

# Parkland-Spanaway-Midland Community Plan

## summary sheet

### Authorization of the Community Plan

Preparation of a community plan for the Parkland, Spanaway, and Midland area of unincorporated Pierce County was authorized by the County Council under Resolution No.R97-94, adopted August 12, 1997.

### Purpose of the Community Plan

The purpose of the community planning process is to enhance community values and identify and assure sensible growth and development. Community plans can help citizens decide what they want to nurture and what they want to change at the local level, where citizens live and interact. Using the existing County Comprehensive Plan as a foundation, the community planning process allows the citizens make specific recommendations regarding such things as environmental protection, infrastructure development, transportation, housing densities, land use patterns, and design. These recommendations are packaged as a plan for the community that is forwarded to the Pierce County Council for approval. The approved plan provides the policy and regulatory basis under which the community will develop in the future.

### Community Plan Timeline

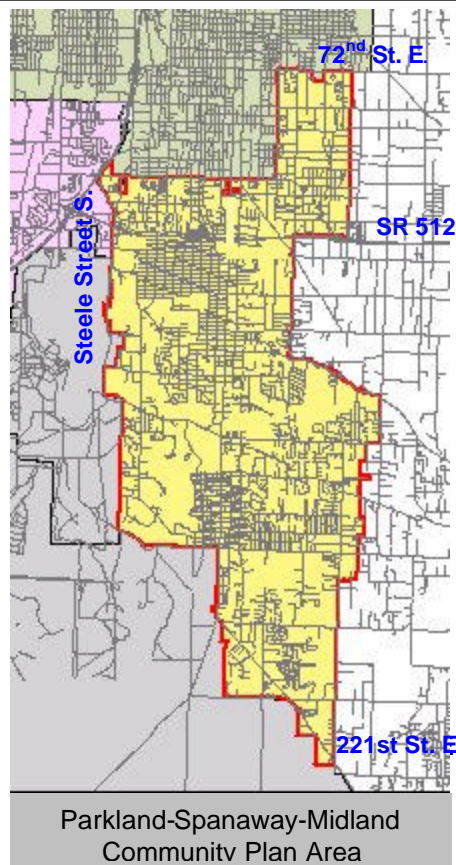
The PSM Communities Planning Board (CPB), a group of community citizens who develop the community plan, was established in February of 1998. A fifteen-sixteen member CPB was formed for each of the communities and five committees were formed to address specific topics such as economic development, transportation and water resources. Pierce County and the CPBs hosted visioning workshops, open houses, a business roundtable, and several types of surveys, all designed to share as well as gather information to aid in the community plan's development. After three years of meeting and planning, the draft PSM Communities Plan will be available for public review.

### How to Get Involved

The draft PSM Communities Plan will be available for public review in August 2001. Citizens will be able to provide comments to the Pierce County Planning Commission and Pierce County Council before the plan is adopted. Written comments can be mailed to the Planning Commission, 2401 South 35th Street, Room 228, Tacoma, WA 98409-7490.

### For More Information

To get more information about the PSM Communities Plan, contact the Pierce County Planning and Land Services Department at (253) 798-2785. More information is also available via the internet at [www.co.pierce.wa.us/landuse](http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/landuse).



#### Plan Area Statistics

##### Size and population

Plan area size – 13,003 ac. (20.3 sq. mi)  
1996 estimated population – 60,104 persons

##### Vacant land

Total vacant land – 1,571 ac.  
Percentage of area vacant - 15%

##### Land use designations

Percentage of area designated residential - 60%  
Percentage of area designated employment - 1%  
Percentage of area designated commercial - 7%