



## Camas Vision Statement (Revised Draft)

The Camas 2035 Vision was developed to guide the goals and policies of the Camas Comprehensive Plan. The Vision is written in the present tense, as if we are describing Camas as it exists in 2035. Some aspects of the vision can be found in Camas today, while others represent aspirations for the future.

### **Introduction**

In the year 2035, residents of Camas continue to appreciate their safe, diverse and welcoming community. Those that were raised in Camas will return for family wage jobs, and to ultimately retire here. Camas maintains its small town character while accommodating future residents. Camas is well known for its excellent schools, thriving businesses and ready access to metropolitan amenities and natural features. A vibrant downtown and community events bring neighbors together and are enjoyed by all.

### *Vital, Stable and Livable Neighborhoods*

Camas is a well planned and connected city where residents enjoy pedestrian and bicycle paths between neighborhoods and to downtown. Historic structures are maintained and rehabilitated to accommodate new homes and businesses. There is a wide variety and range of housing for all ages and income levels. Quality public facilities, services and utilities contribute to a high quality of life.

### *Diversified Economy*

The economy has grown to attract a variety of businesses that offer stable employment opportunities and family wage jobs in the medical and high-tech fields. Camas is a gateway to nature and recreational opportunities, leading to a robust tourism industry. Professional office and industrial uses will typify western Camas, with retail businesses supporting the large campus firms. The north shore area will fulfill the employment and retail needs of the growing population on the east side, and reduce trips outside of the city. Downtown Camas retains its historic atmosphere as a walkable, attractive place to shop, dine and gather. Housing within the city's core contributes to a town center that supports local businesses.

### *Public Services*

Camas continues to have an excellent school system, an asset that draws families to the community. Students and their families enjoy the city's parks, trails, community centers and other recreational opportunities. The library continues its vital role as a place of learning. Residents value well-funded police, fire and emergency response services. Proficient government agencies maintain existing city assets and coordinate future development.

### *Natural Environment*

Camas appreciates and remains good stewards of its natural environment. A vegetated corridor provides habitat and safe passage for wildlife from Green Mountain to the Columbia River. Lacamas Lake is treasured as a unique and pristine resource. City policies preserve trees and natural areas.