From:

LoriAnderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services

Sent:

Wednesday, April 10, 2013 9:06 AM

To:

KirkJohnson; Dale Pernula; Debra L. Nicholson

Subject:

FW: PDS Comments

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From: website@co.skagit.wa.us [mailto:website@co.skagit.wa.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 9:05 AM To: Planning & Development Services

Subject: PDS Comments

Name: Theresa Trebon, Howard Fox

Address: 10619 Sterling Road

City: Sedro-Woolley

State: WA Zip: 98284

email: trebon@comcast.net
Phone: 360.856.6532

PermitProposal: Anacortes UGA expansion proposal Comments: Hello, My husband and I are writing to voice our STRONG opposition to Anacortes" proposal to expand its UGA on Fidalgo Island. We feel this proposal is crafted solely for the proposed Tethys Enterprise water bottle plant, an idea that is anathema to us. It is incumbent upon us in Skagit County to protect this unique place that we all call home and to use its resources WISELY, not sell them to the highest bidder to make profit. That is particularly true of water from the Skagit River. The proposed plant also will impact an incredibly sensitive area that is found on the south Fidalgo Bay to Turners and Similk bays. Additionally, I work on Fidalgo Island and am very concerned about increased rail traffic that the Tethys plant will bring, in addition to the increased rail traffic because of the new rail siding at the refineries to bring in North Dakota oil. NO to Anacortes UGA expansion. Please. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in. Theresa Trebon, Howard Fox

From Host Address: 208.87.137.231

Date and time received: 4/10/2013 9:02:06 AM

From:

LoriAnderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services

Sent:

Friday, April 12, 2013 4:29 PM

To:

Dale Pernula; Debra L. Nicholson; KirkJohnson

Subject:

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From: website@co.skagit.wa.us [mailto:website@co.skagit.wa.us]

Sent: Friday, April 12, 2013 3:30 PM To: Planning & Development Services

Subject: PDS Comments

Name: Chris Troutner

Address: 1004 Commercial Ave #458

City: Anacortes State: Washington

Zip: 98221

email: chris.troutner@gmail.com

Phone: 2067186422

PermitProposal: PL12-0258

Comments: CONCERNS Evergreen Islands has many concerns about the proposed amendment to the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, but one of our primary issues is:

- ? Skagit County has erroneously classified the Anacortes UGA Expansion proposal as a "non-project" application, which means Skagit County will evade its responsibility to consider the immediate and long-term impacts of the huge Tethys bottling facility!
- ? A non-project process will deprive Skagit County residents of the right to participate in a massive development with countywide adverse impacts, which will affect Skagit County residents for generations to come!

From Host Address: 75.146.56.105

Date and time received: 4/12/2013 3:25:34 PM

From:

LoriAnderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services

Sent:

Tuesday, April 16, 2013 10:48 AM

To:

Dale Pernula; Debra L. Nicholson; KirkJohnson; GaryChristensen

Subject:

FW: PDS Comments

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From: website@co.skagit.wa.us [mailto:website@co.skagit.wa.us]

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 11:25 AM To: Planning & Development Services

Subject: PDS Comments

Name: Sandra Warmouth Address: 6204 Guemes Is Rd

City: Anacortes State: WA Zip: 98221

email: sandywarmouth@yahoo.com

Phone: 360-293-3718

PermitProposal: UGA Annexation

Comments: I am actively opposed to any UGA annexation intended to grease the wheels for the Tethys fiasco. At this

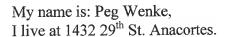
time all UGA conversations are overshadowed by Thethys" threat to our community.

Once that elephant is out of the room, then it might be time to consider land rezoning. In the meantime, I'm opposed to

all UGA changes.

From Host Address: 69.7.56.226

Date and time received: 4/15/2013 11:22:27 AM



If I understand this process correctly-- the City of Anacortes has submitted this application to increase acquisition of land zoned industrial. The proposal is listed as a "non-project" which creates confusion for me to say the least. And it leads me to ask----

How can anyone arrive at an intelligent, well re-searched decision leaving out the most pertinent facts of who and what kinds of industry could be considered for this land? It's beyond me!

In spite of that--let me start by saying--

--annexing more land for industrial/commercial use that includes wetlands, estuary's and heron rookeries involves massive development with county-wide impacts, these impacts will affect Skagit County residents for generations to come! I (one of many) advocate for protecting our precious natural resources. I'm not a scientist, but they have my full attention and along the way they've convinced me that at some point we are going to have to admit we have climate changes coming -- Therefore we need to face and move forward as responsible trusted stewards.

This application raises the following concerns for me-

- 1. The environmental impacts on the restored marine estuary, which cost somebody \$670,000. How are we going about protecting that investment while developing further industrial land in that area?
- 2. Depending on what industry might end up utilizing the site -what would the traffic impacts be? Engineering and construction efforts need to be carefully evaluated for feasibility and the impact on roads, rail, and local access and then "who pays".
- 3. A huge facility located near the only highway coming into Anacortes presents many impacts which need input and discussion opportunities from all Skagit County residents. At this point that step has been insufficient.
- 4. Compatibility between the incoming industry and Skagit county is also a concern. This input and discussion is a step that often makes the difference in not only gaining support for -- but the eventual success of a project.

There is a saying that the higher one goes in life and especially in government the greater the capacity for disillusionment. When it comes to corporations today the bottom line for most is "profits" not the welfare of the communities they occupy. Lets not let hasty decisions cloud our vision where instead of growth we end up with a despoiled Skagit Co!

Thank you.

From:

LoriAnderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services

Sent:

Tuesday, April 16, 2013 10:00 AM

To:

Debra L. Nicholson; Dale Pernula; KirkJohnson; GaryChristensen

Subject:

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From: website@co.skagit.wa.us [mailto:website@co.skagit.wa.us]

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 3:00 PM To: Planning & Development Services

Subject: PDS Comments

Name: Brian R. Wetcher Address: 814 26th St. City: Anacortes

State: wa Zip: 98221

email: fidalgolandscape@comcast.net

Phone: 360-293-7624
PermitProposal: PL-0258
Comments: Commissioners:

I urge you not to docket this application for UGA expansion as it obfuscates the entire intent of urban growth management. Those of us that were involved in the development of UGA standards know that the intent was to concentrate urban growth within existing service areas. Further, in Skagit County the intent was to prevent our local cities from creating commercial and industrial strip malls out of our rural transportation corridors in a flawed effort to enhance failing tax bases. The current application lacks a specified project, as required by statute and the supposed trade off acreage at the south end of Fidalgo Bay in protected shoreline which cannot be equated with an equitable trade for industrial land. This UGA proposal is the very definition of the kind of expansion which the GMA was designed to prevent. Setting aside these standards may be convenient for the city but directly violates the intent, if not the exact letter of the GMA standards which are the law in the state of Washington. Thank you for your consideration of my comments. BR Wetcher

From Host Address: 50.135.26.32

Date and time received: 4/15/2013 2:56:20 PM

From:

LoriAnderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services

Sent:

Monday, April 15, 2013 8:30 AM

To:

Dale Pernula; Debra L. Nicholson; KirkJohnson

Subject:

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From: website@co.skagit.wa.us [mailto:website@co.skagit.wa.us]

Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 4:10 PM To: Planning & Development Services

Subject: PDS Comments

Name: Sarah Winston

Address: 4214 Saint Marys Drive

City: Anacortes State: Wa Zip: 98221

email: swinston05@comcast.net

Phone: 3609414926

PermitProposal: Urban Growth Area Expansion petition Anacortes Comments: This current petition filed by the City of Anacortes is confusing to the public. It seems that the petition to bring 11.2 acres of unincorporated land into the City of Anacortes's UGA includes the proposal for a one million square foot bottling plant. Why can't the commissioners consider the merits of the ENTIRE petition regarding what the land would be used for? A complete and thorough environmental review of the re-designation of the land should be considered before any change is made.

From Host Address: 67.165.127.179

Date and time received: 4/14/2013 4:05:14 PM

From:

LoriAnderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services

Sent:

Tuesday, April 16, 2013 10:01 AM

To:

Dale Pernula; KirkJohnson; Debra L. Nicholson; GaryChristensen

Subject:

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From: website@co.skagit.wa.us [mailto:website@co.skagit.wa.us]

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 12:40 PM To: Planning & Development Services

Subject: PDS Comments

Name: Virginia Wolff Address: 8639 Ershig Rd.

City: Bow State: WA Zip: 98232

email: ladybug330@wavecable.com

Phone: 360 707-5661

PermitProposal: Anacortes UGA Expansion Comments: Regarding the proposed Expansion of the Anacortes UGA, I have

two comments:

1. I question the ethics and the legality of amending the urban growth limits to accommodate a single specific development enterprise.

2. The proposed UGA expansion is not part of the Regional County Transportation Plan. A thorough county-wide assessment of transportation issues affecting any part of the county needs to be made of any process that increases rail or road traffic through the area. All increases in traffic that would result from any other industry development proposals need to be included in the consideration.

From Host Address: 24.113.141.253

Date and time received: 4/15/2013 12:38:17 PM

From:

LoriAnderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services

Sent:

Monday, April 15, 2013 8:29 AM

To:

Dale Pernula; Debra L. Nicholson; KirkJohnson

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From: website@co.skagit.wa.us [mailto:website@co.skagit.wa.us]

Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 9:05 PM To: Planning & Development Services

Subject: PDS Comments

Name : Jennifer M Woyski Address : 3809 N Avw City : Anacortes

State : WA Zip : 98221

email: jwoyski@gmail.com Phone: 360 293 9520

PermitProposal: Anacortes UGA Expansion Proposal Comments: I oppose the building of a one million square foot bottling plant in the UGA on Fidalgo Island. I oppose the Tethys project. Based on my studies of the issues surrounding the Tethys project, I believe this UGA expansion application is aimed specifically to make it possible for Tethys to build its gigantic facility here. It is my understanding that Tethys paid the application fees for the UGA Expansion Application. There are inaccuracies in the details of the proposal. I think this proposal should not be docketed until the 2014 Full Comprenhensive Plan Update.

From Host Address: 50.193.60.129

Date and time received: 4/14/2013 9:04:56 PM

From:

LoriAnderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services

Sent:

Monday, April 15, 2013 8:29 AM

To:

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Subject:

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From: website@co.skagit.wa.us [mailto:website@co.skagit.wa.us]

Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 9:30 PM To: Planning & Development Services

Subject: PDS Comments

Name: William Woyski Address: 3809 N Ave City: Anacortes State: WA

State: WA Zip: 98221

email: bwoyski@comcast.net

Phone: 360 293 9520

PermitProposal: Anacortes UGA Expansion Proposal Comments: I believe this UGA expansion application is specifically to make it possible for Tethys to build its gigantic facility here. Tethys paid the application fees for the UGA Expansion Application. There are inaccuracies in the details of the proposal. I think this proposal should not be docketed until the 2014 Full Comprenhensive Plan Update. I oppose the building of a one million square foot bottling plant in the UGA on Fidalgo Island. I oppose the Tethys project, and am disgusted with the way this situation has developed.

From Host Address: 50.193.60.129

Date and time received: 4/14/2013 9:28:52 PM

From:

Rosann Wuebbels <rwuebbels@yahoo.com> Saturday, March 16, 2013 4:21 PM

Sent:

To:

Commissioners

Subject:

oppose Anacortes UGA expansion

We oppose docketing the Anacortes UGA expansion for the Tethys bottling plant. Sincerely, Rosann Wuebbels and George Reeves 11134 O Ave Anacortes, Wa 98221

From:

LoriAnderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services

Sent:

Monday, April 15, 2013 8:31 AM

To:

Debra L. Nicholson; Dale Pernula; KirkJohnson

Subject:

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From: website@co.skagit.wa.us [mailto:website@co.skagit.wa.us]

Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 9:05 AM To: Planning & Development Services

Subject: PDS Comments

Name: Rosann Wuebbels Address: 11134 O Ave.

City: Anacortes State: Washington

Zip: 98221

email: rwuebbels@yahoo.com

Phone: 360-293-3417

PermitProposal: Tethys Anacortes UGA (PL12-0258) Comments:

ISSUE

City of Anacortes (PL12-0258), proposal to expand its Urban Growth Area (UGA) by redesignating approximately 11 acres of Rural Reserve (RRv) land to Anacortes UGA on the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan Land Use map and to the Anacortes UGA Urban Development District (A-UD) on the Skagit County Zoning map.

The City of Anacortes submitted the application to increase its Urban Growth Area (UGA) to provide the land requirement that Tethys needs for its 1 million square bottling plant. The Tethys bottling plant will process up to 5.5 million gallons per day of Skagit River water. Tethys Enterprises paid the application filing fee, and the City billed Tethys for the consultant who prepared the City?s response to the County for more information.

CONCERNS

I have many concerns about the proposed amendment to the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, but one of our primary issues is:

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- ? A non-project process will deprive Skagit County residents of the right to participate in a massive development with countywide adverse impacts, which will affect Skagit County residents for generations to come! Sincerely, Rosann Wuebbels

From Host Address: 50.123.111.237

Date and time received: 4/14/2013 9:03:30 AM

From:

LoriAnderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services

Sent: To: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 8:45 AM

lo: Subject: Debra L. Nicholson FW: PDS Comments

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From: website@co.skagit.wa.us [mailto:website@co.skagit.wa.us]

Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 12:35 PM To: Planning & Development Services

Subject: PDS Comments

Name: Marren Avery Yarbrough

Address: P.O. box 202 City: Marblemount

State: WA Zip: 98267

email: marrenavery@yahoo.com

Phone: 360 873 4182

PermitProposal: Wetland becomes Huge Cement factory.

Comments: This comment is addressing, turning wet land into a large cement block of large carbon footprint.

We are the Evergreen State. Bring in industry that is Green small carbon footprints.

Bottled water is a huge problem world wide in the Earth system with enough plastic in the water twice the size of Texas and 30 feet thick.

Plastic water bottles are going out of still over the next 6 years as more awareness is turned against them as a menace and a hazard, to the environment and the human body. Keep Skagit Valley Green.

From Host Address: 192.182.143.217

Date and time received: 4/9/2013 12:32:30 PM

From:

LoriAnderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services

Sent:

Thursday, April 11, 2013 2:13 PM

To:

Dale Pernula; KirkJohnson; Debra L. Nicholson

Subject:

FW: PDS Comments

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From: website@co.skagit.wa.us [mailto:website@co.skagit.wa.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2013 11:40 AM To: Planning & Development Services

Subject: PDS Comments

Name: Janna Young Address: 1104 K Ave City: Anacortes State: Washington

Zip: 98221

email: jandty@theconnextion.com

Phone: 3603337397

PermitProposal: ANACORTES UGA EXPANSION PROPOSAL Comments: The County has classified the Anacortes UGA Expansion proposal as a ?non-project? application, which is incorrect and means Skagit County will evade its responsibility to consider the immediate and long-term impacts of the huge Tethys bottling facility.

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Land converted from rural reserve to UGA and developed for a bottling plant will potentially become yet another commercial graveyard that needs to be cleaned up when the jobs are lost due to the unsustainability of a failing single-use bottling market. Single use beverage bottles are one of the worst environmental offenders- they clog landfills, create pollution, and contribute to the absorption of BPA in humans and animals.

Please stop this plant from becoming a reality. Please refuse to docket the City of Anacortes" application to expand its Urban Growth Area until a more sustainable proposal is put forth.

Thank you, Janna Young

From Host Address: 50.47.233.138

Date and time received: 4/11/2013 11:37:41 AM

To: Skagit County Board of County Commissioners (Ken Dalhstedt, Sharon Dillon, Ron Wesen) 1800 Continental Place, #100 Mount Vernon, WA 98273



Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

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Respectfully,

Anacortes, WA

Janna Young 1104 K Ave Anacortes WA 98221

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Mount Vernon, WA 98273



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Todd Young Anacortes

Toll Young 1104 Kg. Ave Anacories WA

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Respectfully, Danique Louner

Dzermeno 121629th St. Unit 1 Anacorta, WA 98221 APR 1 2 2013



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ANA COIZES UA 98221

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April 15, 2013

Board of County Commissioners 1800 Continental Place, Suite 100 Mount Vernon, WA 98273

RE: PL-12-0268 Update to the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan (2012)

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Update to the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan. While the document contains much detail about the programs proposed for the Parks and Recreation Department, we ask that you send the document back to the department for revisions to address the following concerns.

The GMA requires counties to develop comprehensive plans and regulations and to update them on a regular basis. The Parks plan, if adopted as written, would become a part of the County's Comprehensive Plan, and as such, must meet the test of compliance with GMA.

The mission of the County Parks and Recreation Department is "....to provide high quality recreation services, facilities and parks to our customers and the citizens of Skagit County". The plan states the Chapter 4 A. Vision and Overall Goal: "(To) Develop, renovate, and acquire a system of parks, recreation facilities, and open space that is attractive, safe, functional, and accessible to all citizens of Skagit County."

Many of the objectives in the plan are not measurable and therefore give no way to evaluate whether the Department completed the objective and to what degree. For example, the Acquisition and Development Objectives "...(to) Make acquisition and development of water property for parks, trails and open space a high priority" and "Acquire and develop regional parks and secure open space an rural areas as opportunities to meet the other goals set forth in this plan." cannot be measured and therefore the public would be unable to determine for example, how much property is needed and if acquired how the removal of the property from other uses would affect the local economy and the prior uses of the properties.

Including a plan for managing and acquiring additional funding for the department is appropriate. However, it appears that the Department has added program elements which are not necessarily central to the mission and focus of the other Parks and Rec programs. Some of the objectives in the plan are the purvey of the Planning and Development Services Department and while the coordination of those activities may include Parks and Rec, Parks and Rec do not have ultimate authority over these activities. We suggest the plan should support and compliment the PD&S activities and County Comprehensive Plan, regulations and policies rather than attempt to duplicate these activities. To that end the proposed plan needs editing and revision.

We note that habitat restoration for wildlife is not a goal of the department, although it might indirectly be a part of some of the programs that the department delivers. The inclusion of the specifics of funding opportunities, program goals, evaluation, budgets and other details related to the operations of the department is not appropriate. Such information would be appropriate in a grant proposal to a specific funder. Funders may or may not continue to exist during the period of time the Comp Plan is supposed to be used.

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Using available monies to drive programs is only appropriate IF the program has the staff and expertise to accommodate the new direction. And we note that the "new direction" should also be thoroughly vetted with the public and other agencies. A partnership with other entities that have the necessary expertise may be more acceptable to pursue for funding the newer activities.

The plan guides and shapes the program, not the other way around. We suggest removing specific details about programs and funding from the plan, including reference to habitat restoration, wildlife enhancement, etc. Certainly collaborative projects with other agencies, including WDFW, may be appropriate for Parks and Rec. However, the plan reads as though habitat restoration is now an expertise of and a work plan for the Department. One of the items under Project Implementation is to "... Protect local economic interests by not duplicating services that are being met by the private sector."

A review of the items in the plan which do duplicate existing or potential services provided by others (agencies, NGOs, etc.) is needed. The plan does include a good inventory of potential lands for parks and recreation to either use or acquire. We suggest the Department remove this information (particularly in Chapter 5) and create and ongoing working group with PD&S and other agencies to prioritize and determine the feasibility of these identified parcels. A coordinated long-range collaboration would also help communication, reduce costs and help the decisions reflect an integrated planning approach.

Lastly, we understand the political decision that was made to have government departments "self-fund" their programs. While this is a short-term measure to balance the budget, we do not believe that government should be managed like a business, because it is NOT a business, it is government. Yes, it should be efficient, use management tools from the business world when those tools help deliver services to the public. We support re-examining funding departments from the General Fund, rather than continuing to pretend the services are being provided with our tax dollars, when in fact they are being paid for (again) by the public users.

Should you have questions or want additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Wes. Ellen Bynum

Executive Director

cc: FOSC Board; Gerald Steel, P.E., Counsel; Brian Clark, Director, Parks & Recreation Department.

From: Debra L. Nicholson

Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 10:02 AM

To: Debra L. Nicholson

Subject: FW: Public Hearing- Skagit County Comprehensive Plan Comments

From: Tina Champeaux [mailto:TinaC21747@aol.com]

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3. Commissioners Dahlstedt, Dillon, and Wesen:

I am objecting to the C-3 Proposal to amend the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan to incorporate by reference the 2012 Skagit County Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan for the following reasons:

- 1) The 2007 Update met the statuary update requirement.
- 2) There does not appear to be statutory authority for a second update.
- 3) There is a massive new section on habitat protection and open space recreation not in our original plan.
- 4) We do not need this vehicle to implement ICLEI Wildlands programs.
- 5) It is not a locally initiated amendment. It came top down as a required grant-funded command with a consultant hired to help write it. Besides being costly, consultants facilitate an agenda under the radar through the Delphi method to the detriment of the tax paying citizens. Stop taking the grants.
- 6) There are no property rights protections for Skagit citizens.
- 7) Farmers and livestock are again demonized as the culprits causing pollution

In 35 years conservation biology has created one disaster after another. We have had cattle removed from millions of acres of range, 925 dams have been removed, and 90% of the Western forest is off-limits. The Pacific Research Foundation, sourcing from IUCN Red List and the Heinz Center's State of the Nation's Ecosystems project, finds that only 2.7 percent of species have gone extinct since the last Ice Age. I am agitated as a property owner to find that the Oregon Spotted frog was 'introduced' here in Washington. I think that the name alone is a clue that it is not native to Washington. Since it is the #1 amphibian on the endangered species list, imagine how much property this tiny creature will consume in protected habitats.....Better known as setbacks for the property owner. This makes it profitable to introduce this creature wherever and whenever possible for the ultimate goal of moving people off their land by making it impossible to work and worthless to sell. I suggest you read the book, Eco-Facists, by Elizabeth Nickson, an associated press journalist who has done investigative research on the taking of private property by the government. Our newly established San Juan Islands National Monument is a fine example of Eco-Facism. We do not need ICLEI in Skagit County. We do need protection of private property rights that does not appear to be covered in this Amendment to the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan nor does it appear to be a high priority item on local government's list.

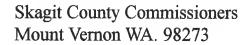
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Sent from my iPad



April 8, 2013



RE; Comments on C-3 Proposal to amend Skagit County Comp Plan to incorporate by reference the 2012 Skagit County Parks Plan

One of the Parks Plan Goals is to acquire land everywhere and place into Open Space. There is no language whatsoever in this Plan to protect private property rights.

Chapter 5.-- Parks Plan

The entire Chapter 5- Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation must be eliminated before being docketed. This Chapter has nothing to do with recreation, in fact, language in the Plan states Chapter 5 is specifically only in Parks Plan in efforts to acquire grant funding from WWRP. These grants with strings attached could be harmful to agriculture, forestry and recreational activities all due to these four words "the potential to pollute" with no proof. Which is exactly what has happened to the two ranchers cited in this Parks Plan Chapter 5. By the way DOE dropped the fines to these two ranchers because DOE had no evidence to convict them. Language included in Chapter 5 contains no true field tested science, only assumptions and accusations spewed from an inexperienced, uninformed consultant. Accusations that tide gates and contaminants from agriculture land are causing harm to wildlife and water quality. Accusations that agriculture cultivation has reduced species diversity as has forest management. Yet, the populations of these species are continuing to grow and thrive. Careful what you wish for, because DNA testing studies all across the country is proving that wildlife, especially avian are the largest contributors of water contamination in shellfish areas and creeks. Language in Chapter 5 even points out that public viewing of wildlife is resulting in harassment to wildlife. We surely do not need wildlife corridors that create avenues for unwanted Elk traveling to areas which cause public safety hazards, could lead to deaths of vehicle drivers and passengers on SR 20 to Eastern Skagit county.

We encourage the County Commissioners to eliminate Chapter 5 completely from the Parks Plan before it is docketed.

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From:

LoriAnderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services

Sent:

Tuesday, April 16, 2013 9:48 AM

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PermitProposal: C-3 Proposal to amend Skagit County Comprehensive Plan to incorporate by reference the 2012 Skagit County Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan Comments: The above proposal needs to be rejected and a public hearing scheduled to consider whether to adopt this update. The update was crafted by an outside consultant with the goal of obtaining grant money. That is stated numerous times throughout the document. However, those grants only allow money for acquisition and development of new property. The problem is that the Parks & Recreation Department, due to budget constraints, is challenged to take care of existing parks and grounds. What purpose then does it serve to acquire more land, other than take it out of productive use and continue to shrink the county tax base?

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Testimony: 2012 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal, Parks and Recreation

Skagit Board of County Commissioners Hand Delivered for Individual review, please

Dear Commissioners Dillon, Wesen, and Dahlstedt

I have just completed a review of

The draft amendment proposal "Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan", and

The various published notices and announcements regarding this proposal going back to 1990, but mostly 2009 to date. And

The minutes of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, going back to 2009, and.

The Skagit County Comprehensive Plan under GMA and portions of the 2007 update, and.

Relevant sections of the WAC and Skagit County Code.

In addition, since the recent reappearance of this amendment proposal on the BOCC agenda in late 2012, I have had a number of conversations individually with members of the Board, in particular with District 1 Commissioner Wesen. Several of these conversations related, in part, to the inclusion within this proposal of State Forest Board Trust Lands in district 1 as recreation areas, rather than as sustained yield forestry resource land setasides enacted by the County through contract with the DNR for the beneficiaries of the Trust, the taxpayers of the Burlington-Edison School District.

This proposal was first mentioned to the Advisory Board in 2009; They spent two meetings reviewing the 272 page proposal in 2009. We see no mention of the Draft until the announcement on the Park and Rec webpage of the

"signed off" adopted Plan (See attachment). The draft has been dormant in the eyes of the public for three years until now.

The GMA and Skagit County Comp Plan contain many procedures and requirements which must be met before official adoption of amendments to the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan by You. Many of these have not been addressed in the proposal now before you; I refer specifically to those addressing public participation and transparency in the amendment process, and to the GMA mandate for assessment and conformance to consistency requirements with existing law and rules. The law regarding rural Skagit County communities as codified in the Rural Element and elsewhere in GMA law, are not mentioned in the newly included Chapter 5 promotional materials on open space, greenbelts, recreation, and trails. Also unmentioned are the devastating consequences resulting in natural habitat from disturbance by recreation and tourism in lands which have already been inventoried and mapped as resource lands, critical areas, and rural neighborhoods and communities, as recognized and defined in our current Comprehensive Plan.

I would urge you not to docket this draft until an adequate program of public participation has taken place. I recommend an open house hosted by you and the Advisory Board with ample opportunity for dialog and question and answer sessions between the citizens, Advisory Board, Park and Rec Administration and the Board of County Commissioners. The record would indicate that any and all previous attempts at outreach have been miserably unsuccessful on this proposal of far-reaching and overwhelming changes to our current Law of the Land. I recommend the process announced in last Sunday's edition of the Skagit Valley Herald for an open house hosted by the Board of County Commissioners to take a look at a roundabout project; I am attaching a few other outreach efforts on this project which demonstrate hearts and minds in the right place. It would help to meet the requirement of notifying your constituents of the consequences to them of adoption of this amendment directly and often so they might have an accurate idea of just what it is that merits their response.

After my first reading of the draft, I did have an appointment with Mr. Adams, SCPR director. He is concerned about budget, staff, and program cuts, and how to manage his 26 Park and Rec sites and the remaining programs. He told me this 272 page "update" was undertaken at the behest of the Director of the State Department of Commerce and Recreation. I have not yet been able to review the grant, but from a reading of the draft, I conclude that the inclusion of the majority of the material in the draft was for the purposes of qualifying for future grant monies. Mr. Adams also provided the information that the bulk of the proposed amendment was crafted by a consultant also funded by this grant.

Please continue your efforts to bring light and air to the public process in Skagit County. We have a plan. It is working just fine. We have a great place to live. Do you understand the value, strength, and viability of your Rural Taxpayers and land uses? Think, for a moment, what it would be like if all of your rural property owners withheld the first half of their assessed property taxes. Do you really want to adopt a philosophical amendment which endangers their expectations for an amendment designed only for troubled urban jurisdictions with a rollback problem in their planning? Are you aware that these programs added into this proposed amendment are recommended by the State only for counties with a population of 600,000 or larger, and cities with a population of 22,500 or larger? Skagit County is a great place to live, for all of us. Please keep it that way.

Respectfully,

Ed Stauffer, Rural Skagit



Parks and Recreation

Youth Camps and Activities

Fairgrounds

Parks Directory

Parks Amenities. Key

Adult Basketball

Youth Basketbull

Softball

Baseball

Youth Softball

Clear Lake Triathlon

Kickball'

Volleyball¹

Clear Lake Beach

FAQ

Contact Parks and Recreation

Hausen Creek Earth Day, April 29, 2013 (Part

Celebrate Earth Day by helping to remove invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry from the Hansen Creek Restoration Area.

Invasive species threaten native biodiversity and provide poor habitat for fish and wildlife. What better way to celebrate Earth Day than by helping protect our local salmon and wildlife habitat? Come join us for a fantastic time working to preserve the Earth!

Saturday, April 20 from 9 am to 1 pm.

At the Northern State Recreation Area parking for.

Contact/Lauren/Rich/(380) 854-7008

Bring weather appropriate gear, rubber boots, and a friend! Tools and light refreshments will be provided.

Concussion Information

youth athlete's initiating practice or

competition.

On a yearly basis, a concussion and head

injury information sheet shall be signed and returned by the youth athlete and the athlete's parent and/or guardlan prior to the

ALL participants Ages 17 & under must sign the concusion information sheet

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Associated websites for more information:

Heads Up - Concussion in Youth

WIAA - Concussion Management;

Sports (CDC)

Guidelines

once per year (i.e. September through

August) in order to participate in Skagit

County Parks & Recreation programs.



A message from the Director' Chair

From the Islands in Sallsh Seas on the West to the Cascade Foothill communities in the East, Skagit County offers a broad range of recreational opportunities. Whether you like to hike the primitive trails along the southwest shores of Sharpe Park on Fidalgo Island or camp adjacent to the wild and scenic Skagit River at Howard Miller Steelhead Park, there

is something for you within our parks system. We have over 2300 acres of parklands, including 26 parks, and 40 miles of trails.

Astonishing trails with wild-flowered laden rocky bald meadows with expansive views await you at Montgomery-Duban Headlands. The northern end of the park allows users the ability to directly access the rocky waterfront shores and enjoy the rich Puget Sound sea life such as Orca Whales, Harbor Seals, Dahl Porpoises, Sea Lions, Predatory Birds, River Otter, and on rare occasions, migrating Gray Whales and Orca Pods; all while immersing oneself in the rich tidel bluffs and crashing waves of Picnic Point.

Howard Miller Steelhead Park on the upper reaches of the Wild and Scenic Skagit River has become one of the most popular campgrounds and day-use parks in the northwest. Each campsite at the park has sweeping views of the glacially nourished Skagit River. Crested mountains ring the lower hinterlands and day hikes abound. Eagles sit knowingly on large limbs and if you're lucky a Roosevelt Elk may make a dawn excursion along the river's edge.

Our recreational leagues have oodles of ways to stay active and busy, including SWISH basketball leagues and adult softball leagues. Check out the full range of activities in the quarterly leisure guide, available on this website

Come join us in 2012 at the Skagit County Fair between August 8th and 11th: There is going to be all your favorite local foods, local bands, local farms, and local flavors. Find out what everyone in Skagit County is talking about by coming out to the fairgrounds for a little Hometown Fun with a Homegrown Feell It's still the premier event for sitting down with some delectable local foods while enjoying local farms and local bands. The flavor is purely Skagit.

I hope you find that the opportunities are endless in Skagit County. You are the lucky one that has found this little oasis in the northwest--don't forget to immerse yourself in it!

2012 Skagit County Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan

The purpose of this plan is to lay the groundwork for the future of the county pask system as the population grows and priorities evolve.

FEATURED LINKS

- 1842 Clear Lake Toleration Results | Photo Gallery
- Howard: Miller: Steelhead: Park
- NSRA Disc Golf Course (printable map Pdf)
- Open Space Survey
- · Facilities/Pank Guitte
- Parks Advisory Board Minutes
- Northern State Recreation Area Revised Mester Plan
- Field Rain-out Information or 360-419-3390

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Spring Recreation Guide





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Section 15



April 9, 2013

Skagit County to hold open house for Pioneer Highway & Fir Island Road Intersection Project

Monday, April 15, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm

SKAGIT COUNTY —On Monday, April 15, from 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Skagit County Public Works will host an informational open house to discuss the Pioneer Highway & Fir Island Road Intersection Project. The Open House will be held at the Conway School Library, 19710 State Route 534, Mount Vernon, WA 98274. See the attached five for additional details.

For more information contact Project Manager Jennifer Swanson at jennifers@co.skaqit.wa.us.



Pioneer Highway & Fir Island Road Intersection Project

Public Meeting Monday, April 15th

Monday, April 15Th 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Conway School Library 19710 State Route 534, Mount Vernon 98274

Open House

Skagit County invites the public to an informational open house Monday, April 15th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Conway School Library. Skagit County will be available to discuss the project and answer any questions that you may have. The project will improve the intersection by providing a roundabout encompassing the Pioneer Highway and Fir Island Road T-intersection as well as the Conway Frontage Road and Main Street intersection at Fir Island Road (see drawing below). This project will also include curb and gutter, sidewalks, stormwater facilities and landscaping.

We encourage you to attend this open house and share your ideas.

Please feel free to stop by anytime between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Informational presentation, then/open forum afterwards!

A comment sheet will be available for you to record your thoughts about the project.

For more information please contact:

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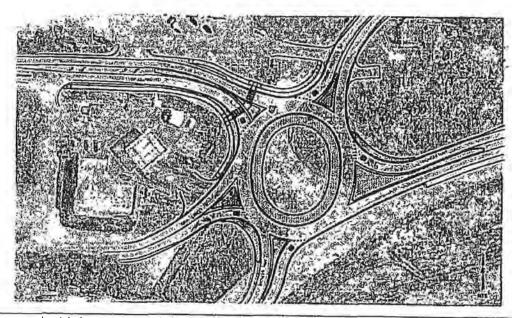
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Please share this information with others who may not be on our mailing list.



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Meeting facilities are wheelchair accessible and children are welcome. People with special needs or disabilities who will be attending this meeting are asked to please contact our office at least 48 hours in advance so that we may provide any needed accommodations. For hearing impaired TTY 1-800-833-6388.















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