Skagit TDR Advisory Committee

1:30 - 3:30 pm, Thursday, January 9, 2014

Crane Room (2nd Floor), County Commissioners' Administration Building 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon

Meeting focus:

- Options for structuring a TDR or Density Fee program
- Level of County administrative involvement
- What structure would best serve the County's and Burlington's conservation and development goals, including:
 - Complementing the Farmland Legacy Program and Burlington Ag Heritage Credit Program

Agenda

1:30 Welcome, agenda review

1:35 Overview: TDR Program Options – Kirk Johnson and Nick Bratton

Transaction mechanisms

- Traditional buyer-seller program (like Mount Vernon's)
- Density fee program (like Burlington Ag Heritage)
- A combination of the two

TDR bank

- Function of a TDR bank and role in the TDR marketplace
- Elements of creating a TDR bank
- Advantages and disadvantages or costs

Level of County participation in the private TDR market

- Low (recording transfers and tracking activity)
- Moderate (promoting program use and providing support to participants)
- High (active involvement in transactions)

2:10 Committee Discussion: Which program structure(s) makes the most sense for Skagit County

- What would best complement existing programs including Farmland Legacy and Burlington Ag Heritage?
- What will be:
 - Most understandable and acceptable to the general public?
 - Most likely to be used by sending and receiving area landowners?
 - Most effective for the County to administer?

3:20 Public Comment

3:30 Adjourn