

An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood. In the foreground, there is a large, well-maintained green lawn with several tall, dark evergreen trees. A paved road or driveway curves through the lawn. In the background, there are numerous houses with light-colored roofs and walls, interspersed with more trees. The overall scene is a typical suburban residential area.

Glossary

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Acre A measure of land area containing 43,560 square feet.

Acre, net An acre of land calculated excluding all unusable spaces, e.g., roads, infrastructure, environmentally sensitive areas.

ADD average daily demand

Affordable housing Housing is considered affordable to a household if it costs no more than 30 percent of gross monthly income for rent or mortgage payments, or up to three times annual income for purchasing a home. This is the standard used by the federal and state government and the majority of lending institutions.

ALS Advanced Life Support

AMI Areawide median income

Arterial A major street carrying the traffic of local and collector streets to and from freeways and other major streets. Arterials generally have traffic signals at intersections and may have limits on driveway spacing and street intersection spacing.

Average Daily Traffic The weighted 24-hour total of all vehicle trips to and from a site Monday through Friday.

BBC Burnt Bridge Creek

Best Available Science Information that is based on existing professional peer-reviewed scientific research and applicable to local conditions. See WAC 365-195-900ff.

BLS Basic Life Support

BPA Bonneville Power Administration

CAA Clean Air Acts

Capital Facilities Program A local government program that schedules permanent capital improvements, usually for six years in the future to fit the projected fiscal capability of the jurisdiction. The program is generally reviewed annually, for conformance to and consistency with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

Capital facilities Permanent physical infrastructure such as roads, sewer and water lines, police and fire stations, schools, parks, and government buildings.

Capital Improvement Program A local government program that schedules permanent capital facilities, usually for six years in the future to fit the projected fiscal capability of the jurisdiction. The program is generally reviewed annually, for conformance to and consistency with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

CDBG Community Development Block Grant

CFP Capital Facilities Program

Collector A street for traffic moving between major or arterial streets and local streets. Collectors generally provide direct access to properties, although they may have limitations on driveway spacing.

Concurrency Requirement that proposed land uses be tested to ensure that public facilities and services necessary to maintain locally adopted minimum service levels are provided before or at the time of development. The Growth Management Act requires local concurrency standards for transportation facilities.

CPU Clark Public Utilities

CRC Columbia Resource Company

CREDC Columbia River Economic Development Council

CRESA Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency

Critical areas Defined by the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.030[5]) to include wetlands, sensitive fish and wildlife habitat areas, critical recharge areas for groundwater aquifers, and geologically hazardous areas (such as landslide areas, earthquake fault zones, and steep slopes), and floodplains.

CSWMP Clark County Solid Waste Management Plan

CTR Central Clark County Transfer and Recycling Center

CWA Clean Water Act

CWSP Clark County Coordinated Water System Plan

Density For residential development, density means the number of housing units per acre. For population, density means the number of people per acre or square mile.

Density, gross Density calculations based on the total acreage of an area, including streets, roads, easements, rights-of-way, parks, open space, and sometimes, other land uses.

Density, net Density calculations based on the actual area of land used, not including streets, roads, rights-of-way, easements, parks and open space.

DEQ Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

DNR Washington State Department of Natural Resources

DOE Washington Department of Ecology

EMS Emergency Medical Service

EPA Environmental Protection Agency

ESA Endangered Species Act

ESD Washington State Employment Security Department

FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency

Family-wage job A job that pays the current “threshold cash wage” (as defined herein) and provides a benefit package with options that will allow a family of up to three members to function with a single wage earner without supplemental public assistance.

Flood hazard area Lowland or relatively flat area adjoining inland or coastal waters that is subject to a 1 percent chance of flooding in any given year. Also known as the 100-year floodplain.

Floodplain See “flood hazard area.”

Floodway The channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one foot.

Floodway fringe The area of land lying between the outer limit lines of the floodway and the outer limit lines of the “100-year floodplain.”

FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency

FVRLD Fort Vancouver Regional Library District

GIS Geographic Information System

GMA State of Washington Growth Management Act of 1990

Groundwater Water that exists beneath a land surface or beneath the bed of any stream, lake, reservoir or other body of surfacewater. It is water in a geological formation or structure that stands, flows, percolates or otherwise moves.

High occupancy vehicle (HOV) Locally defined as a vehicle carrying two or more people.

Household All persons living in a dwelling unit, whether or not they are related. Both a single person living in an apartment and a family in a house are considered a “household.”

HOME Home Investment Partnerships Program

HSS Highways of Statewide Significance

Household income The total of all the incomes of all the people living in a household.

HUD U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Human scale Development that encourages human use, interaction, and pedestrian activity through size, spacing, orientation or other features.

Impact fee Fee levied on the developer of a project by a city, county, or special district as compensation for the expected effects of that development. The Growth Management Act authorizes imposition of traffic, school, and park impact fees on new development and sets the conditions under which they may be imposed.

Implementation measure Action, procedure, program, regulation, or technique that carries out comprehensive plan policy.

Infrastructure Physical systems and services that support development and people including, but not limited to, streets and highways, transit services, water and sewer systems, storm drainage systems, and airports.

ISO Insurance Services Organization

Land absorption Occurs when vacant land is developed or underdeveloped land is redeveloped.

Level of service (LOS) Method of measuring and defining the type and quality of particular public service such as transportation, fire protection, police protection, library service, schools/education, etc. Transportation levels of service are designated “A” through “F,” from best to worst. LOS A describes free flowing conditions; LOS E describes conditions approaching and at capacity; LOS F describes system failure or gridlock.

LOS Level of service

Low-income household Households earning between 51 percent and 80 percent of the countywide median income.

Median income Midpoint of all of the reported household incomes; half the households have higher incomes and half have lower incomes than the mid-point.

MDD maximum day demand

MFSA Maritime Fire and Safety Association

MG million gallon

MGD millions of gallons per day

MMSW mixed municipal solid waste

MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization

MPTP Marine Park Treatment Plant

MSW municipal solid waste

NAP Neighborhood Action Plan

NPDES National Pollution Discharge Elimination System

ODOT Oregon Department of Transportation

OFM Office of Financial Management

Open space Any parcel or area of land or water that is essentially unimproved and provides passive recreational opportunities compatible with resource protection.

PMSA Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area

Poverty level An income-based threshold set by the Census Bureau to define who is poor.

psi pounds per square inch

RDII Rainfall-Derived Infiltration and Inflow

REET Real Estate Excise Tax

Resource lands Under GMA (RCW 36.70A.170), lands that may be used for commercial forest, agriculture, or mineral extraction industries.

Riparian area Lands adjacent to a water body that are influenced by or influence the hydrology of that water body.

RTC Regional Transportation Council

RTPO Regional Transportation Planning Organization

SCIP Sewer Connection Incentive Program

SEPA State Environmental Policy Act (RCW 41.23C), as amended.

SMA Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58)

STEP Septic Tank Elimination Program

Stormwater Any flow occurring during or following any form of natural precipitation, and resulting from such precipitation, including snowmelt.

Surfacewater Water that flows across the land surface, in channels, or is contained in depressions in the land surface, including but not limited to ponds, lakes, rivers, and streams.

SWCAA Southwest Washington Clean Air Agency

TAZ Transportation Analysis Zone

TBD to be determined

Threshold cash wage Clark County’s average annual covered wage plus 25 percent, based on data available from the Washington Employment Securities Commission.

TIF Traffic Impact Fee

TIP Transportation Improvement Program

TSP Transportation System Plan

Urban Growth Areas Areas designated by a county pursuant to RCW 36.70A.110 where urban growth will be encouraged.

Vancouver UGA Vancouver Urban Growth Area

VCPRD Vancouver-Clark Regional Parks and Recreation Department

VFD Vancouver Fire Department

Vehicle miles traveled Average number of miles traveled by a vehicle in a given area. This is both a measure of trip length and of dependency on private vehicles.

Very low income Households earning less than 50 percent of the countywide median income.

VPD Vancouver Police Department

VPOC Vancouver Plan Oversight Committee

VUGA Vancouver Urban Growth Area

Water-quality limited stream Surfacewaters that have been identified as not meeting water quality standards and not supporting identified beneficial uses, as defined in Washington regulations (WAC 173-201A).

WDFW Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

WSD Washington School for the Deaf

WSDOT Washington State Department of Transportation

WSSB Washington State School for the Blind

WSU-V Washington State University at Vancouver

WTP Westside Treatment Plant

WUCC Water Utility Coordinating Committee

WUTC Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

WWRF Waste Water Reserve Fund