



The City of Benton City would like to inform you that the City is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan. This update is known as the “periodic update” that the city conducts every ten years in accordance with the state Growth Management Act and the revised plan will be finalized in mid-2017.

***This important document is being prepared with the input from residents, business owners, property owners, community groups, and students to form a broad and public conversation about the City's future. It is important the City hears from as many interested people as possible.***

***We invite you to become involved!!!***

#### **What is a Comprehensive Plan?**

The Comprehensive Plan is a document adopted by City Council used to guide development in Benton City for the next 20 years. It serves as a guidebook for the city for providing services, facilities, and amenities to accommodate residential and business growth. The updated document will contain a vision describing how the community will look, feel and function in the year 2037. Goals and policies will provide strategies for achieving the vision. Topics will include housing, land use, parks, economic development, transportation and more.

#### **What are the ways to learn more and become involved?**

There are many different ways to engage and ensure that your voice is heard:

- **Visit** the project website at <http://ci.benton-city.wa.us/pView.aspx?id=28918&catid=671> for announcements and information
  - ✓ View the project schedule
  - ✓ Access draft documents and maps
  - ✓ See meeting notices and materials
  - ✓ Read comments and submit your own
- **Request** to be added to the comprehensive plan update emailing list by writing to [shaug@ci.benton-city.wa.us](mailto:shaug@ci.benton-city.wa.us)
- **Attend** a workshop or meeting and provide your input
- **Participate** from home if you cannot make it to a meeting. Check the website for new materials and provide your comments and feedback by email within two weeks.

The City of Benton City Planning Commission will hold a series of public workshops to receive public comment on the City's Comprehensive Plan Update. **The first meeting will take place Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Benton City Community Center, 806 Dale Avenue, Benton City, WA 99320.**

#### **What if I have specific concerns or ideas?**

We want to hear from you! Please contact Stephanie Haug, City Clerk/Treasurer at 509-588-3322, or email her at [shaug@ci.benton-city.wa.us](mailto:shaug@ci.benton-city.wa.us).