

# Skagit County Planning & Development Services

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## **Notice of Availability**

including notice of SEPA threshold determination, written comment period, and public hearing

#### **Proposal Information**

Publish date:	September 24, 2015
Proposal name:	Conservation and Development Incentives Program (CDIP)
Documents available at:	www.skagitcounty.net/cdip
Lead Agency:	Skagit County Planning & Development Services
Contact Person:	Kirk Johnson, AICP, Senior Planner
SEPA Responsible Official:	Dale Pernula, AICP, Director
Public hearing body:	Skagit County Planning Commission
Public hearing date:	Monday, November 2, 2015, at 6 p.m.
Written comment deadline:	Thursday, November 5, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.

### **Proposal Description**

This legislative proposal would implement comprehensive plan policies and development regulations creating a Conservation and Development Incentives Program (CDIP) in Skagit County. The program would support the voluntary and permanent conservation of private farm, forest and open space lands while encouraging development in urban areas and certain rural areas best suited for additional growth. The proposal would add policies to the following Skagit County Comprehensive Plan elements: Chapter 2, the Urban, Land Use & Open Space Element; Chapter 3, the Rural Element; and Chapter 4, the Natural Resource Lands Element; and would create a new chapter of code under Title 14: Chapter 14.22 Conservation and Development Incentives Program, replacing the current Chapter 14.22, Records of Survey. Records of Survey would become Section 14.02.090, under Chapter 14.02 General Provisions.

A staff report summarizing the proposal is available at the website above.

#### **SEPA Threshold Determination**

Skagit County has determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement is not required under the State Environmental Policy Act, RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This determination was made after review of a

completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency and available upon request.

This determination is issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2). Skagit County will not act on this proposal for fourteen calendar days from the date of issuance. Written comments regarding this Determination of Nonsignificance must be submitted by the deadline above and in the same manner as other comments. Pursuant to SCC 14.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this legislative action.

#### **How to Comment**

Comments are accepted via email or on paper. All comments must be received by the deadline and include (1) your full name, (2) your mailing address, and (3) the proposal name ("Conservation and Development Incentives Program (CDIP)") in the subject line. Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered.

Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

Paper comments must be printed on 8½" x 11" paper and mailed or delivered to:

Comments on proposed "Conservation and Development Incentives Program (CDIP)" Planning and Development Services 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon WA 98273

You may also comment in person at the public hearing at the Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon. Public hearing testimony is usually limited to three minutes, so written comments are preferred.

Anyone who plans to attend the public hearing and has special needs or disabilities should contact the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners at (360) 416-1300 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange any special accommodations.