

**CASTLE ROCK  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Topics the plan will include:

- ◇ Land use
- ◇ Housing
- ◇ Capital Facilities
- ◇ Utilities
- ◇ Transportation
- ◇ Economic Development

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION MEETINGS**

The Planning Commission meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.. Meeting agendas will be posted in The Daily News and the Buglar. If you have any comments, please feel free to join us.



**City of Castle Rock  
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**PLANNING  
FOR OUR  
FUTURE**

**Comprehensive  
Plan Update**

## A Comprehensive Plan...

- ⇒ Expresses a community's vision of itself -the community it would like to become- it's hopes and dreams.
- ⇒ Establishes an organized public process to identify community values and goals.
- ⇒ Examines community needs and identifies solutions.



⇒ Creates a framework for decision-making regarding the future of the city and guide the investment of public funds and services.

- ⇒ Provides a policy framework to ensure consistency with other planning efforts, land use decisions, and capital improvement projects.
- ⇒ Offers a budgeting tool by targeting the need and timing for investment of tax dollars in public facilities and infrastructure.
- ⇒ Ensures consistency and compatibility with the plans of nearby cities and the county.
- ⇒ Indicates what is needed to support planned growth, striking a balance between the land use and its capital improvement needs.
- ⇒ Offers a tool to coordinate the provision of city programs and services.
- ⇒ Expands eligibility for grants and other funding sources needed to bring projects to fruition.

- ⇒ Protects the public coffers from legal challenges to local codes by providing a rational, predictable basis of decisions that reflect the public interest.
- ⇒ Ensures that development including those by state and other local governments, will be consistent with the city plan.
- ⇒ Is to be updated periodically to address emerging technologies, change in the population and economy, or other relevant factors.

## A Comprehensive Plan is Not...

- ⇒ A regulation or law that controls the use of land. Any local regulations should be consistent with the comprehensive plan.
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- ⇒ A document designed for making specific land use decisions. Although proposed land use decisions must conform, in a general sense, with the comprehensive plan.
  - ⇒ A way to eliminate conflict. It provides the framework for considering and resolving conflicting issues in the community.
  - ⇒ A means to force agreement. It reflects compromises needed to forge consensus for a community plan. While everyone will not be satisfied with the end result, the adopted comprehensive plan should deal with the many conflicting forces that shape a community.

## City of Castle Rock...

- ◆ Appointed the Planning Commission to develop and recommend a plan. A series of workshops and public hearings will be held before the plan is adopted. The planning process will take approximately 13 months to complete.



- ◆ Requested the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments to research, coordinate and facilitate development of the Castle Rock Comprehensive Plan.

- ◆ Hopes you will become involved in developing a plan that will truly make a difference.

**COME AND SHARE  
YOUR VISION!!!!**

