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1            AN ACT Relating to growth strategies; amending RCW 36.70A.030,  
2 36.70A.020, 36.70A.070, 36.70A.170, 36.70A.060, and 36.70A.050; adding  
3 a new section to chapter 43.99 RCW; adding new sections to chapter  
4 36.70A RCW; and creating a new section.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6            **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.030 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 3 are each  
7 amended to read as follows:

8            DEFINITIONS. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the  
9 definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

10            (1) "Adjacent jurisdictions" include contiguous counties, cities,  
11 and federally recognized Indian tribes.

12            (2) "Adopt a comprehensive land use plan" means to enact a new  
13 comprehensive land use plan or to update an existing comprehensive land  
14 use plan.

1        ~~((2))~~ (3) "Agricultural land" means land primarily devoted to the  
2 commercial production of horticultural, viticultural, floricultural,  
3 dairy, apiary, vegetable, or animal products or of berries, grain, hay,  
4 straw, turf, seed, Christmas trees not subject to the excise tax  
5 imposed by RCW 84.33.100 through 84.33.140, or livestock, and that has  
6 long-term commercial significance for agricultural production.

7        ~~((3))~~ (4) "Board" means the growth management board established  
8 to review plans and regulations established under this chapter.

9        (5) "City" means any city or town, including a code city.

10       ~~((4))~~ (6) "Committee" means the interagency committee for outdoor  
11 recreation established under chapter 43.99 RCW.

12       (7) "Comprehensive land use plan," "comprehensive plan," or "plan"  
13 means a generalized coordinated land use policy statement of the  
14 governing body of a county or city that is adopted pursuant to this  
15 chapter.

16       ~~((5))~~ (8) "Critical areas" include the following areas and  
17 ecosystems: (a) Wetlands; (b) areas with a critical recharging effect  
18 on aquifers used for potable water; (c) critical fish and wildlife  
19 habitat ~~((conservation areas))~~; (d) frequently flooded areas; and (e)  
20 geologically hazardous areas.

21       ~~((6))~~ (9) "Department" means the department of community  
22 development.

23       ~~((7))~~ (10) "Development regulations" means any controls placed on  
24 development or land use activities by a county or city, including, but  
25 not limited to, zoning ordinances, official controls, planned unit  
26 development ordinances, subdivision ordinances, and binding site plan  
27 ordinances.

28       ~~((8))~~ (11) "Forest land" means land primarily useful for growing  
29 trees, including Christmas trees subject to the excise tax imposed  
30 under RCW 84.33.100 through 84.33.140, for commercial purposes, and

1 that has long-term commercial significance for growing trees  
2 commercially.

3 ~~((9))~~ (12) "Geologically hazardous areas" means areas that  
4 because of their susceptibility to erosion, sliding, earthquake, or  
5 other geological events, are not suited to the siting of commercial,  
6 residential, or industrial development consistent with public health or  
7 safety concerns.

8 ~~((10))~~ (13) "Long-term commercial significance" includes the  
9 growing capacity, productivity, and soil composition of the land for  
10 long-term commercial production, in consideration with the land's  
11 proximity to population areas, and the possibility of more intense uses  
12 of the land.

13 ~~((11))~~ (14) "Mineral~~((s))~~ resource lands" include those lands  
14 identified and devoted to the long-term commercial extraction of  
15 gravel, sand, rock, and valuable metallic substances.

16 (15) "Natural resource lands" means agricultural lands, forest  
17 lands, and mineral resource lands.

18 (16) "New community" means a comprehensive development providing  
19 for a mixture of land uses which includes the following: (a) A mix of  
20 jobs, housing, and public facilities needed for a self-contained  
21 community; (b) preservation of open spaces within and around the  
22 community; (c) an internal and external transportation system  
23 supportive of pedestrian access and mass transit; (d) the new  
24 infrastructure needed to serve the proposed community; and (e) the  
25 mitigation of off-site impacts.

26 (17) "Open space lands" include land areas, the protection of which  
27 would: (a) Conserve and enhance scenic, or viewshed resources; (b)  
28 provide scenic amenities and community identity within and between  
29 areas of urban development; (c) protect physical and/or visual buffers  
30 within and between areas of urban and rural development, or along

1 transportation corridors; (d) protect lakes, rivers, streams,  
2 watersheds, or water supply; (e) promote conservation of critical  
3 areas, natural resource lands, soils, geologically hazardous areas, or  
4 tidal marshes, beaches, or other shoreline areas; (f) enhance the value  
5 to the public of abutting or neighboring parks, forests, wildlife  
6 habitat, trails, or other open space; (g) enhance visual enjoyment and  
7 recreation opportunities, including public access to shoreline areas;  
8 (h) protect natural areas and environmental features with significant  
9 educational, scientific, wildlife habitat, historic, or scenic value;  
10 or (i) retain in its natural state tracts of land not less than five  
11 acres situated in an urban environment.

12       (~~(12)~~) (18) "Public facilities" include streets, roads, highways,  
13 sidewalks, street and road lighting systems, traffic signals, domestic  
14 water systems, storm and sanitary sewer systems, parks and  
15 recreational facilities, and schools.

16       (~~(13)~~) (19) "Public services" include fire protection and  
17 suppression, law enforcement, public health, education, recreation,  
18 environmental protection, and other governmental services.

19       (20) "Region" means one or more counties and the cities within the  
20 county or counties, including, as a local option, multicounty regions.

21       (21) "Special district" means every municipal and quasi-municipal  
22 corporation other than a county or city. Special districts shall  
23 include, but are not limited to: Water districts, sewer districts,  
24 public transportation benefit areas, fire protection districts, port  
25 districts, library districts, school districts, public utility  
26 districts, county park and recreation service areas, flood control zone  
27 districts, irrigation districts, diking districts, and drainage  
28 improvement districts.

29       (22) "State agencies" means all departments, boards, commissions,  
30 institutions of higher education, and offices of state government,

1 except those in the legislative or judicial branches, except to the  
2 extent otherwise required by law.

3       (~~(14)~~) (23) "Urban growth" refers to growth that makes intensive  
4 use of land for the location of buildings, structures, and impermeable  
5 surfaces to such a degree as to be incompatible with the primary use of  
6 such land for the production of food, other agricultural products, or  
7 fiber, or the extraction of mineral resources. When allowed to spread  
8 over wide areas, urban growth typically requires urban governmental  
9 services. "Characterized by urban growth" refers to land having urban  
10 growth located on it, or to land located in relationship to an area  
11 with urban growth on it as to be appropriate for urban growth.

12       (~~(15)~~) (24) "Urban growth areas" means those areas designated by  
13 a county pursuant to RCW 36.70A.110.

14       (~~(16)~~) (25) "Urban governmental services" include those  
15 governmental services historically and typically delivered by cities,  
16 and include storm and sanitary sewer systems, domestic water systems,  
17 street cleaning services, fire and police protection services, public  
18 transit services, and other public utilities associated with urban  
19 areas and normally not associated with nonurban areas.

20       (~~(17)~~) (26) "Wetland" or "wetlands" means areas that are  
21 inundated or saturated by surface water or ground water at a frequency  
22 and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances  
23 do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in  
24 saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes,  
25 bogs, and similar areas. Wetlands do not include those artificial  
26 wetlands intentionally created from nonwetland sites, including, but  
27 not limited to, irrigation and drainage ditches, grass-lined swales,  
28 canals, detention facilities, wastewater treatment facilities, farm  
29 ponds, and landscape amenities. However, wetlands may include those

1 artificial wetlands intentionally created from nonwetland areas created  
2 to mitigate conversion of wetlands, if permitted by the county or city.

3 PART I

4 PLANNING GOALS

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.70A.020 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 2 are each  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 PLANNING GOALS. The following goals are adopted to guide the  
8 development and adoption of comprehensive plans and development  
9 regulations of those counties and cities that are required or choose to  
10 plan under RCW 36.70A.040. The following goals are not listed in order  
11 of priority and shall be used ~~((exclusively))~~ for the purpose of  
12 guiding the development of comprehensive plans and development  
13 regulations. However, plans, regulations, and actions, including  
14 expenditures of state-appropriated funds, of state agencies, counties,  
15 and cities required or choosing to plan, and special districts shall  
16 conform to and support these goals:

17 (1) Urban growth areas. ~~((Encourage))~~ Urban development shall  
18 occur in urban growth areas where adequate public facilities and  
19 services exist or can be provided in an efficient manner.

20 Urban growth areas should be compact, have concentrated employment  
21 centers, and provide opportunities for people to live in a variety of  
22 housing types close to where they work. Plans should ensure an  
23 adequate supply of land for projected jobs considering the nature and  
24 diversity of economic activity and for a variety of housing types.  
25 Development densities should be sufficient to: (a) Protect open space,  
26 natural features and parks, natural resource lands and critical areas  
27 within and outside of urban growth areas; (b) promote affordable

1 housing; and (c) promote transit. Large land areas characterized by  
2 significant natural limitations such as steep slopes, seismic hazard  
3 areas, flood plains, and wetlands should not be designated for urban  
4 growth.

5 New development should be designed to respect the planned and  
6 existing character of neighborhoods. Open spaces and natural features  
7 should be preserved within urban areas.

8 (2) Reduce sprawl. Reduce the inappropriate conversion of  
9 undeveloped land into sprawling, low-density development.

10 (3) Transportation. (~~Encourage~~) Develop efficient multimodal  
11 transportation systems that are based on regional priorities and  
12 coordinated with county and city comprehensive plans. Provide  
13 alternatives to single-occupant automobile travel in congested urban  
14 areas. Housing should be of sufficient density and employment centers  
15 should be concentrated to enable greater efficiency and affordability  
16 of transit service.

17 (4) Housing. Encourage (~~the availability of~~) and participate in  
18 making available affordable housing (~~to~~) for all economic segments of  
19 the population of this state, promote a variety of residential  
20 densities and housing types, (~~and~~) encourage preservation of existing  
21 housing stock, promote the state and federal fair housing goals, and  
22 provide for a fair share of housing needs.

23 (5) Economic development. Encourage economic development  
24 throughout the state that is consistent with adopted comprehensive  
25 plans, promote economic opportunity for all citizens of this state,  
26 especially for unemployed and for disadvantaged persons, build a  
27 network of strong regional economies, identify and focus assistance on  
28 priority economic development areas where there is a need for growth  
29 and where there is the realistic capacity and broad local support for  
30 such growth, and encourage growth in areas experiencing insufficient

1 economic growth, all within the capacities of the state's natural  
2 resources, public services, and public facilities.

3 (6) Property rights. Private property shall not be taken for  
4 public use without just compensation having been made. The property  
5 rights of landowners shall be protected from arbitrary and  
6 discriminatory actions.

7 (7) Permits. Applications for both state and local government  
8 permits should be processed in a timely and fair manner to ensure  
9 predictability.

10 (8) Natural resource industries. Maintain and enhance natural  
11 resource-based industries, including productive timber, agricultural,  
12 and fisheries industries. Encourage the conservation of productive  
13 forest lands and productive agricultural lands, and discourage  
14 incompatible uses.

15 (9) Open space and recreation. (~~Encourage the retention of open~~  
16 ~~space and development of recreational opportunities, conserve fish and~~  
17 ~~wildlife habitat, increase access to natural resource lands and water,~~  
18 ~~and develop parks.)) Protect open space and where possible link open  
19 space into regional and state-wide networks. Permanent open space  
20 networks should separate neighboring cities, where possible, and define  
21 distinct urban growth areas to prevent their merging into large  
22 continuous urban areas. Open space should be used to: Protect fish  
23 and wildlife habitat; protect environmentally sensitive land and water  
24 areas; provide park and outdoor recreational opportunities; protect  
25 scenic areas and viewsheds; accommodate nonmotorized recreational  
26 corridors and trails; and protect views and vistas within and around  
27 cities.~~

28 (10) Environment. Protect the environment and enhance the state's  
29 high quality of life, including air and water quality, and the  
30 availability of water.



1 (11) Citizen participation and coordination. (~~Encourage~~) Ensure  
2 the involvement of citizens in the planning process and ensure  
3 coordination between communities and jurisdictions to reconcile  
4 conflicts.

5 (12) Public facilities and services. Ensure that those public  
6 facilities and services necessary to support development shall be  
7 adequate to serve the development at the time the development is  
8 available for occupancy and use without decreasing current service  
9 levels below locally established minimum standards.

10 (13) Historic preservation. Identify and encourage the  
11 preservation of lands, sites, and structures, that have historical or  
12 archaeological significance.

13 (14) Fair share. Ensure the siting of regional and state public  
14 facilities, so that each county and its cities accepts their fair share  
15 of public facilities and no community is overburdened.

16 (15) Water Resources. Land use planning and permit decisions that  
17 will both protect water and create demand for water must be compatible  
18 with water resource plans. New growth must be related to water  
19 availability. Each county and its cities must integrate water resource  
20 planning for consumptive and nonconsumptive uses into its land use  
21 plan. Water is key for fish, wildlife, domestic use, industrial use,  
22 power, agriculture, aesthetics, and recreation.

23 PART II

24 LOCAL PLANNING

25 **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.70A.070 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 7 are each  
26 amended to read as follows:

1           COMPREHENSIVE PLANS--MANDATORY ELEMENTS. The comprehensive plan of  
2 a county or city that is required or chooses to plan under RCW  
3 36.70A.040 shall consist of a map or maps, and descriptive text  
4 covering objectives, principles, and standards used to develop the  
5 comprehensive plan. The plan shall be an internally consistent  
6 document and all elements shall be consistent with the future land use  
7 map. A comprehensive plan shall be adopted and amended with public  
8 participation as provided in RCW 36.70A.140.

9           Each comprehensive plan shall include a plan, scheme, or design for  
10 each of the following:

11           (1) A land use element designating the proposed general  
12 distribution and general location and extent of the uses of land, where  
13 appropriate, for agriculture, timber production, housing, commerce,  
14 industry, recreation, open spaces, public utilities, public facilities,  
15 and other land uses. The land use element shall provide for sufficient  
16 developable land and densities for a range of housing types. The land  
17 use element shall include population densities, building intensities,  
18 and estimates of future population growth. The land use element shall  
19 include designation of natural resource lands and lands for outdoor  
20 recreation as provided in RCW 36.70A.060. Each county shall include  
21 urban growth areas as established in RCW 36.70A.110 in its  
22 comprehensive land use plan. The land use element shall provide for  
23 protection of the quality and quantity of ground and surface water used  
24 for public water supplies and shall recognize that water availability  
25 and quality are key factors in determining the extent, location,  
26 distribution, and intensity of land uses. Where applicable, the land  
27 use element shall review drainage, flooding, and storm water run-off in  
28 the area and nearby jurisdictions and provide guidance for corrective  
29 actions to mitigate or cleanse those discharges that pollute waters of  
30 the state, including Puget Sound or waters entering Puget Sound.

1           (2) A housing element recognizing the vitality and character of  
2 established residential neighborhoods that: (a) Includes an inventory  
3 and analysis of existing and projected housing needs; (b) includes a  
4 statement of goals, policies, and objectives for the preservation,  
5 improvement, and development of housing and for meeting fair share  
6 housing obligations within the county and/or jurisdictions; (c)  
7 identifies sufficient land and densities for housing; (d) identifies  
8 the existing and projected fair share accommodation of low-income  
9 moderate-income housing, including, but not limited to, government-  
10 assisted housing, housing for low-income families, manufactured  
11 housing, multifamily housing, and group homes and foster care  
12 facilities; (~~and (d)~~) (e) makes adequate provisions for existing and  
13 projected needs of all economic segments of the community; (f) promotes  
14 housing that is affordable; and (g) minimizes the displacement of  
15 residents from housing.

16           (3) A capital facilities plan element consisting of: (a) An  
17 inventory of existing capital facilities owned by public entities,  
18 showing the locations and capacities of the capital facilities; (b) a  
19 forecast of the future needs for such capital facilities; (c) the  
20 proposed locations and capacities of expanded or new capital  
21 facilities; (d) at least a six-year plan that will finance such capital  
22 facilities within projected funding capacities and clearly identifies  
23 sources of public money for such purposes; and (e) a requirement to  
24 reassess the land use element if probable funding falls short of  
25 meeting existing needs and to ensure that the land use element, capital  
26 facilities plan element, and financing plan within the capital  
27 facilities plan element are coordinated and consistent.

28           (4) A utilities element consisting of the general location,  
29 proposed location, and capacity of all existing and proposed utilities,

1 including, but not limited to, electrical lines, telecommunication  
2 lines, and natural gas lines.

3 (5) Counties shall include a rural element including lands that  
4 are not designated for urban growth, agriculture, forest, or mineral  
5 resources. The rural element shall permit land uses that are  
6 compatible with the rural character of such lands and provide for a  
7 variety of rural densities and do not foster urban growth.

8 (6) A transportation element that implements, and is consistent  
9 with, the land use element. The transportation element shall include  
10 the following subelements:

11 (a) Land use assumptions used in estimating travel;

12 (b) Facilities and services needs, including:

13 (i) An inventory of air, water, and land transportation facilities  
14 and services, including transit alignments, to define existing capital  
15 facilities and travel levels as a basis for future planning;

16 (ii) Level of service standards for all arterials and transit  
17 routes to serve as a gauge to judge performance of the system. These  
18 standards should be regionally coordinated;

19 (iii) Specific actions and requirements for bringing into  
20 compliance any facilities or services that are below an established  
21 level of service standard;

22 (iv) Forecasts of traffic for at least ten years based on the  
23 adopted land use plan to provide information on the location, timing,  
24 and capacity needs of future growth;

25 (v) Identification of system expansion needs and transportation  
26 system management needs to meet current and future demands;

27 (c) Finance, including:

28 (i) An analysis of funding capability to judge needs against  
29 probable funding resources;

1 (ii) A multiyear financing plan based on the needs identified in  
2 the comprehensive plan, the appropriate parts of which shall serve as  
3 the basis for the six-year street, road, or transit program required by  
4 RCW 35.77.010 for cities, RCW 36.81.121 for counties, and RCW  
5 35.58.2795 for public transportation systems;

6 (iii) If probable funding falls short of meeting identified needs,  
7 a discussion of how additional funding will be raised, or how land use  
8 assumptions will be reassessed to ensure that level of service  
9 standards will be met;

10 (d) Intergovernmental coordination efforts, including an assessment  
11 of the impacts of the transportation plan and land use assumptions on  
12 the transportation systems of adjacent jurisdictions;

13 (e) Demand-management strategies.

14 After adoption of the comprehensive plan by jurisdictions required  
15 to plan or who choose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040, local jurisdictions  
16 must adopt and enforce ordinances which prohibit development approval  
17 if the development causes the level of service on a transportation  
18 facility to decline below the standards adopted in the transportation  
19 element of the comprehensive plan, unless transportation improvements  
20 or strategies to accommodate the impacts of development are made  
21 concurrent with the development. These strategies may include  
22 increased public transportation service, ride sharing programs, demand  
23 management, and other transportation systems management strategies.  
24 For the purposes of this subsection (6) "concurrent with the  
25 development" shall mean that improvements or strategies are in place at  
26 the time of development, or that a financial commitment is in place to  
27 complete the improvements or strategies within six years.

28 The transportation element described in this subsection, and the  
29 six-year plans required by RCW 35.77.010 for cities, RCW 36.81.121 for

1 counties, and RCW 35.58.2795 for public transportation systems, must be  
2 consistent.

3 (7) A design element that enables communities to harmoniously fit  
4 new development with planned or existing community character and  
5 vision.

6 (8) An environmental management element that minimizes development  
7 and growth impacts on the environment and enhances the quality of air,  
8 water, and land resources.

9 (9) An open space and outdoor recreation element that provides for  
10 local and regional parks, outdoor recreation facilities, trails,  
11 resource conservation, natural vistas, and open space.

12 (10) An annexation element for cities and incorporation element  
13 for counties to clearly delineate a local government service delivery  
14 plan.

15 (11) A fair share element for siting state and regional public  
16 facilities.

17 **Sec. 4.** RCW 36.70A.170 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 17 are each  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 NATURAL RESOURCE LANDS AND CRITICAL AREAS--DESIGNATIONS. (1) On  
20 or before September 1, 1991, each county, and each city, shall  
21 designate where appropriate:

22 (a) Agricultural lands that are not already characterized by urban  
23 growth and that have long-term significance for the commercial  
24 production of food or other agricultural products;

25 (b) Forest lands that are not already characterized by urban growth  
26 and that have long-term significance for the commercial production of  
27 timber;

1 (c) Mineral resource lands that are not already characterized by  
2 urban growth and that have long-term significance for the extraction of  
3 minerals; and

4 (d) Critical areas.

5 (2) In making the designations required by this section, counties  
6 and cities shall (~~consider the guidelines~~) comply with the minimum  
7 standards established pursuant to RCW 36.70A.050.

8 (3) Once classified, such lands shall be protected according to RCW  
9 36.70A.060 or section 6 of this act.

10 **Sec. 5.** RCW 36.70A.060 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 6 are each  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 NATURAL RESOURCE LANDS AND CRITICAL AREAS--DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS.

13 (1) Each county that is required or chooses to plan under RCW  
14 36.70A.040, and each city within such county, shall adopt development  
15 regulations on or before September 1, 1991, to assure the conservation  
16 of agricultural, forest, and mineral resource lands designated under  
17 RCW 36.70A.170. Regulations adopted under this (~~section~~) subsection  
18 may not prohibit (~~uses permitted~~) ongoing activities allowed prior to  
19 their adoption and shall remain in effect until ((a)) the county or  
20 city adopts development regulations pursuant to RCW 36.70A.120. Such  
21 regulations shall assure that the use of lands adjacent to  
22 agricultural, forest, or mineral resource lands shall not interfere  
23 with the continued use, in the accustomed manner, of these designated  
24 lands for the production of food, agricultural products, or timber, or  
25 for the extraction of minerals.

26 (2) Each county that is required or chooses to plan under RCW  
27 36.70A.040, and each city within such county, shall adopt development  
28 regulations on or before September 1, 1991, precluding land uses or

1 development that is incompatible with the critical areas that are  
2 required to be designated under RCW 36.70A.170.

3 ~~((2))~~ (3) Such counties and cities shall review these  
4 designations and development regulations when adopting their  
5 comprehensive plans under RCW 36.70A.040 and implementing development  
6 regulations under RCW 36.70A.120 and may alter such designations and  
7 development regulations to insure consistency.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** NATURAL RESOURCE LANDS AND CRITICAL AREAS--  
9 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS TO ADOPT DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS. (1) Each  
10 county and city not subject to RCW 36.70A.060 shall adopt development  
11 regulations on or before September 1, 1992, to assure the conservation  
12 of agricultural, forest, and mineral resource lands designated under  
13 RCW 36.70A.170. Regulations adopted under this subsection may not  
14 prohibit ongoing activities allowed prior to their adoption and shall  
15 remain in effect until the county or city adopts development  
16 regulations under this section. Such regulations shall assure that the  
17 use of lands adjacent to agricultural, forest, or mineral resource  
18 lands shall not interfere with the continued use, in the accustomed  
19 manner, of these designated lands for the production of food,  
20 agricultural products, or timber, or for the extraction of minerals.

21 (2) Each county and city covered by this section shall adopt  
22 development regulations on or before September 1, 1992, precluding land  
23 uses or development that is incompatible with the critical areas that  
24 are required to be designated under RCW 36.70A.170.

25 (3) Each county and city under this section shall perform their  
26 activities, including adoption of development regulations, and make  
27 capital budget decisions in conformity with their designations under  
28 RCW 36.70A.170.





1       **Sec. 9.**   RCW 36.70A.050 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 5 are each  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       MINIMUM STANDARDS TO CLASSIFY AGRICULTURE, FOREST, AND MINERAL  
4 LANDS AND CRITICAL AREAS. (1) Subject to the definitions provided in  
5 RCW 36.70A.030, the department shall adopt ~~((guidelines))~~ by June 1,  
6 1991, minimum standards, under chapter 34.05 RCW, ~~((no later than~~  
7 ~~September 1, 1990,))~~ to guide the classification of: (a) Agricultural  
8 lands; (b) forest lands; (c) mineral resource lands; and (d) critical  
9 areas. The department shall consult with the department of agriculture  
10 regarding ~~((guidelines))~~ minimum standards for agricultural lands, the  
11 department of natural resources regarding forest lands and mineral  
12 resource lands, and the department of ecology regarding critical areas.

13       (2) In carrying out its duties under this section, the department  
14 shall consult with interested parties, including but not limited to:  
15 (a) Representatives of cities; (b) representatives of counties; (c)  
16 representatives of developers; (d) representatives of builders; (e)  
17 representatives of owners of agricultural lands, forest lands, and  
18 mining lands; (f) representatives of local economic development  
19 officials; (g) representatives of environmental organizations; (h)  
20 representatives of special districts; (i) representatives of the  
21 governor's office and federal and state agencies; and (j)  
22 representatives of Indian tribes. In addition to the consultation  
23 required under this subsection, the department shall conduct public  
24 hearings in the various regions of the state. The department shall  
25 consider the public input obtained at such public hearings when  
26 adopting the ~~((guidelines))~~ minimum standards.

27       (3) The ~~((guidelines))~~ rules under subsection (1) of this section  
28 shall be minimum ~~((guidelines))~~ standards that apply to all  
29 ~~((jurisdictions))~~ counties and cities, but also shall allow for  
30 regional differences that exist in Washington state. The intent of

1 these ((guidelines)) minimum standards is to ((assist)) guide counties  
2 and cities in designating the classification of agricultural lands,  
3 forest lands, mineral resource lands, and critical areas under RCW  
4 36.70A.170.

5 (4) The ((guidelines)) minimum standards established by the  
6 department under this section regarding classification of forest lands  
7 shall not be inconsistent with guidelines adopted by the department of  
8 natural resources.

9 (5) Once classified, such lands shall be protected according to RCW  
10 36.70A.060 or section 6 of this act.

11 NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. A new section is added to chapter 43.99 RCW  
12 to read as follows:

13 STATE OPEN SPACE PLAN. (1) To assist local governments in carrying  
14 out the goals and requirements of chapter 36.70A RCW, the interagency  
15 committee for outdoor recreation shall prepare a state-wide open space  
16 plan identifying existing areas of protected open space lands and  
17 networks as described in RCW 36.70A.020.

18 (2) For the purposes of preparing the plan, the committee shall, in  
19 addition to the members specified in RCW 43.99.110, include the  
20 directors of ecology and community development, or their designees, and  
21 one representative of the association of Washington cities and one  
22 representative of the Washington state association of counties as  
23 voting members. The committee shall prepare the plan by December 1,  
24 1992, and shall distribute the plan to all counties and cities required  
25 to adopt comprehensive land use plans under this chapter.

26 (3) The process shall consist of:

27 (a) The identification by the committee of existing open space  
28 lands protected by state agencies; and

1 (b) The identification, in those counties or cities required or  
2 choosing to plan under this chapter, of existing open space lands  
3 protected by counties and cities.

4 (4) The committee shall assist the department in developing  
5 guidelines pursuant to RCW 36.70A.070(9) to encourage open space  
6 networks which link together existing lands identified in subsection  
7 (3) of this section.

8 (5) In preparing the plan, the committee shall cooperate to the  
9 maximum degree feasible with counties and cities preparing  
10 comprehensive plans under section 6 of this act and with counties and  
11 cities designating and adopting development regulations to protect  
12 natural resource lands and critical areas under section 6 of this act.  
13 The plan is to be prepared using existing resources information  
14 available from federal, state, and local governments, including the  
15 designations of critical areas and natural resource lands required  
16 under chapter 36.70A RCW, and the identification of open space  
17 corridors provided for in RCW 36.70A.160. The committee shall provide  
18 opportunities for public review and comment during preparation of the  
19 plan.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** OPEN SPACE PLAN--STATE AGENCIES SHALL  
21 COOPERATE. To foster the efforts of counties and cities to identify  
22 and protect open space networks in their comprehensive plans and  
23 development regulations as required in RCW 36.70A.160 and this act, all  
24 state agencies with natural resources land management, regulation, or  
25 planning authorities shall cooperate with county and city efforts to  
26 protect open space lands and networks.

27 PART IV

28 OTHER PROVISIONS

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 12.**    HEADINGS.    Part and section headings as  
2 used in this act do not constitute any part of the law.

3        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 13.**    Sections 6, 7, 8, and 11 of this act are  
4 each added to chapter 36.70A RCW.