

**BBWARM**  
**Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources Management District**  
**Advisory Committee**

March 16, 2011

The Honorable Pete Kremen, Whatcom County Executive  
Whatcom County Planning Committee

Dear Executive Kremen and Whatcom County Planning Commission:

The BBWARM Advisory Committee supports the approach put forward in the Birch Bay Watershed Action Plan as a means to improve the management of stormwater and the mitigation of buffer impacts from new development.

The Advisory Committee provides local representation for Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resource Management (BBWARM) subzone, established by the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors (County Council). The committee advises the Board of Supervisors regarding the implementation of stormwater programs and projects and works with Whatcom County Public Works to implement the stormwater management plan. The Birch Bay Comprehensive Stormwater Plan (Ch2MHill 2006) recommends the development and adoption of a LID ordinance (Section 5.2.2.7).

BBWARM's purpose is to "minimize property damage, promote and protect the public health, safety and welfare, minimize water quality degradation by preventing siltation, contamination and erosion of the waterways, protect aquifers, ensure the safety of county roads and rights-of-way, increase educational and recreational opportunities, encourage the retention of open space, and foster other beneficial public uses within the Birch Bay watershed and aquatic resource management district" (WCC 100.07.020).

We encourage the County to continue this meaningful work that will promote development consistent with our stated purpose. More specific recommendations from the Advisory Committee will be provided once the draft code changes are available for review.

Sincerely,



Don Montfort, Chairman  
BBWARM Advisory Committee

cc      Honorable Members of the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

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