

# Your Vision for Kingston

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## 1. What are your visions for Kingston; things you would like to see happening?

- More of...closeness to nature, help young people stay here, affordable housing, services in urban core, small town feel, equitability, long term sustainability, safe for kids to walk to school; community calendar or communication method
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- Less of...effects of growth that drove us here
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## 2. What are some of the possible short term (1-3 years) opportunities that exist to make these ideas happen? And what Actions are needed to further these goals?

1. Participation in County Comp Plan process going on now
2. Participation in KCAC
3. Sustainability services as possible in urban core on foot, what don't we have,
4. Supporting current business by shopping locally
5. Work with ferries to deal with traffic
6. Medical facility emergency clinic, although urgent care here didn't succeed in the past
7. Require accessibility from developers
8. Retail that supports water sports, Retail for fishers and other water-based activities
9. Handicap accessibility to beach, port, marine center,
10. interpretive/educational materials on Port property and a small marine environmental center or exhibit
11. Community calendar, needs all sponsors of events to participate-chamber, port, schools, vg, fire dept, kiwanis, rotary,
12. Copy entry to ferry at Bainbridge- overhead displays as you walk aboard focused on marine environment
13. Reopening trails to Gordon, not safe for kids to walk to school
14. Save the Firehouse Theater
15. Incubator for new local businesses; mentorships created for entrepreneurs with available retired residents with business knowledge
16. Encourage IT or other home based business appropriately sized for a small town

17. Efforts to maintain and improve the Food Mart/grocery in Kingston
18. Fostering youth activities in Kingston

3. **What are some of the possible long term (4-10 yr) opportunities? And what Actions are needed to further these goals?**

1. Community pool or shuttle to Poulsbo: look into how Yost Park Pool in Edmonds was created and is operated.
2. Partner with YMCA/YWCA for Pool or recreation
3. Find a way for accessibility to water, boats and people, scuba divers, explore opportunities with port district
4. Boutique very small hotel, use Old Kingston Hotel?

4. **How can we as individuals, or organizations in our community work towards these opportunities now (NOW 2022)? Or in the near future?**

1. Example

5. **How did you find out about the Community Conversations?**

1. Member of kcac, kcac event mailing list, rotary, flyer,

6. **Other thoughts/notes:**

1. How to characterize kingston
2. Little City by the Sea, It's about the water,
3. glad for participation of newcomers
4. Need to communicate with families through schools
5. Email additional ideas to [kingstonconvo@gmail.com](mailto:kingstonconvo@gmail.com)

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