commission worked with staff to develop guiding values for the update. These values were used to develop draft revisions to the Comprehensive Plan goals and policies and the land use designations. Guiding values include:

- Increase employment opportunities throughout the City by designating more land for industrial and commercial uses
- Preserve and enhance existing neighborhoods and housing
- Provide for a wider range of housing options (e.g., high-end multi-family housing, single-family homes on moderate to large lots [7,000 square feet to 1 acre]).



# What is the process for updating the plan?

<b>Spring 2005</b>	Lewis County Board of County Commissioners expanded Centralia urban growth boundary by approximately 3,000 acres
<b>Summer 2005</b>	<b>City Council and Planning Commission Work Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed current plan and discussed how city might grow over next 20 years</li> </ul>
<b>Winter 2005– Spring 2006</b>	<b>Planning Commission Work Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Directed revisions to Comprehensive Plan land use designations and land use, housing and economic development goals and policies for review by City Council and the community</li> </ul>
<b>May 2006</b>	<b>City Council Work Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and comment on land being considered for re-zoning and draft land use, housing, and economic development goals and policies</li> </ul>
<b>May 2006</b>	<b>Public Open House</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and comment on land being considered for re-zoning, draft land use, housing, and economic development goals and policies, and the order and timing of annexation of land into the City of Centralia</li> </ul>
<b>Summer 2006</b>	<b>City Council Work Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review public comments; and possible revisions to DRAFT Comprehensive Plan land use map and goals and policies</li> </ul>
<b>Summer 2006</b>	<b>Public Open House</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review REVISED DRAFT Comprehensive Plan land use map</li> </ul>
<b>Fall 2006</b>	<b>City Council Work Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review community feedback on REVISED DRAFT Comprehensive Plan text and maps and create PREFERRED DRAFT</li> </ul>
<b>Fall/Winter 2006</b>	<b>Planning Commission</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public hearing on updated Comprehensive Plan text and maps</li> </ul>
<b>Fall/Winter 2006</b>	<b>City Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public hearing on updated Comprehensive Plan text and maps</li> </ul>

## When will the Comprehensive Plan update be completed?

The updated Comprehensive Plan is expected to be completed by the end of 2006.

## Who do I contact for more information or to give my input?

Staff is available to give a presentation to your group or answer your questions. Please contact:

Linda Whitcher, Senior Planner

(360) 330-7684 or [lwhitcher@cityofcentralia.com](mailto:lwhitcher@cityofcentralia.com).



# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

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# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

## **Where are we in the process?**

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**T**he City is working towards determining what will be necessary to accommodate forecasted residential and employment growth.

Community members are being asked for their opinions about alternative ways to use land to accommodate more residents and more jobs.



# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

## Meeting Purpose

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- Introduce the Comprehensive Plan update, process and schedule
- Get feedback from the community on the DRAFT map. In particular:
  - Location of employment
  - Location and amount (density) of residential development
  - Timing of annexation of new areas from the County to the City
- Get feedback on the DRAFT land use, housing, and economic goals and policies
- Encourage ongoing participation in the process



# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

## Key Goal and Policy Revisions Under Consideration

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The land use maps are developed based upon direction provided by the Comprehensive Plan goals and policies. Some of the key land use, housing and economic development goals and policy revisions under consideration by the City include:

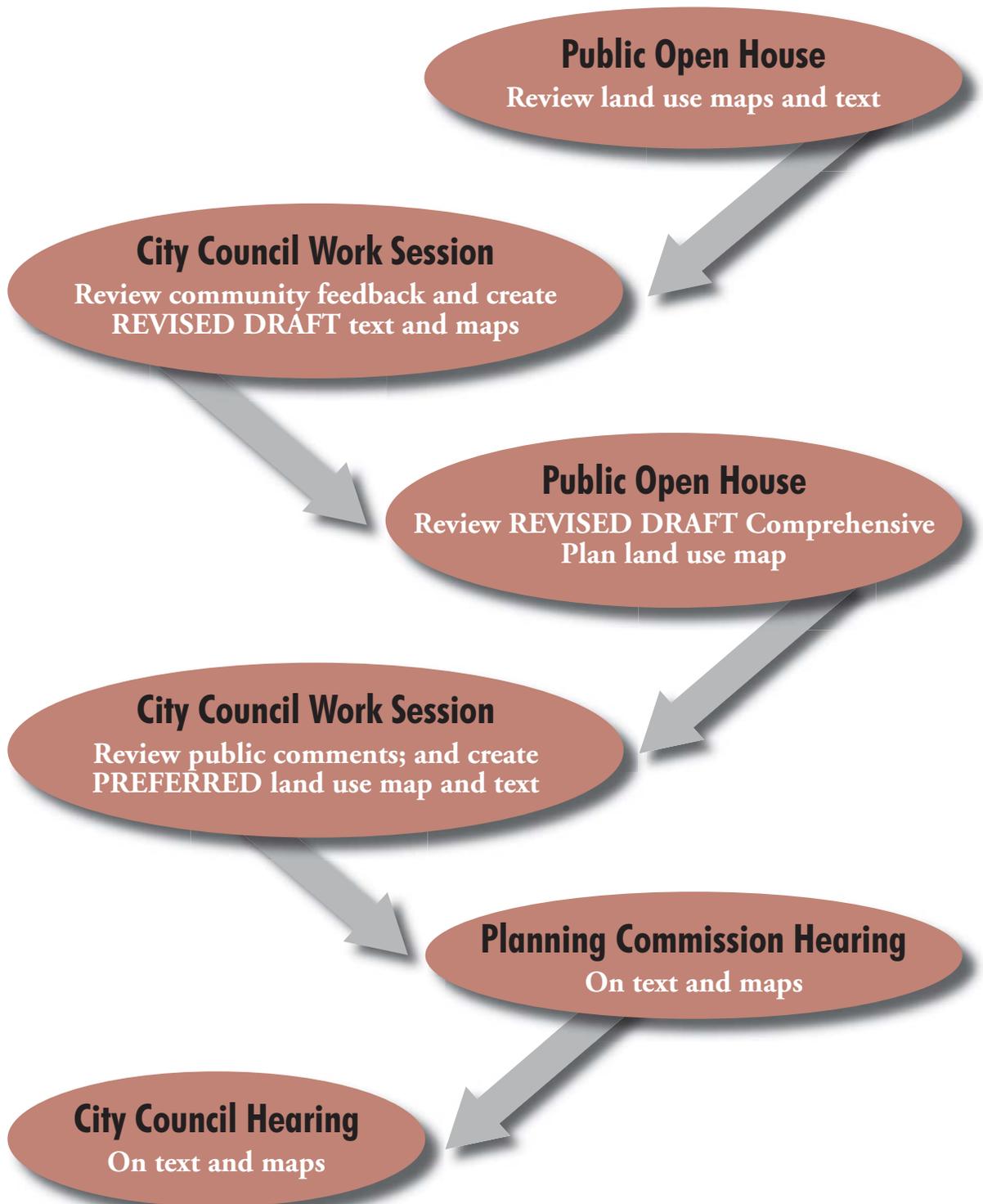
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# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

## Tentative Process and Schedule as of May 2006

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# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

## Ways to give feedback and stay involved

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**W**e thank you for coming to tonight's open house and invite you to stay involved throughout the rest of the process. There are many ways to participate, you can:

- Fill out and submit a comment form tonight
- Attend and give feedback at future public meetings
- Invite City staff to give a presentation to your group
- Call or e-mail City staff with questions or comments (see Fact Sheet for contact information)





