

**CHARTER
of the
HAMILTON PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

ARTICLE IV: PURPOSE

A public authority to be known as the “Hamilton Public Development Authority” (the “Authority”), is hereby created for the exclusive purpose of undertaking, assisting with and otherwise facilitating the following activities, all as authorized by RCW 35.21.730 through 35.21.757, for the purpose of improving the general living, economic and environmental conditions within the Town of Hamilton and unincorporated areas of Skagit County in the vicinity of Hamilton:

- a) entering into contracts and partnerships with public and private entities for relocating the Town of Hamilton out of the flood prone portions of the Town to a relocated Town site;
- b) administering a transfer of development rights program for relocating residential development from flood-prone portions of eastern Skagit County to a receiving zone in the new Town site;
- c) applying for and administering federal, state and county and private grant programs, and receiving and administering federal, state, county and other public funds relating to these purposes;
- d) providing low-income housing assistance to facilitate the relocation of residents from flood-prone portions of Hamilton and eastern Skagit County to the new Town site or other location;
- e) coordinating community services related to flood mitigation in the Town and elsewhere in eastern Skagit County, including short and mid-range flood mitigation, relief and assistance;
- f) providing a vehicle for economic development and redevelopment in the Town and eastern Skagit County to mitigate flood damage;
- g) constructing and managing a service center for public and non-profit social and governmental services;
- h) providing for assistance in creating commercial and/or industrial properties in the relocated Town site;
- i) providing and implementing such other municipal services and functions as the Town may direct relating to the relocation of the Town.
- j) coordinating with natural resource interests to acquire and restore developed and undeveloped flood-prone areas in eastern Skagit County for flood storage, long-term natural habitat conservation, and conservation-minded recreation purposes;
- k) coordinating with natural resource interests on restoring and protecting riverine ecosystems for fish and wildlife;
- l) coordinating with natural resource interests on the long-term management of acquired flood prone areas.
- m) providing for opportunities to coordinate with tribal governments for the restoration, management, and protection of natural resources.

To the extent appropriate and consistent with the needs and objectives of the Town and to facilitate or provide for the Chartered Activities, the Authority will undertake and accomplish all activities necessary or convenient for the development, operation and implementation of the Chartered Activities. The Authority shall have no purpose other than the development, operation and implementation of the Chartered Activities.