

DRAINAGE & FLOOD ORDINANCES



Ordinance Revisions

Skagit County recently revised its drainage ordinance in view of increased regulatory requirements. The three major changes in the new ordinance are: 1) adoption of the Washington Department of Ecology Stormwater Manual, 2) increased on-site detention requirements, 3) more stringent clearing and grading standards. These new requirements will cause stormwater to leave the site at a slower rate, allowing time for sediment and contaminants to filter out, thereby reducing impacts to the receiving waters and their salmonid inhabitants.

Skagit County also revised its flood ordinance to increase protection to private property after the 1990 and 1995 flood events, both of which were declared federal disasters by the President.

Benefits

- Decreased volume of stormwater runoff during peak events.
- Improved water quality through erosion and sedimentation requirements.
- Decreased sedimentation in adjacent streams resulting from more stringent grading requirements.
- Decreased damage to private property and public facilities.



Higgins Airport Way Drainage Basin

Watershed

Skagit River (WRIA 02 and 04)

Cost

Two full time employees annually to implement
Increase of 5% in building costs to comply

Revenue

Skagit County General Fund
Development Fees
Developers

Partners

Skagit County
Development Community



Conway School Drainage Basin