

# Community Open House

## City of Tumwater Economic Development Plan

### When/Where:

Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 3 to 7 p.m. at Tumwater City Hall, 555 Israel Road SW

- Drop in any time during the open house
- Open house will be hosted by the Tumwater Planning Commission and City staff
- Economic Development Plan is on-line: [www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/strategic.html](http://www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/strategic.html)

### Help shape Tumwater's Future!

An advisory group of citizens, business and property owners has prepared an Economic Development Plan for the City. The Plan will shape the future of our community and guide the actions of the City for years to come. The open house will give you a chance to share your feedback on the ideas for economic development advanced in the Plan.



- What is the overall desired future of the City's business districts?
- What kinds of jobs and industries should the City and business community endeavor to attract?
- What strategies should the City use to stimulate economic activity?
- What strategies should the City use to strengthen Tumwater's image and advance the community as a regional destination?



### On-line Survey

Please take a short on-line survey about the Plan. The survey is available at [www.ci.tumwater.wa.us](http://www.ci.tumwater.wa.us).

### Comments or Questions?

For more information, contact Tim Smith or Mike Matlock in the Tumwater Planning and Facilities Department:  
(360) 754-4210; [tsmith@ci.tumwater.wa.us](mailto:tsmith@ci.tumwater.wa.us).





# Open House Format Information

## City of Tumwater

### Economic Development Plan

The community open house on the City's Economic Development Plan will be held in the Council Chambers at Tumwater City Hall on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3 to 7 p.m. Five stations will be provided. Each station will cover a topic or group of similar topics addressed in the Economic Development Plan. Participants are encouraged to drop in any time during the open house and visit each station to discuss their ideas with planning commissioners and City staff. Comment cards will be provided for participants to submit their ideas.

**Station 1** will cover Goal 1 of the Plan. This goal focuses on strategies for improving the development climate in Tumwater to facilitate investment in the community. This station will cover topics such as timing for the collection of impact fees, development predictability, establishing an earlier vesting period for “locking in” existing zoning regulations for land development proposals, creating an optional expedited review process for development applications, and the addition of a new staff position to promote economic development.

**Station 2** will focus on retaining and supporting existing businesses, which are addressed in Goal 2 of the Plan. Issues include methods for responding to the needs of existing businesses, programs to support Tumwater's small businesses and strategies for supporting home based businesses.

**Station 3** will address Goals 3 and 4. Issues addressed by these goals include growing the light industrial/manufacturing sector of the economy, future use of the brewery properties, and the role of the Olympia Regional Airport as an economic asset.

**Station 4** will be the location for discussing the Tumwater Town Center. Goal 5 of the Plan addresses strategies for ensuring that the future development of this area is consistent with the City's vision. Strategies include evaluating the feasibility of achieving sufficient residential densities to support mixed use development, and working in partnership with the Port of Olympia to determine allowable uses, roads, transit service and public amenities.

**Station 5** will address Goals 6 and 7. These goals focus on the development of the City's primary business districts, Littlerock Road and Capitol Boulevard, and the types of commercial development that should be encouraged in Tumwater. A variety of models of community-oriented development is proposed in the Plan, including small neighborhood serving nodes and larger community retail centers. This station will also address strategies for strengthening Tumwater's image and advancing the community as a regional destination.