

20 year Vision created in 1993 and adopted in 1995

“OAK HARBOR 2013 -A Vision for the Future”

Envision Oak Harbor as the principal island city in North Puget Sound. Start-up companies employ software engineers, environmental scientists and telecommunication specialists. The college campus is growing with the addition of a fourth building to accommodate new class offerings and increased enrollment. Galleries featuring national artists and aviation exhibits. Every Saturday during summer months, a farmer's market swells with shoppers, and musicians perform under the clock tower at Harbor Square. New offices, housing, a hotel, theater and specialty retail shops enhance Old Town, while it retains its small-town charm. Bald eagles nest above Oak Harbor Bay, while school children study wetlands at Freund's Marsh and plant new Garry Oaks in City parks. Residents and visitors dine at waterfront restaurants, and enjoy summer evening strolls on Maylor's Promenade. Some visitors come to Oak Harbor by water taxis and seaplanes, while others on private boats to stay at the marina. Bicyclists and hikers enjoy over two miles of shoreline pathways on the Oak Harbor Interpark Trail between Maylor's Point and Fort Nugent Park. State Route 20 and City streets carry automobiles and trucks efficiently; landscaped sidewalks provide safe, accessible and enjoyable pathways for all people. Neighborhood watch and community policing keep Oak Harbor's neighborhoods clean and secure. The families of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island play an active and vital role through their patriotism and community involvement. The children of third- and fourth-generation residents return from college to live and work in Oak Harbor. On the horizon, an agricultural and forest greenbelt envelopes the City.