

2026 Spokane County Comprehensive Plan Update
Land Use Technical Advisory Committee

The Land Use Technical Advisory Committee is established to provide guidance and recommendations to the Spokane County planning staff in the process of developing specific goals and objectives for creating the 2026 Comprehensive Plan land use element. The preferred alternatives recommended by the Land Use Technical Advisory Committee will reflect consideration received from the general public and stakeholders.

Goals

- Provide expertise and a community perspective on key land use growth
- Provide feedback for specific deliverables related to the land use element of the comprehensive plan.
- Provide interpretation and consensus to planning staff that generally represent the concerns and desired outcomes of the general public and stakeholders.

Project Outcome

The project will be a success if:

- The Land Use Technical Advisory Committee makes clear, consensus-based recommendations on goals and policy to the Spokane County planning team.
- Stakeholders and the public are meaningfully engaged in evaluating goals and policies for the comprehensive plan update.
- Appropriate government and regulatory agency staff members are involved throughout the process to mitigate surprises and delays.

Terms of Membership

- The Land Use Technical Advisory Committee members agree to volunteer and provide feedback until the land use element of the comprehensive plan is complete and fully integrated into the 2026 Spokane County Comprehensive Plan.

Operating Guidelines

Convening of Meetings

- Meetings will be held at a time and place determined by the Spokane County planning team in consultation with the Committee.

Communication

- Members will be informed of meetings through email at least 15 days prior to the meeting date.
- Meetings will be advertised in the Spokesman-Review 15 days prior to the meeting date.
- Project documents and notices will be posted on the land use element web page.

Conduct of Meetings

- Meetings will have a specific agenda and end with an understanding of next steps and expectations for all Land Use Technical Advisory Committee members in attendance.

- Meetings will be open to the Land Use Technical Advisory Committee members, the public, and any stakeholders otherwise specifically interested in the land use element of the comprehensive plan.
- The Spokane County planning staff will facilitate meetings.
- Spokane County planning staff will keep a record of attendance, key issues raised, and actions required.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Land Use Technical Advisory Committee

The Land Use Technical Advisory Committee is an advisory group to the Spokane County planning staff. Members will strive to reach recommendations through consensus.

Land Use Technical Advisory Committee members agree to:

- Provide specific local expertise and identify any emerging local issues related to land use.
- Review project materials and comment as needed.
- Attend all meetings and prepare appropriately.
- Complete all necessary assignments prior to each meeting.

The Spokane County planning staff agrees to:

- Provide Land Use Technical Advisory Committee members with the opportunity to collaborate with one another and to make recommendations for land use element goals and policies.
- Effectively manage the scope, schedule, and tasks for the element creation process.
- Keep Land Use Technical Advisory Committee members informed on the progress of element development.
- Provide documentation to support the recommendations.
- Provide technical expertise.
- Brief local decision-makers and produce briefing materials and reports.
- Conduct public meetings as necessary to inform and engage the community.
- Manage logistics for meetings.
- Explain the reasons for deviations from the Land Use Technical Advisory Committee's recommendations.