

**TOWN OF LA CONNER
MITIGATION-RELATED POLICY STATEMENTS AND CITATIONS**

POLICY TYPE AND APPLICATION TO HAZARD	CITATION	MITIGATION-RELATED POLICY STATEMENT
<p>2002 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use • Flooding <p>2003 TOWN OF LA CONNER FLOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN</p>	<p>I. Land Use Element, B. Inventory Analysis</p> <p>Land Use Goal F.</p> <p>Plan Adopted by the Town June 2003</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has defined areas showing the extent of the 100-year floodplain in order to establish flood insurance rates and assist communities in efforts to promote sound floodplain management. FEMA maps depicting the official floodplain zones for La Conner are available at Town Hall. La Conner is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program. ➤ Ensure consistent application of the Floodplain Ordinance, Stormwater Drainage Comprehensive Plan, state and Federal policies to shoreline areas and adjacent lands. ➤ A significant portion of the Town of La Conner lies within the 100-year floodplain of the Skagit River, making it susceptible to periodic flooding. In response to this threat to public safety and infrastructure, the Washington State Department of Ecology and the Town of La Conner have provided funded the development the Town of La Conner Flood Emergency Response Plan 2003.
<p>2002 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN</p> <p>Severe Storm</p>	<p>Land Use Element Public Facilites</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To address sever storm flooding issues, a Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan was initiated in 1992. The Phase I, 1992-1993 Biennium tasks included inventory, mapping and analysis of the existing drainage system, and suggested structural and nonstructural solutions. The Phase II 1993-1995 Biennium tasks include preparation of a flood/stormwater hazard reduction measures analysis associated with the Skagit River, the Swinomish Channel and the surrounding dikes, with accompanying structural and nonstructural solutions and recommendations. The final plan was adopted in January 1995 and is hereby incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan. ➤ In 2000, Skagit County and the Town of La Conner secured grant funding for a storm drainage and street improvement project on Morris Street. The project is slated to begin in 2002 with completion in 2003. The project

		includes an innovative community stormwater treatment facility using a bio-swale adjacent to the Sewer Treatment and Public Works facilities.
1996 COMPREHENSIVE SEWER PLAN		➤ In August 1996, the Town of La Conner adopted a Comprehensive Sewer Plan to address current and future needs of the Town and surrounding communities.
2001 COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLAN		➤ In May 2001, the Town of La Conner adopted a Comprehensive Water Plan to ensure a availability and quality water to the Town and adjacent communities.
2002 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN Fire	Land Use: Analysis Police and Fire Protection (F)	<p>➤ The Sheriff's Department has created a La Conner Detachment that is based in La Conner, but responds to an adjacent patrol area surrounding the Town. There are four full-time officers assigned to the La Conner Detachment. The Detachment continues to use the County Jail facilities in Mount Vernon.</p> <p>Fire protection for the La Conner area is provided by a mutual aid agreement between the La Conner Volunteer Fire Department and all other fire departments in the County. There is also a cost sharing agreement between Fire District 13 and the Town of La Conner. As development has progressed, and based on an analysis of the impact of growth in the near future, the Town will have to increase response capacity for fire and emergency medical demands. Accordingly, the Town and Fire District #13 have jointly built a new five-bay fire hall near the wastewater treatment plant with provisions for sleeping quarters.</p>
	Land Use Element: Emergency Management Disaster Preparedness	<p>➤ The Town of La Conner is covered under the umbrella of the Skagit County Department of Emergency Management Disaster Preparedness Plan and the Emergency Management Council. The plan provides guidelines for coping with, and mitigating the effects of, a natural or manmade disaster or emergency in order to preserve lives and property. The Town of La Conner will be completing an Emergency Response Plan in 2003 to coordinate with the June 1999 Skagit County Emergency Management Plan.</p>

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2003-2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN • Fire, Earthquake, Severe Storms	Level of Service Standards and Individual Department Submittals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Urban Level of Service Standards are established to ensure protection of public health, safety and welfare by meeting relevant standards ➤ Six-year list of projects including specific actions targeted towards natural hazard mitigation
1997 UNIFORM BUILDING CODE • Earthquake, Severe Storm, Fire, Landslide	Seismic and Wind Loads, Construction Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Seismic Zone 3 ➤ Wind Exposure C ➤ Fire Resistive Construction Standards ➤ Grading Standards
1997 UNIFORM FIRE CODE • Fire	Fire protection and building maintenance standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fire flow ➤ Annual Inspection of Commercial Structures ➤ Plan Review

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LA CONNER MUNICIPAL CODE • Critical Areas - landslides	Chapter 15.65.080 Geologically hazardous areas.	(1) Development shall be prohibited, restricted, or otherwise controlled in areas designated or adjacent to "known or potential risk".
LA CONNER MUNICIPAL CODE • Fire	Chapter 15.107 Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems	Automatic fire sprinkler systems installation shall be required for all new residential construction where the portion of the building occupied as a residence exceeds 4,000 square feet as measured from the inside surface of exterior walls, and for multifamily dwellings (LCMC 15.10.390), commercial, industrial and public use construction.
LA CONNER MUNICIPAL CODE • Flood LA CONNER MUNICIPAL CODE • Flood	Chapter 15.70 Floodplain Management	It is the purpose of this chapter to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare, and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas by provisions designed to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Protect human life and health; (2) Minimize expenditure of public money and costly flood control projects; (3) Minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public; (4) Minimize prolonged business interruptions;

	<p>Chapter 15.100 Storm Water Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (5) Minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric telephone and sewer lines, streets, and bridges located in areas of special flood hazard; (6) Help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of areas of special flood hazard so as to minimize future flood blight areas; (7) Ensure that potential buyers are notified that property is in an area of special flood hazard; (8) Ensure that those who occupy the areas of special flood hazard assume responsibility for their actions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The town of La Conner intends to comply with the requirements of RCW 90.70.070 in establishing and implementing a storm water management program consistent with the Puget Sound Water Quality Management Plan. Further, the town finds that the provisions of the 1992 Storm Water Management Manual for the Puget Sound Basin (The Technical Manual), and subsequent amendments thereto, would best serve as a guideline for implementing this code. (2) The provisions of this code are intended to guide new development or redevelopment within the town of La Conner and establish the minimum level of compliance which must be met to permit a property to be developed or redeveloped within the town. It is the purpose of this code to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Minimize water quality degradation and sedimentation in the Swinomish Channel and other water bodies within the town of La Conner and surrounding areas. (b) Minimize the impact of increased runoff, erosion and sedimentation caused by land development and maintenance practices. (c) Decrease potential landslide, flood and erosion damage to public and private property. (d) Promote site planning and construction practices that are consistent with natural topographical, vegetational and hydrological conditions. (e) Maintain and protect the town storm water management infrastructure.
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