



SUQUAMISH, WA

CHAPTER 14

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VISION FOR SUQUAMISH

Suquamish is a rural, historic waterfront community on the Port Madison Indian Reservation, which is defined by strong natural borders in northeast Kitsap County. The Port Madison Indian Reservation is located on the western and northern shore of Port Madison Bay. The reservation also fronts Agate Pass on the western side. Bainbridge Island is located on the eastern side of the Pass. The Agate Pass Bridge connects Bainbridge Island with the Reservation on the Kitsap Peninsula.

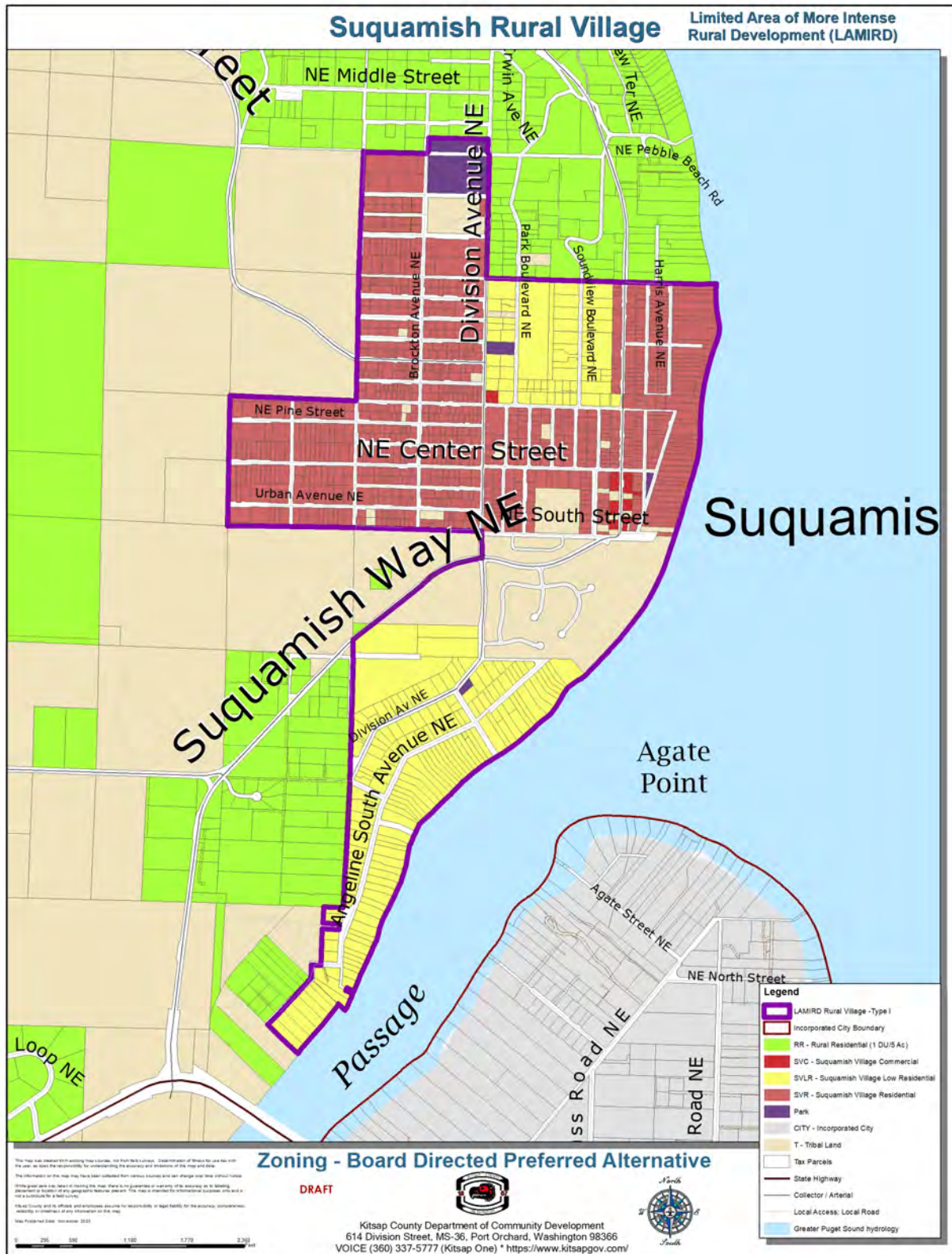
Increased growth pressures are threatening the Suquamish Village's natural boundaries. Increased development was beginning to exceed the capacities of the infrastructure systems. Transportation infrastructure and drainage systems were no longer adequate, open space diminished, and the rural character of the town changed. Tribal members living in Suquamish and non-Indian residents who moved to Suquamish for its rural qualities and remote location found their chosen lifestyle at risk. The area was designated a Limited Area of More Intensive Rural Development (LAMIRD) to begin to address these conditions.

Any vision for Suquamish must balance the preservation of the rights of Tribal members and of non-Indian property owners to enjoy the reasonable use of their land. The Suquamish Village will make its visitors feel welcome, but not rely solely on tourism as a mechanism for economic health. Economic and cultural diversity shall be celebrated and enhanced for the benefit of all residents of Suquamish. The Suquamish Village's Native American history and presence shall be enhanced and remain a visible part of the Suquamish experience.

The downtown should remain the heart of Suquamish where residents and visitors will gather together to celebrate traditions and experience daily living. Suquamish will offer small business districts for small-scale neighborhood convenience stores or public services.

It shall become a community where development and facilities are focused on limiting impacts to climate and benefiting the environment. The community can enjoy its open spaces and recreational opportunities as well as safe and pleasurable walks, which link the neighborhoods to each other and to the commercial districts. The Suquamish Rural Village shall welcome all social and economic groups. It shall provide a sense of community, and the Tribe and the County shall work cooperatively.

Figure 45. Suquamish LAMIRD Zoning Map, Board Directed Preferred Alternative



Suquamish Goals, Policies, and Strategies

LAND USE

Suquamish Goal 1.

Ensure development is consistent with the Suquamish Village Limited Area of More Intensive Rural Development (LAMIRD) designation and Growth Management Act requirements.

Suquamish Policy 1.1. Maintain development regulations for each Suquamish residential and commercial zoning consistent with historic conditions.

Suquamish Policy 1.2. Maintain existing code regarding legacy and nonconforming lots.

Suquamish Policy 1.3. Expand commercial opportunities for small service businesses catering to residents and tourists (e.g., coffee shop and meeting spaces).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Suquamish Goal 2.

Establish a Kitsap Regional Library extension.

Suquamish Policy 2.1. Explore prospective locations for a Kitsap Regional Library (KLR) extension in coordination with KRL, Kitsap County, and the Suquamish Tribe to establish a library with suitable amenities (Wi-Fi, computer access, and other access).

Suquamish Goal 3.

Provide Transportation improvements that enhance economic development.

Suquamish Policy 3.1. Conduct studies to maximize the effectiveness of Suquamish downtown parking, traffic, land use and potential aesthetics.

Suquamish Goal 4.

Establish a Suquamish aesthetic beneficial to economic development.

Suquamish Policy 4.1. Determine what a Suquamish downtown (Augusta Avenue and Suquamish Way) aesthetic would look like (signage, streetlights, storefronts, public art, etc.) and further define action required to achieve that aesthetic to include:

- Signage to meet the Suquamish aesthetic, including welcoming sign and street signs.

- Implement utility improvements, including street lighting that would support economic development.
- Examine the feasibility and implement appropriate trash can placement (and supporting solid waste removal).

Suquamish Policy 4.2. Collaborate with Suquamish Tribal Government, Port Madison Enterprises, and other business district interests to examine and support zoning and construction encouraging first floor storefronts with affordable second floor living options.

Suquamish Goal 5.

Support information sharing and information access in Suquamish.

Suquamish Policy 5.1. Examine, and if feasible implement, a Public Wi-Fi access capability.

Suquamish Policy 5.2. Work with providers and Kitsap Public Utilities District to expand broadband and upgraded cellular service within the Village.

HOUSING

Suquamish Goal 6

Limit future growth within the Suquamish Village while allowing greater housing diversity to serve multiple income levels.

Suquamish Policy 6.1. Encourage housing types beyond single-family, detached to increase affordability.

Suquamish Strategy 6.a. Allow accessory dwelling units to be permitted uses in Suquamish residential zones.

TRANSPORTATION

Suquamish Goal 7.

Evaluate changes for Augusta and Suquamish Way to allow for safe and effective access to businesses.

Suquamish Policy 7.1. Examine, and if feasible implement, a three-lane corridor along Augusta Avenue starting at NE Geneva Street and continuing up Suquamish Way to Division [in vicinity of the Suquamish Village] to enhance current and future Suquamish economic development and access.

Suquamish Goal 8.



Improve parking to support safe business access.

Suquamish Policy 8.1. Improve parking along, or in vicinity of, Augusta Avenue starting at NE Geneva Street and continuing up Suquamish Way to Division to enhance current and future Suquamish economic development and access.

Suquamish Policy 8.2. Assess opportunities on private or public property to allow safe loading and unloading of goods within the business district.

Suquamish Goal 9.*Develop walkways, crosswalks and bicycle routes that enhance the walkability, safety, and economic development of Suquamish.*

Suquamish Policy 9.1. Provide walkways and crosswalks extending on Augusta Avenue from NE Geneva Street to Suquamish Way to enhance current and future Suquamish economic development and access.

Suquamish Policy 9.2. Examine, and if feasible implement, walkways and crosswalks on Division Ave NE and NE McKinstry St. (starting at Suquamish Way) to provide a safe and walkable access to the Sports Court Park and the historically significant Old Man House Park.

Suquamish Policy 9.3. Provide a pedestrian connection between Suquamish and the network of trails within the Cowling Creek Preserve, which with additional development could serve as a bike route bypassing a portion of Miller Bay Road with no shoulders.

Suquamish Policy 9.4. Examine, and if feasible implement, paving the shoulders of Miller Bay Road from NE Geneva St. to Gunderson Rd. thereby providing the first/only safe route for walkers, joggers, or bicyclists to enter and depart Suquamish to the north towards Kingston.

Suquamish Strategy 9.a. Expand crosswalks and walkways on Division, Augusta, and Brockton to enhance pedestrian safety.

Suquamish Strategy 9.b. Expand shoulders along arterials leading into and out of the Suquamish Village (e.g., Miller Bay Road, NE Columbia Street and Suquamish Way) provide a safe route for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Suquamish Goal 10.*Evaluate road safety improvements in and around Suquamish.*

Suquamish Policy 10.1. Examine, and if feasible implement, speed controls and widening/paved shoulders on NE Columbia Street to increase safety as the alternate northern route out of Suquamish.

Suquamish Policy 10.2. Examine, and if feasible, due to existing zoning and road width constraints, implement one-way traffic options on Geneva and Center Streets.

Suquamish Strategy 10.a. Explore traffic calming opportunities (e.g., traffic speed tables) to arterials and collectors including Augusta, Division, and Columbia.

Suquamish Strategy 10.b. Expand street lighting where necessary for public safety (e.g., bus stops and key intersections).

Suquamish Strategy 10.c. Encourage expanded transit service between the Suquamish Park and Ride and Kingston, Poulsbo, and Bainbridge Island.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Suquamish Goal 11.

Coordinate efforts among the community, the Suquamish Tribe, and the County to maintain existing Parks within and surrounding Suquamish to their fullest potential.

Suquamish Policy 11.1. Where consistent with CFP resurface the Sport Court at NE Division Ave and McKinstry St. for increased safety and use.

Suquamish Policy 11.2. Enhance access and kayak launches at appropriate County rights of way throughout Suquamish (i.e., Hemphill Rd. terminus, or southwest terminus/right of way NE Angeline Rd.)

Suquamish Policy 11.3. Expand park maintenance.

Suquamish Policy 11.4. Examine and if feasible implement watering capability to Angeline Park and the Sports Park for maintenance of the plant beds.

Suquamish Policy 11.5. Implement upgrades and improvements to the Angeline Park playground.

Suquamish Strategy 11.a. Examine and if feasible implement watering capability to Angeline Park and the Sports Park for maintenance of the plant beds.

Suquamish Strategy 11.b. Enhance public access to County road ends at James and Hemphill through improved trails informed by the requirements of the Shoreline Management Program.

Suquamish Strategy 11.c. Explore trail connections between the Suquamish Village and Cowling Creek Preserve.

Suquamish Goal 12.

Partner with the Suquamish Tribe to discover new opportunities for desired Parks and Open Spaces.



Suquamish Policy 12.1. Explore, and if feasible develop, an off-leash dog park.

Suquamish Policy 12.2. Explore, and if feasible develop, a skateboard park.

Suquamish Policy 12.3. Explore, and if feasible develop, a community garden.

Suquamish Strategy 12.a. Explore transfer of the Sports Court and Angeline Park to the Suquamish Tribe to increase maintenance and continue access for the general public.

Suquamish Goal 13.

Expand access to public restrooms.

Suquamish Policy 13.1. Collaborate with Suquamish Tribal Government to expand public restroom within the Suquamish Village commercial and public areas.

Suquamish Strategy 13.a. Collaborate with Suquamish Tribal Government to establish public restrooms near the Suquamish Dock.

CAPITAL FACILITIES

Suquamish Goal 14.

Expand and improve Suquamish stormwater and sewer facilities.

Suquamish Policy 14.1. Support development of a comprehensive and natural approach to stormwater management to implement projects to control flows, reduce flooding, and enhance water quality.

Suquamish Strategy 14.a. Complete the stormwater treatment projects including the Harris and Angeline Avenue area.