



2025 Periodic Update Workshop Series

Register Now for the Critical Areas Workshop!

When: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 from 10am – Noon

Where: Register online [via Zoom](#)

Commerce is partnering with the Thurston Regional Planning Council and the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) to bring you workshops that support jurisdictions with periodic updates due in 2025, as required under RCW 36.70A.130. This critical areas workshop will cover:

- Critical area requirements under the Growth Management Act
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas
- Wetlands
- Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas (CARAs)
- Frequently Flooded Areas
- Geologically Hazardous Areas
- Adaptive Management
- Tools and resources

This year's workshop series focuses on those jurisdictions due in 2025, but all jurisdictions are welcome to attend! Future workshop series' will be held for 2026 and 2027 jurisdictions.

Each workshop in the series will feature a different periodic update topic in-depth. Stay tuned to the [periodic update webpage](#) for more information, previous session materials and registration.

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The primary audience for this series are the planners, consultants and staff most involved with comprehensive planning. However, elected officials, planning commissioners and others with a role in the planning process are also welcome to attend.