



## SUBAREA PLANNING PROCESS BIMC Section 2.16.210

### Designated Centers & Subarea Planning

The City of Bainbridge Island *Comprehensive Plan* defines *designated centers* as:

“Those areas of the Island where the majority of the development and redevelopment should be located over the next fifty years. These include Winslow, Lynwood Center, Island Center, Rolling Bay, Day Road and Sportsman Triangle. See Fig. LU-3 Land Use Concept.”

*Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element* Goals 4 and 5 direct both commercial and higher density residential growth to *designated centers*. These areas have land uses and conditions that are unique to the area, and would benefit from a subarea planning process. The planning process should address issues such as current land uses, future mix and location of uses and densities, transportation, public facilities and amenities, and natural resources. The result of a subarea planning process is a subarea (or neighborhood) plan which will be incorporated in the *Comprehensive Plan*.

### How does the subarea planning process work?

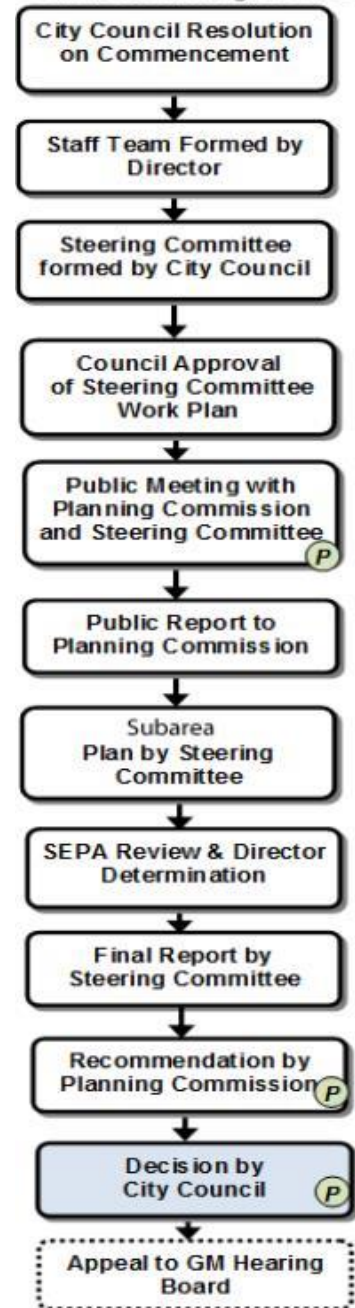
The Subarea Planning Process is outlined in Bainbridge Island Municipal Code (BIMC) Section 2.16.210. The City Council will appoint a steering committee composed of residents and business owners in or nearby the designated center; in this case, the Island Center Neighborhood Center area is the focus of subarea planning to begin in the fall of 2017. The steering committee and City staff work together to:

- Develop a workplan and timeline for the subarea planning process.
- Develop a public participation process to ensure that the neighborhood is involved throughout the process.
- Conduct an initial public meeting to take public comment on issues relevant to Island Center subarea planning.
- Develop goals for the Island Center subarea that are consistent with the *Comprehensive Plan* and that respond to issues identified by the community.
- Develop a plan to implement these goals, and present the plan to the Planning Commission.
- Revise and finalize the plan, based on comments from the Planning Commission and community.

### The importance of community input

The subarea planning area process is intended to enhance the livability of the Island, and community participation is essential to achieving that goal. The steering committee is responsible for developing a program that allows ample opportunity for both written and oral public comment. The Planning Commission and City Council will eventually hold public hearings on the resultant draft subarea plan.

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(P) = Opportunity for public participation or comment