**What We Are Doing?**

Our Skyway/West Hill Community Plan is the framework for big-picture decisions to grow community and preserve the character of our neighborhoods.  This is our piece of King County’s Comprehensive Plan.  This is a community driven process that will result in a doable list of projects to be implemented.

The plan is the roadmap **(Add Hyperlink for the Community Plan Road Map Document – located on the Working Group webpage)** for our community’s future. Skyway Solutions will engage the whole community to build on past visions.  We will pool our resources to take advantage of the opportunity to design and improve our community. We are focusing on safety, prosperity, education, transportation, affordable housing, and healthy connected neighborhoods.

**How We Got Here?**

For generations, Skyway / West Hill residents and organization’s intention is to create a community that is culturally vibrant, intellectually curious, innovative and beautiful.

IN 1994 our community was stagnating and our air quality was dangerously polluted. But Westhill had a plan . . . to reinvest in the urban core and address land use issues. By linking land use, transportation, green spaces and people, we aimed our efforts into creating attractive, livable neighborhoods instead of sprawl. Over the past 40 years, our community has grown but still lacking a vibrant economy, clean our environment and support for our community to work, live, play and thrive.

Today we want to create walkable neighborhoods, public transit system, create a robust connected business district, and access to sustainable food cultures are features that communities around the world would want to emulate. And our unique and compact neighborhoods are vibrant and thriving where all can prosper. Not all residents have equitable access to opportunities to advance their well-being and achieve their full potential.

The Community Plan addresses some of our community’s most pressing challenges, including income disparities, high unemployment, a low high school graduation rate and environmental concerns. Practical, measured and strategic, the plan recognizes that our community now and in the future will be a more racially, ethnically and age-diverse community, that various parts of neighborhoods are different—and one size does not fit all.

**The Purpose of the Community Plan:**

* The Community Plan will bring together more than 20 agency partners and thousands of residents, businesses and nonprofits to create a strategic plan to make Skyway West Hill prosperous, healthy, educated and equitable. It provides a structure for aligning budgets and projects across numerous public agencies, guiding policies with an eye toward the year 2035, and a five-year action plan to get things started.
* The community’s plan is the official process to formally reach out to all community members and group to get widespread agreement on the most important issues facing the community today and in the future.
* The community’s plan provides guidance and rules used by the King County government to evaluate allowing future land development proposals in Skyway-West Hill.
* King County government will use the community’s plan to help identify and prioritize which local projects should receive support and resources (such as fixing sidewalks, adding lights in the park, participating grants projects).

**Why is this Community Plan different?**

* The Community Plan focuses on a core set of priorities: prosperity, education, health and equity.
* Better partnerships will drive change.
* Strong civic infrastructure is essential.
* The Community Plan is a plan for people, not just land use.

**We Will Use Framework for Equity:**

* Close the gaps
* Engage the community
* Build partnerships
* Launch a racial and ethnic justice initiative for community
* Increase focus on disability equity
* Increase accountability

**We have identified 13 Measures of Success:**

1. Equity and inclusion

2. Resident satisfaction

3. Educated youth & community

4. Prosperous households

5. Growing businesses

6. Job growth

7. Transit and active transportation

8. Reduced carbon emissions

9. Complete connected neighborhoods

10. Healthier people

11. Safer community

12. Culture, Art & Innovation

13. Access to open spaces & create useable parks