



Community Survey #1
Energy Efficiency & Conservation Strategy and Land Development Code Update

The City of Ellensburg is conducting two inter-related projects. The Energy Efficiency & Conservation Strategy will identify and address current code deficiencies and obstacles that relate to energy efficiency/conservation efforts. The Land Development Code Update will update outdated code, reflect best practices, remove inconsistencies and conflicting code, help implement the 2007 Comprehensive Plan, and simplify the code to make it easier to read and use.

Surveys may be returned with your November utility bill, physically returned to City Hall, or completed online here: www.surveymonkey.com/s/ellensburg
 Please complete no later than December 31, 2010.

What do you appreciate most about living in Ellensburg? Choose one or more of the following answers:

<input type="checkbox"/> Access to natural resources (mountains, water)	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational opportunities (access to trails, etc)
<input type="checkbox"/> Open space	<input type="checkbox"/> Small town character
<input type="checkbox"/> Farm land	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic opportunities
<input type="checkbox"/> Having a dark night sky	<input type="checkbox"/> Walkability
<input type="checkbox"/> Availability of locally grown food	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):

What changes would you like to see in Ellensburg? Choose one or more of the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalk & crosswalk improvements	<input type="checkbox"/> More community gardens
<input type="checkbox"/> More bike lanes	<input type="checkbox"/> Allow small scale commercial activity in residential areas (home businesses, day care, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> More recycling options	<input type="checkbox"/> More vibrant downtown
<input type="checkbox"/> More diversity in housing options	<input type="checkbox"/> More public amenities (pocket parks, benches, open space)
<input type="checkbox"/> More economic opportunity	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):

What does being an energy efficient community mean to you?

May we include your answer to the previous question anonymously in a survey response summary?

- Yes
- No

How do you save energy at home, at the office, at school, or on the road? Choose all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> Compact florescent and/or LED light fixtures	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy efficient appliances i.e. Energy Star dishwasher, washing machine, dryer, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel efficient and alternative fuel vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking, biking or using public transportation instead of driving to work or school
<input type="checkbox"/> Low flow water fixtures for sinks, showerheads, and	<input type="checkbox"/> Building renovations i.e. insulation, caulking, and window replacement
<input type="checkbox"/> Minimize lawns to use less water & mow less	<input type="checkbox"/> Recycling i.e. paper, cardboard, aluminum
<input type="checkbox"/> Plant native and/or drought-tolerant plants	<input type="checkbox"/> Do not currently attempt to save energy at home, at the office, at school, or on the road
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):

What types of energy conservation and generation projects would you like to see in our City? Choose all projects that interest you:

<input type="checkbox"/> More small scale - residential solar power	<input type="checkbox"/> Integrated stormwater management i.e. green roofs, rain gardens, swales, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> More large scale - neighborhood solar power	<input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater reclamation and reuse
<input type="checkbox"/> More wind power	<input type="checkbox"/> More public transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy efficiency retrofits for existing homes and buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel efficient public transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy efficient new homes and buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternative vehicle fueling stations
<input type="checkbox"/> Water efficient plumbing fixtures	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):

In your opinion, what is the most important Energy Efficiency action or project that the City should consider doing?

Please prioritize the following concepts by placing an X in the appropriate box

	Not important at all 1	Not very important 2	Somewhat important 3	Important 4	Very important 5
Trees and sidewalks:					
Install or maintain trees and sidewalks on existing streets and require them to be included in all new developments.					
New single family areas:					
Design houses so that the garages and driveways are not the dominant visual feature from the street.					
Avoid subdivision layouts where public streets are lined with continuous back yard fences.					
Allow new subdivisions to be oriented to take advantage of passive and active solar energy.					
Questions? Comments?					

Please prioritize the following concepts by placing an X in the appropriate box

	Not important at all 1	Not very important 2	Somewhat important 3	Important 4	Very important 5
New multifamily developments:					
Locate and orient buildings to the street (rather than have buildings face away from street).					
Avoid designs where parking lots are the dominant feature of the development.					
Provide building design standards that reduce the perceived scale of buildings and add visual interest.					
Provide some usable open space for residents.					
Provide pathways that connect buildings to the street, other buildings, and surrounding uses (except for single family and incompatible uses).					
Allow for more mixed uses within neighborhoods to increase ability to walk to services such as stores, schools, community centers, etc.					
Questions? Comments?					

Please prioritize the following concepts on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most important.

	Not important at all 1	Not very important 2	Somewhat important 3	Important 4	Very important 5
New commercial developments:					
Locate and orient buildings to the street (rather than have buildings face away from street).					
Avoid designs where parking lots are the dominant feature of the development.					
Provide building design standards that reduce the perceived scale of buildings and add visual interest.					
Provide pathways that connect buildings to the street, other buildings, and surrounding uses (except for single family and incompatible uses)					
Questions? Comments?					

Please prioritize the following concepts on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most important.

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The creeks and canals – design developments to treat these features as amenities by orienting buildings to them and/or developing pathways along them.					
Historic preservation in the older neighborhoods surrounding the downtown core – zoning should encourage the preservation of historic buildings and include design standards that encourage new construction to reinforce the historic character of these areas.					
Energy efficiency and renewable energy - the City of Ellensburg's land development codes should encourage efficiency and define standards for renewables such as solar and wind energy systems.					