

Planning and Development Services

2009 Accomplishments/Achievements

Successes and Celebrations



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Objectives

- Highlight and Reflect on a Number of 2009 Accomplishments/Achievements
 - Not listed in any order of importance, except first one

- Many Participant's – Too Many to Individually Name
 - County Commissioners
 - Planning Commission
 - Planning and Development Services
 - Other County Departments
 - Various Committees/Boards
 - Agencies with Jurisdiction
 - Interested Parties
 - The Public

2009 Accomplishments/Achievements

1. Growth Management Act (GMA) Compliance
 - Bayview Ridge Subarea/Urban Growth Area

2009 Accomplishments/Achievements

2. Alternative Futures

- Develop and Evaluate Alternative Development Scenarios for Skagit Valley through 2060
- Steering Committee & Technical Committee

2009 Accomplishments/Achievements

3. 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPA)
 - 3 individual property-owner requests for map amendments; 2 approved, 1 denied

2009 Accomplishments/Achievements

- 4. 2009 Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) Docket
 - Denied 2 citizen submitted amendment petitions
 - Approved for processing:
 - Guemes Island Subarea Plan
 - RV Park/Master Planned Resort standards

2009 Accomplishments/Achievements

5. Sanfi Acres Comprehensive Plan Amendment Remand
 - GMA appeal
 - Stipulated agreement
 - Retained 1,120 acres of Industrial Forest-Natural Resource Land

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6. Urban Growth Area (UGA) Open Space Concept Plan
 - Identifies and prioritizes open space corridors and greenbelts within and between UGAs that include lands useful for recreation, wildlife habitat, trails, and connection of critical areas

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- 7. 119 Miscellaneous Code Amendments
 - An Update to Skagit County Code Title 14

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8. Appointment of 4 New Planning Commission Members
 - 4 new members join 5 existing members

2009 Accomplishments/Achievements

9. Planning Commission By-Laws Update

- Planning Commission established in 1961
- By-laws most recently amended in 2001

2009 Accomplishments/Achievements

10. National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Interim Regulations

- Skagit County Public Works, lead agency
- Management of municipal surface water runoff and enhancement/protection of regional water quality
- Municipal stormwater as a point source of pollution must be regulated

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11. Planning Commission Skagit County Website Update

- Meeting agendas, schedule, documents posted
- Available 24/7
- www.skagitcounty.net

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12. Skagit County Code Available on Code Publishing Website

- Codification of the general ordinances of Skagit County
- Available 24/7
- www.skagitcounty.net

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13. Standard Format for Administrative Actions: Decisions, Variances, Preliminary Plat Approval, Legal Notices, Shoreline Exemptions, Administrative Special Uses and Others

- Create clear, concise documents based on standard operating procedures and formats

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14. Code Compliance Reorganization

- Fair, Firm and Consistent Application of Skagit County Code
- Fewer resources, optimized procedures, to gain greater efficiencies

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15. Department Relocation to Continental Building

- Temporary location at College Way
- Long weekend move

2009 Accomplishments/Achievements

16. Administrative Official Interpretation Regarding the Siting of Residential Structures as an Accessory Use in the Ag-NRL

- Clarify and Implement Skagit County Code, Title 14, Chapter 14.16.400
- Reduce potential conflicts between non-agricultural structures and agricultural operations

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17. Sierra Pacific Binding Site Plan

- Allowed industrial lots to be created at Bayview Ridge based on urban infrastructure

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18. Fire District Facility Permitting

- Processed Fire Districts Emergency Facility

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19. Farm Power Rexville Permitting

- Construction of an anaerobic digester facility to process cow manure, extract methane gas and burn it to create electricity. The electricity is fed into the local power grid.

2009 Accomplishments/Achievements

20. Kennel Operations (8) Processed Under New Skagit County Code Regulations

- Hearing Examiner review and decision on 8 pre-existing, grandfathered kennel operations
- Assurance that kennel operations satisfy humane treatment of animal standards, operational requirements, and monitoring and enforcement provisions

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21. Skagit County Critical Areas Regulations Training Sessions, Updated Forms, and Public Information Provided
 - Staff training; public assistance

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22. Federal Emergency Management Agency Community Audit, Community Rating System

- DOE Community Assistance Visit held
- Review of floodplain management and permits
- Class 4 rating NFIP Community Rating System, a rating placing the County among the six highest rankings in the nation

2009 Accomplishments/Achievements

23. Skagit Instream Flow Rule Accounting of Permit and Land Division Activities

- Instream flow rule adopted for the Skagit River and its tributaries
- Annual monitoring and report of reservation water usage
- Maintain adequate flow levels in streams for fish, navigation, recreation, and aesthetic values

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24. Edison Sub Area Large Septic System Administrative Management and Program Oversight

- Program management of the community's large on-site sewage system

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25. Department of Ecology Grant (\$650,000)
Announcement for Shoreline Master Program Update
- State announcement that grant will be provided to Skagit County to update its Shoreline Master Program to be consistent with new guidelines

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26. Department of Ecology Grant (\$33,700) Announcement for Samish Watershed Fecal Coliform Bacteria TMDL Implementation

- Provide outreach and communication about water quality in the Samish River basin
- Provide technical assistance
- Provide code compliance investigations

2009 Accomplishments/Achievements

27. Department of Ecology & Environmental Protection Agency Loan (\$2,000,000) Approval for On-site Septic Repair and Replacement Revolving Fund Program
- Provides low interest loans to homeowners whose septic systems have failed and need to be repaired or replaced

