

Feedback Card

2016 Comp Plan Update

October 8, 2015

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We want your feedback on the Comprehensive Plan Update.

1. In relation to concerns raised about preserving farmland, viability of farms, similar concerns: the County should adopt goals and policies that support Skagit agriculture and the farm economy. Specifically, create County govt purchasing guidelines so that a % of Skagit-grown and processed foods must be included when food is purchased.
2. Of concern: Safety of rail traffic in relation to petroleum products (potentially hazardous, life-threatening) - I would like Skagit Co. to take a stand and LIMIT the amount of rail traffic permitted.

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Your Name: Lindy Farthing

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Greatly appreciate the opportunity to both listen & speak! Kudos to Commissioners Wesen and Janicki for making the time to drive all the way up to Concrete! Big thank yous as well to the Planning Dept and the Planning Commission members! Really appreciate the hard work all of you ~~that~~ apply to some really difficult issues!

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- GOOD SESSION
- OPEN TO ALL COMMENTS
- VERY LOW ATTENDANCE BY THE PUBLIC
- APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT
- WILL BE INTERESTED IN FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY

To: Kirk Johnson, Skagit County Planning

From: Barb Trask, Birdsvie

Re: Response to your questions on the Skagit County 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update

I value the extensive open spaces in rural Skagit County — it is a beautiful blend of natural habitats, working farms, and forestland.

I value our proximity to recreation, viewable wildlife, and diverse habitats from the mountains to the Salish Sea.

I value the opportunity to live in a place where humans can share the land and waters with sustainable numbers of wildlife, large and small.

I am concerned that development will be allowed to chip away at contiguous, connected areas of undeveloped land (open space, parks, forests, and wildlife-friendly farms and yards). Instead, our plans should create and maintain many broad wildlife corridors from the valley floor to upland areas.

I am concerned that the opinions of a small, vocal group of farmers who wish to exclude wildlife from agricultural areas will be allowed to dominate plans for the valley. Instead, the county should become a showcase for wildlife-friendly farming and forestry. Doing so will attract residents who will help preserve the beauty and quality of life in rural Skagit County, tourists, and businesses that can respond to the increasing demand from customers for food and goods produced in ways that are good for the environment, for wildlife and for them.

I am concerned that county officials, who have such a key role in stewarding the county's assets for future generations, will too readily cave in to big oil and coal companies. We should be extremely vigilant to safeguard the health, safety and quality of life of the people of Skagit County and our natural resources. I applaud the hearing examiner's decision to call for an EIS of Shell's oil-by-rail proposal.

I hope that the process of updating the Comprehensive plan will emphasize the goal of conserve and protect our natural resources. Protecting land, water and wildlife will benefit the people in Skagit County: our economy, our health, and our enjoyment. And, it is our collective responsibility to do so for future generations.