

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Whatcom County Planning Commission  
**FROM:** Cathy Craver, Planner I  
**DATE:** September 8, 2006  
**RE:** September 14, 2006 Planning Commission Meeting-Urban Fringe Subarea Plan

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On August 24, 2006, the Whatcom County Planning Commission completed a straw vote on recommendations to the Bellingham Urban Growth Area zoning. This straw vote is the final piece of the first package of Whatcom County Planning Commission's recommendations to be forwarded to the County Council. The other pieces of this package include the Land Supply Analysis reflecting a 0% safety factor, and the Land Use Policies for the Subarea Plan.

The September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will begin with a public hearing on the Land Supply Analysis, Land Use Policies, the proposed UGA zoning recommendations, and the 5-Year Review Areas. After the public hearing has been closed, the Planning Commission will begin a work session on this package of recommendations, and a final vote should be taken to pass on the Planning Commission's recommendations to the County Council.

The next step for the Planning Commission is to begin reviewing the second package of recommendations, which include the remaining chapters of the Subarea Plan. These chapters include the UGA neighborhood chapters, Transportation, Parks and Open Space, Utilities, etc. Work sessions and hearings will start in the beginning of November, and will also include joint City-County meetings. It is anticipated that both City and County Planning Commissions will complete their reviews of the remaining chapters of the plan, and be prepared to forward recommendations to the City Council at the beginning of January 2007.

Attached to this memo are the UGA zoning recommendations, the Land Use Policies, and the Land Supply Analysis to be voted on.

Specific changes to the UGA zoning recommendations made during the August 24<sup>th</sup> work session are:

1. Map #7: King Mountain Planning Area- Zone 2A changed from UR6 to UR4.
2. Map #14: San Juan West Planning Area - Zone 4 changed from UR6 to UR 4-6.
3. Map #15: Samish Crest Planning Area – Zone 2 changed from URMX 6-12 to URMX 6-10.