

2025 PROJECT LEGACIES

During the last two periodic updates, the community identified key vision elements that led to specific legacies we see forming in the community today. Read through the examples from these two plans on the back, then work together as a group to brainstorm ideas for what legacies the 2025 Bellingham Plan could leave for future generations.

What legacies would you like to see left by this plan for future generations?

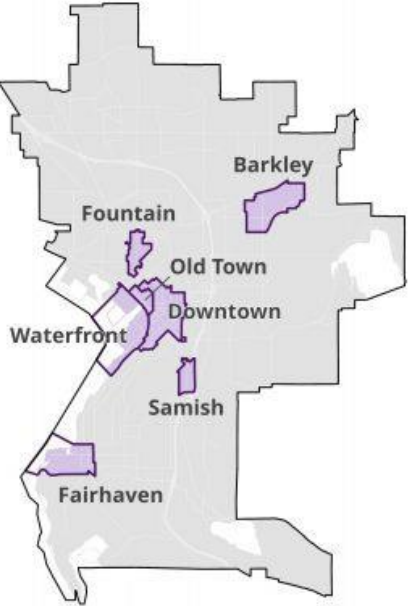
- Infill housing across the city: Strong interest in new housing types combined with state (HB 1110) requirements will lead to new housing types being allowed across the city

What else would you like to see as a legacy of this project? How can we fulfill the vision identified by the community in Phase 1?

Write your group's ideas here. These should be somewhat specific ideas, similar to those shown on the back of this page.

2025 Plan Vision Elements (heard in Phase 1)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Housing choices for all</u>: Residents emphasized the importance of providing housing options for all income levels• <u>Safety</u>: The community emphasized the importance of feeling safe in Bellingham• <u>Being a welcoming and diverse community</u>: Outreach showed strong support for actively welcoming and celebrating diversity• <u>Vibrant neighborhoods</u>: The community continually brought up an interest in providing gathering places and unique experience across the community

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2006 Plan Vision Elements	Legacies from 2006 Plan	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sustainable Development</u>: The community envisioned more sustainable development that efficiently accommodates residents and jobs and minimizes impacts on the environment. • <u>Self-sustaining Growth</u>: Residents desired a long-term strategy for growth that provides critical supporting infrastructure and services like roads, parks, utilities, and schools in advance of or alongside new development. • <u>Reimagined Waterfront</u>: The community envisioned a future active waterfront in place of the soon-to-close GP Pulp Mill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Urban Village framework</u>: Unique areas for mixed use compact development were identified around the city. In subsequent years, these each were given detailed planning attention. Today, these have continued or begun developing as denser nodes, each unique from another. They include Downtown, Fairhaven, Barkley, Waterfront, Old Town, Fountain District, and Samish Way. • <u>Neighborhood infill strategy</u>: A plan was developed to provide opportunities for redevelopment on existing lots throughout the city, allowing for more sustainable development rather than sprawl. The Infill Toolkit was developed to provide a variety of housing opportunities in small scale residential areas. • <u>Concurrency management</u>: Processes were developed to ensure that infrastructure was provided with new development. For instance, developers now are required to pay transportation, park, and school impact fees, utility system development charges and provide street improvements along their property frontage. • <u>Climate Protection Action Plan</u>: The 2007 plan was developed to provide a pathway towards a more sustainable future. 	
2016 Plan Vision Elements	Legacies from 2016 Plan	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Caring for those in need</u>: Residents envisioned a caring community that provides options for the unhoused • <u>Sustainable living</u>: The community emphasized the importance of living sustainably and having the city act as a leader • <u>Healthy living</u>: Residents highlighted a desire to be a more healthy and active community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Homeless housing and programs</u>: A new emphasis on providing shelter for unhoused individuals was developed. Emergency housing shelters, tiny house villages, additional supportive housing, funding such as through the Home fund levy, and more individual actions arose from these efforts. • <u>Climate Protection Action Plan Update</u>: The City invested in updating the plan in 2018, focusing on inventorying municipal emissions and creating actions to reduce them. A task force was also utilized to further these goals with a 2019 report. • <u>Healthy lifestyle additions</u>: The plan incorporated additional emphases on active transportation methods, recreation, and food access. 	

Write additional 2025 legacy ideas here