

Peter Gill - RE: Comments on Birch Bay LID and Offsite buffer mitigation Program

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Date: 5/2/2011 8:11 AM
Subject: RE: Comments on Birch Bay LID and Offsite buffer mitigation Program

Hi Peter and Planning Commission Members,

Per our conversation, I am in Alexandria, VA working on a transportation software project and cannot be at the meeting.

I appreciate the work Whatcom County staff has put in on this project. As I expressed at the public meeting in Birch Bay, I do have a concern about mitigation funds arising from work in one area being used in another area. The below Section appears to allow just that. And, per our conversation, it would allow mitigation funds to be moved from one UGA to another UGA. As I and others expressed at the meeting, we had concerns about funds being paid in one part of the UGA and moved to another, distant part of the UGA. The language below could result in funds being moved out of the UGA entirely. This should not be allowed.

16.16.930 Area.

The HMF applies to the unincorporated areas of the Birch Bay watershed (Res. 2008-049 § 1 (Exh. A § 2)). The Cherry Point Industrial District adjacent to the watershed may utilize the Habitat Mitigation Fund with approval of the Director of Planning and Development Services.

Thank you,

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Subject: Comments on Birch Bay LID and Offsite buffer mitigation Program

This is a reminder to send me comments on the new zoning code chapter, and amendment to the Critical Areas Ordinance by the end of day.

If you would prefer to send comments directly to the Planning Commission, you have until **May 10, 2011**. (pds_planning_commission@co.whatcom.wa.us.)

And/or tell the Planing Commission what you think of the proposals at the public hearing on **May 12, at 6:30.**

Documents can downloaded here:

http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/pds/naturalresources/specialprojects/actionplan_downloads.jsp

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From: Peter Gill [mailto:pgill@co.whatcom.wa.us]
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Subject: Birch Bay LID and Mitigation Code for Public Review (view HTML)



Draft Code for Public Comment: -Low Impact Development, and -Critical Area Buffer Mitigation

Attached for your review is a Draft Low Impact Development overlay for the Birch Bay Watershed and an amendment to the Critical Areas Ordinance to establish a Habitat Mitigation Fund to offset impacts to stream buffers and wetland buffers.

Please send comments by Tuesday, April 29th to pgill@co.whatcom.wa.us.

Whatcom County Planning Commission would like to hear more from the public on the proposed changes at their meeting May 12, 2011.

For more information visit the [Action Plan Web Site](#)

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