

**WHATCOM COUNTY  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
STAFF REPORT**

**I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**File #** CMP2003-00003

**File Name:** Bellingham Urban Fringe Subarea Plan Amendments

**Applicant:** Whatcom County Planning & Development Services Department

**Public Notice:** Pursuant to RCW 36.70.590 legal notice was published in the Bellingham Herald on August 1, 2005 and a continuation of the July 28, 2005 Planning Commission work session is scheduled on Thursday, August 11, 2005.

**SEPA:** A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the plan update was jointly published by Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham on March 11, 2004, a hearing on the DEIS was held on April 21, 2004, public comments were received, and a Final EIS responding to those comments was published on July 1, 2004.

**Summary of Request:** To update the Whatcom County Urban Fringe Subarea Plan: Make the following revisions to the Urban Fringe (Bellingham) Subarea Plan and Official Whatcom County zoning map: ***(PLEASE REFER TO JULY 28, 2005 STAFF REPORT FOR SUMMARY OF REQUEST).***

**Public Hearing:**

On July 28, 2005 the Whatcom County Planning Commission held a public hearing and heard public testimony on the request outlined above. Dave Pros moved and John Lesow seconded to: *"Accept staff report except changing the densities to four to six dwellings per acre throughout the UGAs of Bakerview and Yew Street."* Pros then requested to table the motion until the August 11, 2005 work session.

**II. RECOMMENDATIONS**

***(PLEASE REFER TO JULY 28, 2005 STAFF REPORT FOR RECOMMENDATIONS).***

**EXHIBITS**

**EXHIBIT 1:** Additional public comments received at and since the July 28, 2005 public hearing.