What is the Draft SEIS?

The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS) is an informational document prepared under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). It helps the City, decision-makers, agencies, and the public understand the potential environmental effects of adopting the 2025 Comprehensive Plan before any final decisions are made.

The Draft SEIS does not approve development or change land use or zoning. Instead, it evaluates how the proposed Comprehensive Plan could influence future growth and identifies ways to avoid or reduce potential environmental impacts.

Why was it prepared?

Washington law requires cities to periodically update their Comprehensive Plans under the Growth Management Act (GMA). Because adopting a Comprehensive Plan is considered a non-project action under SEPA, the City must evaluate its potential environmental impacts before adoption.

What does the Draft SEIS evaluate?

The Draft SEIS compares two alternatives:

- No Action Alternative – Continue with the current 2015 Comprehensive Plan.
- Proposed Action Alternative – Adopt the updated 2025 Comprehensive Plan and related development regulations.

It evaluates potential impacts related to:

- Land use
- Housing
- Transportation
- Natural Environment and Critical areas
- Climate and resiliency
- Public facilities and utilities
- Historic and cultural resources
- Air quality
- Consistency with state and regional planning requirements

What the Draft SEIS does NOT do

The Draft SEIS does not:

- Approve individual development projects.
- Approve building permits.
- Authorize construction.
- Determine what will be built on a specific property.
- Replace future environmental review for individual development proposals.

Future development projects will continue to undergo project-specific review and, when required, additional environmental review.

How can I participate?

The Draft SEIS is available for public review and comment. The City welcomes comments on the Draft SEIS until 4:00 on August 13, 2026, at PlanningDept@SequimWA.gov and include "Sequim Draft SEIS Comments" on the subject line, or US Mail at City of Sequim Community and Economic Development Department 152 W Cedar Street Sequim, WA 98382.