



# CARTY ROAD SUBAREA PLAN

*Planning a Vision that Works for the Community.*

The City of Ridgefield is starting a planning process for the Carty Road Subarea Plan. The process will include working with property owners and the community to identify what they value most about the Carty Road area and how to plan for its future. The Carty Road study area includes approximately 286 acres of land within Ridgefield's urban growth area that borders the southeastern portion of the city limits – southeast of Royle Road and north and northeast of Hillhurst Road.

## WHAT IS A SUBAREA PLAN?

In Washington State, the Growth Management Act requires cities and counties to manage growth by identifying and protecting critical areas and natural resource lands. As part of the effort to manage growth, cities are required to work with counties to designate urban growth areas and develop comprehensive plans to guide infrastructure investments and development.

A subarea plan is an optional element of a city's comprehensive plan and establishes a vision and planning guidelines for a specific area of the city. The planning process helps the city to better understand community concerns and outlines a roadmap for future development. It also helps identify a process for providing transportation and utility service to a specific area.

## The Carty Road Subarea Plan process includes:



**Visioning** – guided by property owner and community input



**Analysis** – of existing natural areas, infrastructure, and market conditions



**Conceptual Planning** – that outlines future land use designations, roadways, and utilities to support the vision



**Adoption** – of a subarea plan to guide future development



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## Why a subarea plan? Why now?

Planning is an important function of any city government. Just as individuals plan their vacations, budgets, and daily activities, a city must plan to effectively and efficiently provide services. While the Carty Road study area is not currently within the Ridgefield city limits, it is within the City's urban growth area and multiple property owners have submitted requests for annexation. In order to develop a plan for this area, the City Council initiated the subarea planning process prior to considering annexation. This will allow the City to engage property owners and to assess the options and costs associated with extending city services.

## So what about annexation?

The development of a subarea plan is a separate process from annexation. A subarea plan is not a step in the annexation process. In the case of the requested annexations within the Carty Road area, the City Council decided to delay further consideration until a subarea plan was prepared and the City had a better understanding of the community and infrastructure needs of the area. Upon completion of the subarea plan, City Council will resume discussions of annexation. The process for annexation will not change and is governed by state law.

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