

Yellow Pad Comments, Fidalgo Island Community Meeting, 09/22/15

- How do today's comments become part of the 2016 Update process?
- Issues particular to Islands
 - No CaRDs
 - 14.24.320 Category I aquifer
 - Island aquifers are different
- This (the 2015 Comp Plan Amendment cycle) is the first time the County solicited policy and code amendments from the public
- All of the different amendments moving forward are confusing
 - The Planning Commission just heard the 2014 Comp Plan Amendments (CPAs)
 - The County recently closed the 2015 CPA submittals
 - And now we're working on the 2016 Update
- What is the process for Island specific planning?
 - Rural Reserve-area residents are different than in the city
 - Drainage & watershed plans for Fidalgo, source of water and where it goes
 - A drainage plan was done in 1970
 - Island topography surrounded by saltwater
 - Different than flat farmland
- Invite people to participate that the plan would affect the most, that have an economic stake
- Restart the subarea planning process
- What are the numbers for rural areas for growth & population allocations
- Want to see the numbers on how many building permits are being issued in the rural area, and on Fidalgo Island
- Moratoriums are not illegal under GMA, can look at options
- Delineate city limits and rural areas more clearly
- Some areas are not suitable for building, but want County residents to be able to build – not have city(ies) dictate where growth goes
- Want the plan is aspirational & enforceable
- Control actions of County so plan is implementable
- GMA doesn't seem to be working
- The South Fidalgo rural area is more desirable than Sedro-Woolley or Concrete, therefore more growth is occurring here. We need our own plan
- Should ADU's be allowed?
- Transit service in rural areas is important, especially for elderly residents
- Community planning should be driven by citizen advisory committees