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Subject: Draft Bayview Ridge Subarea Plan, Draft Development Standards, and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

Skagit County and its consultant, Reid Middleton, with assistance from the City of Burlington, Port of Skagit County and a citizen advisory committee, has produced a draft Subarea Plan, proposed Development Standards, and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement which provides for managed growth at Bayview Ridge.

The Bayview Ridge Subarea is a 4011-acre area, which includes a 3,633-acre "non-municipal urban growth area," is generally described as located approximately half way between the metropolitan areas of Seattle, WA and Vancouver, B.C., is located within in the Skagit Valley, and is about one mile west of the City of Burlington and 1 ½ miles northwest of the City of Mount Vernon, WA.

The Bayview Ridge Subarea Plan, Development Standards and Draft Environmental Impact Statement have been developed consistent with the provisions of the Growth Management Act (GMA), the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, the Unified Development Code, and in part to respond to outstanding GMA compliance issues and orders from the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board in Case No. 97-2-0060c.

Your review and comments concerning these documents are important to ensure that Skagit County is addressing all the possible impacts and issues related to the Bayview Ridge Subarea, UGA and development standards. A Public Hearing is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 20, 2003 in Hearing Room B and C, County Administrative Building, 700 South Second Street, Mount Vernon, WA. The comment period will continue until May 30, 2003.

I would like to thank everyone that has followed and commented on this issue over the years and am confident that the options and approaches the County is considering in these documents, once adopted, will result in a community-supported, long-term plan for Bayview Ridge.

Sincerely,

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