

2006 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

OBJECTIVES

Objectives relating to **Police** Department

Public Facilities Element

Objective PF-A.3 By December 2007, study the feasibility of a joint public safety building for police and fire services to serve as the headquarters for these departments.

Response: There no longer is interest in developing a joint Police/Fire Facility. This objective should be eliminated.

Objective PF-A.4 Match the level of police services to the public safety needs and conditions of the Longview community. As part of the biennial budget, work toward achieving a police level of service at the U.S. average ratio of one officer per 565 citizens.

Response: Chief Jim Duscha wants to retain this objective. Based on the on the above objective the Police Department should be authorized for 65 officers. They are currently authorized for 58 officers.

Objectives relating to **Fire** Department

Public Facilities Element

Objective PF-A.3 By December 2007, study the feasibility of a joint public safety building for police and fire services to serve as the headquarters for these departments.

Response: There no longer is interest in developing a joint Police/Fire Facility. This objective should be eliminated.

Objective PF-A.6 Establish and maintain levels of service that meet the fire suppression and emergency medical needs of the Longview Community. Implement a level of service equal to a 6-minute response time 90% of the time. Measure the level of service periodically as part of the Fire Department's annual reports and consider service and facility needs at the time of the biennial budget.

Response: Chief Phil Jurmu wants to retain this objective.

Objective PF-A.7 Evaluate the need for fire suppression and EMS services and facilities in West Longview in conjunction with Cowlitz County Fire and Rescue District 2. Adopt the joint plan through the City and District when completed. Implement plan recommendations for the City of Longview Fire Department through the biennial budget.

Response: Chief Phil Jurmu wants to modify this objective as follows:

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Objectives relating to **Library**

Public Facilities Element

Objective PF-A.9 Strive to achieve and maintain a library level of service at the 2005 Washington State Average:

- Paid full time equivalent staff per 25,000 persons in service area: 13.8
- Paid FTE Librarian per 25,000 persons in service area: 5.2

Assess the level of service with the biennial budget.

Response: Library Director Chris Skaugset wants to modify this objective as follows.

Objective PF-A.9 Strive to achieve and maintain a library level of service at the ~~2005~~ 2015 Washington State Average for similar sized libraries:

- ~~Paid full time equivalent staff per 25,000 persons in service area: 13.8~~
- ~~Paid FTE Librarian per 25,000 persons in service area: 5.2~~
- Population to Staff ratio: 1 staff person per 2,000 population in the service area

Assess the level of service with the biennial budget.

Objective PF-A.10 Maintain and expand library capital facilities as needed based on community needs and growth. Capital facility needs and costs should be included in the annual Capital Improvement Program and addressed in the biennial budget.

Response: Library Director Chris Skaugset wants to retain this objective.

Objectives relating to **Parks** Department

Natural Environment Element

Objective NE-A.3 Fund programs annually for the acquisition, preservation, restoration, and/or beautification of valuable critical area, open space, and shoreline resources to result in a net increase in ecological functions. This objective may be accomplished through updates of the City's Park/Recreation/Open Space plan or by the City's capital facility plan being updated every 6 years.

Objective NE-E.1 Identify remaining linked habitat in the City and incorporate this in the Parks/Recreation/Open Space Plan. Establish an open space target for preservation of key habitat for fish and wildlife in the next update of the Open Space Plan, which is updated every 6 years.

Response: Director Jennifer Wills wants to retain the above objectives provided the overall Comprehensive Plan adopts the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan.

Public Facilities Element

Objective PF-A.2 Reserved for inclusion of pending Parks Plan.

Response: The Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan needs to be adopted in the overall Comprehensive Plan. There also should be an objective relating to timely updates of the Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan so that the City remains eligible for grant programs.