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PermitProposal : Anacortes UGA Expansion Comments : Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for accepting public comments regarding the proposed UGA expansion that has been requested by the City of Anacortes.

Transition Fidalgo & Friends is an all-volunteer non-profit organization based in Anacortes and focused on helping to build a resilient, low-carbon community that can move confidently into a challenging future. Resilience and carbon reduction includes protecting wildlife biodiversity, reducing the waste-stream, re-thinking transportation impacts, safeguarding natural resources, and providing long-term sustainable jobs. All of these are concerns with any large manufacturing project that might make use of the proposed 11-acre UGA expansion now being considered.

The site under consideration for the UGA expansion is very close to both the March Point heronry and Turner Bay Estuary Restoration project that was accomplished through a significant expenditure of funds and Skagit County partnership and now provides restored fish habitat. There are also several identified wetlands in the area.

A manufacturing project at the site of the proposed UGA expansion has the potential for significant adverse impacts to the diversity of wildlife in the area during both construction and operation. We support the County conducting a careful analysis and studies of wildlife habitat and wetlands before any decision is made to allow the expansion which would open the door to a major manufacturing project. We request that we be informed of the continuing process and opportunities to comment in the future regarding the UGA expansion and possible permitting processes for any future manufacturing applications.

Respectfully yours,
Evelyn Adams
President, Transition Fidalgo & Friends

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Debra L. Nicholson

From: LoriAnderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services
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From Dept Email

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PermitProposal : Anacortes UGA expansion Comments :

I, like most in town, know that the sole purpose of the Anacortes UGA Expansion is to enable Tethys Enterprises? construction of a massive bottling plant within the Anacortes UGA.

I am very concerned that the rural character of Fidalgo Island will be irrevocably degraded if this mega bottling plant is permitted. I am concerned that the recently restored marine estuary at the head of Turners Bay will be degraded by stormwater runoff from 50 acres of impervious surfaces. I am concerned about the daily impacts of four 100-unit water trains and two 100-unit oil trains on the traffic congestion in Skagit County and especially on Reservation Road. I am concerned that the herons in the largest heronry on the West Coast will be driven away by the train noises and vibrations

I am concerned about the future of industry in Skagit County, because the City of Anacortes has pilfered 48% of the industrial water allocated to Skagit PUD. I am concerned that the massive facility required for a fully-automated bottling plant will provide so few jobs.

Sadly, the Skagit County Planning Department has classified the UGA Expansion application as a non-project petition, which means I will be denied opportunities to voice my concerns during the County?s planning process. If you, the Skagit County Commissioners, allow this travesty to go forward without public participation, your legacy will inscribe an indelible milestone in Skagit County history as the Commissioners who turned their backs on Skagit County and its citizens.

Please acknowledge the true purpose of this application and do the right thing ? deny the docketing of this application as a non-project petition.

Kathryn Alexandra

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April 8, 2013

To: Skagit County Commissioners

Re: Anacortes Petition to Modify its Urban Growth Area

I am writing to urge you to support the City of Anacortes petition to modify its Urban Growth Area to include 11.15 acres into the City's Urban Growth Area. The proposal also would re-designate 16.57 acres of property currently in the Anacortes UGA from light manufacturing to public use in recognition of the non-suitability of this parcel for urban development.

There is not enough industrial land in the City of Anacortes. By approving this request you are allowing this process to go forward. There is currently a 'hole' in the UGA and future economic development of land surrounding the 11.15 acres is severely impacted until the 'hole' is filled. This would give us a zoning map that makes sense.

The 1999 annexation of South March Point was planned with infrastructure capacity for industrial build-out, with more than adequate capacity of all the required public services to support industrial use. We've been working to get this right for a long time.

Anacortes needs more living-wage jobs. To bring those jobs to Anacortes we must have land available for businesses to locate here. The City of Anacortes' petition to modify its UGA cites the re-designation of 16.57 acres from light manufacturing to public use and this should be a significant enough loss to justify the approval of this addition of 11.15 acres, but I urge you to also take note that Anacortes has also lost over 14 acres on Hwy 20 to a recent tribal purchase by the Samish Tribe for petition for change to Nation Land. This action will also severely impact our inventory of industrial land for economic development of living-wage jobs for our community.

To maintain the diversity and the quality of services we have come to expect in Anacortes, we need the potential to grow jobs. I urge you to support our community's petition to allow this process to go forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Pam Allen

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From: Debbie Amos <damos@wavecable.com>
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Subject: Anacortes UGA Expansion Proposal

Thank you for reading my concerns about Anacortes UGA expansion proposal. I think this is a thinly veiled attempt to extend the boundaries for the Tethys water bottling project. Anacortes has not to my knowledge had a particular immediate interest in extending the city boundaries to include this property until the Tethys proposal.

Whether or not this is about Tethys, I am concerned with the environmental impact of extending these boundaries. I live nearby, and drive or bicycle by this area often. One of the roads was closed not long ago I think because of habitat restoration. This area appears to be adjacent to or would be incorporated into the proposed UGA area. Surely that habitat was thought important enough to restore to put the money into doing so. Will that be ignored now and brushed aside?

What is proposed use (more specifically than "light manufacturing") for the increased area in expanding the UGA, if not for the Tethys project? If there is some other use intended for this area, please insist on informing the public on what it is.

I see great blue herons flying towards Saratoga Passage or Whidbey Island twice daily by my house, apparently coming from their large rookery north of Hwy 20. I am concerned that this rookery would be adversely affected by a change in the UGA, particularly by a project as enormous as the one proposed by Tethys. Again, if the reason for the increase is not Tethys, then what is it for? Why the need to increase the UGA otherwise?

The roads in the proposed area are small, rural ones. They are not currently designed to support a lot of traffic. The local fire department (I believe it is Summit Park) is nearby, and would be adjacent or nearly so, to the proposed UGA area. How would their ability to respond to emergencies be affected by the proposed boundary increase?

If expanding the UGA would increase rail traffic, I have grave concerns about it. Already there are more trains than a few years ago in this area. I can hear them in the wee hours of the morning. If this proposal has any chance of increasing train activity, I am against it. It also could slow and adversely affect traffic to Skagit County east of Anacortes, due to the railroad crossings involved.

Again, I have concerns about Ancortes expanding the UGA due to environmental impacts, safety concerns, noise pollution (if trains and/or traffic increase), traffic effects, and medical responders potentially decreased response time.

Thank you for reading my concerns. I am happy to add more detail if needed and if so please contact me.

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Debra L. Nicholson

From: LoriAnderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 10:49 AM
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PermitProposal : alter uga for Anacortes Comments : I do NOT support the proposed changes to Anacortes Urban Growth Area.

The recently altered road-way to accommodate the wetlands of TURNER BAY are too close and at risk. I hope you take the time to watch <http://www.midwayfilm.com/>. Parts are difficult to watch and a great reminder to be very mindful of our oceans and environment.
I live at the south/east end of Fidalgo Island and there are only two roadways into it. The Hwy 20/ Reservation Rd. is the quickest route for EMERGENCY MEDICAL support. An increase in traffic even for parts of the day will effect the valuable time in reaching the person in need of help.
Although the Tethys proposal is not a part of this decision it is a good example of the large facility and mega corporation business that Anacortes is attempting to attract and the large amount of additional changes it requires. The currently allotted UGA land would still be able to attract smaller, local business" that is the heart of local economy.

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Debra L. Nicholson

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PermitProposal : UGA Annexation Petition Comments : I do not support the annexing of 11.15 acres of county land to Anacortes Urban Growth area. I believe that any manufacturing is inappropriate use of this precious land.

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Debra L. Nicholson

From: LoriAnderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services
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PermitProposal : ANACORTES UGA EXPANSION PROPOSAL Comments : I am writing to express my opinion involving the UGA expansion in Anacortes - and to be clear from the start, I do NOT support this proposal.

As I understand it, by considering this proposal as "non-project specific," it means that if the transfer of land from the county to the City of Anacortes is approved, then the public will have no opportunity for future input. The City will be able to do what it likes with this area. If, on the other hand, it is considered "project specific," i.e. for the bottling plant, then the public would be able to comment. In the City's application to the county, Tethys is specifically mentioned, and Tethys paid for the application fee. How can this then not be considered "project specific"? And I'll remind you of another interesting point - if the County is telling members of the public not to comment on Tethys (as occurred on the 9th), the County itself clearly knows that this is a project specific proposal. The County admitted it by asking the public not to comment on Tethys. Interesting. I think you know that this proposal should not go through yourself as "non-project specific" and be switched to "project-specific".

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Debra L. Nicholson

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Comments : Regarding the Anacortes UGA expansion proposa: It may be too late for public comment before the docketing public hearing yesterday, but I would like to do so for consideration for any future actions/considerations by any concerned within the county.

I am dismayed by the lack of candor, indeed of the manufacture of obvious fiction, for applications by various parties to obtain permissions for dubious developments. I refer to the application by the City of Anacortes for the expansion of their UGA. It is obvious beyond a doubt that this expansion is to support a specific project - i.e. the proposed Tethys bottling plant. To say that this is a non-project application defies belief, and, the legalities concerning due process for the decisions/actions before you. If you value ethical conduct, you will see the problem here. To formally state that something is non-project oriented when it is obviously so, is unethical and goes against all that the citizens of our fine County expect of our elected and unelected officials.

Please recognize the reality of this and rule accordingly. To do otherwise is a slap in the face of all reasonable and intelligent persons. From this non-lawyer, it also appears to be a work of fiction to say that the application is not project specific. Concerned citizens will recognize this and will act to bring the appropriate legal actions to counteract this usurpation of our laws in the county and the state if it is deemed to not be project specific. We are sick and tired of officials attempting to provide "cover" by saying something is so when it is not so.

Thank you.

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