



REVISED DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE and REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON EXPANDED SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Project Name: 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update & Winslow Subarea Plan Update

Proponent: City of Bainbridge Island

Lead Agency: City of Bainbridge Island

Project Location: The study area includes the entirety of Bainbridge Island, which expands on the more limited geographic area previously described for the Winslow Subarea Plan update.

Project Description: The City of Bainbridge Island is conducting a [Comprehensive Plan periodic update](#) as required by the Growth Management Act (GMA; RCW 36.70A) and a [Winslow Subarea Plan update](#). These plan updates will address anticipated growth through the year 2044, applicable changes in state law and regional planning policies, and integrate other city planning efforts, including but not limited to :

- [Climate Action Plan](#) (2020)
- [Sustainable Transportation Plan](#) (2022)
- [Housing Action Plan](#) (2023)
- [Groundwater Management Plan](#) (underway)

The City is proposing to adopt Comprehensive Plan amendments, including the Winslow Subarea Plan update, and associated development regulation amendments to the Bainbridge Island Municipal Code as part of this integrated project.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Required: The City of Bainbridge Island, as the SEPA lead agency, has determined that this proposal may have significant adverse environmental impacts on the environment. An integrated EIS will be prepared as required under RCW 43.21C, WAC 197-11, and BIMC 16.04. The EIS will address probable significant adverse environmental impacts of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and the Winslow Subarea Plan Update.

The lead agency initiated environmental review for the Winslow Subarea Plan update with a Determination of Significance and Scoping Notice on January 27, 2023 (which was reissued on January 31, 2023), held an EIS Public Scoping meeting on February 8, 2023, and issued an [EIS Scoping Summary](#) on April 10, 2023. Subsequently, the lead agency has decided to combine the environmental review for the Winslow Subarea Plan update and the Comprehensive Plan periodic update because the actions and potential effects are interrelated. As such, the lead agency is issuing this revised Determination of Significance and Scoping Notice for environmental review of the Comprehensive Plan periodic update to expand on the prior EIS scoping conducted for the Winslow Subarea Plan update.

Elements of the Environment: The lead agency has preliminarily identified the following elements for analysis in the EIS:

- Land Use
- Population and Employment

- Housing
- Environmental Justice
- Climate Change
- Aesthetics/Visual Resources
- Utilities
- Transportation
- Public Services
- Natural Environment

Alternatives:

The lead agency has determined that two action alternatives and a no action alternative will be analyzed in the integrated Draft EIS. The descriptions below summarize the general planning objectives for each alternative. These alternatives were finalized for the Winslow subarea following the prior EIS scoping conducted for the [Winslow Subarea Plan update](#). These alternatives are also being proposed under this expanded EIS scoping for the portions of Bainbridge Island outside the Winslow Subarea.

Alternatives	
1	No Action
2	Dense Centers
3	Distributed Density

In the integrated Final EIS, the City will likely analyze a "preferred alternative" which may combine elements from the above alternatives.

Scoping: Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the expanded scope of the EIS. You may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and permits or other approvals that may be required. Comments submitted during the prior scoping of the Winslow Subarea Plan update have already been documented and do not need to be resubmitted. Methods for submitting your comments are described below. **Comments are due no later than 11:59 PM, October 29, 2023** and may be submitted:

- **On the project website** (beginning September 28, 2023): <https://cityofbainbridgeisland.civilspace.io/en/projects/2024-comprehensive-plan-periodic-update>
- **Via email to:** pbest@bainbridgewa.gov
- **By Mail (or dropped off) to:**

ATTN: Peter Best
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 City of Bainbridge Island
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Integrated Project and EIS Scoping Meeting: An EIS Public Scoping meeting will be integrated with a community workshop meeting, which will be held to provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the project and the expanded EIS process, and to provide input on the Comprehensive Plan periodic update project scope and the expanded EIS scope.

Community Workshop and Project Kick-off Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 27, 2023

Time: 4:30 to 6 PM (open house); 6 – 8 PM (workshop)

Location: Woodward Middle School Commons
9125 Sportsman Club Rd
Bainbridge Island, WA

Additional information about this meeting can be found on the project website:

<https://cityofbainbridgeisland.civilspace.io/en/projects/2024-comprehensive-plan-periodic-update>

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Signature 

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