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Public Involvement

From the start of the GMA era, the County embraced the GMA requirement for “early and continuous” public involvement. This included a wide-ranging visioning process, creation of citizens’ advisory committees for the key plan elements, newsletters and media articles, videotapes, and presentations and briefings to community and interest groups. Since the Plan was first adopted, the County has used the Planning Commission as the primary focus for public outreach and communication. Community planning processes for Bayview Ridge, ~~and~~ South Fidalgo Island, and Alger involve appointed advisory committees. The County has recognized the Guemes Island Planning Advisory Committee (GIPAC) as the community-based representative for subarea planning for Guemes Island. Natural resource advice is provided in part by the Agricultural Advisory Board and the Forest Advisory Board. Other advisory committees have worked on such issues as mineral resource lands and Master Planned Resorts.

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- 12A-4.1 Develop a long-term schedule for conducting community plans for the various Rural Villages designated in this Comprehensive Plan, and for other local areas of more detailed planning as identified herein. Community plans have been completed or are underway for the Bayview Ridge Urban Growth Area, South Fidalgo Island, Alger, and Guemes Island. The following additional areas and issues have been identified for future community planning, although no specific timing or order of priority has been established:

The remainder of the policy remains unchanged.