KitsapCounty

PLANNING COMMISSION

Executive Summary

Issue Title: Department of Community Development: Hansville Community Resiliency Project

Meeting Date: 11/17/2026

Time Required: 30 Minutes

Attendees: Garrett Ballew, Long Range Planner

Action Requested at this Meeting:
No action requested. Informational only.

Background:
Hansville was identified in Kitsap County's 2025 Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Risk Assessment as one of the most at-risk communities for coastal flooding and sea level rise. These vulnerabilities were evident during the December 27, 2022 king tide event, when storm surge and flooding affected low-lying areas of the community.

The Hansville Community Resiliency Project will develop clear, accessible guidance to support property owners and the broader community in understanding risk conditions and identifying feasible adaptation and resiliency measures.

The project will provide a summary of current and projected flood risks and evaluate near-term and long-term adaptation strategies. The effort will draw from existing county assessments and coastal studies and incorporate engagement with local landowners. Additional project information can be found in the Project Charter (Attachment A).

Adjacent to the project will be a partnership with the University of Washington's Landscape Architecture program, where students will explore nature-based design concepts for the Point No Point area for 2050- and 2100-time horizons.

To support meaningful public involvement, the project includes a Community Engagement Plan (Attachment B) that provides multiple participation opportunities.

This work supports key goals and policies of the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan related to climate resilience, public safety, natural resource protection, and informed community decision-making.

Staff will continue project development through community outreach and engagement, coordination with the University of Washington, and development of the resiliency report.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Hansville Community Resiliency Project Charter
- Attachment B: Hansville Community Resiliency Project Community Engagement Plan