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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Sedro-Woolley City government is to provide selected services that are not traditionally offered by the private sector. This will be achieved through providing the highest quality services we can within the resources with which we're provided; involving residents in all aspects of planning and operations; serving as a clearinghouse for public information; and operating facilities which meet the legitimate, identified concerns of the residents of and visitors to our community.

We believe in being community-centered, consistently contributing to the quality of life in our area and as fully deserving of the public's trust through the consistent expression of positive values and acceptance of accountability for producing meaningful results.

CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

AGENDA

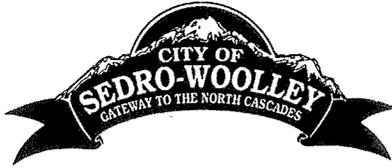
August 7, 2007

7:00 PM

Sedro-Woolley Community Center
703 Pacific Street

- A. Skagit Countywide UGA Open Space and Trails Program (15 Min. Presentation)
(Presentation by Jeroldine Hallberg & Tom Beckwith from Skagit County Council of Governments of an Open Space Separator Plan and survey results)
(Staff contact - Jack Moore)

- B. 2008 Goals/Budget Process
(Discussion on departmental goals for the City of Sedro-Woolley in 2008)
(Staff contact - Eron Berg)



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To: City Council

From: Jack Moore,
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Date: August 7, 2007

Subject: Skagit Countywide UGA Open Space and Trails Plan

PROJECT DESCRIPTION / HISTORY

The Skagit County Council of Governments (SCOG) is working on an Open Space Separator Plan that will define the County's goals and plans to protect open space and trail corridors at the fringes of UGAs in the County. The two individuals that have spearheaded this effort, Jeroldine Hallberg and Tom Beckwith, will be making a small presentation to the Council at the August 7th Workshop. The presentation will be about 15 minutes, followed by a 15 minute question and answer period.

The goals of the Open Space Separator Plan are largely driven by the results of a survey that SCOG sent out to a random sampling of Skagit County residents. Mrs. Hallberg and Mr. Beckwith will be discussing the results of the survey (attached) at Tuesday's Workshop.

Skagit Countywide UGA Open Space & Trails Plan Mail-out/Phone-back Survey Results

In June 2007 a random sample of resident voter households in Skagit County was contacted to participate in a controlled sample survey concerning open space needs and priorities.

450 households agreed to participate in the survey and were mailed a copy of a summary description of the plan and a copy of the questionnaire. Survey results were compiled for the first 200 households who completed the surveys by follow-up telephone call - the number planned for in the original survey scope.

The resulting survey results are accurate to within 8+/- percent of the opinions of the general population. The statistics are rounded and may not add to 100 percent. The statistics also account for undecided, did not know, or refused a response (which generally ranged from 0-7% depending on the question). Question numbers begin with 5 since 1-4 were reserved for questionnaire numbering. Following is a summary of the results for the total sample group.

Private conservation initiatives

Numerous private organizations in Skagit County are actively involved in conserving open space assets including wildlife habitat, working farmlands, unique forestlands, scenic landscapes, and recreational activities including on and off-road trail systems.

In fact, Skagit County has more organizations involved in open space conservation than is common of any other area in Washington State or the surrounding Pacific Northwest region. A conservation focus has emerged over time in Skagit County due to: 1) the Skagit River's habitat value (the most productive river west of the Mississippi), 2) the Skagit Valley's agriculture potential (one of the largest remaining viable farming areas in the region), and 3) the county's overall scenic, cultural, and historical diversity, among others.

By and large, these groups have accomplished a great deal through their efforts to conserve important county open space assets through property owner use agreements, conservation easements, and outright land purchases. These groups have also been actively involved in the management, restoration, and enhancement of the natural features that once existed on these conserved lands and which provide their unique ecological, environmental, scenic, and cultural values.

In general, these organizations have been able to obtain the minimum funds necessary to implement their basic conservation missions - which are unique to each entity. These groups have been adept at raising monies through grants, donations, fund-raising drives, and other enterprises - primarily from residents of the county and surrounding region.

However, most of these organizations and their efforts have been focused in the more rural areas outside of the existing cities and proposed urban growth areas (UGAs). A rural focus has been followed for a variety of reasons including: 1) higher land costs within or next to the urban areas, 2) increased land management requirements, 3) greater coordination requirements with other public and private parties, and the 4) the potential for conflict with local city land use objectives and priorities.

As a consequence, some of the most threatened remaining open spaces are located within or adjacent to the designated urban growth areas (UGAs) of the county.

Growth Management Act (GMA) initiatives

Critical Area Ordinances (CAOs) - the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) mandated counties and cities to conserve and protect sensitive environmental features including streams, wetlands, steep slopes subject to landslide hazard, and floodplains from urban developments that would increase risk to the landowner (or adjacent properties) and degrade the environment.

Skagit County and the cities have enacted critical area ordinances (CAOs) that protect these features and the buffered areas from urban development. By and large, CAOs have protected significant and critically sensitive areas in the county and within and adjacent the urban growth areas (UGAs) from inappropriate urban development. Most of these lands remain in private ownership subject to private land use activities that do not impose an environmental risk.

While CAOs protect, and thereby conserve these significant open space resources, the CAOs do not restore, enhance, or manage these resources for wildlife, forest, farm, or scenic purposes for which they were once suited, nor to achieve UGA open space or public access benefits.

Resource and rural zoning districts - have been established by Skagit County to conserve productive and working farm and forest soils and properties - and to distinguish urban from rural settlement patterns. The county's resource zoning districts require minimum 40 acre lots - the minimum considered necessary to sustain working forests and farms.

The rural zoning districts provide a transitional density and lot definition that increases from 5 to 40 acre lots with which to provide a graduated settlement pattern between the urbanizing areas and UGAs with the rural landscape.

While the resource and rural zoning districts conserve the ownership pattern that is compatible with working farms and forests, and with a graduated urban to rural settlement pattern - zoning alone does not guarantee that the land will be used for farm and forest production, or that developments on the rural sized lots will actually reflect a rural or scenic pattern or appearance.

Differential tax assessments - have been established by Skagit County to provide an additional incentive to maintain resource properties in active farm and forest use. Considerable lands within the county are provided this tax incentive and are maintained in working farm and forest use for this purpose.

Conservation Futures - is a county tax levy that generates funds on a countywide basis for the acquisition of easements or properties for open space purposes. The tax proceeds are allocated on an annual basis for the conservation of critical and threatened open space resources within the county and the UGAs. While the program is important for the conservation of open space, the funding levels have not been sufficient to protect the most threatened open space areas within and adjacent to the UGAs.

By and large, these GMA related efforts have been successful at protecting critical environmental areas and their open space attributes, conserving large and potentially productive farm land property parcels, maintaining a graduated land ownership pattern between the most urban and rural areas, and acquiring some significant and threatened open space parcels.

However, these initiatives have heretofore not been sufficient, even when complemented by private organizational conservation efforts, to establish open space corridors within and adjacent to the most urbanizing areas of the county.

UGA open space separator or greenway requirements

In addition to protecting critical areas and providing incentives for rural resource protections, the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) also requires counties with urban growth areas (UGAs) to designate and develop open space separator or greenway plans with which to distinguish cities and urban areas from each other - and to prevent urban sprawl into the rural landscape.

GMA's intent is to determine and protect significant and important open spaces and corridors that define the edges of an urban area - and that can provide interpretive and recreational opportunities to be accessed by urban area residents.

A principal purpose of this SCOG planning effort, therefore, is to define concepts and strategies by which to define UGA open space and greenway separators that can also link with the other open space initiatives being carried out in the more rural areas of the county by public governments and private organizations.

A secondary purpose of this SCOG planning effort is to devise a UGA open space separator and greenway strategy that will complement existing open space efforts by other public and private governments and organizations in a manner that will benefit and enhance rather than duplicate or compete with these on-going and successful efforts.

Existing UGA open space and trail conservation conditions

How would you rate the following open space conservation and public trail access conditions within and adjacent to the urban growth areas (UGAs) in Skagit County in general on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is the poorest and 5 the best condition possible?

Q#	UGA open space conservation efforts	poorest / best				
		1	2	3	4	5
5	Conservation of wildlife habitat - especially within the Skagit River and its tributaries as they flow through the urban areas?	6%	21%	42%	23%	7%
						3% undecided
6	Preservation of woodlands - particularly mature, older forest stands within the urbanizing areas?	13%	26%	34%	19%	7%
						3% undecided
7	Protection of prime agricultural soils and working farmlands adjacent to urbanizing areas?	13%	18%	33%	27%	9%
						2% undecided
8	Protection of scenic areas and landscapes including viewpoints and vistas from hilltops and along entry roads into urbanizing areas?	6%	19%	38%	28%	8%
						3% undecided
9	Identification and preservation of historical and cultural landmarks, sites, and features within and adjacent to urbanizing areas?	7%	20%	41%	25%	5%
						3% undecided

Q#	UGA public access trail systems	poorest / best				
		1	2	3	4	5
10	Interpretive markers, exhibits, trails, and centers located in open spaces within or adjacent to urbanizing areas?	6%	26%	41%	20%	5%
						4% undecided
11	Public access trails for hike, bike, and horse (including handicap accessible) to or through open spaces in the urbanizing areas?	7%	24%	37%	22%	9%
						3% undecided
12	Waterfront access for fishing, swimming, kayaking, and canoeing in open spaces in the urbanizing areas?	9%	24%	35%	21%	10%
						3% undecided
13	Picnic grounds, shelters, and other day use activity areas in open space systems in the urbanizing areas?	4%	17%	42%	28%	8%
						3% undecided

Open space trends in urbanizing Skagit County

The following statements were made during workshops with open space organizations concerning trends that may be affecting the conservation of open spaces and trail developments within the UGAs of Skagit County. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following?

Q#	Open space trends	disagree/ agree				
		1	2	3	4	5
14	Skagit County has some of the most valuable and productive wildlife habitats, woodlands, and farms in the region if not the country?	2%	5%	10%	33%	52%
						0% undecided
15	An unacceptable amount of these valuable open space assets (wildlife, woodlands, and farms) are rapidly being lost to urban development within UGAs?	6%	12%	19%	20%	43%
						1% undecided
16	An unacceptable amount of these valuable assets are also being lost to rural type land uses including roadside stands, hobby farms, big box houses, and other developments adjacent UGAs?	12%	16%	25%	20%	26%
						2% undecided

Q#		disagree/					agree				
		1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
17	Open spaces that are being created are often small, landlocked preserves within new residential developments that are not linked to a continuous open space network for the surrounding city or its residents - or between cities and urbanizing areas?	6%	8%	21%	32%	31%	3% undecided				
18	Open spaces within the UGAs should be interconnected to flow through the cities into the surrounding countryside in a manner that conserves important assets and provides some logical and visible corridor networks?	8%	3%	16%	28%	45%	1% undecided				
19	Open space conservation efforts must do more than just preserve land - conservation programs should also restore, enhance, and manage the land to provide the valuable natural and ecological functions it once did?	6%	8%	17%	22%	48%	1% undecided				

Q#	Scenic resources	disagree/					agree				
		1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
20	Skagit County has some of the most diverse and scenic resources in the region including mountain, valley, waterfront, and farm landscapes and viewpoints?	1%	1%	8%	22%	68%	1% undecided				
21	"The view from the road", however, is rapidly disappearing or being blocked or replaced with roadside clutter consisting of advertising signs, rural commercial uses, hobby farms, and/or inappropriate buildings or developments?	9%	12%	19%	28%	31%	2% undecided				
22	Rural roads and byways, especially the entry roads into and out of the urbanizing areas should retain an open and rural character ("rural by design") that is not cluttered with commercial uses, advertising, and other urban characteristics?	7%	8%	16%	27%	43%	1% undecided				

Q#	Public access	disagree/					agree				
		1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
23	Skagit County public access trail systems and park activities could extend from open space corridors within the urbanizing areas out into the countryside to access some of the most diverse and scenic features in the county and region?	7%	5%	17%	27%	45%	1% undecided				
24	Major existing public trail corridors, however, are located within park boundaries or on former railroad corridors and dikes located in rural areas that are not easily accessed by residents of the urbanizing areas on a daily basis?	8%	12%	25%	30%	24%	3% undecided				
25	Public access trail systems and park activities should extend from the inner most urban areas out into the countryside within and through natural open space corridor networks to provide easy access to urban and rural residents alike?	9%	7%	19%	22%	42%	2% undecided				

Population growth impacts

In the next 20 years the Skagit County population is projected to increase by another 51,600 people or 46% more than the existing population of 113,100 persons.

26	In your opinion, will <u>existing UGA open space and public access trail conditions, trends, policies, and programs</u> be enough to conserve and protect Skagit County's UGA related open space resources?	18%	yes	51%	no	32%	don't know
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UGA open space and public access trail priorities in general

In light of the preceding, how would you rate the importance of the following open spaces within and adjacent to the urbanizing areas (UGAs) of the county in general whether such areas are protected by critical area ordinances, land use agreements, conservation easements, or land purchases by public or private organization efforts?

Q#	UGA open space conservation needs	lowest / highest					
		1	2	3	4	5	
27	Wildlife habitat and migration corridors within and through the urbanizing areas?	8%	11%	20%	25%	37%	0% undecided
28	Mature and older growth forestlands within and adjacent the urbanizing areas?	6%	10%	18%	30%	37%	1% undecided
29	Productive and working farmlands adjacent the urbanizing areas?	5%	8%	14%	36%	38%	0% undecided
30	Scenic landscapes and roadside views entering and leaving the urbanizing areas?	5%	9%	26%	39%	22%	0% undecided
31	Historical and cultural landmarks and sites within and adjacent the urbanizing areas?	6%	8%	33%	36%	19%	0% undecided
UGA public access trails and activities		lowest / highest					
		1	2	3	4	5	
32	Interpretive trails, exhibits, and centers within open space corridor networks that extend outwards from the urbanizing areas?	9%	7%	34%	33%	19%	0% undecided
33	Public access trails and facilities that extend through and outwards from the urbanizing areas?	9%	6%	22%	30%	34%	0% undecided
34	Fishing, swimming, car-top boating, picnicking, and other day use activities within open space corridor networks in and adjacent the urbanizing areas?	7%	8%	21%	38%	27%	1% undecided

UGA open space and trails plan proposals

Under the proposed UGA open space and trails plan, public and private governments and organizations may jointly conserve and restore wildlife, forests, farms, scenic areas, historical, and cultural sites within and adjacent to the UGAs of the county. How would you rate the following proposals - as shown on the attached preliminary concept graphics on pages 10-18?

Q#	UGA open space corridors - see pages 10-17	lowest / highest					
		1	2	3	4	5	
35	<u>Countywide UGA open space corridors</u> - could focus on the Skagit River from Concrete through Hamilton, Sedro-Woolley, Burlington, and Mount Vernon, on the Swinomish Channel to LaConner, and on the Community Forests and State Park through Anacortes? As shown in the graphics, these corridors could extend from the cities outward into the most rural landscapes and features linking the UGAs into continuous greenway systems?	7%	5%	18%	34%	37%	1% undecided
36	<u>Concrete UGA open space corridors</u> - could focus on the Skagit River around the UGA and extend through the city on Lorenzan Creek and the Baker River, then north to Lake Shannon linking with the downtown, schools, parks, and other assets?	7%	8%	30%	34%	19%	4% undecided
37	<u>Hamilton UGA open space corridors (not shown in the graphics)</u> - could focus on the Skagit River around the UGA? Depending on the final resolution of planning and design studies currently being accomplished for the city, the open space system could extend up Alder and Mud Creeks to link with local trails and other facilities?	10%	11%	32%	29%	12%	7% undecided

Q#		lowest / highest					
		1	2	3	4	5	
38	<u>Sedro-Woolley UGA open space corridors</u> - could focus on the Skagit River, Hart Slough, and Skiyou Island around the UGA and extend through the city on Brickyard and Hansen Creeks to link with Northern State Hospital County Park as well as the downtown, city trails, parks, schools, and other assets?	7%	7%	23%	39%	20%	6% undecided
39	<u>Burlington UGA open space corridors</u> - could focus on the Skagit River and Hart Slough around the UGA and extend through the city on Gages Slough to link with Burlington Hill as well as the downtown, city trails, parks, schools, and other assets.	7%	8%	24%	34%	23%	6% undecided
40	<u>Mount Vernon UGA open space corridors</u> - could focus on the Skagit River, Nookachamps Creek, Barnes Lake, and Britt Slough around the UGA and extend through the city on Maddox and Carpenter Creeks to link with the Kulshan Trail, Beaver Pond, Little Mountain as well as the downtown, city trails, parks, schools, and other assets.	7%	10%	20%	31%	27%	5% undecided
41	<u>Bayview UGA open space corridors</u> - could incorporate the lands surrounding the runways and storm retention areas and extend through the UGA to link with Padilla Bay and Burlington?	7%	10%	27%	31%	22%	4% undecided
42	<u>LaConner UGA open space corridors</u> - could focus on the Swinomish Channel, Sullivan Slough, and Skagit Bay through and around the UGA and extend into the city, Swinomish Village, and Shelter Bay to link with the downtown, schools, trails, and parks?	7%	9%	24%	34%	22%	4% undecided
43	<u>Anacortes UGA open space corridors</u> - could focus on Cranberry Lake and Community Forests, and Deception Pass State Park through the UGA and extend into the city to link with the Tommy Thompson Trail, Cap Sante and Washington Parks, the downtown, marinas, city trails, schools, and other assets.	6%	6%	22%	29%	32%	6% undecided

UGA public access systems - major trails and activities - see pages 10-17		lowest / highest					
Q#		1	2	3	4	5	
44	<u>Cascade Trail</u> - could extend through the Skagit River open space corridor from Rockport through Concrete, Hamilton, Sedro-Woolley, and Burlington? An eastern extension of the trail could link with the Ross Lake National Recreation Area?	7%	6%	22%	33%	30%	4% undecided
45	<u>Centennial Trail</u> - could provide access from Snohomish County trail systems past Lake McMurray, Big Lake, the Nookachamps, Skagit River, and Northern State Hospital to link with Whatcom County trail systems to Lake Whatcom, Bellingham, and the Canadian border?	8%	9%	21%	30%	28%	6% undecided
46	<u>Skagit-Snohomish Trail</u> - could extend from the Nookachamps south through Mount Vernon and Britt Slough then along the South Fork of the Skagit River to link with Fir Island, Conway, Stanwood and the Snohomish County trail systems.	9%	12%	20%	36%	22%	3% undecided
47	<u>PNW/Interurban Trail</u> - could extend south from the Interurban Trail in Whatcom County through Bayview to the Swinomish Channel then west through Anacortes to Deception Pass and Whidbey Island?	10%	7%	22%	32%	26%	4% undecided
48	<u>Swinomish Channel Trail</u> - could extend north from LaConner along the Swinomish Channel to the PNW Trail and provide access to the estuaries and wetlands in Padilla and Fidalgo Bays.	8%	9%	21%	33%	26%	4% undecided

Q#		lowest / highest					
		1	2	3	4	5	
49	Anacortes-Burlington Trail - could extend west from Burlington along SR-20 through the proposed Bayview UGA to link with Swinomish Channel and PNW Trails to LaConner and Anacortes? The Anacortes-Burlington Trail would create a countywide trail linkage with all of the other major trail systems?	10%	6%	17%	32%	32%	3% undecided
50	Interpretive centers and day-use parks - be installed where appropriate along the trail corridors identified above to increase interpretive opportunities and open space related day-use park activities?	8%	10%	29%	28%	23%	3% undecided

Q#	Scenic corridors - see page 18	lowest / highest					
		1	2	3	4	5	
51	"Rural by Design" scenic overlay districts - be established to conserve the "rural by design" scenic aspects (but not change land use allowances) for major roadway entries into and between the UGAs including SR-9, SR-11, SR-20, Old Highway 99, and other significant rural county roads?	7%	9%	31%	31%	19%	4% undecided

Role and responsibility alternatives

The county and cities could conserve UGA open space and trails proposed above under different policy priorities. How would you prioritize the **following functions that could be pursued by the county and cities for the conservation of open space and trails within and adjacent to the UGAs?**

Q#	Role and responsibility alternatives	lowest / highest					
		1	2	3	4	5	
52	Regional conserver - the county and cities be the principal agents to conserve, restore, enhance, and manage regional UGA related open spaces and public access trails and activities to the benefit and use of all residents on a countywide basis?	10%	13%	25%	29%	19%	6% undecided
53	Coordinator - the county and cities create plans, financing strategies, and implementation programs but may be an active agent as well as a facilitator involving as many other public, non-profit, and private organizations as possible to conserve, restore, enhance, and manage regional UGA related open spaces and public access trails and activities?	7%	7%	16%	34%	32%	6% undecided

Joint venture opportunity and partner options

Besides Skagit County and the cities - the federal and state governments, tribes, ports, public utility and dike districts, non-profit organizations, and a variety of other public and private agencies own and maintain open spaces and trails within the county. How would you rate joint venture projects to conserve open spaces and trails within and adjacent to the UGAs with the following organizations?

Q#	UGA open spaces and public access trail systems	lowest / highest					
		1	2	3	4	5	
54	With other public agencies - like federal and state agencies, tribes, ports, utility and dike districts?	7%	7%	22%	31%	32%	4% undecided
55	With non-profit organizations - like the Nature Conservancy, Skagitonians for Farmland Preservation, or Skagit Land Trust?	8%	4%	20%	28%	38%	4% undecided
56	With for-profit organizations - like Puget Sound Energy (PSE), wetland mitigation developers, and private recreational facility developers and operators?	15%	16%	25%	25%	17%	4% undecided

Financing alternatives

Skagit County and its cities, like all jurisdictions in Washington State must structure fiscal policies to reflect recently adopted restraints on the use of property, license, and other taxes for the financing of general governmental services including the conservation of UGA open spaces and trail networks.

The following questions outline a number of alternative methods for conserving, restoring, and enhancing open space and trails within and adjacent the UGAs for your evaluation. The Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) could adopt some, most, or all of the following ways and methods for structuring the way the county and cities deliver and finance UGA open spaces and trails depending on the results of this survey, and in some cases subsequent voter approvals.

Real estate excise, fuel tax, license fee, and sales tax options

Subject to voter approval, the Skagit County Commissioners could institute a variety of optional fees and taxes to be dedicated exclusively to the conservation, restoration, enhancement, and management of UGA open spaces and public access trail systems on a countywide basis. How would you rate each of the following optional approaches?

Optional UGA open spaced dedicated fees and taxes		lowest / highest				
		1	2	3	4	5
57	<u>Real Estate Excise Tax (REET-3)</u> - an additional 0.25% assessment of the sales price of all real estate property (equal to \$250 per \$100,000 of sale price) paid by the purchaser to be dedicated <u>exclusively</u> to the acquisition, restoration, enhancement, and management of UGA open spaces and public access trail systems on a countywide basis?	32%	17%	11%	18%	22% 2% undecided
58	<u>Local Option Vehicle License Fee</u> - an additional \$15.00 per vehicle license registered in the county to be dedicated <u>exclusively</u> to UGA open spaces and public access trail systems on a countywide basis?	39%	16%	17%	12%	16% 1% undecided
59	<u>Local Option Fuel Tax</u> - an additional \$0.023 per gallon sales tax to be paid by residents and tourists to be dedicated <u>exclusively</u> to UGA open spaces and public access trail systems on a countywide basis?	42%	15%	13%	15%	15% 2% undecided
60	<u>Local Option Sales Tax</u> - an additional 0.1% sales tax (equal to \$0.10 for a \$100 purchase) to be paid by residents and tourists to be dedicated <u>exclusively</u> to UGA open spaces and public access trail systems on a countywide basis?	28%	10%	16%	19%	28% 1% undecided

Property tax levy

As an addition or as an alternative to any of the above tax and fee options, the Skagit County Commissioners could institute a limited duration property tax levy as a means of financing the conservation, restoration, enhancement, and management of UGA open spaces and trails on a countywide basis. A countywide approach would share revenues between the county, cities, and/or other public or non-profit agencies that provide regional UGA related open space and public access trail system conservation projects and programs. How would you rate this method?

Q#		lowest / highest				
		1	2	3	4	5
61	<u>Countywide UGA approach</u> - where revenues are shared between county, cities, and/or other public and non-profit agencies that provide <u>regional UGA related</u> open space and trail projects and programs?	21%	15%	23%	20%	19% 4% undecided

Q#		Amount per year
62	If a levy were to be put on the ballot <i>to finance regional UGA related open space and trail projects and programs on a countywide basis</i> , how much, if anything, would your <i>household</i> be willing to pay <i>per year</i> for this source of funding?	\$0 27% \$1 - 99 19% \$100-249 32% \$250+ 8% Don't know 14% Mean = \$89.40

Your characteristics

63	Which area of the county do you live in?	27% Anacortes area 6% LaConner area 2% Bayview area 9% Burlington area 28% Mount Vernon area 1% Lyman area 2% Hamilton area 1% Concrete area 12% Sedro-Woolley 14% Other county area
64	How long have you lived in the county?	0-1 2-5 6-10 10+ years 0% 13% 8% 80%
65	What type of housing do you live in?	own rent 95% 6%
66	What age group are you in?	18-24 25-34 35-49 50-64 65+ 0% 3% 14% 55% 29%

Comments

67	Do you have any specific comments or recommendations to make about the proposed UGA open space and public access trails plan or this survey? 57% provided comments
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- PEOPLE MY AGE, AGE 70, ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF ADDED TAXES ON TOP OF THE TAXES WE ALREADY PAY.
- I DO NOT WANT PUBLIC ACCESS ON THE DIKE ON THE SWINOMISH CHANNEL. WE HAVE ENOUGH TROUBLE NOW WITH TRASH AND TRESPASSERS.
- ASSURE THAT PUBLIC PROPERTY SUCH AS STREET ENDS, UNDEVELOPED ROADS, GREENBELTS, EASEMENTS, ETC. ARE OPEN AND SIGNED. LONG TERM THINK ABOUT ACCESS OTHER THAN PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION TO MOUNTAINS AND TRAILS IN EASTERN PART OF COUNTY.
- IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE MORE HISTORICAL MARKERS IN SKAGIT COUNTY. WHEN WE TRAVEL TO OTHER AREAS OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON STATE, IT IS INTERESTING TO READ THE GEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY TYPE THINGS, AND "WHAT USED TO BE HERE." (IT SHOWS SUCH A COMMUNITY HAS A PROUD HISTORY.) BAYVIEW HAS AN INTERESTING HISTORY, FOR EXAMPLE.
- LEGACY TO LEAVE FOR OUR CHILDREN. IT WOULD SURELY BENEFIT TOURISM. IT WOULD PROVIDE JOBS THAT DON'T IMPACT MORE ON OUR ENVIRONMENT. WE WOULD BE LEADING BY EXAMPLE WITH HOPEFULLY OTHER COUNTIES FOLLOWING OUR EXAMPLE. IT WOULD LESSEN THE IMPACT ON GLOBAL WARMING WHILE PRESERVING OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.
- CONCERNS--GANG ACTIVITIES ON THE TRAILS IN MT. VERNON--GRAFFITI AND TAGGING ON EXISTING TRAILS
- PRESERVING OUR COUNTRIES NATURAL BEAUTY AND RESOURCES PROTECTS THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OF US IN SKAGIT COUNTY. I HOPE THE SURVEY MAKES AN IMPACT ON PRESERVING WHAT WE HAVE.
- CAN'T WAIT TO HIKE WITH MY DOG WITHOUT A LEASH.

- SKAGIT HAS VERY HIGH TAXES AND IT WOULD BE HARD TO TAKE ON MORE TAXES TO IT.
- TWO LITTLE, TOO LATE, JUST MOVED BACK FROM UNITED KINGDOM WHICH HAS AN EXTENSIVE PUBLIC FOOTPATH SYSTEM--USED IT THREE OR FOUR TIMES A WEEK, BUT WELL DONE JUST GETTING THIS FAR.
- I THINK THE QUESTIONS WERE LEADING AND THE PLAN MAP SHOULD INCLUDE LEGENDS.
- THIS OPEN SPACE TRAIL PROGRAM NEEDS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY A SEPARATE AGENCY SUCH AS AN OPEN SPACE TSAR DICTATOR
- NO MORE TAXES PLEASE AND WE NEED A COUNTY WIDE LIBRARY SYSTEM MORE THAN WE NEED TRAILS.
- I AM SEEING MORE RIVER ACCESS FOR NON-MOTORIZED BOATS, WHILE THE BOAT LAUNCHERS ARE MADE FOR POWER BOATS. ADD MORE AREAS TO GET TO THE RIVER BY CANOES AND KAYAKS. PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON THE SKAGIT RIVER THAT HAVE TRAILERS, WHO HAVE TO MOVE WHEN IT FLOODS, WHEN THEY HAVE NO BUSINESS LIVING SO CLOSE TO THE RIVER IN THE FIRST PLACE. WHERE THERE ARE AREAS ON RIVER FOR PEOPLE TO CONGREGATE, THEY NEED TO MAKE TABLES SO IT IS INVITING PEOPLE TO ENJOY IT ALONG THE RIVERS--INSTEAD OF A RIVERBANK INFESTED WITH WEEDS. I DON'T LIKE THE WAY THE SURVEY WAS PUT TOGETHER IN THAT IT WAS WRITTEN BY AND SLANTED TOWARDS THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS.
- I THINK THAT THE SURVEY IS COMPLETE, BUT NEEDS SOME MORE DETAIL. THE ASPECT OF NON-PROFITS AND TAXATION ARE A LITTLE VAGUE. THE IDEA OF CORRIDORS COMING FROM WITHIN THE CITY IS HARD TO PICTURE IN MY MIND. AND URBAN CORRIDOR ALONG THE RIVER INCLUDING LIONS PARK TO INCLUDING THE DIKES WOULD BE BETTER
- THE INTRODUCTION OF WILDLIFE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO SMALL NON-THREATENING SPECIES. THE DIKES SHOULD BE OPENED MORE FOR TRAILS. NOT MANY PLACES ARE MARKED ALONG THE SKAGIT RIVER FOR PUBLIC ACCESS. ALONG THE 15 CORRIDOR THE WILDLIFE GROUP HAS PLANTED TREES ALONG THE CREEKS BUT THEY ARE TOO CLOSE TOGETHER AND SHOULD BE SPACED FURTHER APART.
- THERE MUST BE COMMITTED ENFORCEMENT TO CRITICAL AREA ORDINANCES AND STREAM BUFFER PROTECTION AND LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO THE SUCCESS OF AFOREMENTIONED PROJECTS WITH RESPECT TO WILDLIFE BENEFITS FISH AND WILDLIFE BENEFITS.
- URBAN GROWTH BETTER REGULATED AND RURAL LANDS AND RURAL RESERVE ARE BEING RAPIDLY DEVELOPED INTO UNUSABLE PLOTS OF LAND. IT TAKES AWAY FROM LAND BASED BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY
- PROPERTY OWNERS ARE OVERBURDENED AND IT SHOULD BE SPREAD OUT TO OTHERS WHO USE THE TRAILS ETC.
- WE HAD SOME DIFFICULTY WITH THE SURVEY. DO I WANT GREEN SPACE ABSOLUTELY, QUESTION FIVE NEEDS SOME MORE INFORMATION TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION COMPETENTLY. DON'T WANT FRIENDS LOSING PROPERTY AS A RESULT. WE HAD SOME CLOSE FRIENDS LOSE THEIR ENTIRE FARM BECAUSE OF SOME RULES THAT WERE A RESULT OF PROVIDING NECESSARY SALMON STREAM RUNOFFS, AND ALTHOUGH PRESERVATION OF WILDLIFE AND GREEN SPACE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO US, WE WANT TO KNOW THAT IT WON'T HURT LONG-ESTABLISHED FARMS AND PROPERTIES THAT IN THEMSELVES ARE GREEN SPACES. NEED SOME MORE INFORMATION TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION COMPETENTLY. WE DON'T WANT FRIENDS LOSING PROPERTY AS A RESULT.
- WE NEED MORE TENT CAMPING FACILITIES. FOR QUESTION 62, COUNTY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD HELP WITH WIDENING THE ROADS AND HELP WITH THE

COSTS. THEY COULD HELP WITH STATE ROUTE 20 IN ANACORTES AND FIDALGO THROUGH TO WHIDBEY ISLAND. I HAVE BEEN TO EUROPE SIX TIMES, THEY HAVE A LOT OF BEAUTIFUL TRAILS THAT ARE BEING USED AND WELL KEPT. WE SHOULD FIND OUT HOW THEY DO IT.

- I DON'T LIKE THE HOBBY FARMS BEING IN THERE AND WE ALREADY HAVE LAWS ABOUT THE ADVERTISING SIGNS BEING THERE.
- THE AREAS IN AND ADJACENT TO THE CITIES ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT TO PROTECT, ENHANCE AND MAINTAIN. 2) THE TRAILS NEED TO BE DEVALUATED (REDUCED IN IMPORTANCE) AS PART OF THE OVERALL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (PEAK OIL, GLOBAL WARMING) AS WELL AS FOR THE REASONS CONSIDERED BY THIS SURVEY. 3) THIS SURVEY IS, IN GENERAL, COMPREHENSIVE, THOUGHTFUL AND THOUGHT PROVOKING. THANK YOU.
- DEVELOPERS MUST BE REGULATED AND HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR ADVERSELY AFFECTING THE GROWTH IN SKAGIT COUNTY.
- THE SURVEY WAS VERY TOUGH TO DO AND WAS POORLY WRITTEN. IT WAS VERY TOUGH TO DO VERY COMPLICATED FOR A LAYMAN TO ANSWER. NOT MUCH OF AN ENVIRONMENTALIST
- PRESERVATION OF FARMLAND AND FARM NEEDS, MONITORING OF PERSONAL PROPERTY SO IT DOESN'T IMPACT NEIGHBORING AREAS WATERSHEDS FARMS
- SKAGIT RIVER PUBLIC ACCESS IS IMPERATIVE. RIVER BANKS AND DIKES MUST BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. LACK OF ACCESS TO THE SKAGIT RIVER BY PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS MUST CEASE. WITHOUT PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE ENTIRE SKAGIT RIVER, ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL RESULT IN ACCESS SO LIMITED AS TO BE MEANINGLESS.
- THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN OPEN SPACES AND CORRIDORS TO SUSTAIN WILDLIFE AND FOR HUMANS TO ENJOY THE RICHNESS OF NATURE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR WELL BEING AND TO THE UNIQUENESS OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE SHOULD ALL CONTRIBUTE IN SOME WAY TO IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN THESE AREAS AND TRAILS. I'M HAPPY TO SEE A PLAN IS BEING DEVELOPED.
- VARIOUS PLACES IN THIS IN THE CITY WHICH I BELIEVE PARK CREATION, GREEN BELT CREATION IS NOT APPROPRIATE. MAINTAINING PARKS AND GREEN WAYS IS APPROPRIATE. THE CITY SHOULD NOT MAKE IT EASY FOR PEOPLE TO WALK THROUGH THEM. CITIES SHOULD SPEND THEIR MONEY TO MAINTAIN TRAILS, GREEN BELTS AND GREEN WAYS WHERE THEY EXIST FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE CITY. THE PLACE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT IS OUTSIDE THE CITY. YOU CAN'T TAKE A RURAL OR SEMI RURAL SCENARIO AND IMPOSE IT IN A CITY BECAUSE YOU HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED AN AREA AS A CITY WITH ZONING THAT IS APPROPRIATE AND YOU CANNOT IMPOSE RURAL DEVELOPMENTS ON A CITY, BECAUSE YOU HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED THAT CITY AS A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE LIVE. YOU CANNOT ESTABLISH AN URBAN CITY AND THEN A CITY WITH GREENBELTS, BECAUSE THAT'S AT CROSS PURPOSES. I THINK HAVING SOMEONE FILL OUT SURVEY IN HIS SPARE TIME AND THEN HAVE SOMEONE PHONE TO GET ANSWERS IS A GOOD WAY TO DO THIS.
- SURVEY POORLY INTRODUCED. QUESTIONS LEADING RESPONDENT TO A BIASED VIEW. SURVEY SIMILAR TO NATIONAL PARTISAN PARTY QUESTIONNAIRES SETUP FOR PITCH. CONCEPT OF COUNTY WIDE TRAIL SYSTEMS MAY NOT BE GOOD IDEA AS PRESUMED IN QUESTIONNAIRE. COUNTY WIDE TRAIL SYSTEM COULD BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE AS FAR AS FUNDING IS CONCERNED. LOW PRIORITY ITEM COMPARED TO WHAT SURVEY SUGGESTS. COULD HAVE UNDUE EXPOSURE FOR LIABILITY INCREASED LAW ENFORCEMENT COSTS. EXERCISE IS DEEMED A PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY RATHER THAN A PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY. INTRO COMMENTS SUGGEST TRAIL SYSTEM IS MANDATED BY GMA PER RCWS (36.70A.40 & 36.70A.160) AND I WONDER IF THE SURVEY WRITER PROPERLY INTERPRETED THE RCWS IN THE FIRST PLACE. SURVEY HAS CRITICAL WORDS IN THE QUESTIONS THAT MAKE THEM

DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND OR LEAD THE RESPONDENT. SURVEY IS POSED TO BE A PLANNING EFFORT, BUT APPEARS TO BE A POLITICAL EFFORT.

- I WANT THIS STUFF TO PASS, AND I GO OUT OF SKAGIT COUNTY TO HIKE BECAUSE THE TRAILS OTHER PLACES ARE BETTER.
- YOU DID NOT AIM THIS SURVEY FOR LESS EDUCATED PEOPLE. I HAVE A COLLEGE EDUCATION AND I HAD DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING AND COMPLETING SOME OF THE SURVEY.
- STOP BUILDING LARGE HOUSES IN FARMLANDS BECAUSE IT'S DESTROYING THE LANDS. ALSO COLLECT MONEY FOR OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER TOO MUCH PRESSURE POLITICALLY TO MAKE GOOD LONG-TERM DECISIONS, ESPECIALLY THROUGH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
- UNDER WAYS TO FINANCE UGA'S WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW MUCH EACH OPTION OF OPEN SPACE FEES AND TAXES WOULD PRODUCE EACH YEAR. THERE WASN'T ANY MENTION OF FEDERAL STATE PRIVATE MATCHING OF GRANTS OR FUNDS. NO MENTION OF PRIVATE GRANTS OR DONATIONS. 2) UNDER PRIORITIES OF EACH TRAIL OR SYSTEM NO INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED ON CURRENT USE, I.E. COST OF EACH PLAN TO DEVELOP OR MAINTAIN. 3)WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING DESIGN CONSTRUCTION IMPLEMENTATION MAINTENANCE OF PROJECTS CHOSEN.
- ALWAYS THE BIG QUESTION IS EITHER LAST OR LEFT OUT. HOW WILL WE PAY FOR THESE PROJECTS? THEY ALL SOUND NICE--THE PROJECTS--BUT AT WHAT COSTS? ONCE YOU SET ASIDE LAND, SOMEONE HAS TO MANAGE, AND MAINTAIN THESE PROPERTIES. WHAT AND WHERE ARE THESE COSTS IN YOUR SURVEY? MAPPING IS INCORRECT IN SOME AREAS.
- THE COUNTY SHOULD PLAN FOR LONG-TERM AND SHOULD LOOK AT WHAT ANACORTES HAS DONE (FOR EXAMPLE).
- I APPROVE OF THIS AND WILL COOPERATE AND DO WHAT I CAN.
- PRESERVE FARMLAND.
- WE NEED TO CONSERVE WHAT WE HAVE. WE NEED TO CAPITALIZE ON WHAT WE HAVE, PARTICULARLY IMPROVING ACCESS. WE NEED MORE COOPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS, INDIVIDUAL GROUPS AND RESIDENTS. (WE NEED SHARED COOPERATIVE INTERESTS). ACCESS TO DIKE SHOULD BE A HIGH PRIORITY. MORE ACCESS TO SKAGIT RIVER PARTICULARLY IN URBAN AREAS LIKE MOUNT VERNON, RIVERWALKS.
- LIKE TO SEE THE SOME OF THE TRAILS OPEN TO HORSES.
- WE HAVE ENOUGH TAXES. WAGES ARE NOT GOING UP WITH THE COST OF FOOD, GAS, ELECTRICAL AND TELEPHONES. OPEN SPACE AND PUBLIC ACCESSSES WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ENJOY BECAUSE WE CANNOT AFFORD MORE TAXES. IF WE GET PUBLIC GRANTS THEN THAT WOULD BE DIFFERENT. I DO BELIEVE IN THE CONSERVATION OF IT. THREE PERCENT OF OUR GAS TAX IS ALREADY GOING FOR TRAILS.
- WHAT'S WRONG WITH HOBBY FARMS & RD SIDE STANDS AND SM FARM BUS&SM FARM BUSINESS-22&24&25). I OWN LAND I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO WHAT I WANT TO WITH THE LAND &34) I OWN THE LAND & SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO WHAT I WANT TO WITH THE LAND-53&55). NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THOSE LISTED OFTEN HAVE THEIR OWN AGENDA, SPECIFICALLY SFP; PRO LRG FARMS & NOT SM FARMS. OPPOSED TO ANY NEW TAX BECAUSE I'M ON A LIMITED INCOME, WOULD BE TAKING MY INCOME TO HELP THOSE THAT MAKE THE CHOICE TO LIVE IN THE CITY; CITY & COUNTY GOV'S NEED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT INDIVIDUAL LAND UNITS

- THE LOCAL SALES TAX OPTION WOULD BE THE BEST SINCE EVERYONE WILL BENEFIT NOT JUST A FEW WHO PAY FOR THE REST
- THIS IS A WASTE OF MONEY AND TIME WITH LITTLE BENEFIT. FIND SOMETHING MORE WORTHWHILE TO DO WITH YOUR JOB POSITIONS AND RESOURCES. ANOTHER COUNTY TAX THAT DOES NOT BENEFIT THE COUNTY. IT IS TOO LOW OF USAGE AND DOES NOT BENEFIT A BROAD POPULATION.
- MEETINGS WITH CLEAR ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO; COMPLETE SYSTEM SET-UP (ALL THE TRAILS YOU ARE GOING TO PUT IN) FIGURED OUT THEN ONCE THEY'RE COMPLETED SHOULD GO TO MAINTENANCE ONLY (MAINTAIN AND REPLACE BRIDGES, ETC.); ANY DEVELOPERS THAT WANT ACCESS SHOULD PAY FOR IT; MEETINGS SO THAT PUBLIC CAN COME TO SAY THEIR TWO CENTS WORTH BEFORE THE VOTE (IN EVERY TOWN SO IF I CANT MAKE THE ONE IN ONE TOWN I CAN GO TO A DIFFERENT TOWN)
- NO LEVIES BECAUSE I WANT NO LEVIES THAT COMPETE WITH EDUCATION LEVIES I FOUND IT IRRITATING THAT HOBBY FARMS WERE GIVEN A NEGATIVE CONNOTATION AND AGRIBUSINESS WAS LUMPED IN A POSITIVE CONNOTATION I HATE CLEAR CUTS. I AM A ONE-TIME WORKER IN THE WOODS FOR SCOTT PAPER AT HAMILTON CAMP. I HATED CLEAR CUTS THEN IN 35 YEARS HAVE WE LEARNED NOTHING?
- I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO MAKE AN INTELLIGENT ANSWER. TO USE THE MONEY THAT THEY ALREADY HAVE AND USE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL THE VARIOUS AGENCIES AND GROUPS THEY NEED TO QUIT THEIR TERRITORIAL SQUABBLING AND USE THE MONEY RIGHT FOR EVERYBODY AND USE THE MONEY AS A PRIVATE BUSINESS WOULD OTHER THAN THINKING THEY HAVE ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD AND KEEP TAXING EVERYBODY
- QUESTIONS ARE NOT CLEAR. MAPS HAD NO KEY. MAPS NEEDED TO INCLUDE BOTH CURRENT UGA'S AND PROPOSED UGA'S. ARLINGTON IS NOT ANACORTES, PROOF READ QUESTIONS. THIS IS THE WORSE SURVEY I HAVE EVER SEEN, DAUGHTER WHO JUST GRADUATED IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES COULDN'T EVEN ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BECAUSE THERE WAS NO DATA. IS "URBANIZING AREA" SAME AS THE UGA SAME AS THE UGA'S? DOESN'T SPECIFY WHAT "URBANIZING AREA" IS (IE-Q #10). GIVE DEFINITIONS. SHOW WHERE THE OPEN SPACES ARE AND IF THEY ARE SEPARATORS OR INSIDE THE URBAN AREA OR BOTH. WHERE ARE QUESTIONS 1-4#1-4.
- I THINK THE ENVIRONMENT OF THIS COUNTY IS A WONDERFUL RESOURCE AND IT IS WORTH PRESERVING AND GIVING THE PUBLIC ACCESS I AM SUPPORTIVE OF ANYTHING THAT THE COUNTY CAN DO IN THIS AREA AND TO MAKE THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE TRAIL SYSTEM THAT THEY CAN
- I THINK THAT THE SURVEY IS A GOOD IDEA
- I FEEL I NEED MORE BACKGROUND INFORMATION PROS AND CONS. THE GAS TAXES AND REAL ESTATE TAXES ARE ALREADY TOO HIGH SALES TAX IS FAIR TO ALL AND ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM OUTSIDERS IN A HOTEL MOTEL TAX WOULD ADD TO THE FUND
- AS FAR AS FINANCING GOES, NO TAXES RAISED WE JUST HAD PROPERTY TAXES RAISED. THEY COULD FIND FUNDING SOMEWHERE ELSE AND THERE ARE SO MANY PROGRAMS THAT COULD BE COMBINED INTO ONE.
- THE PLAN HAS TOO MANY FLAWS. IT WOULD LOWER OUR TAX REVENUE AND NOTHING WAS STATED AS TO HOW MANY MILES OF EXISTING TRAILS THERE ARE AND HOW MUCH IS SPENT TO MAINTAIN THEM AND WE'RE TOO OVERTAXED ALREADY
- I DON'T KNOW IF THIS PERTAINS TO THE OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS PLAN. THE DEVELOPERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN SPECIAL TREATMENT AND A LOT OF US HAVE LOST FAITH IN THE SKAGIT COUNTY GOVERNMENT THE DENSITY OF THE RESIDENTIAL IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE IT IS NICE THAT YOU ARE ASKING FOR OUR OPINIONS BUT WE DON'T TRUST YOU IN YOUR DECISION MAKING PROMISES AND COMMITMENTS

- START CHARGING THOSE THAT USE AND NOT THOSE THAT DON'T. WE ARE ALREADY TAXED FOR NOTHING. Q 26 . THEY HAVE TOO MUCH CONTROL ALREADY 27. BECAUSE OF THE CREEK NEXT TO US WE WERE TOLD WHEN WE BOUGHT IT THAT WE WERE NOT IN A FLOOD ZONE BUT EVERY TIME IT RAINS IT FLOODS AND THEY SAY THEY ARE GOING TO FIX IT AND THEY DON'T 19. KEEP THE DEVELOPERS OUT AND LEAVE THE FARM LAND AS FARM LAND. WE MOVED TO SKAGIT COUNTY FROM EDMONDS AND THE TAXES FOR VIEW PROPERTY ARE ALMOST COMPARABLE AS TO WHAT I AM PAYING RIGHT NOW.
- TRAILS ARE GOOD, FINANCE WITH REAL ESTATE TAX .25%
- WHAT ABOUT OPENING EXISTING DIKES ON THE WALKING TRAIL. I DO WALK ON THE DIKES AND I PAY FOR THE DIKES. I DO REALIZE THE PROBLEM OF PEOPLE OWNING LAND ON BOTH SIDES. WITH ALL THE WATER IN OUR AREA THERE IS A LACK OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE WATER
- I LIKE THE COUNTYWIDE PLAN AND FEEL THAT IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO CONNECT PARKLAND WITHIN CITIES TO OUTSIDE AREAS. ALSO, DEVELOPERS NEED TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR DESTRUCTION OF LARGE TREES AND VIABLE NATIVE LANDSCAPES. ANACORTES HAS A REALLY GOOD MODEL FOR OTHER CITIES, THEIR PARK SYSTEM IS REALLY GOOD MODEL.
- THIS IS A REALLY GOOD IDEA AND I LIKE THAT YOU ARE DOING THE SURVEY.
- HOTEL MOTEL SALES TAX AND POSSIBLE CAR RENTAL SALES TAX.
- PROTECT OPEN SPACE AND PUBLIC ACCESS. CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR NO FEE ACCESS. FINANCE WITHOUT PROPERTY TAXES USE FUEL OR SALES TAX.
- I LIKE THE PLAN WITH ALL THE MAPS BUT THEY NEED TO BE SURE THAT WE DON'T HINDER GROWTH AS WELL.
- IT IS DEVELOPERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID FOR OR PRESERVED OUR AREA. THESE REGULATIONS ARE HURTING RURAL LAND OWNERS WHILE BUSINESS AND DEVELOPERS ARE REAPING THE BENEFITS. HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO SET UP TRAILS OVER PRIVATE PROPERTY? I LIKE THE IDEA OF TRAILS, BUT I BELIEVE IT SHOULD NOT BE THE LAND OWNERS THAT HAVE TO GIVE UP THEIR PROPERTY. USE EXISTING RAILROADS AND DIKES AS WELL AS FOREST SERVICE LANDS AND PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTY. I BELIEVE THE SURVEY WAS WORDED IN SUCH A WAY TO GET A SPECIFIC ANSWER AND THUS IS NOT OBJECTIVE. I BELIEVE PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DECIDE WHAT THEY WANT TO DO WITH THEIR LANDS.
- IT IS TOO EXPENSIVE TO PUT ALL THE TRAILS IN AND TO MANAGE THEM. PEOPLE WHO LIVE BY THE DIKES HAVE HORROR STORIES ABOUT TRESPASSERS ON THEIR PROPERTY.
- THE COUNTY PARKS JURISDICTION SHOULD BE THE ONLY ONES MAKING THE DECISIONS SHOULD BE MORE INVOLVED IN OTHER WORDS.
- DON'T MAKE THE HILLS TOO STEEP, BECAUSE I AM TOO OLD.
- I FEEL VERY SEPARATED FROM THE RIVER, AND THE RIVER IS THE LIFE BLOOD OF THE LAND. THE ONLY TIME YOU CAN SEE THE RIVER IS WHEN YOU GO ACROSS THE BRIDGE BECAUSE OF ALL THE TREES AND THE DIKES. HOBBY FARMS ARE LIKE REGULAR FARMS. ROAD SIDE PRODUCE STANDS ARE OKAY IF THEY ARE RUN BY LOCAL FARMERS, AND WE NEED PEOPLE TO COME OUT AND APPRECIATE THESE FARMERS AND BUY FROM THEM AT FARMERS MARKETS.
- I LIVE ALONG THE KULSHAN TRAIL AND HAVE LIVED HERE 20 YEARS. I WOULD SAY DO NOT INFRINGE UPON EXISTING NEIGHBORHOODS. THE PLAN NEEDS TO ADDRESS THE POLICING AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAILS. SINCE THE TRAIL HAS GONE IN I'VE BEEN BURGLARIZED THREE TIMES AND HAVE BEEN VANDALIZED CONSTANTLY. I GET CITED FOR GRAFFITI THE GANGS HAVE DONE. NEED POLICING IN THE CITY SITUATIONS THE TRAILS BECOME HANGOUTS FOR KIDS AND GANGS.

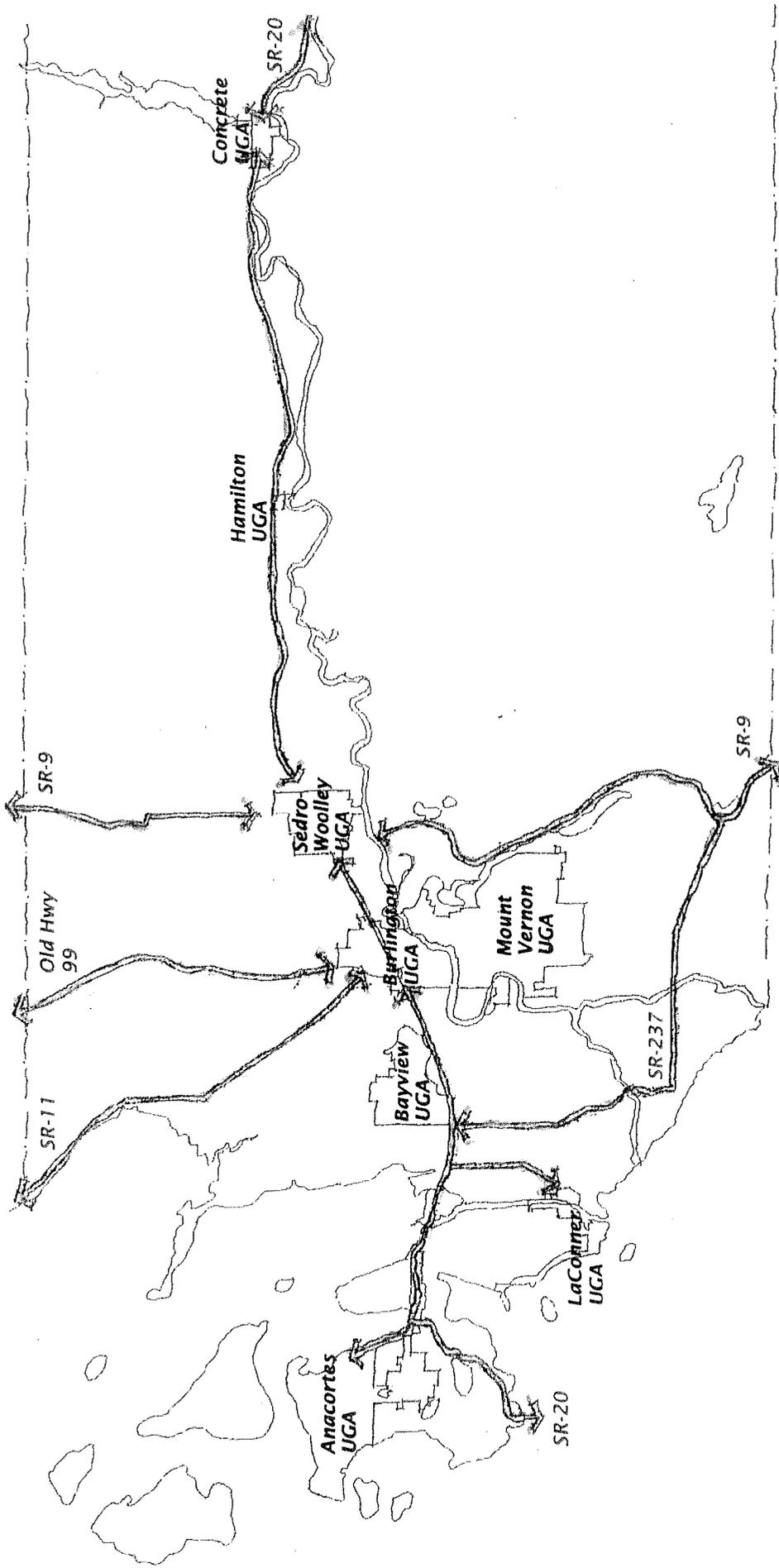
- UNSURE THAT PROJECTS IN EASTERN SKAGIT COUNTY WON'T SUFFER FROM ANY OF THE PROJECTS OCCURRING WEST OF HERE. MAKE THAT EXTREME EASTERN PROJECTS.
- BETTER LATE THAN NEVER. WORK AS COLLABORATIVELY AS POSSIBLE AND TRY TO INCLUDE AS MANY OF THE INTEREST GROUPS AS POSSIBLE. UTILIZE PROFESSIONAL STAFF.
- FROM WHAT I HAVE SEEN, WE HAVE PLENTY OF ACCESS TO THE NATURAL SPACES.
- WILL WE BE ABLE TO SEE THE RESULTS FOR THE SURVEY?
- I WOULD LIKE THEM TO STAY AWAY FROM A REAL ESTATE TAX TO DO THIS.
- THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY RIGHTS
- WE HAVE A NEED FOR BETTER SURVEILLANCE THAN IN THE PAST. THE HORDES OF BIKERS THAT COME FROM THE CITIES FROM BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH, ARE OFTEN VERY IRRESPONSIBLE IN REFERENCE TO TRAIL COURTESY LITTERING VANDALISM, ETC. PARKING FACILITIES WILL HAVE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR BOTH IN COUNTY AND OUT OF COUNTY USERS REST ROOM FACILITIES NEED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR BOTH AS WELL. SINCE IT IS OUR TAX DOLLARS THAT WILL BUILD AND SUPPORT THESE AMENITIES WE SHOULD PLAN FOR CONTROL OF OUT OF COUNTY FREE LOADERS.
- ANY ACTION SHOULD BE SENSITIVE TO ALL EXISTENT EMPLOYMENT SOURCES AND BALANCE BENEFIT AND IMPACT ON RESIDENTS
- I HOPE WE CAN PRESERVE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THAT'S THE MAIN GOAL.
- PLEASE INVOLVE THE DIKE SYSTEM AS A TRAIL SYSTEM.
- WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SEEING THE CASCADE TRAILS REPAIRED. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE PART OF THE TRAIL PAVED ALONG SIDE THE TRAIL SO THE HORSES AND BIKERS CAN ENJOY IT
- IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORDED MORE CONCISELY AND TO THE POINT AND MORE CLEARLY.
- WAYS ERR ON THE SIDE OF CONSERVATION, HONEST IMPACT FEES, SAVE UTILIZE MAKE ACCESSIBLE GAGES SLOUGH.
- THE SURVEY WAS VERY POORLY DESIGNED THE QUESTIONS AND SCENARIOS WERE ALL GEARED TO GET THE ANSWER THAT THE SURVEYOR WAS PREDISPOSED TO. I AM FAIRLY INTELLIGENT AND I CHOOSE NOT TO ANSWER A LOT OF THE QUESTIONS BECAUSE THEY WERE DIFFICULT.
- IN WORKING WITH THE CITY, IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE IS IN A RUSH TO DEVELOP ALL THE BEACH AREAS.
- IT SEEMS A CUMBERSOME WAY TO DO A SURVEY. RESPONDING TO A SCHEDULED CALL CAN BE AWKWARD
- I FEEL THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES THAT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED BEFORE THIS ISSUE.
- WE DO NOT NEED MORE TRAILS. WE NEED SAFE ACCESS TO THE EXISTING TRAILS WITH SAFE PARKING. IT SHOULD BE A FEE FOR USE SYSTEM I HAVE USED THE NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS SYSTEMS FOR YEARS AND THERE WAS A FEE FOR THAT PRIVILEGE. THERE NEEDS TO BE (OWNERSHIP) TO HAVE IT TAKEN CARE OF PROPERLY.
- GUEMES ISLAND NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED IN TRAILS PLAN AND THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR THE TRAILS ON GUEMES ISLAND.
- HIGHWAY 20 IS ALREADY DESIGNATED AS A SCENIC AND RECREATIONAL HIGHWAY IT IS NOT IDENTIFIED OR INCLUDED IN THIS SURVEY. IT IS A MAJOR LINK BETWEEN OUR

CITIES AND TOWNS IN SKAGIT COUNTY AND THIS WOULD SATISFY THE GMA REQUIREMENT IF WE WOULD UTILIZE THE ROADS, RIVER, AND PUBLIC LANDS. THE COUNTY AND CITIES ALREADY HAVE MANY BIKES AND WALKING TRAIL PLANS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE CASCADE TRAIL THERE IS MORE MAINTENANCE AND PERSONNEL THAN ACTUAL USERS. THE CASCADE TRAIL SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM A PLAN LIKE THIS BECAUSE IT HAS NO MASTER PLAN; THEREFORE, IT SHOULD NOT BE QUALIFIED AS A LEGAL TRAIL. THIS SURVEY IS NOT SENSITIVE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH CRITICAL AREAS THE FARMLAND LEGACY AND DIKE EASEMENTS WHICH DO NOT ALLOW PUBLIC USE. THE TRAILS WITHIN OPEN COUNTY AND CITY PARKS AND SCHOOL TRACK FIELDS ARE GOOD FOR RECREATION AND ARE SAFE. SECLUDED WOODED TRAILS LIKE THE CASCADE TRAIL ARE TOO ACCESSIBLE FOR UNDESIRABLES AND SAFETY CANNOT BE GUARANTEED AS MANY NEWS REPORTS ABOUT DEATH RATES AND ASSAULTS ON THESE SECLUDED TRAILS ARE TOO COMMON. AS FOR FINANCING THE USERS MUST BE THE ONES TO PAY FOR THIS LUXURY NOT TO TAX HOMEOWNERS OR LAND.

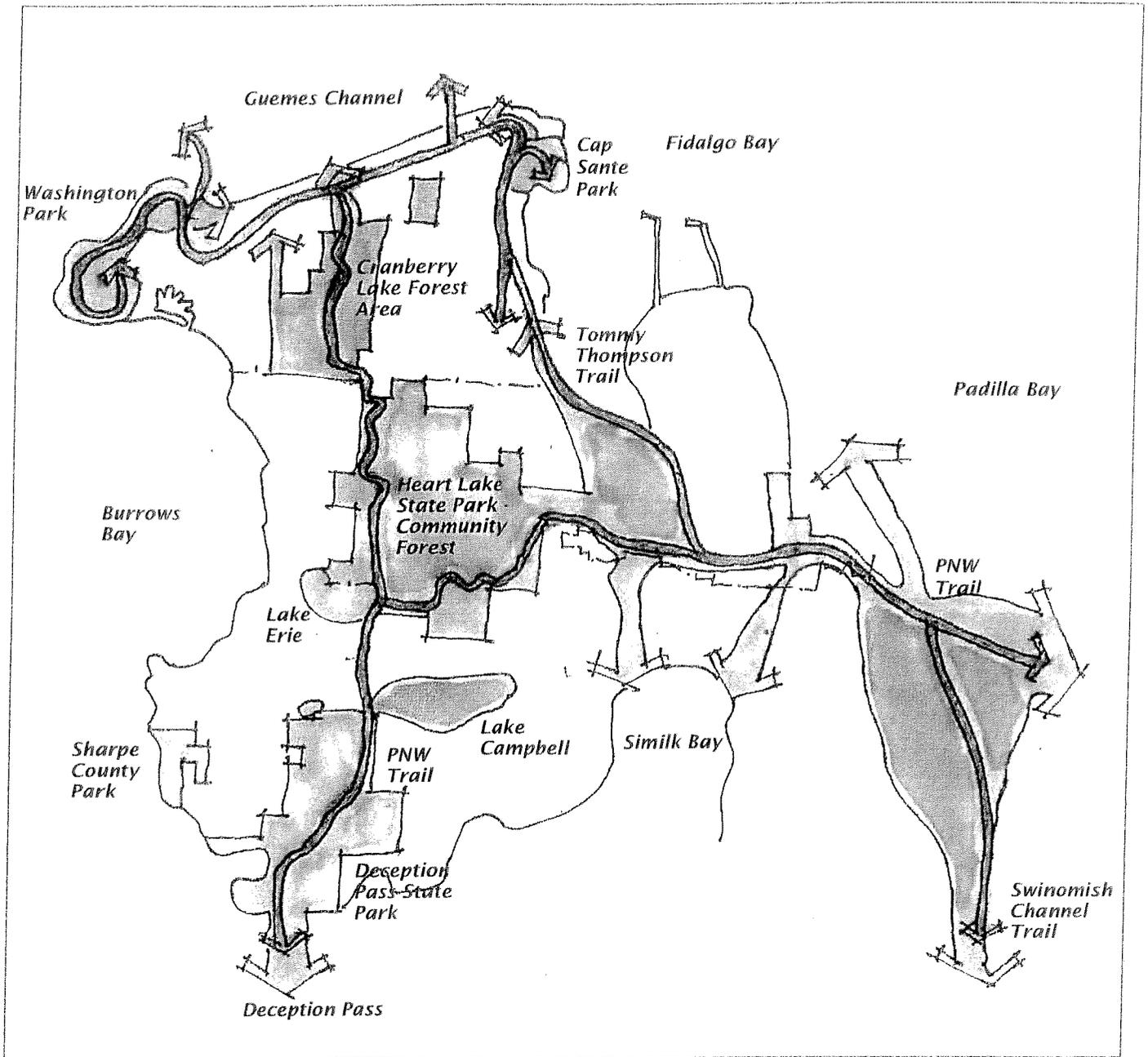
- HAVING ACCESS TO TRAILS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY IS VERY IMPORTANT. I BELIEVE THIS IS IMPORTANT ESTABLISHED TRAIL NETWORKS THAT CONNECTS WITH OTHER TRAILS AND NETWORKS HAVING ADEQUATE TRAILS ESTABLISHED THAT RUN INTER COUNTY ALLOWING PEOPLE TO ACCESS TRAIL SYSTEMS ACROSS THE BROAD SPECTRUM OF ENTITIES.
- FOCUS ON EXISTING COUNTY PARK LANDS AND COOPERATION WITH COUNTY BASED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES. WOULD PROBABLY HAVE MORE SUCCESS IN A COOPERATIVE APPROACH INSTEAD OF THE LAWSUIT APPROACH. LEAVE THE CITIES AND THEIR UGA'S OUT OF COUNTY MANAGEMENT. THE CITIES AND THE COUNTIES DO NOT PLAY WELL TOGETHER.
- I WOULD HOPE THAT A THOUGHTFUL VISION STATEMENT KEEPS IN MIND THAT WE MUST LEAD OUR CHILDREN BY GOOD EXAMPLES REGARDING LAND STEWARDSHIP THAT REMEMBERS ALL LIVING THINGS AND NOT JUST HUMAN BEINGS. IF WE ONLY CONSIDER HUMAN BEINGS, WE WILL DIMINISH OUR HABITAT TO SUCH A POINT THAT WE WILL GO THE WAY OF THE PEOPLE OF RAPA NUI - EXTINCT.
- EXTREMELY IMPORTANT--I HAVE LIVED IN A PLANNED COMMUNITY OPEN DEVELOPMENT AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR PROPERTY VALUES AND QUALITY OF LIFE, I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO RIDE OFF ROAD FROM ANACORTES TO MOUNT VERNON. IT IS SCARY RIDING ON TWO LANE ROADS.
- I WOULD SEE MORE CAMPING FOR PEOPLE WITH MOTORCYCLES TO HAVE GROUP PLACES TO GO.
- I THINK WE SHOULD PUT OUR TRAILS IN THE MOUNTAINS.
- THIS WAS NICE TO READ THROUGH THIS AND IT WAS TALKING ABOUT 40 MINIMUM ACRE LOTS TO FARM. I THINK THAT VERY SMALL 2-5 ACRE FARMS ARE REALLY IMPORTANT EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY NOT MAKE A LOT OF MONEY COMMERCIALY BUT MAY BUT THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE FAMILY BY CONSUMING WHAT THEY GROW ON THEIR FARM MAY BE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT THAT THEY WILL NOT HAVE TO GO AND BUY. I THINK THAT THE SMALL FARMS ARE VERY IMPORTANT IN THE RURAL SENSE AND SHOULD BE VALUED.
- I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE CONCERN OF RE-TRAIL AUTHORITY. I.E., A COMBINED AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY FOR PLANNING, TAXES ON PROPERTY
- I THINK THAT LOSS OF FARMLAND FORESTS NEAR URBAN AREAS, BLANCHARD MOUNTAIN, TO COMMERCIAL INTERESTS AND DEVELOPERS IS THE MAIN PROBLEM IN SKAGIT COUNTY. ADHERENCE TO A STATEWIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN WITHOUT TWEAKING BY COUNTIES WOULD HELP SOLVE MANY OF THESE PROBLEMS.
- I AM OPPOSED TO ADDITIONAL TAXES AND THIS SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE WITHIN CITY AND COUNTY BUDGETS AND NO ENTITY.

- HOW LONG WOULD THIS PLAN TAKE TO IMPLEMENT? I AGREE WITH ALMOST EVERYTHING THOUGH. IT IS A WONDERFUL PLAN WHICH I THINK PEOPLE WOULD SUPPORT FINANCIALLY.
- IF WE FUND IT, YOU BETTER HAVE IT MANAGED BY STEWARDS WITH THEIR HEART AND MINDS IN THE RIGHT PLACE. WE WILL NOT TOLERATE SPECIAL INTERESTS GROUPS PRIVATE AGENDA OR DECEIT.
- WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE CONNECTING TRAILS.
- MAPS WERE DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND. EVERY OPTION IS FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION MARK EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT A QUESTION. I WANT TO SEE OPEN SPACES, SCENIC BYWAYS AND AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVED FOR ITS HISTORICAL USE AND I AM WILLING TO PAY FOR IT AS THESE RESOURCES CANNOT BE FOUND AGAIN ONCE GONE.
- WASN'T CLEAR ON THE PROPOSED USAGE OF THE TRAILS. A NUMBER OF THE TRAILS ARE RESTRICTED FOR HORSES ONLY AND EXCLUDE MOTORBIKES AND DIRT BIKES.
- ON #12 WE DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY SWIMMING THAT WE CAN FIND. #18. THIS SHOULD BE A 5 PLUS. #21 AND #22 SHOULD BE A 5 PLUS IS BECAUSE PEOPLE COME HERE FOR THE SCENIC VALUE AND LIVABILITY OF THE AREA. #24 THERE IS DISCONNECTION BETWEEN THE CORRIDORS. #25 SHOULD BE A 5 PLUS. #26 IS AN ABSOLUTE NO. #35 I WOULD RECOMMEND YOU INCLUDE BLANCHARD MOUNTAIN. #37 THROUGH #45: SUPPORT ALL OPEN SPACE, PARTICULARLY OF HIGH VALUE AND RESPECT HABITAT AND BIODIVERSITY. #54 THROUGH #56: PSE: THEY ARE OUT TO MAKE MONEY. THERE NEED TO BE CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO THE FUNDING ISSUE. #57 TO #60: WE LIKE TO SEE IMPACT FEES ON DEVELOPERS BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONES MAKING THE MONEY OFF THE LAND. #67 TAXPAYERS THAT LIVE SKAGIT COUNTY ARE HAVING TO PAY THE BILL TO DEVELOPERS WHO COME IN AND ADD TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE.
- I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE TRAILS GO ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE SKAGIT RIVER BETWEEN BURLINGTON AND MT. VERNON ON THE DIKE.
- I THINK I AM A RETIRED ACADEMIC AND THIS IS THE WORST SURVEY I HAVE EVER SEEN. THE INFORMATION IS TOO VAGUE AND STATEMENTS LIKE BIG BOXY HOUSES AND HOBBY FARMS WHICH GIVE NO EXPLANATION. THE WHOLE PHRASING OF THE QUESTIONS OF UGA AND THIS SORT OF THING. THE GRAPHICS ARE SO POOR AND NOT CLEARLY DEFINED. THE PROSPECT OF MOVING A TRAIL THROUGH THE CITY GIVES NO EXPLANATION OF HOW THAT WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED.
- MORE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS AND MORE DOG AREAS WHERE YOU CAN TAKE DOGS OFF LEASH. (MORE OFF-LEASH DOG AREAS NEEDED.)
- FUTURE SURVEYS SHOULD BE ON LINE. I FELT SOME QUESTIONS REPETITIVE AND SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND IT WASN'T THE TOPIC I EXPECTED SO IT TOOK SOME REAL EFFORT AND STUDY.
- AS YOU READ THE SURVEY, IT'S MORE STATEMENT THAN QUESTIONS AND THE SURVEY COULD BE CLEARER. LET'S USE THE DIKES FOR TRAILS. WE DON'T NEED TO BUILD MORE WE HAVE BEAUTIFUL RIVERS AND YET WE CAN'T WALK ON THE DIKES AND THAT SHOULD BE CHANGED. TIRED OF BEING TOLD WHAT TO DO WITH MY OWN LAND. THE SURVEY IS TOO LEADING.
- I AM AN OUTDOOR PERSON SO I WANTED TOP PRIORITIES FOR ALL OF THE TRAILS AND IF I WERE YOUNGER I WOULD WANT THEM ALL. I HOPE TO SEE THE YOUNG PEOPLE GET TO USE MORE TRAILS AND AM WILLING TO PAY \$100 FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THESE TRAILS.
- THE RIVER DIKE SYSTEM SHOULD BE ALL PUBLIC ACCESS AND PART OF ANY TRAIL SYSTEM.

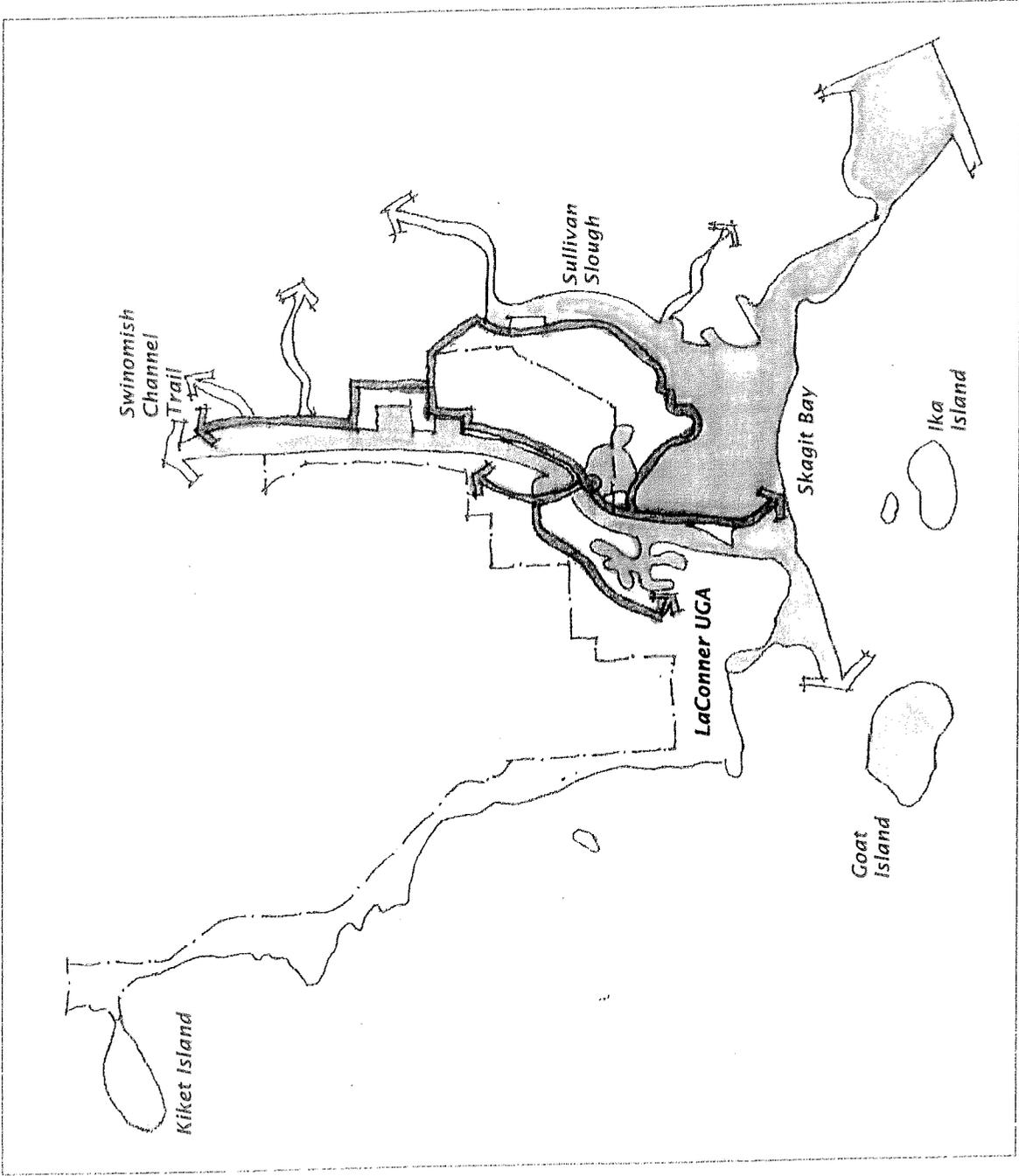
- I DON'T SEE WHY THE TRAILS HAVE TO CONNECT, BUT IF THEY CAN IT WOULD BE GOOD. WE DO NEED THE GREEN BELTS TO PROTECT THEIR WILDLIFE HABITAT. I AM IN AGREEMENT THAT THERE SHOULD BE OPEN SPACES WITH SO MANY PEOPLE. WHAT I SEE GOING ON IN ANACORTES WITH THE DEVELOPING HOMES THEY ARE BUILDING GATED COMMUNITIES AND THE OLD TIMERS ARE BEING LEFT OUT.
- WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO TIE TOGETHER STORM DRAINS AND TRAILS TO BENEFIT FROM BOTH THOSE SOURCES AS WELL AS STREAM RESTORATION.



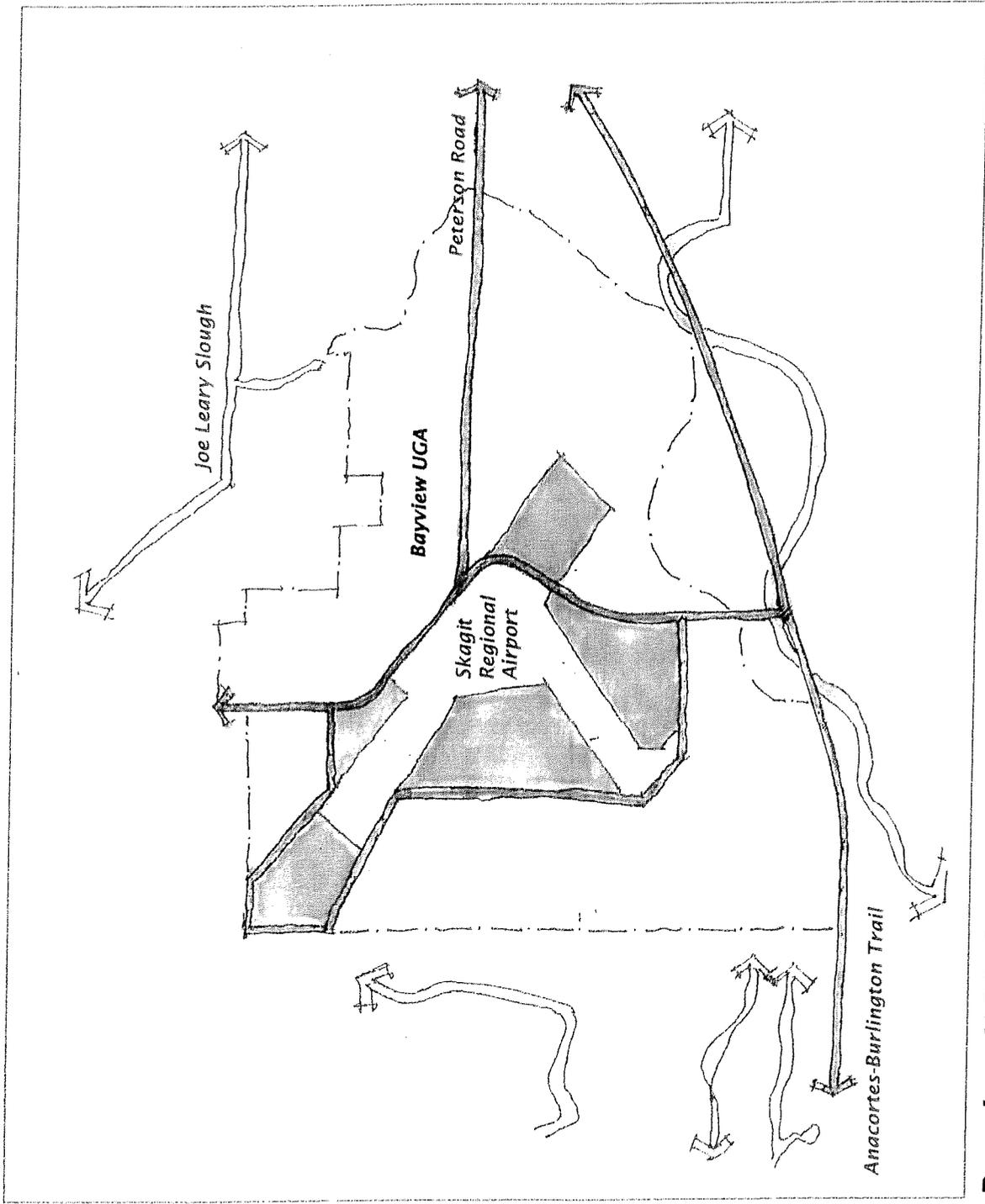
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Anacortes UGA Open Space & Trails Concept
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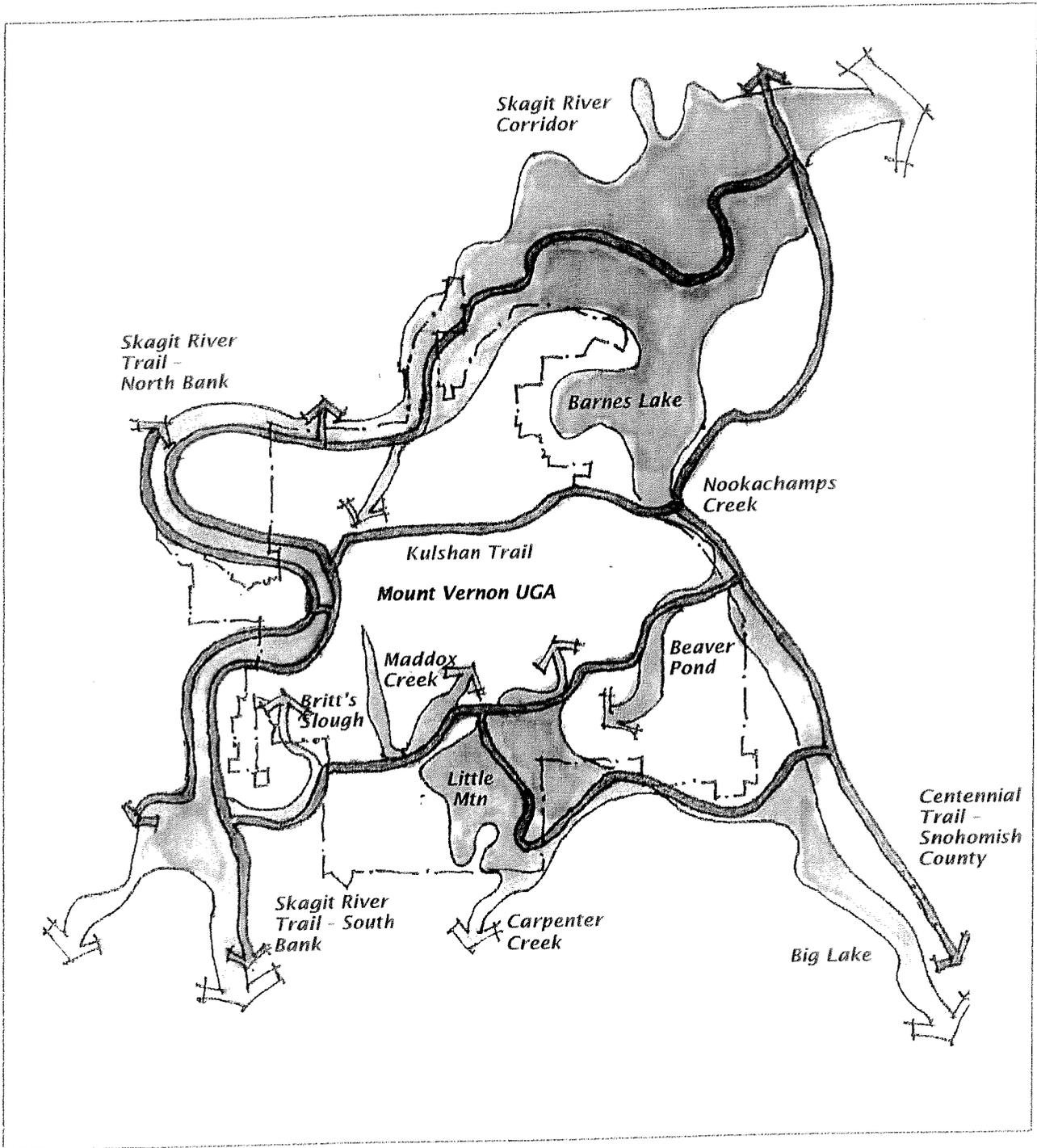


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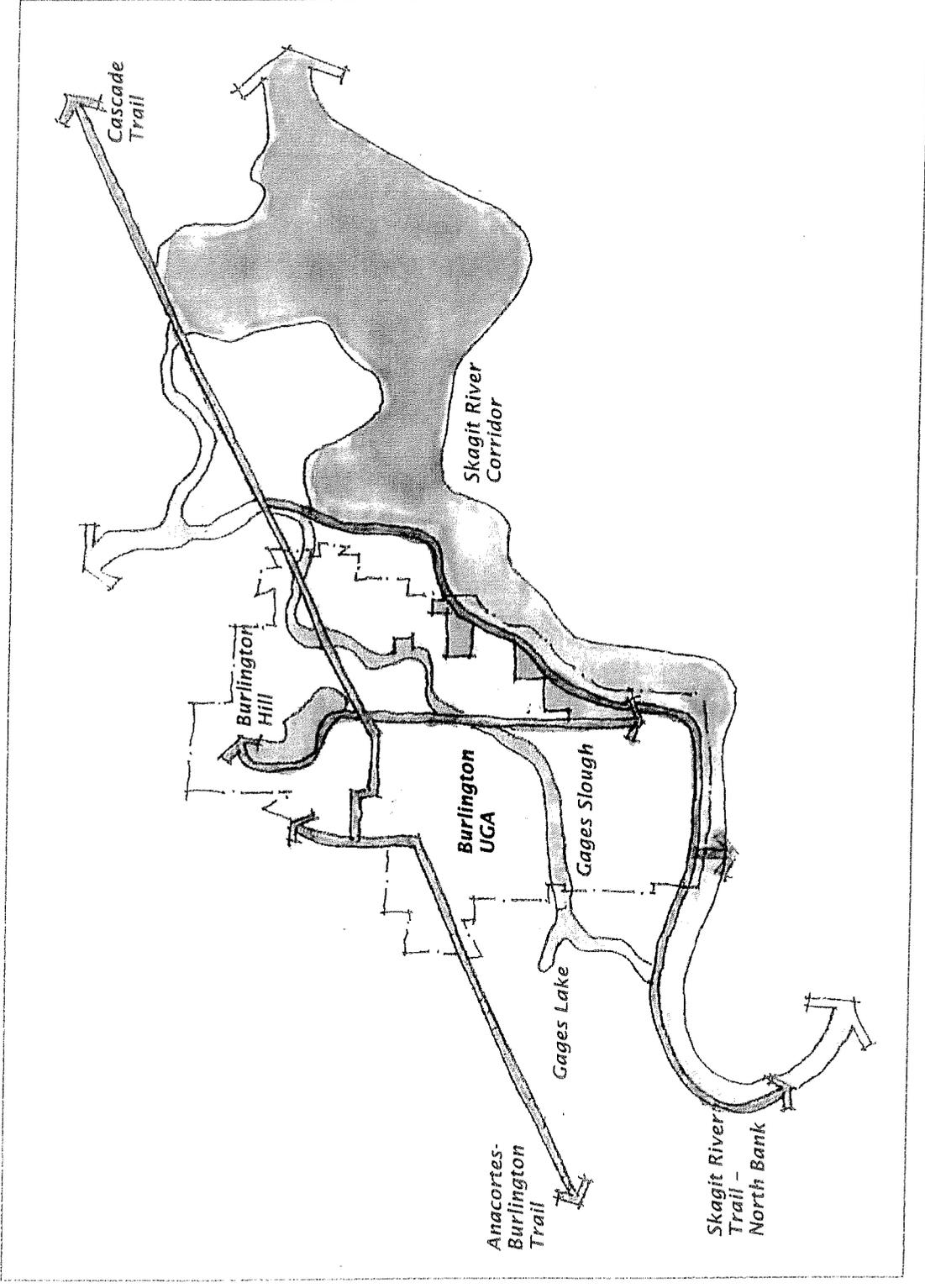


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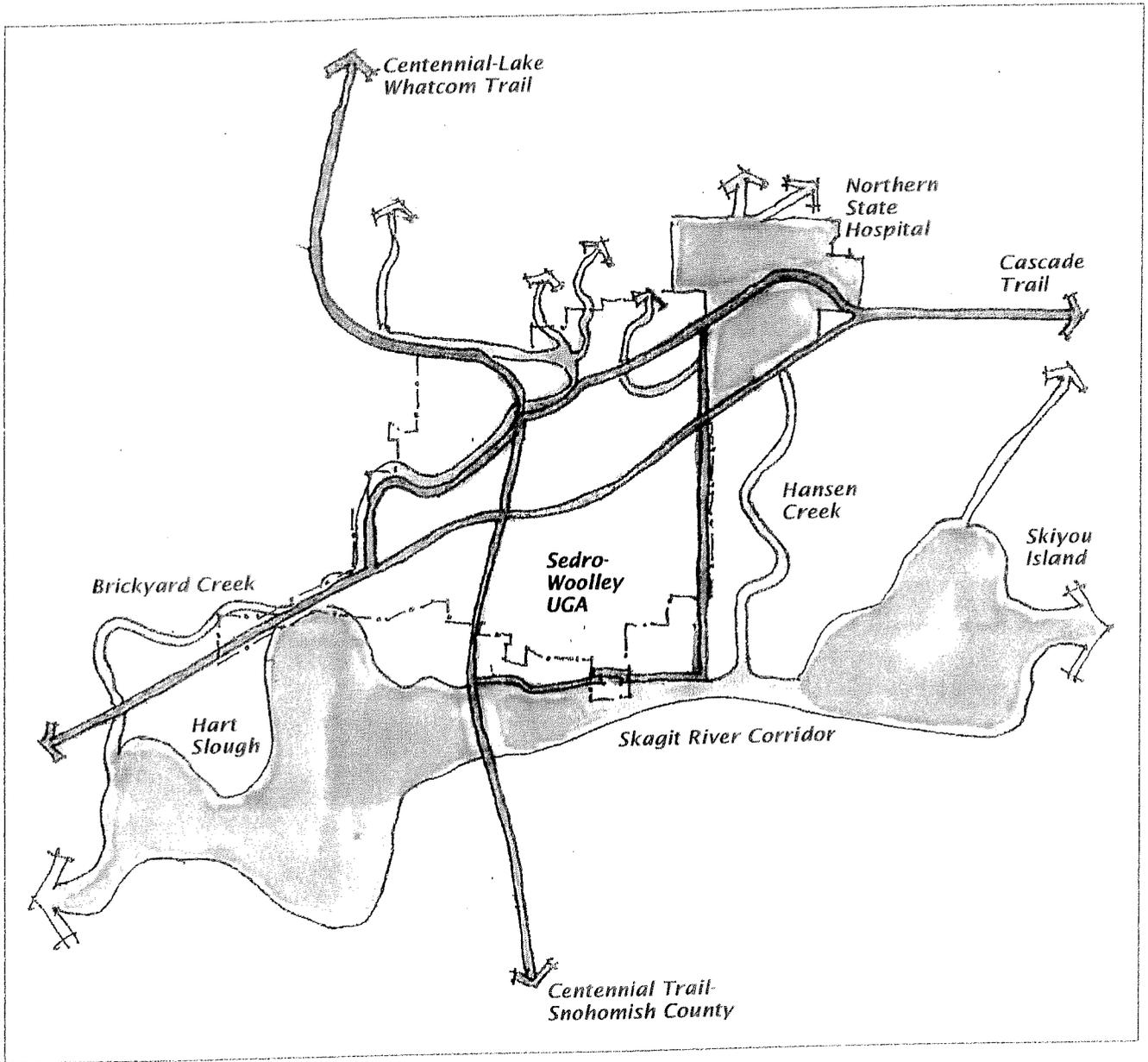
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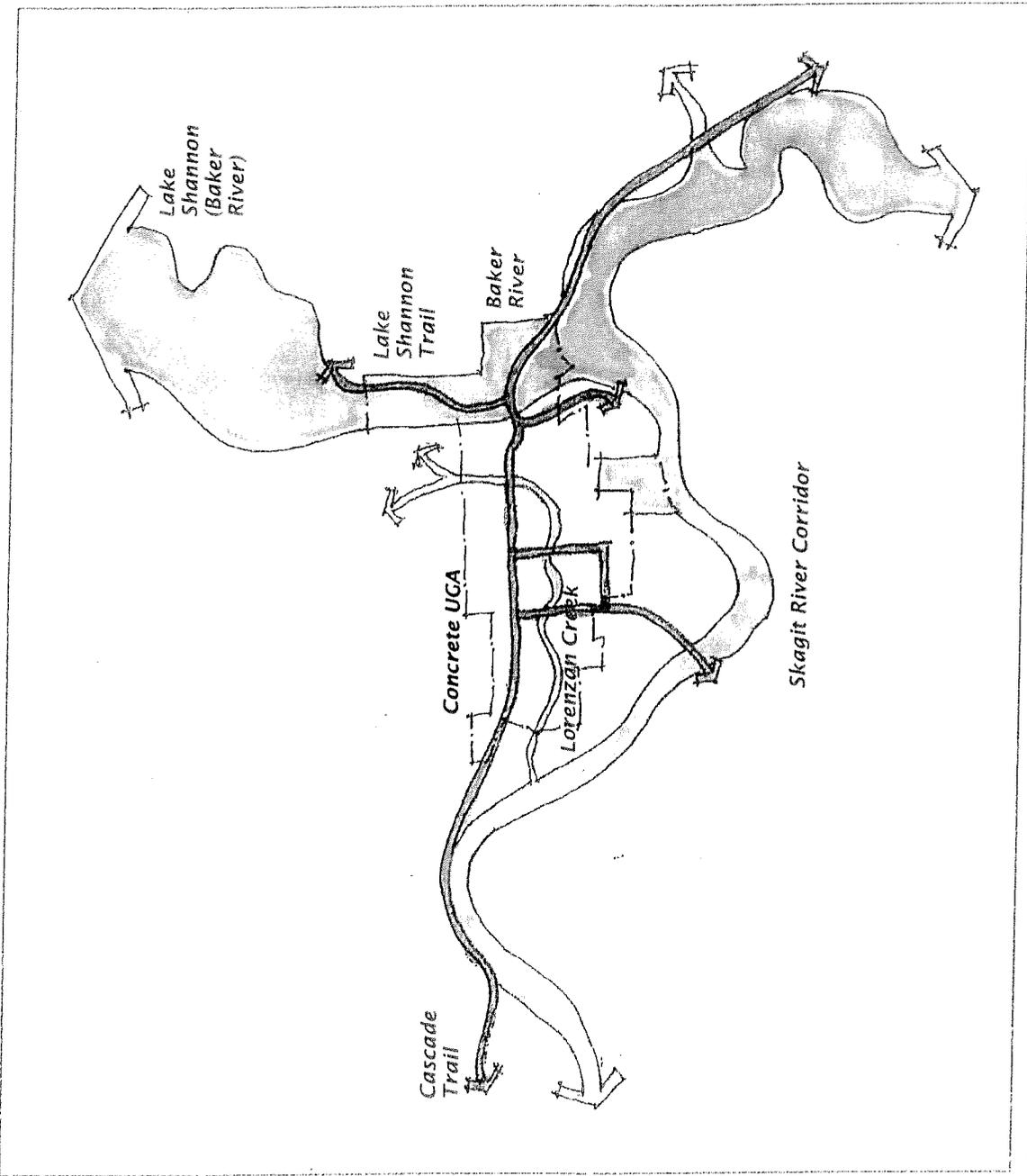
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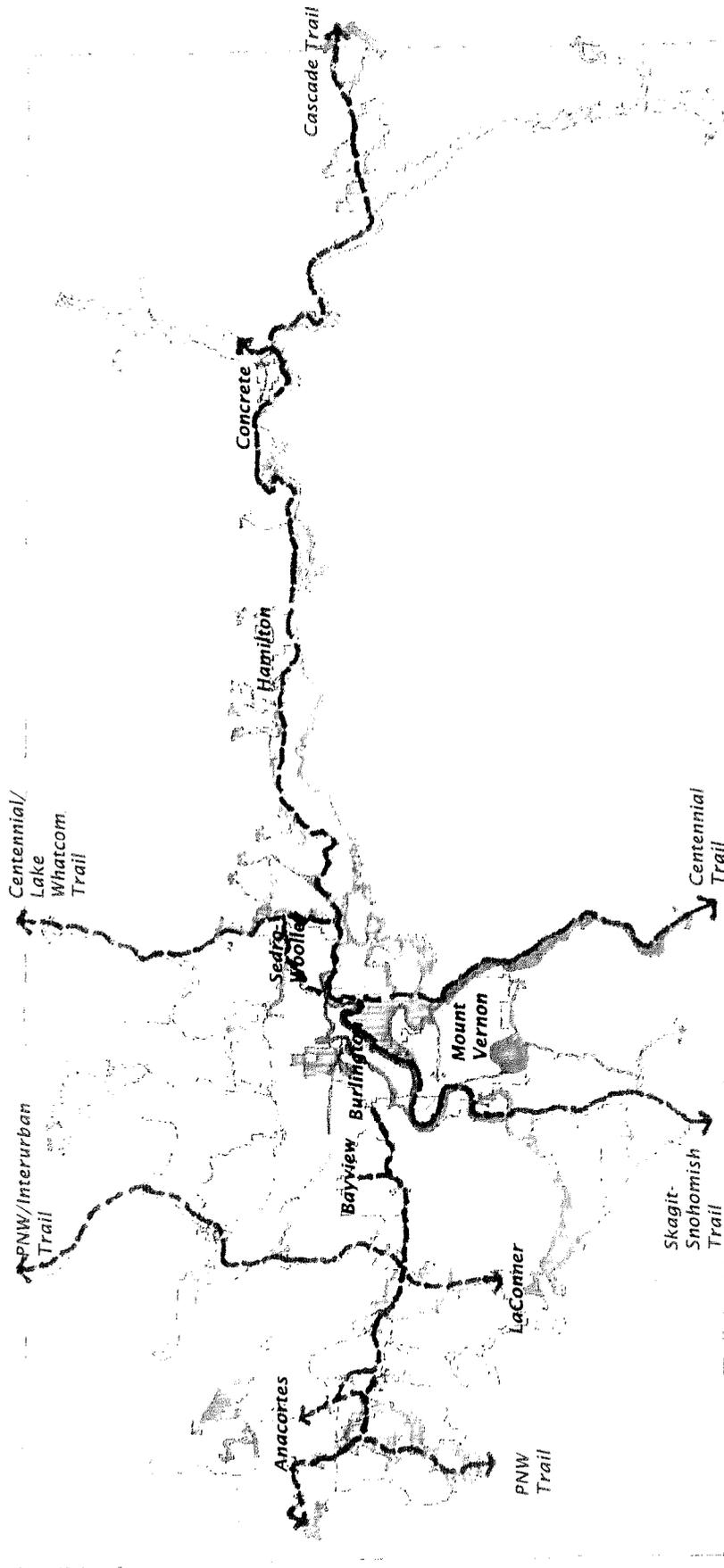


Sedro-Woolley UGA Open Space & Trails Concept
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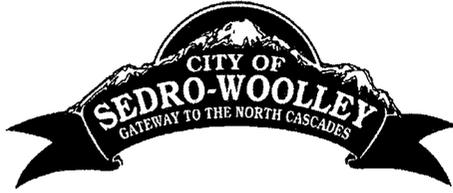
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25 May 2007



CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY
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Eron M. Berg
City Supervisor/City Attorney

MEMO TO: City Council
RE: 2008 Goals/Budget process
FROM: Eron Berg
DATE: August 7, 2007

At the last Council meeting, we discussed the proposed process for developing the 2008 budget, which is different from the City's recent practice. The proposal asks the Council to focus on the big-picture goals for the City and with that information, allows the Mayor to prepare a balanced budget for the Council's review and consideration. The proposal eliminates the need for several days of Council workshops where department heads parade through and make their requests, in favor of a balanced budget developed with the Council's goals already established.

If possible, it would be beneficial for the Council to take some additional time in a half day retreat to discuss the vision of the City followed by the specific goals the Council would like to achieve in 2008 that would move the City closer to the vision.

The purpose of tonight's worksession is to present the Council with some goals, by department, that were created by the City's staff. If time allows, additional goals identified by the Council will be added to the list and at the next worksession (or a special meeting between now and then) the Council will be asked to provide some direction about the priority of these goals. With the priority established, the departmental staff can then take the time to identify costs and impacts associated with those high priority goals. With the costs and impacts identified the Council will be consulted again regarding the priorities and the preliminary budget will be prepared for the Council's review.

Attached to this memo are 2008 goals from the following departments:

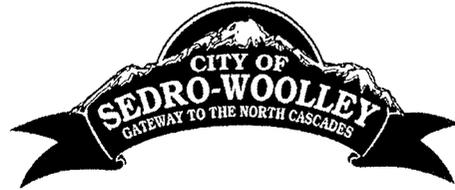
1. Solid Waste & Fleet
2. Police
3. Fire
4. Library
5. Finance
6. Parks, Streets and Cemetery

7. Wastewater Treatment Plant
8. Planning and Building
9. Legal
10. Executive

We are shy goals for the engineering function for 2008; one way or another we will establish a plan to address that department in the near future.

CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY SOLID WASTE & FLEET DIVISION

315 Sterling Street Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284 (360) 855-1884



To: Mayor Anderson, Eron Berg,
From: Leo Jacobs Solid Waste & Fleet Supervisor
Date: 7/31/2007

Goals for next year: 2008

Solid Waste Division

1. We are taking over Commercial Roll-Off Containers in September 2008
We will need to purchase some new containers for the anticipated take over.
2. Rate increase for Recycling. This is so garbage rates do not have to subsidize recycling rates an increase of \$1.75 per month.
3. Rate increase for Garbage. This is mainly due to an increase in the Skagit County tipping rates that will go from \$82.00 per ton to \$84.00 per ton in 2008. This affects us by adding an additional \$11,000 to our disposal costs.
4. Add 1 additional driver collector for added residential customers and other increasing duties and including take over of commercial roll offs.
5. Prepare to do some paving at next-door property. So we can start using property site for multiple efficient uses.

PRIORTIES FOR 2008 BUDGET

Solid Waste Division

1. Rate increase for Recycling to pay for itself about \$1.75 cents, the rate should be \$4.25 per month.
2. Purchase up to 12 more roll off containers. (About \$60,000.00)

3. Add 1 additional driver collector for added residential customers, to cover vacations, injuries; take over of commercial roll-off and other increasing duties.
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ISSUES FACING DEPARTMENT IN 2008

Solid Waste Division

- The rising cost of doing business is one of our biggest challenges! Fuel prices are continuing to go up in the last year. Metal prices for new containers have too. Also all petroleum related products such as plastics, which are totes for us, have also increased.
- We should raise the recycling rate to keep up with the cost of disposal. To cover the cost the rate should be raised from \$4.00 to \$4.25 then a cost of living every year after to cover the cost of disposal that is about 4% per year increase. We are currently subsidizing recycling with garbage rates. This is due to the tremendous success of the co-mingled recycling program.
- Remove the fuel surcharge and put it in with the base rate. Our customers have a hard time with that part of their bills.
- As population increases so does our need to purchase more residential totes for them. The only way to recover from this type of capital purchase is to increase rates.
- With equipment and maintaining maintenance levels. We need to increase personnel to handle the load.
- Our building and site needs continued improvements, particularly the electrical.
- A new building is a must in the next few years. An outbuilding kit may be our answer by purchasing a kit type pole building we can get the most room for the lowest cost. Then we could get the community to donate the cranes and other lifting machines to help with the construction. The biggest cost to this project would be the concrete; building itself and the interior finish work. If estimates stay steady we could get a building all done for \$145,000.00 we

could house our staff in this new building. Maintenance also could be done out of this building easily.

Goals for next year: 2008

Fleet Division

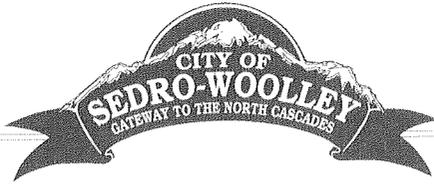
- Add 1 full time mechanic.
- We will continue to formation of the Fleet Division. There are many aspects to getting this into order.
- Add other small equipment to help with maintenance.

PRIORTIES FOR 2008 BUDGET

- Continue to organize the fleet division paper work, assets and streamline services to equipment
- Add 1 full time mechanic

ISSUES FACING DEPARTMENT IN 2008

- The rising cost of doing business



SEDRO-WOOLLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Doug Wood, Chief

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July 30, 2007

Sedro-Woolley City Council
Mayor Mike Anderson
City Supervisor Eron Berg
720 Murdock Street
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Dear Council Members:

This past year has been a good year for the Sedro-Woolley Police Department. The officers and employees are all working very hard, trying to accomplish our goals and make Sedro-Woolley a pleasant and safe place to live. The past year we were able to fill all of our positions and be fully staffed with fifteen officers; however, just as we accomplished this, we had an experienced Sergeant resign.

Our stated goal for the last two years was getting back to basics. Officers have been focusing on aggressive patrol and enforcement of criminal and traffic laws, which has made it uncomfortable for drug dealers and drug users to live in our community. We are making a positive impact on the city; however the one area where we continue to receive a large amount of complaints is in the area of traffic enforcement.

As our city continues to grow and traffic increases we are getting an increased number of citizens's complaints for vehicles speeding through their neighborhoods. It is common for people to address the city council concerning these problems. Our officers have some of the highest call loads, per officer, in the county (see attached document), and we do not see that decreasing in the near future. Our goal for the next year is to increase traffic enforcement in the city. This would focus mostly on speeding vehicles, stop sign violations, traffic signal violations, cross walk violations and other similar issues.

Goals for 2008

1) Our number one goal for the next year would be to add a new patrol officer to focus on traffic enforcement and help us accomplish this goal.

2) The number two goal would be to add a new records clerk. As our enforcement efforts continue to grow and we add new officers, the impact on the records section is dramatically increased with the amount of citations issued and referrals sent to the prosecutor's office. Two years ago we added a full time Transcriptionist who is daily being utilized to her maximum output.

3) Again, with the amount of traffic on the highways, we need to outfit every car with an Opticom, a priority control system that allows intersection right of way to emergency vehicles. This device emits a light that will turn the traffic signal to green to allow emergency vehicles to pass. This would cost approximately \$6,000 to equip the patrol officers' and patrol supervisors' vehicles, allowing rapid and safe response to emergency calls.

Thank you for your consideration and support of these goals. Your police department is functioning at a very high level and is respected by all of the agencies in the county. All the members of the department are doing a very good job, working as a team, for the citizens of Sedro-Woolley. We appreciate the City Council, the Mayor's, and the City Supervisor's continued support.

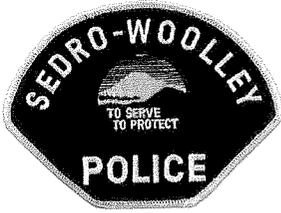
Sincerely,



Doug Wood
Chief of Police

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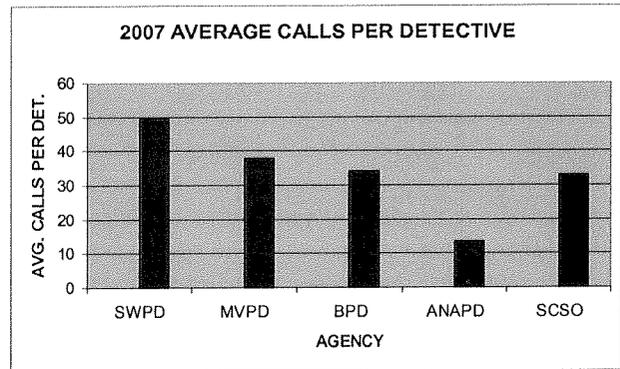
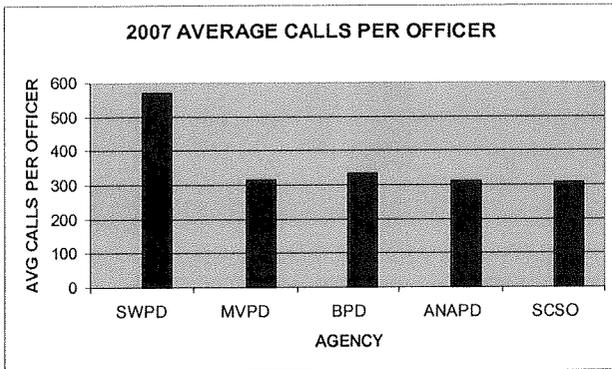


Incident Report Comparison

The Police Department is running well and still remains one of the hardest working Departments in the County. As you can see by the numbers below, we are seeing a fairly regular rise in numbers of calls to date that Sedro-Woolley Officers respond to.

Time frame	SWPD	MVPD	BPD	SCSO	ANAPD
01-01-03 thru 07-26-03	4820	12240	5414	10740	6030
01-01-04 thru 07-26-04	5212	14228	5951	11258	6713
01-01-05 thru 07-26-05	5561	14221	6443	12251	7276
01-01-06 thru 07-26-06	5344	13731	6235	11884	7301
01-01-07 thru 07-26-07	5695	14208	6680	11484	6763

These numbers don't mean much, until you average them out per officer, then you see a serious disparity in numbers.



Average calls per officer in 2007

SWPD	569
MVPD	315
BPD	334
ANAPD	310
SCSO	307

Average calls per Detective in 2007

SWPD	49.50
MVPD	37.75
BPD	34
ANAPD	13.5
SCSO	33

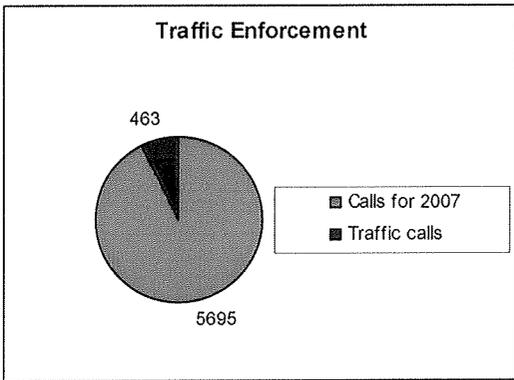
The hiring of Officer Musgrove in 2006 brought us up to fifteen officers from the Chief on down to this newest addition. This also coincided with one of our veteran officers leaving, so, we are back to square one, until we get our next officer out of the Academy.

Fortunately, we managed to get our next officer into the Basic Academy in August instead of December as we had originally been told. He will complete his training in March 2008

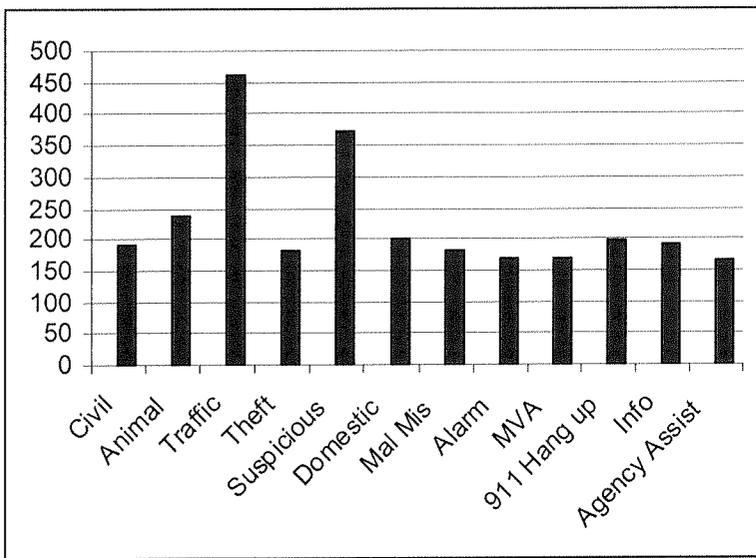
and be ready to work solo patrol then. This will allow us to replace Sgt Wallis a year after we lost him.

With this lengthy process in mind, we have already gotten the approval to start the process of hiring the replacement officer for Sgt Salyer who has given us a tentative date of his retirement as March 2008. This will save us several months and allow us to keep as many officers on the street as possible.

A look toward the future;



One issue that seems to continually be reported to the Police is the need for Traffic Enforcement. The graph to the left indicates the portion of our calls that are labeled as Traffic Enforcement. It is less than 10% of our calls, but it is a bit less than our average calls per officer in one year.



This chart shows a breakdown of our top 12 categories of calls for service. Traffic enforcement calls are by far the highest number.

As of 07-26-07, Sedro-Woolley Officers made 1235 traffic stops and issued 285 traffic infractions. These infractions are for non-criminal acts such as speeding and no insurance. Many of these traffic contacts led to criminal charges for drugs, warrants, etc...

With the addition of another officer, we could better address these traffic issues and devote an officer to a regular traffic patrol that could handle the biggest part of these complaints.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt. Lin Tucker

DATE: July 25, 2007
TO: Eron Berg, City Supervisor
FROM: Dean Klinger, Chief
RE: 2008 BUDGET GOALS

Per your request I have compiled a set of goals for the 2008 Budget year. Our goals, unlike other departments are based more on needs rather than projects. It would be fun to say "our goal is to have 100 structure fires in 2008" and it would be easy to write our goal is to purchase a 100ft ladder truck in 2008. But realistically you and I both know that's not going to happen.

So I have attempted here to write goals based in what we perceive as reality. In establishing the department goals I consulted the paid staff and the volunteers. Both had roughly the same ideas but for much different reasons. I won't go into a lot of details regarding each goal but, I will attempt to give you a brief concept.

Sedro-Woolley Fire Department 2008 Goals

1. Service:
 - (A) Continue to provide the same high quality service to the citizens of Sedro-Woolley which they have come to expect.
 - (B) Continue to update and expand our SOG's
 - (C) Work on updating & testing the City's Emergency Plan.
2. Clothing:
 - (A) We would like to issue to each volunteer and paid staff a set of "coveralls" to respond in for medical/MVA type incidents these aren't just regular coveralls these are specially made for EMS type work.
 - (B) Out fit all members in a set of work uniforms for a more professional looking department.
 - (C) Second set of bunker gear per member. Currently when a firefighters gear is being cleaned that person is out of service until it is serviceable again.
 - (D) Replacing all old rubber boots with the new leather style of boots.
3. Technology:
 - (A) We would like to place in each department vehicle a MDT (mobile data terminal) currently we have it in one test vehicle.
4. Equipment:
 - (A) Replace some of our ageing department equipment such as saws, nozzles with newer models and establish a "ERR" fund for this type of equipment.
 - (B) Work on ways of funding a "ladder truck" for the City.

incident reporting
- pre fire plans.
- inspections

currently use a notebook

5. Education:
 - (A) Replace often out of service power point projector in training room
 - (B) Upgrade sound system in training room
 - (C) Replace old essentials videos with new 2008 standards

Goals for the Sedro-Woolley Public Library – 2008:

A new roof is rapidly becoming mandatory; damage is imminent. Patrons have also pointed out that the Library could use some refurbishing/sprucing up, to make it more useful, & attractive.

To continue working in the field of Early Literacy – expanding our considerable expertise; developing more community connections; increasing learning opportunities for children & families.

We expect to join the brand-new WA State Library Catalog project. This project will provide a single online entry point (just like a Google search box) to locate books & materials within the libraries of WA State, & throughout the entire Pacific Northwest. This also means that the S-W Library will re-enter the Interlibrary Loan business for patrons. Plus, for the first time in our history, we will then also be lending books from our collection, to other libraries.

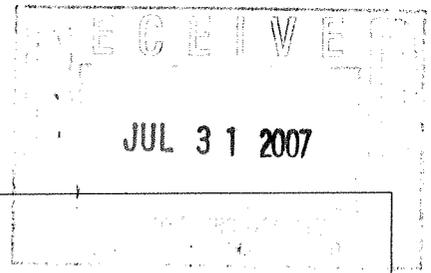
Our own brand new Library Catalog is due to come up by September 1st, 2007. Once the dust settles, the Sedro-Woolley Library will have an interactive web site; an online catalog; live links to other resources; and instant access to our online databases (14 million magazine articles, many of which are full-text - in just the InfoTrac database alone). Currently we will be offering: the Gale Group, including InfoTrac; ProQuest; BookFLIX (Early Literacy: for PreK – Gr 3); and EBSCO's huge Auto Repair database. A patron can access all of these from home, just by entering their library card number, & a PIN. The intention for 2008 is to then continue improving our website, & making it ever more useful.

The Librarian will be designing more grant proposals for various new projects. One expected grant cycle for 2008 will be from the State of WA: it will be a competitive LSTA grant for providing downloadable audio books (1,000's of audio books!) for library patrons.

The public libraries of Skagit County are co-developing several projects – all of which are meant to improve library services, & access, to our residents. Wider launches of these cooperative projects are expected for 2008.

City of Sedro-Woolley				
Finance Department Goals				
	2007	2008	2009	2010
Process accurate & timely payroll	x	x	x	x
Computerized timesheet used by all staff				
Library	x			
Solid-Waste	x			
Evaluate leave request forms, computerized?		x		
Accurate & timely utility, ULID & business license billing	x	x	x	x
Create stormwater billing by 9/1/07	x			
Annual update stormwater BYC rates by 4/1		x	x	x
Establish utility accounts within month of CO	x	x	x	x
Issue Business licenses within 7 workdays	x	x	x	x
Accurate & timely payables processing	x	x	x	x
Timely processing of utility & gambling tax reports	x	x	x	x
Provide excellent customer service	x	x	x	x
Provide excellent directory assistance services	x	x	x	x
Timely processing of cash payments & daily deposits	x	x	x	x
Balance cash drawers daily	x	x	x	x
Good financial audit results				
Zero findings	x	x	x	x
No financial issue management letters	x	x	x	x
Implement auditor's suggestions as soon as possible	x	x	x	x
Credit/Debit card payments				
Research third party processing	x			
Research City processing	x			
Necessary software changes?	x			
Establish procedures	x			
Implement		x		
Advertise		x		
Financials completed by 10 th day of following month		x	x	x
Hotel/Motel Tax Committee				
Recruit members	x			
Resolution appointing members	x			
Adopt application form & criteria for \$ allocations	x			
Determine allocation recommendation to Council	x	x	x	x
Resolutions index				
Research inclusion in SWMC book		x		
Research other options		x		
Test balancing time at end of day		x		

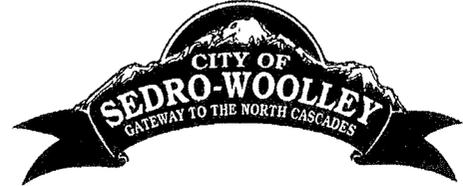
	2007	2008	2009	2010
Summary budget for Citizens				
Determine contents	x			
Design pages	x			
Create Pages	x	x	x	x
Generate paper copies		x	x	x
Place on-line		x	x	x
Update Vintage Code	x	x	x	x
Council records				
Research document imaging		x		
Research agenda/packet software		x		
Research CD recording system (coord w/Court)	x			
Add Ordinances passed since last update on web		x	x	x
Complete packets by Thursday noon		x	x	x
Organize move				
Destroy unneeded items before move	x			
Off site / upstairs storage?	x			
Box less used items in advance	x			
Order supplies with new address	x			
L&I Claim Administrator				
Research AWC Retro-Pool	x			
Council Insurance Committee Recommendation	x			
Asset Accounting Software				
Research software	x			
Research barcode option	x			
Choose software		x		
Take inventory		x		
Implement software		x		
Accounting Software (if ASP doesn't upgrade)				
Research options		x		
Hardware requirements		x		
Include document imaging/record keeping system		x		
Provide excellent genealogy assistance	x	x	x	x
Cemetery records				
Input & verify old (pre-City) records in computer	x	x	x	
Put Cemetery 1969 to current records on website		x		
Put Cemetery records prior to 1969 on website				x
Install GIS software & train on info retrieval			x	
Add Cemetery records to GIS data				x
Put Cemetery GIS data on website				x



CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

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Memorandum



To: Eron Berg, City Supervisor
From: Shane Walley, PWW IV Nathan Salseina PWW III
Date: 7/31/2007
Re: Parks Dept Goals For 2008

1. Make repairs to Bingham Park office building and move in. Start Parks and Rec; 2008.
2. Construct new flood resistant park shelters on new property at Riverfront. Late 2008-2009
3. Add new outdoor basketball courts at Bingham Park .2008. Also clean up and fix up that park.. Maybe add new playground equipment. Also new equipment Memorial and River front; Budget at least \$30,000 dollars for playground equipment.
4. Create design work for new sports fields' complex at Riverfront, work on funding. 2008-2009
5. Assume new landscape and cleaning duties for city hall building. 2008
6. Acquire property for a new pocket park north of Highway 20 and begin planning process. 2008-2009
7. Add 1 more full time staff person to help assume additional duties. 2008
8. Create a plan for beginning recreational programs including staffing, funding, and be ready to begin these programs in 2008- 2009.
9. Err. Fund mower tractor budgeted in and for 2008. 45,000 dollars is in Err fund
10. Keep the golf course, we are doing fine.
11. New storage shed river Front Park. Budget at least 5000 dollars in 2008.
12. Replace windows at community center in 2008 estimated cost \$6,000.00

DATE: July 26, 2007
TO: Shane Walley
Public Lands Supervisor
FROM: Ray Melton
PWW III 
Street Dept.
SUBJECT: 2008 Goals

Meet goals set by City Council and Administration to include budget in 2008.

Work to maintain streets and sidewalks to afford safe passage for motorists and Pedestrians .

Return to stand alone Dept. with own budget and report directly to Public Works Director.

PERSONNEL:

Add 1 PWW II employee to the staff of 5 for a total of 6 including the PWW III Teamleader. Growth of City and infrastructure has exceeded the capabilities of the man Power available to maintain them.

Fund 1 summer worker to help with weed eating, street clean up, small summer jobs and Help with various events held in the city during the summer months.

STREETS:

Budget for repair, chip seal and reconstruction of city streets. Dollar amount will reflect what the street dept is capable of accomplishing in the season. R\$M streets, overlay streets and Arterial streets-\$150,000.00.

EQUIPMENT:

Add 3 Ton vibrating roller/compactor. Street dept has 1 existing 1 ton roller purchased in 1994. 3 ton roller would be for larger projects with 2 inch thick asphalt and keep smaller Roller for 1st pass of compaction and smaller jobs and thin asphalt such as preleveling For chip seal.-\$50,000.00.

Add 2nd Front End Loader. City now has 1 front end with 5 attachments. 4 of the attachments are quick change with the 5th one being a Boom Mower which takes a little Longer to change. Between the 4 depts the front end loader is used almost constantly. Four of the attachments would fit on a size larger front end loader of the same make

And slight modification for the boom mower to be used on it-\$150,000.00.

BUILDINGS:

Construct a 12x12 office addition to BLDG. #1 at the south end. Office and employee Lunch room now in a 12 x 16 area-\$12,000.00.

Add 4 equipment bays to the south end of BLDG. #3. Pole building type with End and back covered sections only. 2001 Bucket Truck and 2006 Grader are too long or high to fit in existing buildings plus they are full. 4 bays would also give room for 3-4 Pieces of small equipment plus sand storage for streets in the winter months-dry sand Would work better-\$40,000.00.

Add portable cover to slab on which cold mix asphalt is stored during winter months When hot mix is not available, Nov-Dec. thru April-\$5,000.00.

MISC:

Get rid of surplus equipment
1-1974 GMC 5 YD. Dump Truck
1-1987 Dodge 1/2 Ton Truck

Date: July 25, 2007
To: Shane Walley
Public Lands Supervisor
From: Jeff Moody *Jm*
Cemetery
PWW III
Subject: 2008 Goals

Meet goals set by City Council and administration to include budget in 2008.

Continue to maintain Cemetery grounds and buildings in a manner the City of Sedro-Woolley administration and citizens can be proud of.

Return to a stand alone dept with own budget and reporting directly to the Public Works Director with labor and equipment support from Street and/or Parks dept.

PERSONNEL:

Hire I summer help May thru September - \$12,000.00

EQUIPMENT;

No replacement or addition equipment needed for budget yr. 2008.

GROUNDS;

Budget for and continue large tree maintenance project-Have trees professionally Trimmed, thinned and topped-\$2,000.00.

Purchase and establish plan for Riggles property at SE corner of existing Cemetery property.

Construct and install a memorial wall/fountain on one of the existing cement Slabs in Block 16. Budget for plus donations be it money or materials-\$5,000.00.

ROADS:

Chip Seal all driveways within the Cemetery with exception of Blk. 16 and Office and shop areas-\$25,000.00.

2008 Planning Department Goals

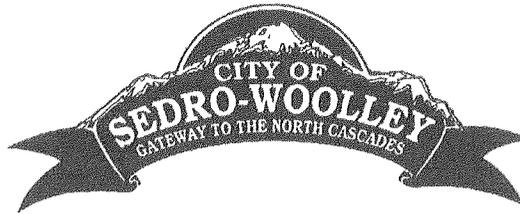
	Goal	Proposal	Action/ Budget Item
1	GMA5: ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Improve aesthetic appeal of downtown area.	POLICY E3.1 - Improve uniformity for development within the Central Business District and other development where Design Standards are applicable.	Existing staff to rewrite Design Standards and present to Council Committee. \$ 0 additional.
2	GMA7 ENSURE FAIR, PREDICTABLE AND TIMELY PERMIT PROCESSES. Increase citizen's and customer's ability to understand City ordinances and rules.	POLICY H2.6 - Correct errors/inconsistencies in the City's Municipal Code chapters 16 (Subdivisions) and 17 (Zoning).	Existing staff to identify needed changes and utilize contract planning consultant to revise Development Code as desired by Council. \$0 additional.
3	GMA1 ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT IN AREAS WHERE ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES EXIST Increase usable land within City.	POLICY LU3.6, CF2.2, CF2.1 - Submit proposal to county for Urban Growth Area Expansion.	Existing staff to meet w/ property owners and compile list of land to be included in proposed UGA expansion. \$0 additional.
4	GMA5 ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GMA6 PRESERVE PROPERTY RIGHTS	POLICY E1.1, E2.1, E3.1, LU5.7 - Establish need for commercial and industrial land capacity and identify potential land for inclusion within the UGA.	Partner with owners and developers to seek grants to perform Buildable Lands Analysis to include within UGA amendment application. \$0 additional.
5	GMA 4 PROVIDE ADEQUATE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO ALL COMMUNITY RESIDENTS GMA6 PRESERVE PROPERTY RIGHTS	POLICY H2.2, LU5.7, H4.3 - Establish need for residential land capacity and identify potential land for inclusion within the UGA.	Partner with owners and developers to seek grants to perform Buildable Lands Analysis to include within UGA amendment application. Possibly contract with consultant to obtain comprehensive analysis that is integrated with transportation and sewer plan. \$0 additional.

6	GMA 4 PROVIDE ADEQUATE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO ALL COMMUNITY RESIDENTS	POLICY H2.2 – Encourage affordable, owner-occupied housing.	<p>Work with non-profits to facilitate their acquisition of developable property for affordable, owner-occupied housing.</p> <p>Encourage self-help housing and/or residential land trust system.</p> <p>\$0 additional.</p>
5	GMA 7 ENSURE FAIR, PREDICTABLE AND TIMELY PERMIT PROCESSES	<p>POLICY H2.6, U1.2</p> <p>More efficient processing of planning permit applications</p> <p>Allow permit technician to focus on permit processing.</p>	<p>Hire <u>entry-level</u> receptionist to answer phones, keep self-help area documents current, filing, ordering of supplies, general office assistance.</p> <p>Cost could be split between 3 departments: Building, Planning and Engineering.</p> <p>Planning's share could be transferred from Building's outside consulting line item.</p> <p>\$0 additional.</p>

2008 Building Department Goals

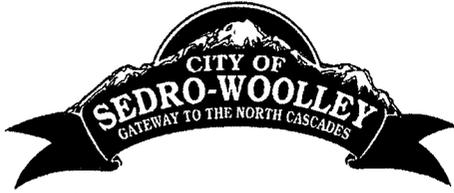
	Goal	Proposal	Action/ Budget Item
1	More efficient processing of building permit applications	Approving residential construction plans within 1 week of permit application.	Continue in-house training of City Building Inspector to become proficient in plan review. \$0 additional.
2	Better recordkeeping of permit information.	Utilize updated computer software to track permits.	Obtain <i>Ursa</i> , the new software from Black Bear, the provider of our current software PTWin. We will receive this upgrade free for being a recent new customer of their company. \$0 additional.
3	Help customers to better understand permitting process	Improve the quality and quantity of self-accessed handouts and forms.	Existing staff will update, revise or produce informational handouts for use in new self-service area of City Hall and for use on the web. Employ consultant to assist in updating departments web page. \$0 additional.
4	Help customers to better understand permitting process	Outreach to educate residents	Produce informational advertisements/articles for publishing in the Courier Times that will explain common homeowner questions. \$0 additional.

5	More efficient processing of building permit applications	Allow permit technician to focus on permit processing.	<p>Hire <u>entry-level</u> receptionist to answer phones, keep self-help area documents current, filing, ordering of supplies, general office assistance.</p> <p>Cost could be split between 3 departments: Building, Planning and Engineering.</p> <p>Building's share could be transferred from outside consulting line item.</p> <p>\$0 additional.</p>
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Wastewater Treatment Plant Goals for 2008

1. Meet 100 % Compliance on NPDES Permit requirements
2. Earn "Acceptable" rating on Laboratory Certification performance samples
3. Meet Vector Attraction and Fecal Coliform regulations for Class B Biosolids
4. Clean and CCTV approximately 50,000 feet of sanitary sewer main line
5. Replace sections of bad asphalt at WWTP
6. Hire consultant for Clarifier Feasibility Study and PS&E; begin repairs or replacement
 7. Hire consultant for Reuse Water Feasibility Study
 8. Purchase new generator for CCTV truck
 9. Reline 5,000 feet of existing sanitary sewer main line using CIPP process
 10. Rehabilitate approximately 25 existing manholes (I&I issues)
11. Clean future WWTP land and secure with fencing (former Lemley property)
 12. Upgrade five pump stations with radio telemetry
 13. Replace WWTP computers per IT plan
 14. Purchase used fork lift (shared purchase with Solid Waste)
 15. Purchase a second loader (shared purchase with other Departments)
 16. Complete Biosolids Audit to become NBP Certified
 17. Replace roof on Storage shed #2
 18. Install gutters on storage sheds & generator building
 19. Replace sewers in coordination with Street & Sidewalk projects
20. Replace painted handrails on Ditch and Anoxic tank with brushed aluminum rails
 21. Continue Geotivity I&I Study; year 3
 22. Budget for unforeseen modifications and equipment upgrades at WWTP
23. Replace light poles installed in 1973; bases are breaking & beginning to fail
 24. Hire a full time GIS employee (shared City wide)
25. Purchase a steam pressure washer for cleanup of plant and collection equipment
26. Continue repairing broken and damaged side sewers in City ROW's
27. Upsize sewer lines on Township Street from Polte Road to McGarigle (Moratorium)
28. Upsize sewer lines on Township Street from McGarigle to Bassett Road (Moratorium)
29. Add additional manholes and side sewers to McGarigle Road before 2008 project
30. Add new gravity sewer line on Fruitdale Road, south of McGarigle, before 2008 project



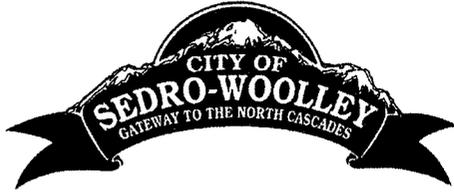
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Eron Berg
City Supervisor/City Attorney

MEMO TO: City Council
FROM: Eron Berg
RE: 2008 goals
DATE: August 8, 2007

2008 goals for the legal department include:

1. Modification of budget to reflect accurate allocation of staff time between City Supervisor and City Attorney;
2. Review and adjust professional services line item to accurately reflect need for outside counsel.



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Mike Anderson
Mayor

MEMO TO: City Council
FROM: Mike Anderson
RE: 2008 goals
DATE: August 8, 2007

2008 goals for the Executive department (Mayor and City Supervisor) include:

1. Modification of budget to reflect addition of City Supervisor function to staff;
2. Addition of 1 FTE to support the Mayor and City Supervisor, timed to fill the position in conjunction with the move to the new City Hall. This position would be located on the second floor of the building and would provide reception support as well as general administrative support.
3. Addition of a small line item to support a new program of community recognition. I am anticipating a need for approximately \$500.00 to be used to recognize City businesses and residents who are doing a good job. For example, a business with exception signage might receive a plaque from the City for spending the extra money or taking the extra time to develop a sign that helps make the City look good. Another example might be a resident who spends a bunch of time cleaning up a neighborhood or a trail.