

Committee Action:

Council Action:

3/13/2007: Nat. Res – L & M failed unanimously
3/27/2007: P & D – A, B & Q recommended for
docketing

Sponsored by: Consent
Proposed by: Planning
Introduction date: 1/30/2007

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-016

INITIATING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING AMENDMENTS

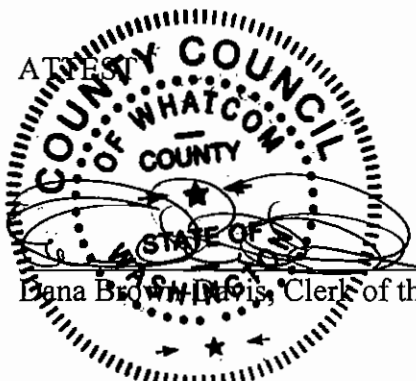
WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.130) requires that the County Council may consider amendments to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan no more frequently than once per year (with certain exceptions); and

WHEREAS, the provisions of WCC 20.10.060 indicate that Comprehensive Plan amendments are to be "initiated" for review by approval of a resolution by the County Council; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Planning and Development Services Department has forwarded a docket of proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments, along with associated zoning amendments, to the County Council for consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council hereby initiates for formal review the amendments shown on attached Exhibit A.

APPROVED this 3rd day of April 2007.


ATTEST
The seal of the Whatcom County Council is circular with a double-line border. The outer ring contains the text "COUNTY COUNCIL" at the top and "OF WHATCOM COUNTY" at the bottom. Inside the ring, there are three stars and the text "STATE OF WASHINGTON".
Dana Brown Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Carl Weimer, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Civil Deputy Prosecutor

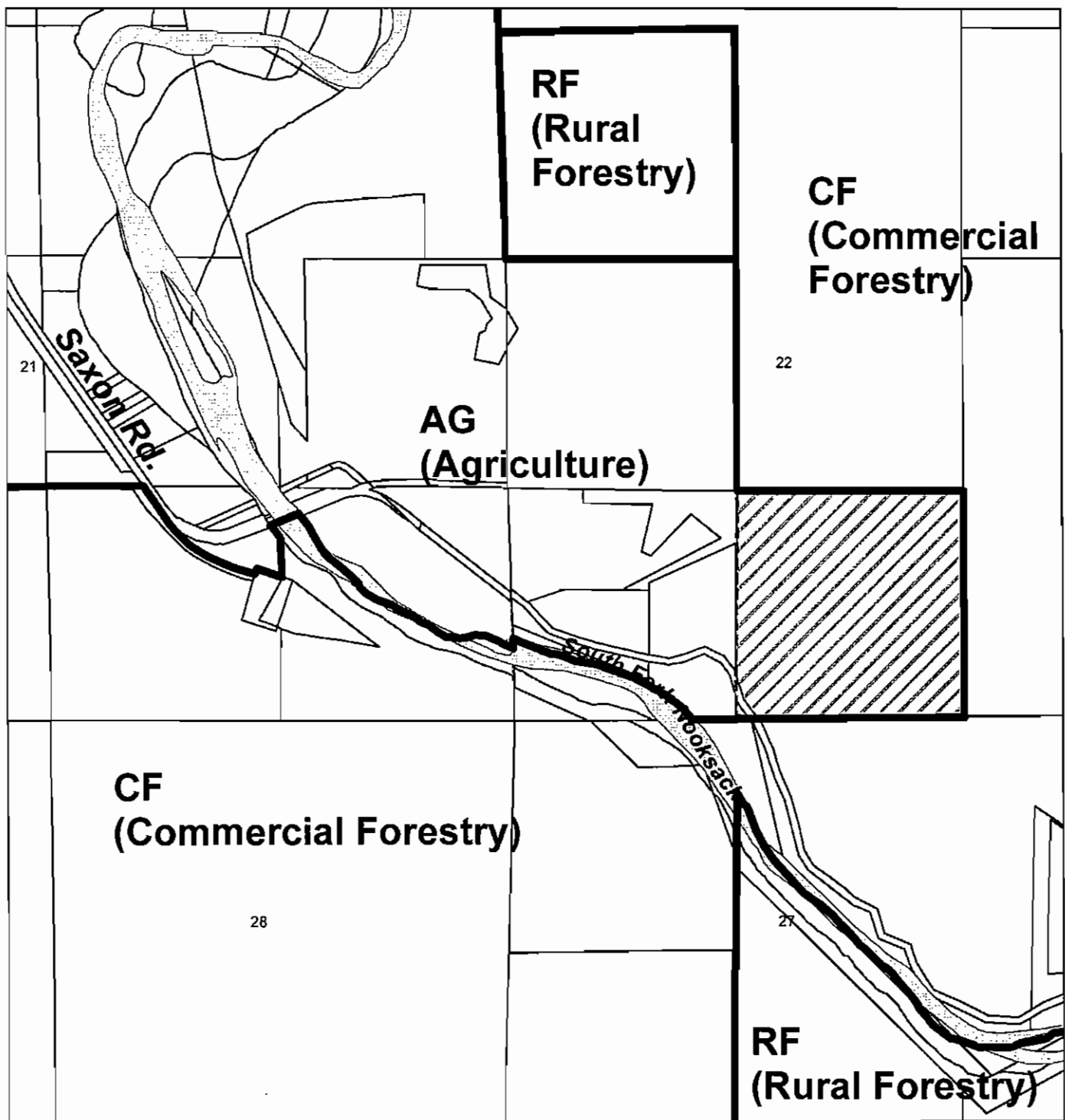
EXHIBIT A

DOCKET OF 2007 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING AMENDMENTS

Docket#	FileName	Applicant	Description	Location
2007-A	Bellingham Subarea Plan	Whatcom County/City of Bellingham	Continuation of the joint City/County review of the Urban Fringe Subarea Plan/Bellingham Urban Growth Area (UGA). The proposal includes related changes to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and Official Whatcom County Zoning Ordinance.	All of the Urban Fringe Subarea and the Bellingham UGA.
2007-B	10-Year UGA Review	Whatcom County	Review the urban growth areas (UGAs) located in Whatcom County as required by the Growth Management Act. This could, potentially, involve modifying UGA boundaries and associated zoning designations, but this will not be determined until joint review with the cities can take place.	Urban Growth Areas
2007-C	Foothills Subarea Plan	Whatcom County	Update the Foothills Subarea Plan and make related modifications to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and the Official Whatcom County Zoning Ordinance.	Foothills Subarea (it is anticipated that the subarea boundary will be expanded to include Deming)
2007-D	Birch Bay Subarea Plan	Whatcom County	Transportation element update for the subarea and County Comprehensive Plan. Birch Bay design update to the subarea and County Comprehensive Plan, if necessary.	Birch Bay

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2007-E	Parks Amendment	Whatcom County	Update the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan for consistency with the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan.	N/A
2007-F	Concurrency Management	Whatcom County	Update the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, including the Transportation, Capital Facilities, and Recreation elements, in association with the comprehensive concurrency management program. This includes, but is not limited to, special district coordination, level of service revisions, and impact fee background information.	N/A
2007-G	Comprehensive Agricultural Program Update	Whatcom County	Determine if it is appropriate to enlarge the Agricultural Comprehensive Plan and zoning designations by converting Rural designations to Agriculture designations. Amend Comprehensive Plan Map 19 and WCC 20.38 to add Whatcom-Labounty soils to the list of Agricultural Protection Overlay soils. Add cluster requirements for agricultural and rural lands. Require deed restrictions and other measures to ensure that reserve tracts and remainder parcels function as intended. Transfer of development rights and other innovative agriculture protection methods.	Agricultural and Rural lands.
2007-H	Agriculture to Rural Forestry (Saxon Rd.)	Ken and Mariann Carrasco	Amend the Comprehensive Plan map and zoning map from Agriculture to Rural Forestry for a 39.5 acre parcel.	Parcel # 370522 199054. Within the SW 1/4 of section 22, T37N, R5E, W.M. 6324 Saxon Rd.



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2007-J	Agriculture to Lynden UGA	Howard Koetje	Amend the Comprehensive Plan map from Agriculture to Lynden Urban Growth Area and amend the zoning map to create a Short Term Planning Area overlay for approximately 12 acres.	Portion of parcel # 400315 066061. Within the SW 1/4 of Section 15, T40N, R3E, W.M.
2007-O	Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services in the Birch Bay UGA	Fire District No. 13	Amend the text of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and Birch Bay Community Plan to correct inaccuracies with regard to the ability of Fire District 13 to provide urban levels of fire protection and emergency service to the Birch Bay Urban Growth Area.	The text amendments relate to the Birch Bay UGA.
2007-P	Cherry Point Pier Policy	Carl Weimer	Delete Comprehensive Plan Policy 2BB-7, which is to "Work with other agencies and industrial owners at Cherry Point to add additional docks, as necessary, that can also serve upland users, provided that the use is consistent with sound environmental practices."	The amendment relates to the Cherry Point Major/Port Industrial Urban Growth Area.
2007-Q	Lake Whatcom Amendments	Dan McShane	Amend the text of the Comprehensive Plan to recognize Lake Whatcom as the drinking water source for approximately half of Whatcom County, to recognize that the State has listed Lake Whatcom as an impaired water body, identify the causes of pollution, address the role of forestry in the watershed and make other text changes relating to Lake Whatcom. Modify Comprehensive Plan Goal 2PP to prioritize the Lake Whatcom area as an area to minimize development, repair stormwater problems, and ensure forestry practices do not negatively impact water quality.	The text amendments relate to the Lake Whatcom Watershed.



Docket #2007-H

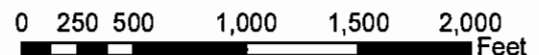
Saxon Rd.- Agriculture to Rural Forestry

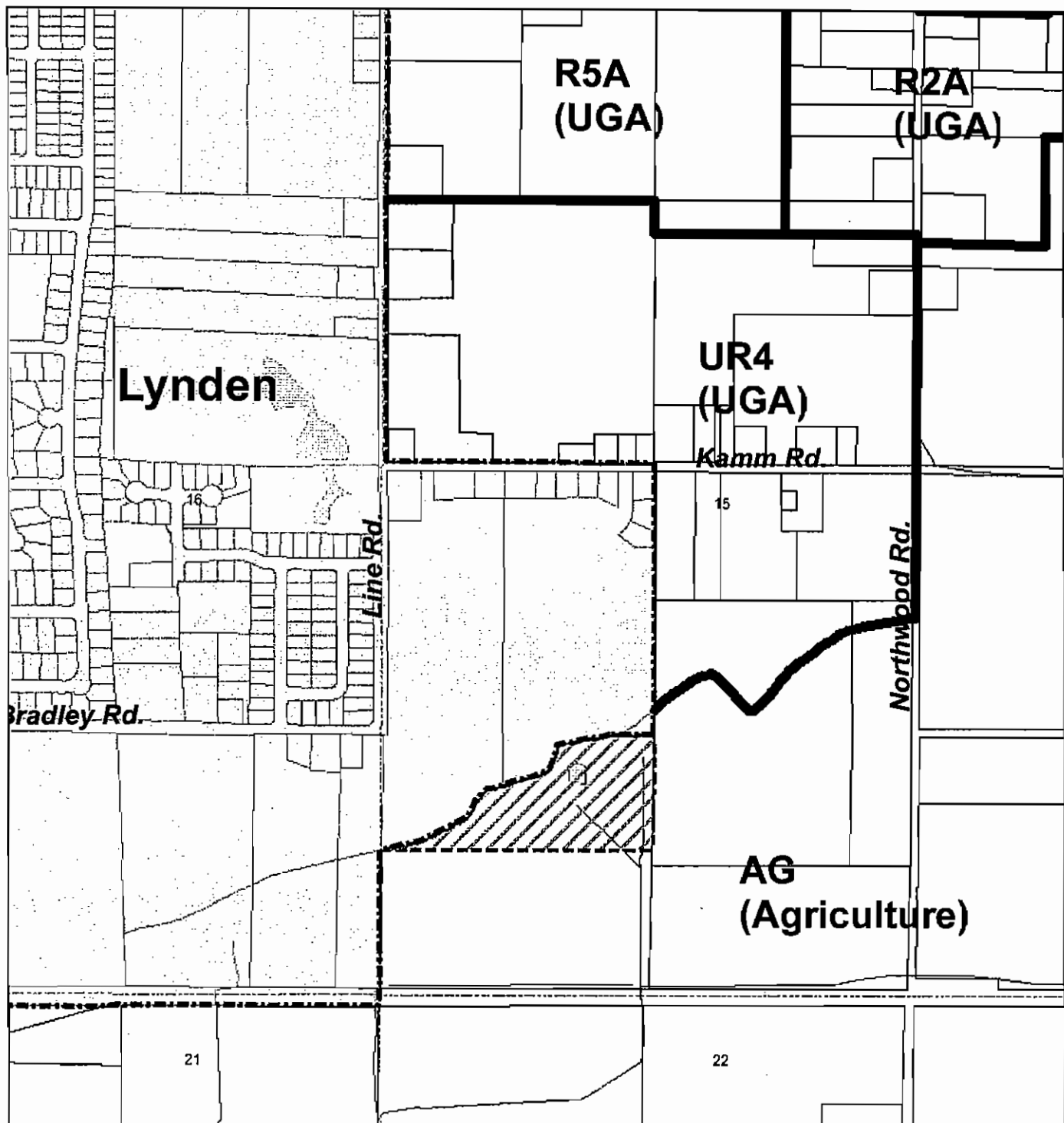
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-  Docket #2007-H Parcel
-  Current Zoning Boundary
- R5A** Current Zoning/Comprehensive Plan Designations (Rural)

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