

## LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR GHCOG

### What is a COG?

A Council of Governments (COG) is a regional public planning agency led by representatives from local public agencies and jurisdictions.

A COG serves its member agencies and the citizens in the region by addressing issues and needs that cross city, town, and county boundaries such as regional transportation planning. We also help local jurisdictions meet their needs through planning and funding assistance.

### Why is it important to be part of GHCOG?

GHCOG provides a forum for consensus building and regional problem solving. Working together with one unified voice, members are heard and responded to by state and federal legislators as a cohesive group, not as individuals with differing and competing interests.



## Members

City of Aberdeen  
City of Cosmopolis  
City of Elma  
City of Hoquiam  
City of McCleary  
City of Montesano  
City of Oakville  
City of Ocean Shores  
City of Westport  
Chehalis Tribe  
Quinault Indian Nation  
Grays Harbor County  
Grays Harbor Transit  
Port of Grays Harbor  
Timberland Regional Library



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**Serving the Citizens of Grays  
Harbor for over 64 years!**

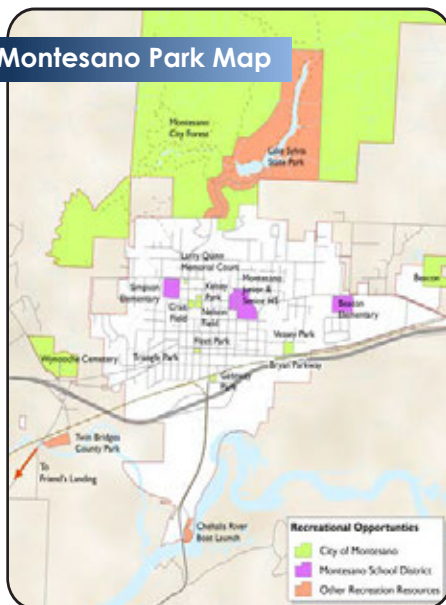
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# What GHCOG does for the communities and citizens of Grays Harbor.

## MAPPING & GIS ANALYSIS

Producing maps and maintaining local geographic data for our members is an essential service provided by GHCOG. GHCOG staff collect the most up-to-date geographic data available to create mapping products that assist members in decision making, long-range planning efforts, and hazard preparedness.

Montesano Park Map



## DATA SUPPORT

GHCOG is part of the State Data Center network. Staff respond to numerous requests for data that assist our members in their planning efforts, funding applications, and decision making.

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation planning is an important function of GHCOG. Grays Harbor faces challenges of balancing and coordinating multiple transportation modes: vehicle, freight, rail, aviation, ferry, bike, pedestrian. GHCOG is the local planning agency that provides input, reviews state and federal transportation plans and assist with funding programs.

GHCOG serves as the Lead Agency for the Surface Transportation Program, through this program and other long-range planning efforts, millions of dollars in project funding have been directed into our communities.

## COMPREHENSIVE & REGIONAL PLANNING

GHCOG staff aids their members in the development of land use and environmental plans, projects and studies that meet their community needs and by providing research and technical assistance in drafting comprehensive land use, parks and recreation, transportation, capital facilities and environmental regulations. Through the EPA Community-Wide Brownfield Assessment Grant GHCOG has channeled millions of dollars into our communities to assist with brownfield site reuse and revitalization.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community development is a major need identified by local jurisdictions. From Main Street revitalization to park and recreation development, to sidewalks and trails, our members have significant community development needs. GHCOG provides help in articulating, prioritizing, and managing those needs, as well as providing funding assistance to bring improvements to our communities.

## State Route 109 Scenic Byway Plan



## INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION & POLICY

GHCOG provides a forum for regional problem solving and decision making. Issues important to the region are identified, developed and addressed with appropriate state and federal agencies, organizations and individuals to resolve them to the benefit of the region.

## GRANT & LOAN FUNDING RESEARCH & ASSISTANCE

GHCOG serves as a grant and loan research resource for its members. Staff complete grant and loan searches and assist members with applications for community development, infrastructure, transportation and social planning projects.

## Cosmopolis Downtown Beautification

