

Snohomish County Critical Area Review Program 2003

Overview

Snohomish County has completed the first phase of its critical area review program, receiving input and suggestions from a wide variety of sources.

The Snohomish County Council issued an initial Request for Participation on April 18, 2003. Responses were received from many groups and individuals expressing an interest to participate. Four workshops were held to receive initial comments from technical speakers on specific issues.

7/01/03 **Wetlands issues**

7/08/03 **Fishery-related habitat issues**

7/17/03 **Wildlife-related habitat issues**

8/14/03 **Frequently flooded areas, critical aquifer areas, geologically hazardous areas**

Copies of the video tapes are available from:

Wovie, Inc.

106 East 5th Avenue

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Copies of each videotaped workshop are \$18.00, plus \$10.25 shipping and handling, plus \$2.37 tax. The total cost for a set of tapes for all four workshops would be \$122.48. The turn-around period for producing copies of these tapes will be approximately 10 days (does not include shipping time).

The purpose of the early workshops was to enable the County to identify a range of alternatives available for considering the designation and protection of critical areas.

Current Stage

Currently the focus rests on the release of a range of alternatives as part of an environmental review. This focus is to promote the review and discussion of alternate approaches to critical area protection, to foster a discussion of the "Best Available Science" in support of a variety of approaches to be included in the Council's consideration, and to permit public input and discussion throughout the EIS process.

Key documents available for review (Adobe PDF format):

- **Letter to Councilman John Koster dated 9/25/03** (details current stage)
- **Key Discussion Points and Topics of Interest**
- **Map of Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas**
- **DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF EIS**
- **EXISTING COUNTY CODES**
 - ▶ **Chapter 30.62**
 - ▶ **Chapter 30.64**
 - ▶ **Chapter 30.65**

- **DRAFT MODEL ORDINANCE**
 - ▶ **DCTED Draft Model Ordinance, August 8, 2003**
 - **CONCEPT DRAFT**
 - ▶ **Chapter 30.62, “redline” version**
 - ▶ **Chapter 30.62, “clean” version**
 - ▶ **Chapter 30.64**
 - ▶ **Chapters 30.91A-Z “redline” version**
 - ▶ **Chapters 30.91A-Z “clean” version**
- **CAR library index** (current through 10/31/03)

To obtain copies of any of these documents, contact **Sheila McCallister** in the County Council's Office at 425-388-3494 or sheila.mccallister@co.snohomish.wa.us (copy charge, 15¢ per page).

Future Proceedings

The Planning Commission is expected to review the alternatives from November 2003 to January 2004. The date of the Planning Commission hearing will be determined in the near future. It is expected to be in January. Then the County Council will review the Planning Commission recommendation during the first quarter of 2004.

Comments are invited through all steps of the program. Comments should be sent to:

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