

CITY OF GRESHAM

PLANNING COMMISSION

AND SUBCOMMITTEES

WORK PLAN

2024-2025

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PLANNING COMMISSION and its Subcommittees

undertake the complex work of advising City Council on Gresham's land use policies and evaluating land use applications. This plan guides this work for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, aligning it with the City of Gresham's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. The Planning Commission and Subcommittees Work Plan describes specific tasks for the Planning Commission and its subcommittees; these tasks honor the Strategic Plan's guiding principles and often dovetail with Strategic Plan Action Items.

GRESHAM Strategic Plan

Mission

To foster a safe, thriving, and welcoming community for all.

Vision

Gresham is a vibrant, inclusive, and resilient community where everyone can share in economic prosperity, enjoy connection and belonging, and live a high-quality life.

Guiding principles

Diversity, equity, and inclusion
Achieve equitable outcomes for the people of Gresham

Innovation and adaptivity
Embrace creativity and respond to changing trends, technologies, and community needs

Stewardship of resources
Ensure practical use of resources now and for the future

Accountability and trust
Earn the trust and confidence of the community

Authentic engagement
Connect with the people of Gresham to make informed decisions together



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PLANNING Commission

The **Planning Commission** advises Council on matters related to how land in the city will be used. The Commission helps guide the creation of the City's land use regulations to ensure compliance with state law as well as support the community by enhancing livability, protecting the environment, allowing for economic development, and supporting a more equitable future.

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Item	Planning Commission Involvement	Strategic Plan, 2022-23 Action	Timing
Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) Phase 2	Hold work sessions to provide input to staff and review/make recommendations to Council on any proposed Comprehensive Plan updates.	Supports: HA-B, TE-D	2024-2025
Development Code and Process Improvements (DCPU) Phase 2	Hold work sessions to provide input to staff and review/make recommendations to Council on any proposed Comprehensive Plan updates.	Supports: TE-D3, HA-B, CV-D	2024-TBD
Environmental Overlays Project (EOP) Phase 2	Hold work sessions to provide input to staff and review/make recommendations to Council on any proposed Comprehensive Plan updates.	Supports: CS-E, CV-E	TBD
Pleasant Valley Refresh Phase 2	Hold work sessions to provide input to staff and review/make recommendations to Council on any proposed Comprehensive Plan updates.	Year 2 Action Plan Items: TE-D2, HA-B3 Supports: TE-D, HA-B, CV-D, and CV-E	2024
Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update	Hold work sessions to provide input to staff and review/make recommendations to Council on any proposed Comprehensive Plan updates.	Supports: CS-D, TE-D	2024-2025
Tree Code	Hold work sessions to provide input to staff and review/make recommendations to Council on any proposed Comprehensive Plan updates.	Year 2 Action Plan Item: CV-D1 Supports: CS-E, CV-E	2024-2025

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING Subcommittee

The **Community Development & Housing Subcommittee** advises City Council on housing goals, policies, programs, and budgets. They make recommendations for the City's federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to meet the housing needs of the city's low- and moderate-income residents.

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Item	CDHS Involvement	Strategic Plan, 2022-23 Action	Timing
HOME/CDBG Funding Recommendation	Review funding applications and make recommendations to City Council for the allocation of annual HUD HOME and CDBG funding.	Year 2 Action Plan Item: HA-B1	Spring

DESIGN Commission

The **Design Commission** assists in the development and application of the design guidelines and standards in the city's centers. They hold work sessions with applicants and conduct quasi-judicial hearings as needed to ensure proposed development projects meet the design standards.

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Item	Design Commission Involvement	Strategic Plan, 2022-23 Action	Timing
Development Code and Process Improvements (DCPU) Phase 2	Hold work sessions to provide input to staff on proposed Comprehensive Plan updates related to design.	Supports: TE-D3, HA-B, CV-D	2024-TBD

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HISTORIC RESOURCES Subcommittee

The **Historic Resources Subcommittee** leads identification and designation of the city's historic resources, reviews development applications involving historic properties, and leads and participates in projects and events that increase public awareness or provide education on historic preservation and historic and cultural resources.

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Item	HRS Involvement	Strategic Plan, 2022-23 Action	Timing
CLG Grant Support	Support Certified Local Government (CLG) grant project work, including Reconnaissance Level Survey (RLS).	Supports: CV	2024-25
Education Event	Hold an education event in coordination with CLG grant.	Supports: CV-A	Spring
Zion Church Designation	Review and give recommendation on the application for the Zion Church local inventory designation.	Supports: CV-D	2024

TRANSPORTATION Subcommittee

The **Transportation Subcommittee** advises Council in the ongoing development of the city's multimodal transportation network to improve safety and livability in Gresham.

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Item	TS Involvement	Strategic Plan, 2022-23 Action	Timing
Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) Phase 2	Hold work sessions to provide input to staff on any proposed Comprehensive Plan updates related to transportation.	Supports: HA-B, TE-D	2024-2025
Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update	Hold work sessions to provide input to staff on any proposed Comprehensive Plan updates.	Supports: CS-D, TE-D Aligns the TSP with the Strategic Plan	2024-2025

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URBAN FORESTRY Subcommittee

The **Urban Forestry Subcommittee** advises Council on urban forestry issues and participates in projects and events that increase public awareness or provide education. They focus on activities related to urban tree canopy, tree preservation, the City's approved street tree lists, the significant tree list, and Tree City USA activities.

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Item	UFS Involvement	Strategic Plan, 2022-23 Action	Timing
Tree Code	Hold work sessions to provide input to staff on any proposed Comprehensive Plan updates.	Year 2 Action Plan Item: CV-D1 Supports: CS-E, CV-E	2024-2025
Climate Action Plan (CAP)	Hold work sessions to provide input to staff on proposed policies related to urban trees.	Year 2 Action Plan Item: CS-E1	2024-2025
Neighborhood Tree Plan	Conduct work sessions and involvement with neighborhood associations to promote the initiative.	Supports: CS-E1, CV-D, CV-E	2024-2025
Parks Master Plan	Hold work sessions to provide input to staff on proposed policies related to open space trees.	Year 2 Action Plan Items: CV-B1 Supports: CV-E	2024-2025

