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News

County, cities to discuss options to update local growth plan

Foundation includes a population forecast and jobs target

Clark County has established a foundation to update the local Comprehensive Growth Management Plan for homes and business over the next 20 years.

The foundation includes a population forecast and jobs target recently adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. County planners will now

begin to identify potential areas for residential and non-residential uses, in cooperation with Battle Ground, Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Vancouver, Washougal, Woodland and Yacolt.

Alternative proposals will be available for public review and comment this fall, before the commissioners consider any formal actions to update the growth plan.

"Once we have proposals in hand, we will step up our

efforts to involve the public in shaping options for the board," said Oliver Orjiako, Community Planning director.

The commissioners have chosen a medium-growth scenario to plan for increasing population, coupled with a major push to greatly improve job prospects for local residents.

"The jobs target is very aggressive and will require an adequate supply of land designated for non-residential uses," Orjiako said. "We also will need capital facilities plans to support the build out and meet goals for economic development."

More information is available online at www.clark.wa.gov. To request email bulletins, contact commplanning@clark.wa.gov.

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meeting is archaic."

It seems even less worthwhile because the mayor and council members usually reach their maximum stipend allocations

council members would be making different amounts of money for their service.

Knottnerus said tedious book-keeping isn't the only reason to reassess the payment system.

"The structure or amount of salary has not been revisited since 2003," she said. "It's been a while

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