



Annual Conference

Pathways to Possibility:
Planning, Policy, and Practicality

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Preliminary Agenda: 2/24/2026

Wednesday, April 22	
1:00 – 3:30 pm	Mobile Workshop: Chelan Butte Wildlife Area
1:30 – 3:30 pm	Mobile Workshop: Tree Tour, Chelan Riverwalk Park
4:00 – 7:00 pm	Registration
4:00 – 6:30 pm	Short Course on Local Planning
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Annual Conference Welcome Reception

Thursday, April 23		
7:00 – 8:00 am	Registration & Breakfast (provided)	
8:00 – 8:15 am	2026 PAW Annual Conference Welcome	
Location	Centennial Ballroom	Stehekin Ballroom
Track	Pathways	Possibilities
8:15 – 9:15 am	Implementing Inclusive Design in Comprehensive Plan and Code Updates	Data-Driven Decision Making: Turning Urban Forest Data into Informed, Equitable, and Actionable Policy
9:15 – 9:30 am	Break	
9:30 – 10:30 am	Practical Hearings: A Panel Discussion on Hearing Best Practices and Experiences	Proactive Planning: Pathways to Resilient Communities and Landscapes
10:30 – 10:45 am	Break	
10:45 – 11:45 am	Everyday Ethics	Driving Progress: State Parking Reform
11:45 am – 1:45 pm	PAW General Membership Meeting & Lunch (provided)	
1:45 – 2:45 pm	Planning for Improved Public Health in Local Land Use Decisions	Streamline, Standardize, Scale: Putting the Starter Home Production Plan Into Action
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Break	



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3:00 – 4:00 pm	Transit Oriented Development Practical Steps	2026 Shoreline Management Act Rulemaking: Planning Ahead
4:00 – 4:15 pm	Break	
4:15 – 5:45 pm	Mobile Workshop: Historic Walking Tour of Downtown Chelan	
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Planning Trivia	

Friday, April 24		
6:00 am	Morning Run	
7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast (provided)	
Location	Ballroom	Stehekin Room
Track	Pathways	Possibilities
8:00 – 9:00 am	From Adoption to Action: Early Lessons from Middle Housing Implementation in Washington	Shoreline Co-benefits: A Public Access, Habitat, and Flood Control Primer
9:00 – 9:15 am	Break/Check out (by 11 am)	
9:15 – 10:15 am	From Olympia to Ordinance: A Practical Guide to Code Updates	A Practical Pathway for Siting Clean Energy across Washington State
10:15 – 10:30 am	Break/Check out (by 11 am)	
10:30 – 11:00 am	Growth Management Hearings Board Update	
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Case Law Update	
12:00 – 12:15 pm	Closing Remarks & Basket Drawing See you in Chelan next year for PAW's Annual Conference on April 28-30, 2027!!	