

Exhibit E - Public Comment Summary Matrix & Compiled Public Comments

Skagit County 2025 Agritourism - Public Comment Summary Matrix

Disclaimer: Skagit County has reviewed all public comments submitted regarding the proposed Agritourism code amendments. The table below provides a high-level summary of the comments received and includes additional context and explanations to help inform the Planning Commission as they evaluate comments and make a recommendation to the Skagit County Board of County Commissioners. This summary is provided for informational purposes only and does not represent final decisions or policy actions.

Comment #	Comment Summary	Response
1	Recommends definitions for the words “recreation” and “enjoyment” so that agritourism activities won’t evolve into an event or music venue.	SCC 14.13.100(2)(d) proposes prohibiting regularly occurring celebratory gatherings, weddings, parties, or similar uses that cause the property to act as an a limited event venue or event venue.
1	Concerns that people may park their cars in the right-of-way.	SCC 14.18.407(3)(a)(vi) prohibits parking in the right-of-way and requires that proposed parking plans meet all the parking requirements in Skagit County Code.
1	Question asking what steps can be taken to ensure that the \$500 revenue per acre is presented in accordance with generally accepted financial practices.	Farmers interested in hosting agritourism activities will be required to demonstrate that the farm has generated an average gross income of at least \$500 per year over the previous three years. Farm income can be evidenced by IRS federal form Schedule F line 2 or line 37, a sworn affidavit or declaration, or some other means that can be verified by the director.
1, 18	Concerns that some farmers may advertise an Agritourism event and attendance may exceed the limits established in code or in permit conditions.	PDS is proposing a three-tier system for Agritourism activities. Agritourism operators that anticipate holding agritourism events without a guest limit should apply for a Hearing Examiner Special Use permit for an Agritourism 3 use. Agritourism 3 uses do not have guest limits and is not limited by days of operation, but may be conditioned based on potential impacts.
1	Question asking how traffic impacts from Agritourism activities will be addressed.	Agritourism uses must demonstrate concurrency with the County road segment and road intersection level of service standards in SCC 14.62.060. State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) mitigating conditions can also address traffic impacts when needed.

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2	Concerns that the proposed amendments fail to address non-commercial activities on farmlands.	The proposed agritourism code addresses both commercial and non-commercial agritourism activities. The proposed Agritourism amendments and SCC 9.08 are not intended to capture private events.
2, 8	Comments suggesting that SCC 9.08 – Outdoor Public Musical Entertainments, Amusements, should be updated with more clarity that specifies what kind of events are allowed.	Skagit County PDS is planning to update SCC 9.08 in a future update.
2	Concern that proposed Agritourism code creates ambiguity about the number of days allowed for Tulip Festival activities.	<p>The proposed amendments do not require farms to officially register with the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival to qualify for extended operating periods. Between March 15 and May 15, activities that are associated with the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival may run for 30 consecutive-days in addition to the allowed days specified below for Agritourism 1, 2, and 3.</p> <p>Farms that would like extended operating periods that are not associated with the Skagit County Tulip Festival may apply for a Hearing Examiner Special Use permit for an Agritourism 3 use, which does limit the number of days, as conditioned by the permit.</p> <p>The intent of the language is to allow flexibility for those operators that would like to participate in the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival. The draft code does not provide endorsement, limitations, or guidance on the operation of the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival.</p>
3, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 19	Comments raising concerns that proposed amendments are too restrictive and should allow more tourism uses, such as wedding venues, in order to bring more profit to farms.	Natural Resource Lands are protected under the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) and Skagit County’s Comprehensive Plan. Limiting Agritourism activities to those directly related to farming, preventing the conversion of farmland, and establishing regulations to minimize impacts on adjacent farms are intended to maintain consistency with the GMA and the County’s Comprehensive Plan. The County is proposing to allow limited event venues in zones outside of those designated as Natural Resource Lands.

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4, 16	Comments regarding how the County will enforce Agritourism code requirements and permit conditions.	<p>Skagit County retains the authority to perform ongoing monitoring and evaluation of compliance with established conditions of approval per SCC 14.18.407. Agritourism special use permits are subject to SCC 14.51.070 and can be revoked if applicant fails to meet conditions of the special use permit, including compliance with any requirement set forth in SCC 14.18.407.</p> <p>Skagit County also has a code enforcement team which investigates code compliance complaints including any Agritourism Special Use Permit violations.</p>
4	Question asking how Agritourism uses affect neighboring farmers?	The proposed limitations on Agritourism uses and performance standards (SCC 14.18.407(3)(a)) are intended to mitigate impacts from lighting, noise, traffic, and explicitly states that Agritourism activities cannot unduly interfere with surrounding farming operations and practices.
7, 13	Comments concerned that the proposed three-tier system (Agritourism 1-3) appear to be arbitrary numerical thresholds.	<p>The guest limits and maximum days allowed for each Agritourism type were chosen with the following reasoning:</p> <p>Agritourism 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 50-person limit is consistent with the occupant load for small assembly spaces in the International Building Code (IBC) 303.1.2. • The 10-day limit allows for some small Agritourism activities without going through the Special Use Permitting process. <p>Agritourism 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 100-person limit is double that of Agritourism 1 and is the occupant limit for several Assembly groups in the IBC. • 24 days is the current limit for Temporary Events (Limited Event Venues).

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		<p>Agritourism 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limits for Agritourism 3 uses may be established as permit conditions based on the anticipated impacts of the proposed activity. Depending on the specific project proposal, a Hearing Examiner Special Use Permit may authorize a greater number of event days and guests than would allowed under an Agritourism 1 and 2 use.
7	Concerns that the proposed amendments eliminate economically viable use of agricultural property without serving compelling public interests.	<p>The purpose of the Agricultural—Natural Resource Lands district is to provide land for continued farming activities, conserve agricultural land, and reaffirm agricultural use, activities and operations as the primary use of the district. Nonagricultural uses are allowed only as accessory uses to the primary use of the land for agricultural purposes.</p> <p>The intent of the proposed code is to allow Agritourism activities on ongoing farms as long as they do not result in the permanent conversion of farmland, result in the interference of surrounding farm operations, and do not result in other impacts listed in SCC 14.18.407(3)(a).</p> <p>The proposed amendments do prohibit regularly occurring celebratory gatherings, weddings, parties, or similar uses that cause the property to act as an a limited event venue or event venue and restaurants as those uses do not related directly to agriculture.</p>
7	Concern that the amendments require farms to officially register with the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival to qualify for extended operating periods during March 15-May 15.	<p>The proposed amendments do not require farms to officially register with the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival to qualify for extended operating periods. Between March 15 and May 15, activities that are associated with the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival may run for 30 consecutive-days in addition to the allowed days specified below for Agritourism 1, 2, and 3.</p> <p>Farms that would like extended operating periods that are not associated with the Skagit County Tulip Festival may apply for a Hearing Examiner Special Use permit for an Agritourism 3 use, which does limits the number of days, as conditioned by the permit. The draft code does</p>

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		not provide endorsement, limitations, or guidance on the operation of the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival.
7	Miscellaneous suggested amendments by commenter.	Staff developed the proposed amendments by reviewing recommendations from the Agritourism Community Advisory Group and the Agricultural Advisory Board and reviewed the amendments for consistency with the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, Washington State Growth Management Act, and applicable Growth Management Hearings Board cases.
13, 17	Comments suggesting broadening the Agritourism definition to cover operators and activities on leased agricultural land.	The proposed code amendments do not prohibit Agritourism activities on leased agricultural land, provided the agricultural operator is conducting the Agritourism operation.
13	Comment advocating for allowance of seasonal use of barns or farm structures for Agritourism activities.	Barns and farm structures would be allowed for hosting Agritourism activities. Depending on the use and occupancy levels, upgrades may be required to meet building and fire code requirements.
14, 16	Comments concerned about allowing Agritourism activities in rural and natural resource lands and whether the proposed amendments are consistent with the Growth Management Act and the King Co, et. Al. v. Friends of Sammamish Valley State Supreme Court case.	Staff developed the proposed amendments by reviewing recommendations from the Agritourism Community Advisory Group and the Agricultural Advisory Board and reviewed the amendments for consistency with the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, Washington State Growth Management Act, and applicable Growth Management Hearings Board cases.
15	Concerns that the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental review was inadequate, specifically regarding water resources, critical areas, designated fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, and the protection of ESA-listed species.	SCC 14.24 – Critical Areas Ordinance and SCC Title 12 – Health, Welfare, and Sanitation address and mitigate potential impacts to water resources, critical areas, designated fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, and the protection of ESA-listed species, which was addressed in the SEPA Environmental Checklist.

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17	Concerns that the proposed three-tier system (Agritourism 1-3) may be overly restrictive.	<p>The three-tier system requires different levels of permitting depending on the number of guests or days needed to accommodate the agritourism activities.</p> <p>Limits for Agritourism 3 uses may be established as permit conditions based on the anticipated impacts of the proposed activity. Depending on the specific project proposal, a Hearing Examiner Special Use Permit may authorize a greater number of event days and guests than would allowed under an Agritourism 1 and 2 use.</p>
18	Concerns that granting Agritourism operators an additional 30 days to host activities associated with the Tulip Festival could lead to inequities.	<p>Between March 15 and May 15, activities that are associated with the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival may run for 30 consecutive-days in addition to the allowed days specified below for Agritourism 1, 2, and 3.</p> <p>Farms that would like extended operating periods that are not associated with the Skagit County Tulip Festival may apply for a Hearing Examiner Special Use permit for an Agritourism 3 use, which does limits the number of days, as conditioned by the permit.</p>
Comments in Support of Existing Agritourism Business	Multiple comments were received in support of one ongoing Agritourism business.	This business is pursuing compliance through a Voluntary Compliance Agreement with Skagit County.



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Public Comments on 09/23/2025 Draft Agritourism Code Amendments

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Subject: Agritourism Comments

Please accept these comments as an attempt to clarify your existing hard work.

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Sept 27, 2025

RE: Comments on Agritourism

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Municipal UGA zones

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(b) Please consider including the actual RCW 46.61.560 as a legitimate support of your parking regulations. It can be enforceable and act as a deterrent.

14.18.407

The word **recreation** can and will probably be misconstrued. The word **enjoyment** can be misconstrued.

Please consider definitions so that the words recreation and enjoyment won't morph into something like a rock concert (we just have some friends coming in from out of state and you can buy their CD's) (just a friendly get together to play music) (the cover charge will be \$150.00 and songs about farm workers will be sung)(or road bike rally (just some friends coming in from out of state to see who can get through the course the fastest) (they will only be camping out for one night). Set a parameter around the words so that they can be clearly understood. While the first example definitions may seem extreme to you, I have personal experience with an issue of this sort.

While your chart is pretty clear as to how many attendees there can be, it can be construed that no more than 50 or 100 people can be on a premises at any given time. (1) Can one ongoing event be held as ticketed and timed? (2) Can one event count ingress and egress of customers so as to invite hundreds per event as long as no more than 50 to 100 persons are on site at any given time? Clarification of this point would be helpful.

Parking is cited. My personal experience with a neighbor was that parking was located off property a few hundred feet down the road and a shuttle bus was provided. The party was on a 2.3-acre parcel. Less than one acre was actually utilized. Three hundred and fifty people were accommodated. People were parked on the paved county right of way which created a one single lane of pedestrian and vehicle traffic. Reiterate the RCW 46.61.560. The County Right-of-way is not just the paved part. It is the whole width of the right -of -way. In my experience Public Works has taken it upon itself to reinvent property rights. State law is the law. The right of way includes the unpaved run-away portion for foot and bicycle usage for protection and prevention of accidents.

With the aforementioned neighbor, the problem was as follows: (1) There was no water on site The wells are rain dependent and go dry in summer. (2) There was no bathroom facility. (3) People were able to walk to their cars while drinking alcohol which created a traffic hazard. (I was not happy to pick up the feminine hygiene products, or the feces covered underwear to name a few issues). People parked their cars on the County Right of Way. (RCW 46.61.560)

What steps can be taken to ensure that the \$500 revenue per acre is presented in accordance with generally accepted financial practices.

Given the online capabilities for advertising available venues for entertainment and recreation, these properties will become very lucrative.

Venues for large capacity parties are a hot issue and have grown exponentially. I understand Yakima is proposing only one of five acres can be used for agritourism (marginal ag lands). Perhaps you can come up with a capacity to acreage ratio. Venues could be broken down case by case to make the maximum usage out of the proposed sites. It doesn't have to be overly controlling or onerous to help property owners. Latitude can help to mitigate the "It's our property we have a right to do with it as we want" crowd. There are plenty of those people to go around. Some call it the "me first group". Keep in mind that all the owner has to do is mention crops to qualify as an event for agritourism.

I'm certain better minds than mine will prevail in this matter. I will never forget the sound of the young boy who was pushed off the platform of the high dive at Franklyn Pool in Yakima. SPLAT!!! I was working there at the time, as a soon to be young sophomore in high school.

One- one thousand two one thousand. That is the count in seconds as to how long it takes to react and respond, to call an ambulance and clear the pool. Proximity to medical services and housing density around the sites could also be a factor.

It would be helpful if you could come up with (include) some guidelines for the Hearings examiner that are germane to venues that are surrounded by NRL's. Forest land is exceptionally vulnerable to fire. Mine included.

If you give people an inch, they will abuse this proposal for agritourism as it stands. For those without a conscience or desire to protect their neighbors it won't take that much.

In conclusion, thank you for reading this. It is never easy to please everyone. I am not a NIMBY.

I do however, like to have a reasonable idea of what to expect when driving out of my driveway. It is a matter of convenience to have a heads up for the amount of time it will take me to head out for appointments. Will I be looking at a steady stream of cars or just regular neighborhood traffic? In addition, will I have to increase my property insurance because someone is trespassing and causes fire or vandalism damage? My experience is the "Oh look, we can go across the road and party at the creek and waterfall." What a horror for adjacent land owners.

Just saying!

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth Aven

Skagit NRL property owner since 1976

Skagit County Planning Commission

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October 10, 2025

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Re: Proposed agritourism code amendments

Dear Skagit County Planning Commissioners,

This letter addresses three issues related to the proposed amendments to Skagit County Code involving agritourism. Comments here are not intended to challenge input from the Department of Planning and Development Services, the Community Advisory Committee, or the Agricultural Advisory Board. Rather, the following identifies concerns about the proposal that allow for unnecessary ambiguity or which leave gaps that could be closed through minor but important refinements.

Casual, non-commercial agritourism activities

The proposed amendments to Skagit County Code regarding agritourism fail to address non-commercial activities on farmlands. Improvements in the proposal would provide for activities not

specifically identified in the code language – namely casual activities that meet the definition of agritourism but should not be captured by the rigors of the permitting regimen.

Truly non-commercial activities may involve casual, personal, family, farm, events that occur once or irregularly and infrequently in a year. Under the PDS proposal such casual events exceeding 50 people fall into the Agritourism permitting scheme requiring approval under the proposed Agritourism 1 or 2 categories – Special Use Permit or Hearing Examiner review.

The events envisioned would include family gatherings or reunions, family celebrations like birthdays or memorials, agricultural educational events, farm tours, school and student visits, church picnics, veteran gatherings and class reunions, among others. Some personal events may allow for only a short planning horizon.

Non-commercial means no money is exchanged, no tickets are sold, no bartered trading, no sponsorships, no advertising, no promotions, no professional production agents, no sales of goods or memberships, no donations. No money!

A firm, non-commercial test would nearly eliminate regular recurring activities because a rigorous standard would strip incentive for remuneration to the farm, farmer, or operator, i.e. financial gain.

It should not be the intent of the agricultural community or the citizenry to tightly prohibit all activity that invites people onto agricultural properties and thereby subject reasonable, enjoyable, educational, or purely personal participation in rural places to the permitting process.

Specific code language is necessary because the envisioned casual activities have no place in code at all, and also not in the proposal. Only animal or horticultural viewing would escape the agritourism categories 1,2, or 3. Presuming the proposed code somehow allows for a church picnic or an end-of-school party puts the farmer/owner/operator in a delicate position of “pretending” that any such activity involves viewing farm animals or plants, when, fairly, it does not. A dark vision might imagine a disgruntled party challenging a farmer during an activity by calling for a code enforcement officer or the sheriff. The non-commercial test is objective, simple and enforceable.

Several possible code modifications might address the opening for purely non-commercial activity on Ag-NRL lands:

- 1) Simply add the word “non-commercial” to the definition of agritourism in the first line.
- 2) Add to the “Generally” section a specific item where such non-commercial activities would be permitted.
- 3) Add a fourth category of agritourism that has its own definition of non-commercial activities with specific and reasonable limits (size, scope, frequency) along with animal or horticultural viewing.

While it is understood that some contrary interpretation of non-commercial permitting may generate abuses, the potential for such ill-intended possibilities does not sufficiently outweigh the civic value of allowing casual, not-for-money, irregular personal activities in rural places, even Ag-NRL ones.

SCC Chapter 9.08 Outdoor Public Musical Entertainments, Amusements, and Assemblies

It has been suggested by Planning and Development Services that this existing section of code, 9.08, may suffice as a vehicle for a range of activities not otherwise addressed in proposed agritourism code amendments. Chapter 9.08 is deficient as a pathway for many certain and important kinds of agritourism events or activities that may reasonably be contemplated for the Ag-NRL or other NRL zones but which do not fit within the 14.18.407 Agritourism proposal. Specifically, non-commercial, casual, irregular personal activities simply could not reasonably pass the constraints of 9.08.

Section 9.08 is clearly intended as a pathway for large or very large events with long planning horizons and sufficient funding to meet the procedural requirements embedded in the code. For example, 9.08 applications are made directly to the Board of County Commissioners, must be made [at least] 90 days in advance, plans must be specific, facilities must be available for inspection by the approving agency (BoCC?), \$25,000 cash or bond is required, the applicant shall be investigated by the sheriff, photographs and fingerprints are to be submitted, and a complete personal history over ten years is required, among other conditions. And, all of this applies for events “...of [no] more than one (1) day’s duration,” under 9.08. Variances are allowed, but a public hearing is triggered with public notices and other attendant procedures.

In short, 9.08 simply cannot provide a pathway for any other than the largest of commercial events.

Amendments to 9.08 have not yet been proposed so as to make it more suitable for casual gatherings. Nor does 9.08 appear to be a plausible starting point to make it into something other than support for the

biggest of musical entertainments or very large, choreographed assemblies.

Thus, a range of likely future casual activities (many of which are known to take place irregularly by farmers) remain stranded in a void in the code. Casual, infrequent or once-only, non-commercial, parcel-owner activities with more than 50 guests must pursue Agritourism 2 or 3 pathways to approval. That means Special Use Permits with PDS processing or Hearing Examiner evaluations are necessary for graduation parties, church picnics, family reunions, and the like.

Now is the time to close an obvious and important gap in proposed agritourism code and Chapter 9.08 is not an obvious answer. Codifying a unique, focused, non-commercial agritourism statutory vehicle is a reasonable solution to an existing gap.

Tulip Festival 30-day event calendar

The proposed agritourism code creates ambiguity about the number of days allowed for Tulip Festival activities. The code should be made clear now so as to avoid conflicting interpretations of the intended language in the future.

The proposed code offers permission for activities associated with the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival running for 30-days between March 15 and May 15 each year, in addition to the allowed days specified for Agritourism 1, 2, and 3. Agritourism 1 allows ten days, Agritourism 2 allows 24 days, and Agritourism 3 has no stated daily limit. The 60-day period between March 15 and May 15 was intended to allow for the unpredictability of tulip blossom timing, while adhering to just 30 days for the festival. At this date, the recent change in the proposed wording makes the 30 days in the allowed period

consecutive. This adds some clarity. However, while the 30 days will float within the wider window, the code should define who will set the dates and when, if the scheduling mechanism is to have meaning. The Tulip Festival, the vendors, local businesses, and the public will benefit from certainty, absent which unnecessary confusion can arise. It seems unlikely that this task would suit the county planning department.

Separately from scheduling, the proposed code provides that “...activities that are associated with the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival...” benefit from the special event conditions – the extra days. Clarity about “associated” may be useful. Who shall designate whom is included? Again, this role is unsuited to county governance.

Greater clarity surrounding the proposed Tulip Festival language in the agritourism code would be useful for all parties – the Tulip Festival, activities operators, safety and traffic managers, planning staff, county compliance officers, and farmers. This agritourism item at 14.18.407(2)(i) could be improved to focus on festival scheduling and official participation.

Respectfully,

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Subject: Comments on proposed agritourism code
Attachments: Agritourism code comments 10-10-25.docx

Planning Commissioners and Planning and Development Services staff,

Please accept the attached letter dated 10/10/2025 into the record for public comments on the agritourism deliberations.

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Robby Eckroth

From: Joan Barlow <joanbarlow854@hotmail.com>
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To: PDS comments
Subject: Public feedback response on agra tourism

Rising costs for our local farmers would make any small business cringe. More worrisome is the disruption of major international agricultural markets. A recent article in our local paper touched on so many components for these farmers to deal with before they even plant!

I don't understand the reasoning behind SEPA going after their ability to have agra tourism. Opening up the farm to school groups, and the public for celebrations, Farm festivals to augment their income. Other than the benefit of them going under and then land grab by developers. It's clear to see why they would want them to go under. My feedback is leave these Farmers alone. They have enough to think about managing their business operations without constant state proposals and policy code changes.

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Go For Joy!

From: Andrea Xaver <dancer@fidalgo.net>
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To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

If there are unintended consequences, such as too many tourists – are there any provisions in the code changes to evaluate these changes and restore the number of days allowed. Also, who will enforce the permitting process and do folks think, after 70 years or more, that the Tulip Festival needs a permit?

I keep saying re Agritourism:

1. What is it?
2. How big is it/or planned to be?
3. Where would it be?
4. What are the consequences, both good and bad?

Then, I'll add on:

How would venues/whatever affect neighboring farmers who have been there for many years?

Skagit County's long-time farmers should not have to worry about their farms and their "future" that was established throughout local history.

None of us should have to worry about losing farmland and food here.

And...are there enough enforcement people to check on things?

Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Possible Spam: Agritourism Code Changes

Dear Folks,

I have lived in Skagit Valley since 1977. Since that time we've seen pressures increase on the agricultural nature of our county. We have tourism mostly because tourists value the unique experience of being in spaces that are open and cultivated, or left natural.

I live in La Conner, which Tom Robbins quipped became a "theme park" not a real town. Our community got branded and marketed by merchants who moved in with hobby businesses that capitalized on what they thought tourists would think "cute". The artists who discovered La Conner in the 1940s weren't interested in "cute". "Cute" obscured the treasure that was once our town - a real community of farmers, tribal folk, artists and real businesses that served the population.

Please don't give in to pressures to "boutique" Skagit Valley.

Sincerely,

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From: Larry Jensen <lrayjensen@hotmail.com>
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To: PDS comments
Subject: Public comment - Ag Tourism Tuesday October 14, 2025

I wish to make a statement about changes that limit the promotion of Ag - tourism or the on site promotion of farm products, experiences, and knowledge by the farmer to the public for better profitability, better understanding of farm needs, and better relationships between those that grow the food, fiber, and flowers with those that consume it and make the laws that regulate us.

I am a 71 year old third generation farmer that has seen the changes from when I started at the age of about 16 to now, 55 years later.

Over the course of those 55 years there is something that is clear and that is **either change or die**.

When I was a high school student there were many processors that growers would take their crops to such as National Frozen Foods, Twin City Foods, Cascade, Flavorland, and others. They are all gone now and so are the growers that did not change. Not a single grower exists today that did not change their business model.

You might ask **why did that happen?**, it is because markets, regulations, and labor have all changed. Unless you can shrink the size of retailers, eliminate many regulations and taxes, and make labor rates competitive, the only hope is for farmers to get more money for their products and for the experiences sold to farm visitors.

The next evolution was that farmers must take control either by themselves or co-operatively to pack, market, and distribute their goods, those that waited for something to come their way waited until they lost their income stream, and in the end their farm.

In recent history farms were being purchased by bigger farms who took the lead in sales, marketing and distribution to the mega stores such as Walmart and Kroger

but those buyers seem to be giving way in part to estate owners of rich urban dwellers that want to leave the city.

Now it seems that purchases are more by government or Quasi- government entities for mitigation, wetlands, or for the purpose of appeasing the tribes for salmon habitat. In one extreme example Seattle City Light has purchased over 10,000 acres in Skagit County, now off the tax rolls and likely not being farmed for production agriculture because they are doing in the name of habitat. They do not need the return from crops or animals because they have a constant stream of billions of dollars from electricity sales.

Land is kept cheap because farmers cannot make a return on land in whatever manor they chose by the very regulations that you may propose. When the methods are restricted in how sales, marketing, and distribution must take place it limits the creativity of the farm to employ all their avenues for profits including forms of Ag-Tourism.

When farmers cannot make a profit from their land they have no choice but to find a buyer such as those mentioned above or someone who wants to own an estate farm for some other purpose such as their own private ranch

When this happens farms ownership goes in 3 directions:

1. To government entities
2. To large farms with professional sales, marketing, and other staff that can comply with the requirements if multinational firms like Amazon, and Costco, and Walmart and use large amount of capital vs labor.
3. To very small family farms that farm a limited number of acres that use all or nearly all family labor so they can circumvent current labor laws for minimum wage, over time and other required benefits that they cannot avoid.

I urge you to adopt the WA State Right to Farm law and keep Ag- tourism growing for the benefit of all.

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Hello Planning Commissioners, County Board of Commissioners, and PDS Staff,

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and diligence of process with regard to the agritourism opportunity in Skagit County.

I fear my 3 minutes last night was barely enough time to constructively convey even the tip of the iceberg as to the challenges the current proposal creates, while in the next breath attempting to open up the possibility of another viable framework that positions Skagit County agriculture forever and for everyone.

Please find a copy of the letter I dropped off (with hard copies for each of you) attached and below, as well as an extensive legal and policy analysis paper. Additionally, I have attached here five appendixes where you'll find my extensive research and analysis regarding the full spectrum of facets related to the agritourism opportunity before the commission.

I have been a part of many of the multi-stakeholder groups convened to work on this opportunity for many years, and while I was not invited to participate in the creation of the latest iteration, my experience in these forums as well as my experience as an agritourism operator, has largely shaped the framework I present as an alternative to the PDS staff proposal.

I would delight in any conversation or correspondence on the facts or framework herein provided. Our most optimal outcomes will result from our best ideas, tried wisdom and driven by a vision of the future that honors our heritage, and natural resources while at the same time positions us for an approachable and abundant agricultural future for Skagit County. I present this proposal and research in that light.

Lastly I appreciate, deeply the sacrifice and service you provide the county and our community as Planning Commissioners, County Commissioners and staff.

Many thanks,

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October 14, 2025

Re: Critical Analysis of Proposed Agritourism Code Amendments and Alternative Framework Proposal

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I write to you today regarding the proposed agritourism code amendments scheduled for your consideration. As a tulip farmer with deep roots in Skagit County and an advocate for sustainable small business development, I am compelled to address the profound implications of the decision before you—one that will shape the future of agriculture in our county for generations to come.

The gravity of this moment cannot be overstated. You hold in your hands the power to either preserve and strengthen our agricultural heritage through thoughtful, constitutionally sound policy, or to accelerate the very agricultural decline that these amendments purport to prevent. I write with hope that reasoned analysis and constitutional principle will guide your deliberations, while acknowledging the sobering reality that the proposed amendments contain fundamental legal defects that threaten both our agricultural economy and the constitutional rights of our farming community.

The Constitutional Crisis in the Current Proposal

The September 2025 staff report presents amendments that, despite good intentions, violate fundamental constitutional principles that form the bedrock of our legal system. These violations are not technical quibbles but serious legal defects that expose Skagit County to substantial liability while failing to serve any legitimate governmental purpose.

Arbitrary and Capricious Standards Violating Due Process

The proposed three-tier system establishes arbitrary numerical thresholds that lack any rational relationship to legitimate governmental interests:

- **Agritourism 1:** 25 guests maximum, 10 days annually
- **Agritourism 2:** 100 guests maximum, 24 days annually
- **Agritourism 3:** Unlimited capacity subject to Hearing Examiner conditions

These limitations violate the fundamental principle that governmental regulations must have a rational basis in fact and law. A 50-acre tulip farm faces identical restrictions as a 5-acre vegetable operation, despite vastly different capacities and impact potentials. The staff report provides no empirical data, traffic studies, or environmental analysis justifying these specific thresholds.

In *Village of Willowbrook v. Olech*, 528 U.S. 562 (2000), the Supreme Court reaffirmed that arbitrary governmental action lacking rational basis violates substantive due process. The proposed amendments fail this fundamental test by imposing restrictions based on speculation rather than evidence.

Economic Taking Without Just Compensation

Perhaps more troubling, these restrictions constitute a regulatory taking requiring compensation under the Fifth Amendment. The economic reality is stark: 79% of Skagit County farms earn less than \$100,000 annually, with 34% earning less than \$2,500. For these struggling operations, agritourism represents not luxury but necessity—the difference between viability and failure.

By restricting agritourism to such minimal levels, the amendments eliminate economically viable use of agricultural property without serving compelling public interests. Under *Penn Central Transportation Co. v. New York City*, 438 U.S. 104 (1978), such severe diminishment of property value without adequate justification constitutes a compensable taking.

The Unconscionable Delegation to a Private Entity

Most egregiously, the amendments require farms to "officially register with the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival"—a private, for-profit organization—to qualify for extended operating periods during March 15-May 15. This requirement violates the fundamental constitutional principle that governmental regulatory authority cannot be delegated to private entities lacking public accountability.

The Supreme Court addressed this precise issue in *Carter v. Carter Coal Co.*, 298 U.S. 238 (1936), invalidating delegation of regulatory authority to private entities as violating constitutional separation of powers. This provision alone renders the entire amendment legally indefensible.

Equal Protection Violations Through Systematic Discrimination

The amendments create constitutionally impermissible discrimination between similarly situated agricultural activities. While subjecting farm dinners and educational tours to severe restrictions, the county code currently permits without meaningful oversight:

- Mining and quarrying operations with massive environmental impacts
- Fertilizer manufacturing facilities posing groundwater contamination risks
- 40-acre stockyard operations generating substantial waste and odor

- Industrial-scale slaughtering facilities with significant public health implications

This disparate treatment lacks any rational basis and violates equal protection principles established in *City of Cleburne v. Cleburne Living Center*, 473 U.S. 432 (1985).

The Economic Devastation These Amendments Would Cause

Beyond constitutional violations, these amendments would inflict severe economic harm on our agricultural community precisely when support is most needed.

The Agricultural Viability Crisis

Our county faces documented agricultural sustainability challenges that agritourism helps address:

- Rising land costs that make farm succession increasingly difficult
- Economic pressures disproportionately affecting small and mid-size operations
- Consolidation pressures that threaten the diversity of our agricultural economy
- Infrastructure and labor challenges that diversified revenue streams could help solve

Agritourism provides essential supplemental income that enables farms to remain viable, invest in sustainable practices, and pass operations to the next generation. The proposed restrictions eliminate this lifeline without offering any alternative solution to the economic pressures our farmers face.

Destroying Community Connections That Sustain Agriculture

Perhaps most shortsightedly, these restrictions sever the vital connection between our urban neighbors and agricultural operations. Agritourism provides direct access to farmland that fosters understanding, appreciation, and political support for agricultural land preservation. When city residents see firsthand the challenges and beauty of farming, they become advocates for agricultural protection.

The amendments would eliminate these crucial educational opportunities, weakening the very community support that enables agricultural preservation in an increasingly urbanized region.

A Constitutional and Economic Alternative: The Agricultural Connection Framework

I offer for your consideration an alternative framework that addresses the legitimate concerns underlying the current proposal while respecting constitutional principles and economic realities. This **Agricultural Connection Framework** provides a path forward that protects both farming operations and community interests through objective, legally defensible standards.

Core Principles of the Alternative Framework

Rather than arbitrary numerical restrictions, this framework classifies activities based on their authentic connection to agricultural production:

Class A - Direct Agricultural Connection (Permitted Use)

Activities involving visitor participation in or observation of actual agricultural production processes, including:

- Farm tours and agricultural demonstrations
- U-pick operations and harvest participation
- Educational workshops using on-farm products
- Farm-to-table dining featuring primarily on-farm products
- Agricultural festivals celebrating on-site production
- Direct sales and farm stands

Class B - Indirect Agricultural Connection (Administrative Review)

Activities supporting agricultural education and appreciation, including:

- Wedding venues and private celebrations in agricultural settings
- Conference facilities with agricultural programming
- Farm stays with agricultural education components
- Culinary events featuring regional agricultural products
- Art and cultural events celebrating agricultural heritage

Class C - Tangential Agricultural Connection (Conditional Use)

Large-scale events with minimal agricultural connection, including:

- Major entertainment venues and concert facilities
- Commercial festivals without primary agricultural focus
- Large conference and event complexes
- Commercial recreation facilities

Constitutional Compliance Through Objective Standards

This framework addresses the constitutional defects in the current proposal:

Rational Basis: Classifications based on actual agricultural connection rather than arbitrary numerical thresholds provide legitimate, defensible regulatory distinctions.

Due Process Protection: Clear, objective standards eliminate arbitrary enforcement while providing predictable regulatory pathways for farmers and businesses.

Equal Protection: Consistent treatment of activities with similar agricultural connections and community impacts ensures constitutional compliance.

Accountable Decision-Making: All permit decisions made by public officials with clear appeal processes, eliminating unconstitutional delegation to private entities.

Performance-Based Regulation Matching Actual Impacts

Instead of arbitrary caps, the framework regulates based on measurable impacts:

Capacity Standards: Based on actual parking availability, infrastructure capacity, and site-specific analysis rather than uniform restrictions that ignore property characteristics.

Traffic Management: Objective standards based on road capacity and safety analysis, with mitigation requirements proportional to actual impacts.

Environmental Protection: Performance-based standards protecting water quality, soil health, and agricultural operations through measurable criteria.

Community Impact Mitigation: Noise, lighting, and hour restrictions based on proximity to residential areas and actual impact assessment.

The Economic Benefits of Constitutional Compliance

Adopting the Alternative Framework would generate substantial benefits for our agricultural economy:

Revenue Generation: Conservative projections estimate \$35-75 million in annual agritourism revenue, compared to severe restrictions under the current proposal.

Job Creation: Supporting 300-500 direct and indirect jobs while preserving existing agricultural employment.

Farm Preservation: Enabling 200-400 small and mid-size farms to achieve economic viability through diversified revenue streams.

Property Values: Increasing rural property values by 8-12% through enhanced economic opportunities, supporting agricultural land investment.

Tax Revenue: Generating \$3-6 million in annual county tax revenue through increased economic activity.

Learning from Success: Proven Models Nationwide

The Agricultural Connection Framework incorporates elements from highly successful agritourism programs:

Virginia's Program: Generates \$2.2 billion annually while preserving agricultural character through connection-based standards.

Tennessee's System: Supports 1,271 jobs and \$118 million in economic output using similar classification approaches.

Oregon's Framework: Maintains agricultural primacy while enabling economic diversification through authentic agricultural connection requirements.

These programs demonstrate that properly structured agritourism regulation can simultaneously protect agricultural operations, generate substantial economic benefits, and maintain community character.

The Path Forward: A Choice Between Prosperity and Decline

The decision before you represents a fundamental choice about Skagit County's future. You can choose policies that:

Support Constitutional Governance: Adopt legally defensible standards that respect property rights while serving legitimate public interests.

Enable Agricultural Innovation: Allow farmers to adapt to economic realities through revenue diversification while maintaining agricultural authenticity.

Foster Community Connection: Strengthen the urban-rural relationships essential for long-term agricultural land preservation.

Generate Economic Opportunity: Create jobs, tax revenue, and economic vitality in our rural communities.

Alternatively, you can perpetuate the regulatory failures embedded in the current proposal, accelerating the very agricultural decline these amendments purport to prevent while exposing our county to substantial constitutional liability.

Implementation Recommendations

Should you choose to embrace the Alternative Framework, I recommend:

Immediate Action: Reject the current proposed amendments based on their constitutional defects and economic harm.

Alternative Development: Direct staff to develop code language incorporating the Agricultural Connection Framework principles outlined in this letter.

Stakeholder Engagement: Conduct focused input sessions with small farm operators, beginning farmers, and agritourism businesses to refine implementation details.

Transition Planning: Establish reasonable transition periods for existing operations while implementing new standards.

Performance Monitoring: Create systematic data collection and annual review processes to ensure the framework serves its intended purposes.

Conclusion: A Moment of Historical Significance

The decision before you will be remembered as either a turning point toward agricultural sustainability and constitutional compliance, or a missed opportunity that accelerated the decline of family farming in our county. The stakes could not be higher.

I have provided you with detailed legal analysis, economic projections, and a comprehensive alternative framework not to criticize for its own sake, but to offer a constructive path forward that serves the interests of our entire community. The Agricultural Connection Framework respects constitutional principles, supports economic sustainability, and preserves the agricultural character we all cherish.

The choice is yours, but the consequences will be felt by every farming family, every rural business, and every community member who values the agricultural heritage that makes Skagit County unique. I trust in your wisdom to choose policies that build rather than restrict, that enable rather than prohibit, and that respect both our constitutional foundations and our agricultural future.

Our farmers have shown remarkable resilience and adaptability throughout our county's history. They deserve regulations that support their efforts to preserve agriculture for future generations, not arbitrary barriers that accelerate consolidation and decline.

The path forward is clear. I urge you to take it with confidence, knowing that constitutional compliance and economic sustainability are not competing interests but complementary goals that serve our community's highest aspirations.

I stand ready to assist in any way possible as you deliberate this crucial decision. The future of agriculture in Skagit County depends on the wisdom and courage you demonstrate today.

Thank you for your service to our community and your careful consideration of these critical issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT 1: DETAILED CONSTITUTIONAL ANALYSIS AND LEGAL CITATIONS

CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATIONS IN PROPOSED AGRITOURISM AMENDMENTS

I. DUE PROCESS VIOLATIONS - ARBITRARY AND CAPRICIOUS STANDARDS

A. Substantive Due Process Under the Fourteenth Amendment

Constitutional Principle: Government regulations must have a rational relationship to a legitimate state interest and cannot be arbitrary or capricious.

Violation: The proposed amendments establish numerical thresholds (25/100 guests; 10/24 days) without empirical foundation or rational relationship to property characteristics, environmental impacts, or public safety concerns.

Legal Standards:

- *Village of Willowbrook v. Olech*, 528 U.S. 562, 564 (2000): "The Fourteenth Amendment's guarantee of equal protection is not always a class-based inquiry. An individual who alleges that she has been intentionally treated differently from others similarly situated and that there is no rational basis for the difference in treatment states a valid equal protection claim."
- *Cleburne v. Cleburne Living Center*, 473 U.S. 432, 446 (1985): Government action lacking rational basis violates substantive due process even without suspect classification.

Application: Identical restrictions on 5-acre and 500-acre farms lack rational basis and violate substantive due process.

B. Procedural Due Process Violations

Constitutional Requirement: Due process requires fair procedures when government action affects property or liberty interests.

Violation: Delegation of regulatory authority to private Tulip Festival organization lacks procedural safeguards required for governmental decision-making.

Legal Authority:

- *Mathews v. Eldridge*, 424 U.S. 319 (1976): Procedural due process analysis requires consideration of private interest affected, risk of erroneous deprivation, and government's interest.
- *Goldberg v. Kelly*, 397 U.S. 254 (1970): Due process requires neutral decision-makers and fair procedures when government affects substantial interests.

II. FIFTH AMENDMENT TAKINGS VIOLATIONS

A. Regulatory Taking Analysis

Constitutional Principle: Government regulation that goes "too far" constitutes a taking requiring just compensation.

Legal Framework: *Penn Central Transportation Co. v. New York City*, 438 U.S. 104 (1978) established three-factor test:

1. Economic impact of regulation
2. Interference with investment-backed expectations
3. Character of governmental action

Analysis of Proposed Amendments:

1. **Economic Impact:** Severe restriction of revenue-generating activities for farms earning <\$100,000 annually (79% of Skagit County farms)
2. **Investment-Backed Expectations:** Farmers investing in agritourism infrastructure based on current regulatory environment face substantial loss
3. **Character of Action:** Arbitrary restrictions serving no compelling public interest constitute regulatory overreach

Supporting Authority:

- *Lucas v. South Carolina Coastal Council*, 505 U.S. 1003 (1992): Regulations eliminating economically viable use constitute compensable taking
- *Dolan v. City of Tigard*, 512 U.S. 374 (1994): Regulatory conditions must have "essential nexus" and "rough proportionality" to governmental interest

B. Physical Taking Through Forced Association

Violation: Requiring registration with private Tulip Festival organization constitutes forced association violating First Amendment and creating physical appropriation of property rights.

Legal Authority:

- *Loretto v. Teleprompter Manhattan CATV Corp.*, 458 U.S. 419 (1982): Physical appropriation, however minimal, constitutes taking requiring compensation

III. EQUAL PROTECTION VIOLATIONS

A. Rational Basis Analysis

Constitutional Standard: Classifications must be rationally related to legitimate government purpose.

Violation: Disparate treatment of agritourism activities versus other agricultural commercial uses lacks rational basis.

Comparison Analysis:

Permitted with Minimal Oversight:

- Mining and quarrying operations (severe environmental impact)
- Fertilizer manufacturing (groundwater contamination risk)
- 40-acre stockyards (waste runoff, odor issues)
- Industrial slaughtering facilities (public health concerns)

Subject to Severe Restrictions:

- Farm tours and educational programs (minimal impact)
- Farm-to-table dining (positive community benefit)
- Agricultural festivals (cultural and educational value)

Legal Authority:

- *Romer v. Evans*, 517 U.S. 620 (1996): Classifications lacking rational relationship to legitimate purpose violate equal protection
- *Department of Agriculture v. Moreno*, 413 U.S. 528 (1973): Government cannot create arbitrary classifications affecting fundamental rights

IV. UNLAWFUL DELEGATION TO PRIVATE ENTITY

A. Non-Delegation Doctrine

Constitutional Principle: Legislative power cannot be delegated to private entities lacking public accountability.

Violation: Requiring registration with private Tulip Festival organization to qualify for regulatory benefits constitutes impermissible delegation.

Legal Foundation:

- *Carter v. Carter Coal Co.*, 298 U.S. 238 (1936): "This is legislative delegation in its most obnoxious form; for it is not even delegation to an official or an official body, presumptively disinterested, but to private persons whose interests may be and often are adverse to the interests of others in the same business."
- *A.L.A. Schechter Poultry Corp. v. United States*, 295 U.S. 495 (1935): Delegation without adequate standards violates separation of powers

B. Due Process Implications of Private Delegation

Constitutional Requirement: Decision-makers affecting property rights must be neutral and accountable.

Violation: Private organization lacks procedural safeguards, public oversight, and neutral decision-making required for governmental action.

V. FIRST AMENDMENT VIOLATIONS

A. Freedom of Association

Constitutional Protection: First Amendment protects against compelled association.

Violation: Mandatory registration with private organization to access regulatory benefits violates associational freedom.

Legal Authority:

- *Roberts v. United States Jaycees*, 468 U.S. 609 (1984): Freedom of association includes right not to associate

- *Boy Scouts of America v. Dale*, 530 U.S. 640 (2000): Government cannot compel association with private organizations

VI. WASHINGTON STATE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

A. Article I, Section 16 - Due Process

Washington Constitution provides stronger due process protections than federal constitution.

State Authority:

- *Manufactured Housing Communities of Washington v. State*, 13 Wn.2d 396 (1992): Washington due process analysis more protective than federal standard

B. Article XI, Section 12 - Agricultural Protection

Washington Constitution requires protection of agricultural lands.

Analysis: Restricting economically viable agricultural activities contradicts constitutional agricultural protection mandate.

VII. PREEMPTION UNDER WASHINGTON LAW

A. Growth Management Act Compliance

RCW 36.70A.177: Counties must encourage agricultural land conservation and discourage incompatible uses.

Conflict: No evidence agritourism constitutes "incompatible use" requiring restriction; successful models demonstrate compatibility.

State Policy: Washington promotes agricultural economic diversification through various programs and incentives.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW VIOLATIONS

A. Washington Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05)

Requirements: Administrative rules must be based on substantial evidence and serve legitimate purposes.

Violation: Proposed amendments lack evidentiary foundation for specific numerical thresholds.

B. Arbitrary and Capricious Standard

Legal Test: Agency action must be based on consideration of relevant factors and cannot be arbitrary.

Application: Uniform restrictions ignoring property-specific characteristics violate administrative law standards.

RECOMMENDED LEGAL ACTION

Immediate Constitutional Challenges

If adopted, the proposed amendments face immediate legal challenges on multiple constitutional grounds:

1. **Federal Court Action:** §1983 civil rights lawsuit for constitutional violations
2. **State Court Challenge:** Washington constitutional and administrative law violations
3. **Takings Claim:** Compensation demand for regulatory taking
4. **Injunctive Relief:** Emergency restraining order to prevent enforcement

Liability Assessment

Skagit County faces substantial legal liability including:

- **Attorney Fees:** Under §1988, successful civil rights plaintiffs recover attorney fees
- **Damages:** Compensation for economic losses during unconstitutional enforcement
- **Injunctive Relief:** Court-ordered modification or invalidation of amendments

Constitutional Compliance Pathway

The Agricultural Connection Framework eliminates constitutional violations through:

- **Rational Classifications:** Based on actual agricultural connection rather than arbitrary numbers
- **Due Process Protection:** Clear, objective standards with accountable decision-making
- **Equal Treatment:** Consistent regulation of activities with similar impacts
- **No Private Delegation:** All decisions made by public officials with appeal rights

CONCLUSION

The proposed amendments contain multiple, serious constitutional defects that expose Skagit County to substantial legal and financial liability. The violations are not technical issues but fundamental departures from constitutional governance principles.

The Agricultural Connection Framework provides a constitutionally compliant alternative that serves legitimate governmental interests while respecting property rights and economic liberty. Adopting this framework eliminates legal risk while supporting agricultural sustainability and constitutional governance.

Legal Authorities Cited:

Federal Cases:

- Village of Willowbrook v. Olech, 528 U.S. 562 (2000)
- Penn Central Transportation Co. v. New York City, 438 U.S. 104 (1978)
- Lucas v. South Carolina Coastal Council, 505 U.S. 1003 (1992)
- Dolan v. City of Tigard, 512 U.S. 374 (1994)
- Carter v. Carter Coal Co., 298 U.S. 238 (1936)
- Cleburne v. Cleburne Living Center, 473 U.S. 432 (1985)
- Romer v. Evans, 517 U.S. 620 (1996)
- Roberts v. United States Jaycees, 468 U.S. 609 (1984)

Washington State Authority:

- RCW 36.70A.177 (Growth Management Act)
- RCW 34.05 (Administrative Procedure Act)
- Washington Constitution Article I, Section 16
- Washington Constitution Article XI, Section 12

Constitutional Provisions:

- U.S. Constitution, Fifth Amendment (Takings Clause)
- U.S. Constitution, Fourteenth Amendment (Due Process and Equal Protection)

- U.S. Constitution, First Amendment (Freedom of Association)
- Washington Constitution Article I, Section 16 (Due Process)
- Washington Constitution Article XI, Section 12 (Agricultural Protection)

ATTACHMENT 2: ECONOMIC IMPACT PROJECTIONS AND MODELING DATA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This analysis provides comprehensive economic modeling of the proposed agritourism amendments versus the Agricultural Connection Framework alternative. The data demonstrates that current proposals would eliminate \$15-50 million in potential annual revenue while the alternative framework could generate \$35-75 million annually, supporting 300-500 jobs and preserving 200-400 family farms.

I. BASELINE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN SKAGIT COUNTY AGRICULTURE

Current Farm Economic Profile

Source: USDA Census of Agriculture (2022), Skagit County Data

Farm Size Category	Number of Farms	Percentage	Average Annual Income
Less than \$2,500	296	34%	\$1,200
\$2,500 - \$4,999	88	10%	\$3,750
\$5,000 - \$9,999	131	15%	\$7,500
\$10,000 - \$24,999	89	10%	\$17,500
\$25,000 - \$49,999	56	6%	\$37,500
\$50,000 - \$99,999	38	4%	\$75,000
\$100,000+	184	21%	\$485,000
TOTAL	882	100%	\$89,400 average

Key Finding: 79% of farms (698 operations) earn less than \$100,000 annually, with 69% earning less than \$25,000.

Agricultural Economic Trends

Farm Loss Rate: Washington State lost 3,717 farms (2017-2022), 10.4% decline vs. 7% national average.

Income Dependency: 60% of farm operators report farming as secondary occupation, indicating dependence on off-farm income.

Land Value Pressure: Agricultural land values increased 35% (2017-2022), outpacing farm income growth.

II. AGRITOURISM ECONOMIC POTENTIAL ANALYSIS

National Baseline Data

Total U.S. Agritourism Revenue: \$1.26 billion (2022 Census of Agriculture)

Growth Rate: 12.4% increase (2017-2022)

Average Revenue per Participating Farm: \$47,800 nationally

Regional Success Models

Virginia Agritourism Program

- **Total Economic Impact:** \$2.2 billion annually
- **Jobs Supported:** 11,000+
- **Tax Revenue:** \$134.7 million state/local
- **Participating Farms:** 2,100 operations

Tennessee Agritourism Sector

- **Total Output:** \$118.54 million annually
- **Jobs Supported:** 1,271 direct/indirect
- **Average Farm Revenue:** \$56,000 from agritourism

Maryland Small Farm Study (2022)

- **Profitability Rate:** 68% of small farms with agritourism report profitability
- **Revenue Premium:** 45% higher net income compared to commodity-only farms
- **Visitor Impact:** Each additional 100 visitors increases profitability odds by 23%

III. ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Current Proposal Restrictions Analysis

Tier 1 (Agritourism 1): 25 guests maximum, 10 days annually

Tier 2 (Agritourism 2): 100 guests maximum, 24 days annually

Tier 3 (Agritourism 3): Hearing Examiner review required

Revenue Loss Calculations

Small Farm Impact (farms earning <\$25,000 annually - 604 operations)

Current Potential:

- Average guest spending: \$45 per person per visit
- Conservative participation: 30% of farms (181 operations)
- Average events: 15 per year at 75 guests each

Calculation:

- Per farm revenue: $15 \text{ events} \times 75 \text{ guests} \times \$45 = \$50,625$ annually
- Total potential: $181 \text{ farms} \times \$50,625 = \$9.16$ million

Under Proposed Restrictions:

- Tier 1 limitation: $10 \text{ days} \times 25 \text{ guests} \times \$45 = \$11,250$ per farm
- Lost revenue per farm: $\$50,625 - \$11,250 = \$39,375$ (78% reduction)
- Total sector loss: $181 \text{ farms} \times \$39,375 = \$7.13$ million annually

Medium Farm Impact (farms earning \$25,000-\$99,999 - 94 operations)

Current Potential:

- Average guest spending: \$65 per person (higher-end activities)
- Conservative participation: 40% of farms (38 operations)
- Average events: 25 per year at 125 guests each

Calculation:

- Per farm revenue: $25 \text{ events} \times 125 \text{ guests} \times \$65 = \$203,125$ annually
- Total potential: $38 \text{ farms} \times \$203,125 = \$7.72$ million

Under Proposed Restrictions:

- Tier 2 limitation: $24 \text{ days} \times 100 \text{ guests} \times \$65 = \$156,000$ per farm
- Lost revenue per farm: $\$203,125 - \$156,000 = \$47,125$ (23% reduction)
- Total sector loss: $38 \text{ farms} \times \$47,125 = \$1.79$ million annually

Aggregate Economic Loss Under Proposed Amendments

Direct Revenue Loss: \$8.92 million annually

Multiplier Effect (IMPLAN 2.3×): \$20.52 million total economic impact loss

Tax Revenue Loss (estimated 8% effective rate): \$1.64 million annually

Job Losses: 187 direct and indirect positions

Tulip Festival Specific Impact

Current Economic Contribution: \$83 million annually

Registration Requirement Impact: Estimated 15-25% participation reduction due to:

- Administrative burden on small farms
- Exclusion of non-participating farms
- Constitutional challenges creating uncertainty

Projected Festival Impact Loss: \$12.5-20.8 million annually

IV. ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF ALTERNATIVE FRAMEWORK

Agricultural Connection Framework Projections

Conservative Scenario

Participation Rate: 35% of farms (309 operations)

Average Annual Revenue: \$85,000 per farm

Total Direct Revenue: \$26.3 million

Moderate Scenario

Participation Rate: 45% of farms (397 operations)

Average Annual Revenue: \$125,000 per farm

Total Direct Revenue: \$49.6 million

Optimistic Scenario

Participation Rate: 55% of farms (485 operations)

Average Annual Revenue: \$155,000 per farm

Total Direct Revenue: \$75.2 million

Economic Multiplier Analysis

Using IMPLAN economic modeling software and regional multipliers:

Direct Impact: \$26.3M - \$75.2M annually

Indirect Impact: \$11.8M - \$33.8M (supplier purchases)

Induced Impact: \$9.2M - \$26.3M (employee spending)

Total Economic Impact: \$47.3M - \$135.3M annually

Employment Generation

Direct Employment: 2.1 jobs per participating farm

Total Direct Jobs: 649 - 1,019 positions

Indirect/Induced Jobs: 423 - 663 positions

Total Employment Impact: 1,072 - 1,682 jobs

Tax Revenue Generation

Property Tax: Increased rural property values (8-12% premium)

Sales Tax: Direct visitor spending and local business purchases

B&O Tax: Business and occupation tax on increased revenue

Estimated Total Annual Tax Revenue: \$3.8M - \$10.8M

V. COMPARATIVE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

Five-Year Economic Projections

Metric	Current Proposal	Alternative Framework
Year 1 Revenue	-\$8.9M loss	\$35.5M gain
Year 5 Revenue	-\$12.4M loss	\$58.3M gain
Cumulative 5-Year Impact	-\$53.2M	+\$234.7M
Jobs Created/Lost	-187	+897
Tax Revenue Impact	-\$4.3M	+\$18.7M
Farms Preserved	-47 operations	+156 operations

Farm Viability Analysis

Impact on Sub-\$25K Farms (69% of county total)

Current Proposal: Further economic marginalization, accelerated consolidation

Alternative Framework: Revenue diversification pathway to viability

Model Farm Example (15-acre vegetable operation):

- Current farm income: \$18,500
- Agritourism potential: \$35,000 (farm-to-table dining, workshops)
- Combined operation income: \$53,500 (viable family farm)

Beginning Farmer Impact

Barrier Reduction: Alternative framework enables new farmers to build viable operations

Land Access: Agritourism revenue supports higher land prices/rent payments

Succession Planning: Diversified revenue enables generational transfer

VI. RISK ASSESSMENT AND SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

Economic Risk Factors

Market Saturation Risk: Low - current agritourism penetration <15% of potential

Seasonal Concentration Risk: Moderate - mitigation through year-round programming

Infrastructure Investment Risk: Low - most activities use existing farm infrastructure

Regulatory Uncertainty Risk: High under current proposal, low under alternative framework

Sensitivity Analysis

Tourist Demand Scenarios:

- **Conservative** (-20% from baseline): \$28.4M - \$60.2M impact
- **Baseline** (current projections): \$47.3M - \$135.3M impact
- **Optimistic** (+20% above baseline): \$56.8M - \$162.4M impact

Price Point Analysis:

- **Budget Tourism** (\$35/person average): \$31.2M - \$89.4M impact
- **Mid-Market** (\$55/person average): \$47.3M - \$135.3M impact
- **Premium Market** (\$75/person average): \$63.4M - \$181.2M impact

VII. REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS

Linkage Effects

Backward Linkages (supplier relationships):

- Local food producers: \$2.3M - \$6.7M annually
- Equipment/supply vendors: \$1.8M - \$5.2M annually
- Professional services: \$1.1M - \$3.2M annually

Forward Linkages (customer relationships):

- Restaurant/hospitality: \$4.7M - \$13.5M annually
- Retail establishments: \$2.9M - \$8.3M annually
- Transportation services: \$1.2M - \$3.4M annually

Infrastructure Development Benefits

Private Investment Leveraging: \$1.50 private investment per \$1.00 agritourism revenue

Rural Broadband Demand: Enhanced justification for rural connectivity investment

Transportation Improvements: Visitor traffic supports road maintenance funding

VIII. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS WITH PEER COUNTIES

Similar Agricultural Counties Performance

County	Population	Ag Revenue	Agritourism Policy	Economic Impact
Skagit WA	129,523	\$366.9M	Restrictive (proposed)	-\$53M (5-year)
Marion OR	345,920	\$241.8M	Moderate framework	\$89M annually
Loudoun VA	420,959	\$31.2M	Pro-agritourism	\$156M annually
Lancaster PA	552,984	\$1.3B	Comprehensive support	\$2.1B annually

Policy Correlation Analysis

Statistical Relationship: Counties with supportive agritourism policies show:

- 3.2x higher agritourism revenue per farm
- 47% better farm retention rates
- 23% higher rural property values
- 156% greater tourism-related employment

IX. IMPLEMENTATION COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS

Administrative Costs

Current Proposal:

- Complex permitting system: \$125K annual staff costs
- Enforcement and monitoring: \$87K annually
- Legal defense costs: \$200K+ annually (estimated)

Alternative Framework:

- Streamlined administration: \$78K annual staff costs
- Performance monitoring: \$45K annually
- Legal compliance: \$15K annually (preventive)

Net Administrative Savings: \$274K annually under alternative framework

Public Infrastructure Requirements

Additional Costs: Minimal - most improvements privately funded

Revenue Offsets: Enhanced tax base supports infrastructure investment

Cost-Benefit Ratio: 1:4.7 (every \$1 public investment generates \$4.70 economic activity)

X. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Economic Imperative

The data unequivocally demonstrates that:

1. **Current proposal creates substantial economic harm** without corresponding public benefit
2. **Alternative framework generates significant economic opportunity** while maintaining agricultural character
3. **Risk of inaction** includes continued agricultural decline and reduced rural economic vitality

Policy Recommendations

Immediate Action: Reject current proposal to avoid economic harm and legal liability

Alternative Adoption: Implement Agricultural Connection Framework to capture economic benefits

Monitoring System: Establish performance metrics to track economic outcomes and adjust policies

Strategic Economic Development Opportunity

Skagit County has the potential to become a national model for successful agritourism integration that:

- Preserves agricultural character and production
- Generates substantial economic benefits for rural communities

- Creates sustainable pathways for farm succession and viability
- Builds political and community support for agricultural land preservation

The choice is between managed economic decline under restrictive policies or sustainable prosperity through thoughtful integration of agricultural tourism within authentic farming operations.

Data Sources:

- USDA Census of Agriculture (2017, 2022)
- Bureau of Economic Analysis Regional Input-Output Modeling System
- Washington State Department of Agriculture Economic Reports
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Agritourism Impact Studies
- Tennessee Department of Agriculture Tourism Analysis
- University of Maryland Agricultural Economics Department
- IMPLAN Economic Impact Software (Version 3.1)
- Skagit County Tax Assessor Property Records
- Washington State Employment Security Department Labor Statistics

ATTACHMENT 3: COMPLETE ALTERNATIVE CODE AMENDMENT LANGUAGE

PROPOSED SKAGIT COUNTY CODE SECTION 14.18.407 - AGRITOURISM OPERATIONS

Section 14.18.407.1 Purpose and Legislative Intent

The Skagit County Council finds and declares that:

- (a) Agricultural operations face increasing economic pressures that threaten the viability of family farming and agricultural land preservation;
- (b) Agritourism activities that maintain authentic connection to agricultural production can provide essential supplemental revenue while preserving agricultural character;
- (c) Educational and recreational activities on working farms enhance public understanding and support for agriculture;
- (d) Clear, objective standards are necessary to ensure agritourism activities complement rather than conflict with agricultural production;
- (e) Constitutional principles require regulations based on rational relationship to legitimate governmental interests rather than arbitrary restrictions.

The purpose of this section is to:

- Support the economic viability of agricultural operations through compatible tourism activities;
- Preserve agricultural land for continued agricultural use and production;
- Enhance public understanding, appreciation, and support for agriculture;
- Provide clear, objective, and constitutional standards for agritourism development;
- Ensure agritourism activities maintain authentic agricultural character and connection.

Section 14.18.407.2 Definitions

Agritourism: Commercial activities conducted on a working farm that provide public access to agricultural operations, products, heritage, or related experiences for purposes of education, recreation,

entertainment, or direct sales. Agritourism activities must demonstrate authentic connection to agricultural production and support the economic viability of farming operations.

Agricultural Connection: The demonstrable relationship between an activity and ongoing agricultural production, processing, education, or heritage preservation occurring on the same property, measured by the integration of agricultural elements, use of agricultural products, and support for agricultural operations.

Direct Agricultural Connection: Activities that involve visitor participation in, observation of, or education about actual agricultural production processes occurring on-site.

Indirect Agricultural Connection: Activities that support agricultural education, appreciation, marketing, or heritage preservation while incorporating substantial agricultural elements or programming.

Tangential Agricultural Connection: Activities with minimal agricultural integration that occur on working farms but do not primarily focus on agricultural production, education, or heritage.

Working Farm: A property where agricultural production constitutes a primary land use and generates minimum gross income from agricultural sales of \$2,500 per year or \$10 per acre annually, whichever is less, averaged over the previous three years.

Agricultural Production: The cultivation of crops, raising of livestock, aquaculture, horticulture, silviculture, or other activities commonly understood as farming or ranching.

Peak Capacity: The maximum number of persons that can be safely accommodated on a property based on available parking, sanitation facilities, emergency access, and site-specific conditions.

Section 14.18.407.3 Classification System

Agritourism activities are classified based on their connection to agricultural production and operations:

Class A - Direct Agricultural Connection

Activities involving visitor participation in or observation of actual agricultural production processes, educational programs using on-farm resources, or direct sales of agricultural products.

Class B - Indirect Agricultural Connection

Activities that support agricultural education, appreciation, marketing, or heritage while incorporating substantial agricultural programming or utilizing agricultural settings.

Class C - Tangential Agricultural Connection

Large-scale commercial activities or events with minimal agricultural connection that occur on working farms but do not primarily focus on agricultural production, education, or heritage.

Section 14.18.407.4 Permitted Activities by Classification

Class A Activities (Permitted Use)

The following activities are permitted by right when conducted in compliance with performance standards:

1. Agricultural Tours and Demonstrations

- Guided farm tours showcasing production processes
- Agricultural technique demonstrations and workshops
- Harvest participation and seasonal activities
- Equipment operation demonstrations

2. Educational Programs

- School field trips and educational group visits
- Agricultural skill-sharing workshops (food preservation, traditional crafts)
- 4-H, FFA, and youth agricultural programs
- University extension and research programs

3. Direct Sales and Marketing

- Farm stands and direct sales operations
- U-pick and harvest-your-own activities
- Farmers markets conducted on-farm
- Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs

4. Farm-to-Table Activities

- On-farm dining featuring minimum 60% on-site or regional agricultural products
- Agricultural product tastings and demonstrations
- Cooking classes using farm products

- Food processing and preservation workshops

5. Agricultural Celebrations

- Seasonal festivals celebrating on-farm production (harvest festivals, flower festivals)
- Agricultural heritage events and demonstrations
- Traditional farming practice celebrations
- Community agricultural appreciation events

6. Ancillary Activities

- Farm animal interaction and educational programs
- Agricultural photography and filming for educational purposes
- Farm-related retail sales (agricultural products, tools, educational materials)

Class B Activities (Administrative Special Use Permit Required)

The following activities require Administrative Special Use Permits:

1. Event Venues with Agricultural Programming

- Wedding ceremonies and receptions in agricultural settings
- Corporate retreats incorporating agricultural education
- Private celebrations with farm-to-table components
- Conference facilities featuring agricultural programming

2. Agricultural Tourism Accommodations

- Farm stays and agricultural guest accommodations
- Camping experiences with agricultural education components
- Bed and breakfast operations on working farms
- Recreational vehicle facilities with agricultural programming

3. Recreational Activities with Agricultural Themes

- Hay rides, corn mazes, and seasonal recreational activities
- Agricultural heritage trails and interpretive programs
- Farm-based recreational activities (fishing on farm ponds, hiking farm trails)

- Agritourism transportation services (farm trolleys, wagon tours)

4. Cultural and Arts Programs

- Art workshops and galleries featuring agricultural themes
- Cultural events celebrating agricultural heritage
- Craft demonstrations using agricultural materials
- Agricultural photography and art installations

5. Regional Agricultural Marketing

- Multi-farm cooperative marketing events
- Regional agricultural product showcases
- Agricultural trade and industry meetings
- Cooperative agricultural education programs

Class C Activities (Conditional Use Permit Required)

The following activities require Conditional Use Permits through the Hearing Examiner:

1. Large-Scale Entertainment Venues

- Concert venues and major entertainment facilities
- Commercial festival grounds without primary agricultural focus
- Sports facilities and recreational complexes
- Large conference and convention facilities

2. Commercial Recreation

- Golf courses and recreational vehicle resorts
- Adventure tourism operations (zip lines, climbing walls)
- Commercial hunting and fishing operations
- Entertainment complexes and amusement facilities

3. Major Event Facilities

- Permanent event structures exceeding 5,000 square feet
- Facilities designed primarily for non-agricultural events

- Operations conducting more than 52 events annually
- Events regularly exceeding 500 participants

Section 14.18.407.5 Performance Standards

General Standards (All Classifications)

Agricultural Continuation Requirement:

- Primary agricultural production must continue on minimum 70% of property area
- Agricultural income must represent minimum 40% of total property-based income
- Agricultural activities must not be subordinated to agritourism activities

Site Development Standards:

- Setbacks: Minimum 50 feet from property lines unless mitigated through landscaping or screening
- Building Coverage: Agritourism structures limited to maximum 15% of total property area
- Parking: Minimum 1 space per 3 guests plus 1 space per employee
- Access: Adequate access for emergency vehicles maintained at all times

Infrastructure Requirements:

- Sanitation: Adequate restroom facilities based on peak occupancy (1 per 50 persons minimum)
- Water Supply: Adequate potable water supply meeting health department standards
- Waste Management: Approved solid waste collection and recycling facilities
- Stormwater: Management consistent with agricultural best management practices

Environmental Protection:

- No permanent conversion of prime agricultural soils without mitigation
- Protection of critical areas consistent with county critical areas ordinance
- Dust control measures for unpaved parking and access areas
- Noise mitigation consistent with agricultural zone standards

Class A Standards (Permitted Use)

- **Hours of Operation:** 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM daily

- **Noise Standards:** 60 dBA at property line during daytime (7:00 AM to 9:00 PM), 50 dBA nighttime
- **Peak Capacity:** Based on available parking, sanitation, and emergency access capacity
- **Agricultural Connection:** Minimum 70% of activities must directly relate to on-site agricultural production
- **Notification:** Events exceeding 200 participants require 48-hour advance notice to Planning Department

Class B Standards (Administrative Special Use Permit)

- **Permit Duration:** Three-year renewable permits
- **Review Timeline:** Maximum 30 days for complete applications
- **Hours of Operation:** As specified in permit, typically 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM
- **Capacity Limitations:** Based on site-specific traffic, parking, and infrastructure analysis
- **Agricultural Programming:** Minimum 30% agricultural education, interpretation, or production content
- **Traffic Management:** Traffic management plan required for regular events exceeding 100 vehicles
- **Community Notification:** Written notice to properties within 500 feet prior to permit issuance
- **Performance Standards:** Specific operational conditions based on site characteristics and community impacts

Class C Standards (Conditional Use Permit)

- **Hearing Examiner Review:** Full public hearing and environmental review process
- **Agricultural Protection Plan:** Detailed plan demonstrating continued viability of agricultural operations
- **Impact Analysis:** Traffic, noise, environmental, and community impact studies required
- **Mitigation Requirements:** Specific mitigation measures based on identified impacts
- **Performance Guarantees:** Financial guarantees for infrastructure improvements and site restoration
- **Agricultural Continuation:** Minimum 50% of property must remain in active agricultural production
- **Community Benefits:** Demonstration of community benefits and compatibility with rural character

Section 14.18.407.6 Application Requirements

Class A Activities

No permit application required. Compliance with performance standards required.

Documentation Requirements:

- Site plan showing parking, access, and activity areas
- Emergency access and safety plan
- Agricultural connection statement

Class B Applications

Required Application Materials:

1. **Site Plan** showing:
 - Property boundaries and dimensions
 - Existing and proposed structures
 - Parking areas and access roads
 - Sanitation facilities and utility locations
 - Agricultural production areas
 - Emergency access routes
2. **Operational Plan** including:
 - Types and frequency of activities
 - Expected attendance and peak capacity
 - Hours of operation
 - Staffing and management structure
 - Agricultural programming description
3. **Agricultural Connection Analysis:**
 - Description of on-site agricultural production
 - Integration of agricultural elements in proposed activities

- Documentation of agricultural education or interpretation components
- Economic analysis of agricultural support

4. Impact Assessment:

- Traffic circulation and parking analysis
- Noise impact assessment and mitigation measures
- Visual impact analysis and screening plan
- Community compatibility assessment

5. Infrastructure Analysis:

- Water supply and wastewater management
- Solid waste and recycling plan
- Emergency services access and safety plan
- Utility capacity and service plan

Class C Applications

All Class B requirements plus:

- 1. Professional Traffic Impact Study**
- 2. Environmental Impact Assessment**
- 3. Community Impact Analysis**
- 4. Agricultural Continuation Plan**
- 5. Financial Impact Analysis**
- 6. Performance Bond or Financial Guarantee**

Section 14.18.407.7 Review and Approval Process

Class A Activities

- **Permit Status:** Permitted use, no permit required
- **Compliance:** Must meet performance standards
- **Inspection:** Subject to routine code compliance inspection

Class B Administrative Review

- **Completeness Review:** 14 days maximum
- **Public Notice:** Notice to properties within 500 feet
- **Review Period:** 30 days maximum from complete application
- **Appeal Period:** 14 days from decision
- **Conditions:** Administrative conditions may be imposed to ensure compliance with standards

Class C Conditional Use Process

- **Pre-Application Conference:** Required meeting with planning staff
- **Environmental Review:** SEPA compliance required
- **Public Notice:** Notice per conditional use permit requirements
- **Hearing Examiner Review:** Public hearing required
- **Decision Timeline:** 120 days maximum from complete application

Section 14.18.407.8 Performance Monitoring and Compliance

Annual Reporting (Classes B and C)

Required annual reports must include:

- Number and types of events conducted
- Peak attendance figures and average attendance
- Traffic management effectiveness assessment
- Noise complaint log and resolution actions
- Agricultural production summary and income verification
- Infrastructure maintenance and improvements
- Community outreach and agricultural education activities

Compliance Monitoring

- **Routine Inspections:** Random compliance inspections authorized
- **Complaint Response:** Investigation of complaints within 5 business days

- **Violation Process:** Progressive enforcement with opportunity to cure violations
- **Performance Standards:** Objective measurable standards for all requirements

Enforcement Actions

1. **Warning Notice:** For minor violations with 30-day correction period
2. **Stop Work Order:** For violations creating immediate safety concerns
3. **Permit Suspension:** For repeated violations or failure to correct
4. **Permit Revocation:** For violations threatening public safety or agricultural operations
5. **Civil Penalties:** Fines consistent with county code enforcement procedures

Section 14.18.407.9 Special Provisions

Educational Institution Exemptions

- School field trips and non-profit educational programs exempt from capacity limitations
- Agricultural extension programs and farmer education seminars exempt from permit requirements
- 4-H, FFA, and youth agricultural programs receive expedited review

Seasonal Agricultural Celebrations

- Seasonal celebrations directly related to on-farm agricultural production may exceed normal capacity limits
- 48-hour advance notice required for attendance exceeding normal limits
- Must maintain agricultural focus and connection to on-site production

Existing Operations

- **Grandfathering:** Lawfully established agritourism operations may continue under existing approvals
- **Expansion:** Expansion or modification subject to current standards based on classification
- **Transition Period:** Five-year transition period for compliance with new requirements
- **Vested Rights:** Protection for substantial investments made in reliance on previous approvals

Regional Coordination

- **Multi-County Events:** Coordination encouraged for regional agricultural tourism development
- **Agricultural Heritage Areas:** Special consideration for designated agricultural heritage areas
- **Tourism Promotion:** County may provide marketing and promotional support for qualifying agritourism operations

Section 14.18.407.10 Appeals and Variances

Appeal Process

- **Administrative Decisions:** Appeals to Hearing Examiner within 14 days
- **Hearing Examiner Decisions:** Appeals to Superior Court within 21 days
- **Stay of Enforcement:** Appeals may include request for stay of enforcement during review

Variance Authority

Variances from specific performance standards may be granted where:

- Unique site conditions prevent compliance with standard requirements
- Alternative measures provide equivalent protection for agricultural operations and community
- Variance supports agricultural viability and community compatibility
- Variance does not compromise public health, safety, or welfare

Administrative Relief

- **Minor Modifications:** Administrative approval for minor changes not affecting performance standards
- **Temporary Permits:** Emergency permits for seasonal events or special circumstances
- **Hardship Provisions:** Relief for small farms facing economic hardship

Section 14.18.407.11 Relationship to Other Regulations

Consistency with Other Code Provisions

- **Building Codes:** All structures must comply with applicable building codes

- **Health Regulations:** Food service must comply with health department requirements
- **Fire Safety:** Fire safety and emergency access requirements apply
- **Environmental Regulations:** Critical areas and environmental regulations apply

State and Federal Law Compliance

- **Growth Management Act:** Compliance with RCW 36.70A required
- **SEPA:** Environmental review required for Class C activities
- **Right to Farm:** Washington Right to Farm Act protections apply
- **ADA:** Americans with Disabilities Act compliance required for public access

Permit Coordination

- **Consolidated Review:** Coordination with other required permits encouraged
- **One-Stop Permitting:** Single point of contact for agritourism permit questions
- **Inter-Agency Coordination:** Coordination with health department, fire marshal, and other agencies

Section 14.18.407.12 Fees and Financial Requirements

Permit Fees

- **Class A:** No permit fee (permitted use)
- **Class B:** Administrative fee: \$500 base + \$2 per person peak capacity
- **Class C:** Conditional use permit fee per standard fee schedule
- **Annual Renewal:** 50% of original permit fee

Financial Guarantees

- **Class B:** Performance bond may be required for infrastructure improvements
- **Class C:** Performance bond required: minimum \$10,000 or 110% of estimated restoration costs
- **Insurance:** Commercial liability insurance required for all commercial activities

Section 14.18.407.13 Effective Date and Transition

Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after passage and publication.

Transition Provisions

- **Existing Operations:** Six-month grace period to comply with new requirements
- **Pending Applications:** Applications submitted prior to effective date reviewed under previous standards
- **Grandfather Rights:** Existing lawful operations may continue with current level of activity
- **Voluntary Compliance:** Early compliance with new standards encouraged through fee reductions

Review and Amendment

- **Five-Year Review:** Comprehensive review of ordinance effectiveness after five years
- **Annual Assessment:** Annual review of performance data and community feedback
- **Amendment Process:** Amendments follow standard code amendment procedures

LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS SUPPORTING AGRICULTURAL CONNECTION FRAMEWORK

The Skagit County Council makes the following findings in support of this ordinance:

1. **Constitutional Compliance:** This framework eliminates arbitrary numerical restrictions in favor of performance-based standards with rational relationship to legitimate governmental interests.
2. **Agricultural Support:** The classification system supports agricultural viability by recognizing authentic agricultural activities while maintaining agricultural primacy.
3. **Economic Development:** The framework enables appropriate economic diversification that strengthens rather than threatens agricultural operations.
4. **Community Protection:** Performance standards address legitimate community concerns about traffic, noise, and compatibility while avoiding arbitrary restrictions.
5. **Legal Defensibility:** The agricultural connection standard provides objective, defensible criteria for regulatory decision-making.

6. **Administrative Efficiency:** The tiered approach matches regulatory burden to actual risk and impact levels.

This ordinance serves the public interest by supporting constitutional governance, agricultural preservation, and economic development through rational, performance-based regulation of agritourism activities.

ATTACHMENT 4: COMPARISON MATRIX - CURRENT PROPOSAL vs ALTERNATIVE FRAMEWORK

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This comprehensive comparison matrix demonstrates the fundamental differences between the proposed September 2025 agritourism amendments and the Agricultural Connection Framework alternative. The analysis reveals that the current proposal contains multiple constitutional defects, economic barriers, and administrative inefficiencies, while the alternative framework provides constitutionally sound, economically viable, and administratively efficient regulation of agritourism activities.

DETAILED COMPARISON ANALYSIS

Classification System

- **Current Proposal:** Arbitrary 3-tier by guest count (25/100/unlimited)
- **Alternative Framework:** Agricultural connection-based classification (Direct/Indirect/Tangential)
- **Advantage:** Rational, defensible classification system based on actual agricultural connection rather than arbitrary numerical thresholds

Guest Capacity Limits

- **Current Proposal:** Rigid numerical caps regardless of farm size
- **Alternative Framework:** Based on parking, infrastructure, and site capacity
- **Advantage:** Realistic capacity management that considers actual property characteristics and infrastructure capabilities

Event Frequency Limits

- **Current Proposal:** Strict day limitations (10/24/unlimited days)
- **Alternative Framework:** Based on actual impacts and agricultural compatibility
- **Advantage:** Flexible, impact-based limitations that allow for seasonal variations and agricultural cycles

Permit Requirements

- **Current Proposal:** None/Administrative/Hearing Examiner
- **Alternative Framework:** By-right/Administrative/Conditional based on connection level
- **Advantage:** Streamlined process matching actual risk and agricultural integration level

Agricultural Connection Standard

- **Current Proposal:** \$500/acre agricultural income requirement
- **Alternative Framework:** Authentic agricultural nexus requirement with objective standards
- **Advantage:** Objective, measurable standards that ensure genuine agricultural connection without arbitrary financial thresholds

Farm Size Consideration

- **Current Proposal:** No consideration of property size or capacity
- **Alternative Framework:** Capacity standards proportional to actual farm size and infrastructure
- **Advantage:** Proportional and fair treatment recognizing different operational scales

Constitutional Compliance

- **Current Proposal:** Multiple constitutional violations identified
- **Alternative Framework:** Fully constitutional through rational basis and objective standards
- **Advantage:** Eliminates legal liability and ensures constitutional governance

Private Entity Registration

- **Current Proposal:** Required registration with private Tulip Festival
- **Alternative Framework:** Eliminated - all decisions by accountable public officials
- **Advantage:** Constitutional compliance and fairness through public accountability

Administrative Burden

- **Current Proposal:** Excessive permitting complexity for small operations
- **Alternative Framework:** Proportional to actual risk and agricultural connection level
- **Advantage:** Efficient administration that doesn't burden low-impact activities

Economic Impact on Small Farms

- **Current Proposal:** Severe restrictions prevent viability pathway
- **Alternative Framework:** Creates viable economic diversification pathway
- **Advantage:** Enables economic sustainability for the 79% of farms earning less than \$100,000

Revenue Generation Potential

- **Current Proposal:** Severely limited by arbitrary caps
- **Alternative Framework:** Optimizes revenue within authentic agricultural framework
- **Advantage:** Maximizes appropriate economic opportunity while maintaining agricultural character

Legal Defensibility

- **Current Proposal:** Vulnerable to constitutional challenges
- **Alternative Framework:** Constitutionally sound and legally defensible
- **Advantage:** Protects county from costly litigation and legal liability

Enforcement Standards

- **Current Proposal:** Subjective standards invite arbitrary enforcement
- **Alternative Framework:** Objective, measurable performance standards
- **Advantage:** Predictable, fair enforcement that reduces discretionary decision-making

Appeal Process

- **Current Proposal:** Standard 14-day appeal timeline
- **Alternative Framework:** 14-day appeal with stay options for enforcement
- **Advantage:** Enhanced due process protection during appeal proceedings

Transition Provisions

- **Current Proposal:** No specific transition planning
- **Alternative Framework:** 5-year transition period with grandfathering provisions
- **Advantage:** Orderly implementation protecting existing investments and operations

Community Impact Assessment

- **Current Proposal:** Minimal impact assessment required
- **Alternative Framework:** Comprehensive impact analysis for higher-tier activities
- **Advantage:** Proportional review process matching assessment depth to actual impact potential

Agricultural Protection

- **Current Proposal:** Restrictive approach may harm agricultural viability
- **Alternative Framework:** Supports agricultural viability through revenue diversification
- **Advantage:** Balances protection with viability, strengthening rather than weakening agriculture

Environmental Standards

- **Current Proposal:** Basic environmental compliance only
- **Alternative Framework:** Performance-based environmental protection with agricultural BMP integration
- **Advantage:** Comprehensive environmental stewardship integrated with agricultural best practices

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Current Proposal Deficiencies:

1. **Constitutional Violations:** Multiple due process, equal protection, and delegation issues
2. **Economic Harm:** Severe restrictions on revenue generation for struggling farms
3. **Administrative Inefficiency:** Complex permitting for low-impact activities
4. **Legal Vulnerability:** High risk of successful constitutional challenges
5. **Agricultural Contradiction:** Restrictions may harm the agriculture they claim to protect

Alternative Framework Strengths:

1. **Constitutional Compliance:** Fully compliant with due process and equal protection requirements
2. **Economic Viability:** Enables appropriate revenue diversification within agricultural framework
3. **Administrative Efficiency:** Matches regulatory burden to actual risk and impact

4. **Legal Defensibility:** Rational basis and objective standards protect against challenges
5. **Agricultural Support:** Strengthens agriculture through authentic connection requirements

Cost-Benefit Analysis:

- **Current Proposal:** High legal liability risk, economic harm, administrative complexity
- **Alternative Framework:** Legal protection, economic benefits, efficient administration
- **Net Benefit:** Alternative framework provides superior outcomes in all measured categories

Implementation Comparison:

- **Current Proposal:** Immediate constitutional challenges likely, economic disruption
- **Alternative Framework:** Smooth implementation with transition protections, legal certainty

CONCLUSION

The comparison demonstrates that the Agricultural Connection Framework represents a superior regulatory approach that:

- **Eliminates constitutional violations** present in the current proposal
- **Enables economic sustainability** for struggling agricultural operations
- **Provides efficient administration** through risk-proportional requirements
- **Protects county interests** through legally defensible standards
- **Supports authentic agriculture** through connection-based classifications

The choice between these approaches is clear: the current proposal creates substantial risks and harms without corresponding benefits, while the alternative framework achieves legitimate regulatory goals through constitutional, economically sound means.

Recommendation: Reject the current proposal and adopt the Agricultural Connection Framework to serve both constitutional governance and agricultural sustainability objectives.

This comparison matrix has been prepared based on detailed legal analysis, economic modeling, and administrative law principles to provide Planning Commissioners with clear information for decision-making.

ATTACHMENT 5: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FROM SUCCESSFUL AGRITOURISM PROGRAMS NATIONWIDE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This documentation compiles evidence from successful agritourism programs across the United States that demonstrate the economic, social, and agricultural benefits of well-designed agritourism policies. The data supports the Agricultural Connection Framework as a proven approach that generates substantial economic benefits while preserving agricultural character and operations.

I. VIRGINIA AGRITOURISM PROGRAM - NATIONAL MODEL

Program Overview

Virginia's agritourism sector represents one of the most successful state-supported programs in the nation, generating \$2.2 billion in total economic impact annually while maintaining agricultural authenticity.

Key Statistics (2019 Virginia Tech Study)

- **Total Economic Impact:** \$2.2 billion annually
- **Direct Visitor Spending:** \$750 million
- **Jobs Supported:** 11,100 direct and indirect positions
- **Tax Revenue Generated:** \$134.7 million state and local
- **Participating Operations:** 2,100 farms and agricultural businesses
- **Average Revenue per Farm:** \$357,000 annually

Policy Framework Elements

Three-Tier Classification System:

1. **Agricultural Tourism** (by-right): Direct agricultural activities, tours, educational programs

2. **Agricultural Events** (administrative review): Weddings, festivals, conferences with agricultural connection
3. **Commercial Recreation** (conditional use): Large venues with minimal agricultural integration

Agricultural Connection Requirements:

- Minimum 25% of activities must relate to on-site or regional agriculture
- Educational or interpretive component required for events
- Continued agricultural production required on working farms

Documented Benefits

Economic Diversification: 73% of participating farms report agritourism essential for operation viability

Farm Preservation: 15% lower farmland conversion rate in counties with active agritourism programs

Rural Employment: Average of 5.3 jobs created per participating agricultural operation

Community Development: 67% increase in rural business starts in agritourism-active areas

Legal Framework Success

Constitutional Compliance: No successful legal challenges to framework in 15+ years of operation

Administrative Efficiency: 89% of permits approved within 30 days

Appeal Rate: Less than 3% of decisions appealed

Violation Rate: 2.1% annual violation rate with 94% voluntary compliance

II. TENNESSEE AGRICULTURAL TOURISM INITIATIVE

Program Results (2023 University of Tennessee Study)

- **Total Economic Output:** \$118.54 million annually
- **Direct Employment:** 847 jobs
- **Indirect/Induced Employment:** 424 additional jobs
- **Tax Revenue:** \$8.9 million state and local annually
- **Participating Operations:** 312 farms and rural businesses

Framework Characteristics

Connection-Based Approach: Activities classified by relationship to agricultural production rather than size or frequency

Performance Standards: Objective criteria for traffic, noise, and environmental impacts

Flexible Capacity: Limits based on infrastructure and site-specific conditions

Agricultural Benefits

Farm Income Supplementation: Average 34% increase in total farm income for participants

Infrastructure Investment: \$127 million private investment in rural infrastructure (2018-2023)

Agricultural Education: 2.3 million visitors annually receive agricultural education programming

Market Development: 89% of agritourism farms report increased direct-sales revenue

III. OREGON AGRITOURISM SUCCESS MODEL

Willamette Valley Economic Impact (2025 Oregon State University Study)

- **Direct Visitor Spending:** \$985 million annually
- **Total Economic Impact:** \$1.67 billion including multiplier effects
- **Employment:** 8,900 jobs directly supported
- **Agricultural Operations:** 1,847 participating farms and wineries

Policy Innovation Elements

Agricultural Nexus Standard: Activities must demonstrate authentic connection to regional agricultural production

Graduated Review Process: Three-tier system matching review depth to potential impacts

Environmental Integration: Agritourism activities support conservation and sustainable agriculture

Long-term Outcomes (2010-2025)

Farm Retention: 23% better retention rate of family farms in agritourism-active counties

Agricultural Investment: \$890 million reinvestment in agricultural infrastructure and land preservation

Educational Impact: 450,000 students annually participate in farm-based educational programs

IV. MARYLAND SMALL FARM AGRITOURISM STUDY

Research Methodology

University of Maryland 2022 comprehensive study of 847 small farms (under 100 acres) examining agritourism impacts on farm profitability and sustainability.

Key Findings

Profitability Impact: 68% of small farms with agritourism report profitability vs. 31% without

Revenue Diversification: Average 47% of total farm income from agritourism activities

Visitor Correlation: Each additional 100 annual visitors increases profitability odds by 23%

Seasonal Extension: Agritourism extends viable operating season by average 3.2 months

Operational Characteristics of Successful Farms

- **Average Annual Visitors:** 2,847 per farm
- **Primary Activities:** Farm tours (89%), direct sales (78%), educational programs (67%)
- **Event Frequency:** Average 24 events per year
- **Peak Capacity:** Average 85 visitors per event

Agricultural Integration Success Factors

On-Farm Production Connection: 83% of revenue from activities directly related to farm production

Educational Component: 71% include significant agricultural education programming

Authentic Experience: Visitor satisfaction highest (4.6/5.0) for operations with genuine agricultural integration

V. PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURAL TOURISM PROGRAM

Lancaster County Case Study

Economic Impact: \$2.1 billion annually (2022 Lancaster County Planning Commission)

Visitor Statistics: 8.1 million annual visitors to agricultural attractions

Agricultural Operations: 2,400+ participating farms and agricultural businesses

Framework Success Elements

Comprehensive Support System: County-sponsored marketing, technical assistance, and infrastructure development

Agricultural Authenticity Requirements: Minimum 60% of visitor activities connected to on-site agriculture

Community Integration: Regional coordination among multiple agricultural operations

Preservation Outcomes

Farmland Protection: 89,000 acres preserved through agricultural easements supported by agritourism revenue

Farm Succession: 67% of participating farms have developed succession plans vs. 23% county-wide average

Agricultural Innovation: \$45 million investment in sustainable agriculture technologies funded through agritourism revenue

VI. NORTH CAROLINA MOUNTAIN AGRITOURISM NETWORK

Regional Coordination Model

Participating Counties: 12-county cooperative agritourism development program

Coordinated Marketing: Regional branding and joint promotional activities

Infrastructure Sharing: Cooperative transportation and visitor services

Economic Performance (2020-2024)

- **Visitor Growth:** 340% increase in agricultural tourism visitors
- **Revenue Growth:** \$67 million to \$189 million annual impact
- **Employment:** 1,580 jobs created across rural communities
- **Agricultural Preservation:** 23,000 acres maintained in agricultural production

Small Farm Focus

Average Participating Farm Size: 47 acres

Revenue Impact: Average \$89,000 annual agritourism income per farm

Viability Enhancement: 78% of participants report agritourism essential for farm continuation

VII. CALIFORNIA FARM TOURISM ASSOCIATION DATA

Statewide Program Results (2023 Analysis)

- **Member Operations:** 3,200+ agricultural businesses
- **Annual Visitors:** 14.2 million to member operations
- **Economic Impact:** \$5.6 billion total economic activity
- **Employment:** 47,000 direct and indirect jobs

Successful Regulation Characteristics

Flexible Standards: County-level implementation with state coordination

Agricultural Priority: Continued agricultural production required for program participation

Environmental Integration: Agritourism activities support sustainable agriculture and conservation

Educational Impact

School Programs: 890,000 students annually participate in agricultural education programs

Adult Education: 2.3 million adults receive agricultural education and appreciation programming

Community Connection: 89% of visitors report increased support for agricultural land preservation

VIII. SUCCESSFUL FRAMEWORK COMMON ELEMENTS

Constitutional Compliance Factors

1. **Rational Basis Standards:** All successful programs use objective criteria rather than arbitrary limits
2. **Due Process Protection:** Clear standards and predictable approval processes
3. **Equal Treatment:** Consistent application regardless of farm size or location

4. **Public Decision-Making:** No delegation of regulatory authority to private entities

Economic Success Factors

1. **Agricultural Connection Requirements:** Authentic relationship to agricultural production
2. **Flexible Capacity Standards:** Based on infrastructure and site conditions rather than arbitrary caps
3. **Graduated Review Process:** Regulatory burden matches actual impacts and risks
4. **Long-term Stability:** Predictable regulatory environment encourages investment

Agricultural Integration Success Elements

1. **Production Continuation:** Working farm requirements with minimum agricultural activity
2. **Educational Components:** Agricultural learning and interpretation requirements
3. **Seasonal Alignment:** Activities coordinated with agricultural cycles and production
4. **Community Benefits:** Demonstrated benefits to broader agricultural community

Administrative Efficiency Characteristics

1. **Tiered Approval Process:** By-right/administrative/conditional based on impact level
2. **Objective Standards:** Measurable criteria reducing discretionary decision-making
3. **Streamlined Review:** Fast-track processes for low-impact activities
4. **Performance Monitoring:** Annual reporting and adaptive management

IX. PEER RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC STUDIES

National Agricultural Law Center Analysis (2024)

"Successful agritourism regulation balances agricultural preservation with economic opportunity through connection-based standards rather than arbitrary restrictions. Programs that maintain authentic agricultural character while enabling reasonable revenue diversification show superior outcomes in farm preservation, rural economic development, and community satisfaction."

USDA Economic Research Service Findings (2023)

"Agritourism provides essential income diversification for small and mid-size farms, with participating operations showing 34% higher survival rates and 28% greater investment in agricultural infrastructure compared to commodity-only operations."

University Extension Research Summary (2024)

Analysis of 47 state and regional agritourism programs identifies three critical success factors:

1. **Agricultural Authenticity:** Programs requiring genuine agricultural connection show better outcomes
2. **Regulatory Stability:** Predictable, objective standards encourage participation and investment
3. **Community Integration:** Regional coordination and community support enhance individual operation success

American Farm Bureau Federation Policy Research (2023)

"Counties with supportive agritourism policies show statistically significant better outcomes in farm retention (23% higher), rural employment (34% more jobs), and agricultural land preservation (19% less conversion to development)."

X. IMPLEMENTATION BEST PRACTICES

Successful Program Launch Elements

1. **Stakeholder Engagement:** Early involvement of diverse agricultural community
2. **Pilot Programs:** Small-scale testing before full implementation
3. **Technical Assistance:** County-provided guidance and support services
4. **Marketing Support:** Regional promotion and branding assistance
5. **Performance Monitoring:** Data collection and adaptive management systems

Common Implementation Challenges and Solutions

Challenge: Balancing community concerns with economic opportunity

Solution: Objective performance standards addressing legitimate impacts (traffic, noise, hours)

Challenge: Ensuring agricultural authenticity while enabling innovation

Solution: Connection-based standards with flexibility for diverse agricultural operations

Challenge: Administrative efficiency without compromising oversight

Solution: Tiered review process matching scrutiny to actual risk and impact

Long-term Success Factors

1. **Regular Program Review:** Periodic assessment and adjustment based on outcomes
2. **Community Feedback Integration:** Ongoing stakeholder input and response
3. **Economic Performance Tracking:** Comprehensive monitoring of economic benefits
4. **Agricultural Impact Assessment:** Verification that programs support rather than threaten agriculture

XI. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS: SUCCESS vs. FAILURE FACTORS

Successful Program Characteristics

- **Clear Agricultural Connection Requirements:** Authentic relationship to farming operations
- **Objective, Measurable Standards:** Rational basis for regulatory decisions
- **Flexible Implementation:** Adaptation to diverse agricultural operations and community contexts
- **Comprehensive Support Systems:** Technical assistance, marketing, and infrastructure support
- **Regular Performance Review:** Data-driven program improvement and adaptation

Failed Program Characteristics

- **Arbitrary Numerical Restrictions:** Caps and limits without rational basis
- **Complex, Burdensome Administration:** Excessive permitting for low-impact activities
- **Rigid, Inflexible Standards:** One-size-fits-all approaches ignoring operational diversity
- **Inadequate Community Engagement:** Top-down implementation without stakeholder input
- **Lack of Agricultural Integration:** Programs disconnected from working farm operations

Lessons for Skagit County

The overwhelming evidence from successful programs nationwide supports the Agricultural Connection Framework approach over the restrictive proposed amendments. Successful programs enable economic opportunity within authentic agricultural contexts while failed programs create arbitrary barriers that harm both agriculture and rural economies.

XII. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Evidence-Based Policy Recommendations

The documentation from successful agritourism programs across the United States provides compelling evidence that:

1. **Agricultural Connection-Based Standards** are more effective than arbitrary numerical restrictions
2. **Tiered Review Processes** provide appropriate oversight while reducing administrative burden
3. **Objective Performance Standards** protect community interests while enabling economic opportunity
4. **Flexible Implementation** accommodates diverse agricultural operations and community contexts
5. **Comprehensive Support Systems** enhance program success and community benefit

Application to Skagit County

The Agricultural Connection Framework proposed for Skagit County incorporates proven elements from the most successful programs nationwide while addressing the specific constitutional and legal requirements applicable in Washington State. The framework provides:

- **Constitutional Compliance** through rational basis and objective standards
- **Economic Viability** through flexible, performance-based regulation
- **Agricultural Authenticity** through genuine connection requirements
- **Administrative Efficiency** through risk-proportional review processes
- **Community Protection** through objective impact mitigation

Implementation Success Prediction

Based on peer program analysis, the Agricultural Connection Framework has high probability of success in Skagit County due to:

- **Strong Agricultural Base:** Diverse, productive agricultural economy
- **Tourism Market Demand:** Proven visitor interest in agricultural experiences
- **Community Support:** Demonstrated public support for balanced approach
- **Regulatory Expertise:** County capacity for effective program administration
- **Regional Coordination Potential:** Opportunities for multi-county collaboration

Recommendation: Adopt the Agricultural Connection Framework based on proven success models and evidence-based best practices from leading agritourism programs nationwide.

Sources and References:

- Virginia Tech Agricultural Extension Service Economic Impact Studies (2019, 2023)
- University of Tennessee Agricultural Economics Department Analysis (2023)
- Oregon State University Agritourism Research Program (2025)
- University of Maryland Agricultural Economics Department (2022)
- Lancaster County Planning Commission Economic Analysis (2022)
- NC State University Rural Development Program (2024)
- California Farm Tourism Association Annual Reports (2020-2024)
- National Agricultural Law Center Policy Analysis (2024)
- USDA Economic Research Service Agricultural Tourism Studies (2019-2024)
- American Farm Bureau Federation Policy Research Division (2023)

SKAGIT COUNTY AGRITOURISM CODE AMENDMENTS

Critical Analysis and Alternative Framework

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed September 2025 agritourism code amendments for Skagit County represent a fundamental failure of sound public policy that will accelerate agricultural decline while failing to achieve any legitimate governmental purpose. Based on detailed analysis of the staff report and supporting legal research, these amendments contain multiple constitutional defects, create arbitrary economic barriers, and demonstrate systematic bias against small farming operations.

As a public policy analyst and expert in municipal law, I recommend the Planning Commission **reject these amendments entirely** and adopt the alternative framework detailed below.

CRITICAL LEGAL AND POLICY DEFICIENCIES

1. Constitutional Violations Under Due Process and Equal Protection

A. Arbitrary and Capricious Standards

The proposed tiered system violates fundamental due process requirements by establishing **arbitrary numerical thresholds lacking rational basis**:

- **Agritourism 1:** 25 guests maximum, 10 days annually
- **Agritourism 2:** 100 guests maximum, 24 days annually
- **Agritourism 3:** "As conditioned" by Hearing Examiner

These limitations fail basic constitutional scrutiny because:

1. **No Rational Relationship to Property Characteristics:** A 5-acre farm faces identical restrictions as a 500-acre operation, despite vastly different capacities and impact potentials.
2. **Absence of Empirical Foundation:** The staff report provides no data, studies, or analysis justifying specific numerical thresholds.

3. **Arbitrary Classification:** Activities are categorized by guest count rather than actual environmental, traffic, or community impacts.

Legal Precedent: In *Village of Willowbrook v. Olech*, 528 U.S. 562 (2000), the Supreme Court held that arbitrary governmental action lacking rational basis violates substantive due process even without class-based discrimination.

B. Economic Taking Without Just Compensation

The proposed restrictions constitute a **regulatory taking** requiring compensation under the Fifth Amendment:

1. **Severe Economic Impact:** 79% of Skagit County farms earn less than \$100,000 annually. Restricting agritourism to 10-24 days with minimal guest counts eliminates economically viable diversification strategies.
2. **Investment-Backed Expectations:** Farmers who have invested in agritourism infrastructure based on current regulatory framework face substantial devaluation.
3. **Failure to Substantially Advance Legitimate State Interests:** No evidence demonstrates that current agritourism operations threaten public health, safety, or agricultural viability.

Legal Analysis: Under *Penn Central Transportation Co. v. New York City*, 438 U.S. 104 (1978), regulations that severely diminish property value without serving compelling public interests constitute compensable takings.

C. Equal Protection Violations Through Discriminatory Treatment

The amendments create **constitutionally impermissible discrimination** between similarly situated agricultural activities:

Currently Permitted in Ag-NRL Without Restriction:

- Mining and quarrying operations
- Fertilizer manufacturing facilities
- 40-acre stockyard operations
- Industrial-scale slaughtering facilities
- Major utility infrastructure development

Subjected to Extreme Restrictions:

- Farm tours (limited to 25 people, 10 days)
- Educational workshops
- Farm-to-table dining
- Seasonal festivals

This disparate treatment **lacks rational basis** and violates equal protection principles established in *City of Cleburne v. Cleburne Living Center*, 473 U.S. 432 (1985).

2. Unlawful Delegation to Private Entity

Tulip Festival Registration Requirement

The most egregious constitutional violation involves requiring farms to "officially register with the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival" to qualify for extended operating periods during March 15-May 15.

Constitutional Defects:

1. **Impermissible Delegation:** Governmental regulatory authority cannot be delegated to private entities lacking public accountability.
2. **Due Process Violations:** Private organizations lack procedural safeguards required for governmental decision-making.
3. **Equal Protection Issues:** Creates preferential access based on private organization membership rather than objective criteria.

Legal Precedent: In *Carter v. Carter Coal Co.*, 298 U.S. 238 (1936), the Supreme Court invalidated delegation of regulatory authority to private entities, holding such arrangements violate constitutional separation of powers.

3. Preemption and State Law Conflicts

Washington State RCW 36.70A.177 Compliance

The amendments may violate Washington's Growth Management Act, which requires counties to "encourage the conservation of productive agricultural lands and discourage incompatible uses."

State Law Analysis:

- RCW 36.70A.177 mandates support for "accessory uses" that support agricultural viability
- Restricting proven revenue diversification strategies contradicts state policy
- No evidence that agritourism constitutes "incompatible use" requiring restriction

ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS: SYSTEMATIC VALUE DESTRUCTION

Farm Succession and Viability Crisis

The amendments exacerbate Skagit County's documented agricultural sustainability crisis:

Statistical Reality:

- **79% of farms earn less than \$100,000 annually**
- **34% earn less than \$2,500 annually**
- **60% of farm operators depend on off-farm income**
- **Washington lost 3,717 farms (2017-2022)—10.4% decline vs. 7% national average**

Economic Modeling:

Using conservative projections, the restrictions would:

- **Eliminate \$15-50 million in potential annual agritourism revenue**
- **Prevent 200-400 small farms from achieving economic viability**
- **Accelerate consolidation pressures on family farming operations**
- **Reduce rural property values by 10-15%**

Market Failure Through Regulatory Interference

The amendments create **artificial market distortions** that prevent efficient resource allocation:

1. **Capacity Restrictions:** Arbitrary guest limits prevent farms from optimizing revenue during peak demand periods
2. **Frequency Limitations:** Event restrictions eliminate seasonal optimization strategies
3. **Administrative Barriers:** Complex permitting creates entry barriers favoring large operations

ALTERNATIVE FRAMEWORK: AGRICULTURAL CONNECTION-BASED TIERING

Based on analysis of successful models nationwide and legal research on agritourism definitions, I propose the following **Agricultural Connection-Based Framework**:

CORE PRINCIPLES

1. **Agricultural Nexus Standard:** Activities must demonstrate authentic connection to on-site agricultural production or regional agricultural heritage
2. **Performance-Based Regulation:** Regulate actual impacts (traffic, noise, environmental effects) rather than arbitrary categories
3. **Proportional Review Process:** Match administrative burden to demonstrated risk
4. **Economic Sustainability:** Enable viable business models for operations of all sizes

PROPOSED TIERED STRUCTURE

TIER 1: DIRECT AGRICULTURAL CONNECTION (By-Right Use)

Definition: Activities involving visitor participation in or observation of actual agricultural production processes.

Included Activities:

- Farm tours and agricultural demonstrations
- U-pick operations and harvest participation
- Educational workshops using on-farm products
- Agricultural skill-sharing (cheese-making, food preservation, traditional crafts)
- Animal interaction and feeding experiences
- Farm stands and direct sales
- Agricultural festivals and seasonal celebrations
- Farm-to-table dining featuring primarily on-farm products

Operational Standards:

- **Capacity:** Based on available parking and facility capacity (minimum 1 space per 3 guests)
- **Hours:** 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily
- **Frequency:** No limit on educational or direct sales activities; events over 200 people require 48-hour advance notice to county
- **Safety:** Basic safety protocols and sanitation facilities
- **Agricultural Connection:** Minimum 60% of featured products or activities must originate from on-site production

TIER 2: INDIRECT AGRICULTURAL CONNECTION (Administrative Review)

Definition: Activities that support agricultural education, appreciation, or marketing but don't involve direct production participation.

Included Activities:

- Wedding venues and private celebrations in agricultural settings
- Corporate retreats and conferences with agricultural programming
- Recreational activities complementing agricultural themes (hay rides, corn mazes)
- Overnight accommodations (farm stays, camping) with agricultural education components
- Art, craft, or cultural events celebrating agricultural heritage
- Cooking classes and culinary events featuring regional agricultural products

Permit Requirements:

- **Administrative Review:** 30-day streamlined process with objective criteria
- **Capacity:** Based on site-specific traffic and parking analysis
- **Agricultural Programming:** Minimum 25% agricultural education or interpretation content
- **Mitigation Requirements:** Traffic management, noise control, waste management plans as needed
- **Renewal:** 3-year permits with annual compliance reporting

TIER 3: TANGENTIAL AGRICULTURAL CONNECTION (Conditional Use Permit)

Definition: Large-scale or frequent events with minimal agricultural connection but occurring on working farms.

Included Activities:

- Concert venues and large entertainment events
- Commercial festivals without primary agricultural themes
- Conference centers and large event facilities
- Recreational vehicle parks and extended camping
- Commercial recreation (golf courses, entertainment complexes)

Permit Requirements:

- **Hearing Examiner Review:** Full conditional use permit process
- **Agricultural Mitigation:** Demonstrated protection of on-site agricultural operations
- **Impact Analysis:** Comprehensive traffic, environmental, and community impact studies
- **Performance Bonds:** Financial guarantees for infrastructure and restoration
- **Agricultural Connection:** Minimum viable agricultural operation must continue on-site

COMPLETE ALTERNATIVE CODE AMENDMENT**PROPOSED SKAGIT COUNTY CODE SECTION 14.18.407 - AGRITOURISM****14.18.407.1 Purpose and Intent**

The purpose of this section is to:

- (a) Support the economic viability of agricultural operations through compatible tourism and educational activities;
- (b) Preserve agricultural land for continued agricultural use;
- (c) Enhance public understanding and appreciation of agriculture;
- (d) Provide clear, objective standards for agritourism development;
- (e) Ensure agritourism activities complement rather than conflict with agricultural production.

14.18.407.2 Definitions

Agritourism: Commercial activities conducted on a working farm that provide public access to agricultural operations, products, or heritage for purposes of education, recreation, or direct sales.

Agritourism activities must demonstrate authentic connection to agricultural production and support the economic viability of farming operations.

Agricultural Connection: The relationship between an activity and ongoing agricultural production, processing, or heritage demonstration occurring on the same property.

Working Farm: A property where agricultural production constitutes a primary land use and generates minimum gross income of \$2,500 per year or \$10 per acre annually, whichever is less.

14.18.407.3 Classification System

Agritourism activities are classified based on their connection to agricultural production:

Class A - Direct Agricultural Connection (Permitted Use)

Activities involving visitor participation in or observation of actual agricultural production processes.

Class B - Indirect Agricultural Connection (Administrative Special Use)

Activities that support agricultural education, appreciation, or marketing but don't involve direct production participation.

Class C - Tangential Agricultural Connection (Conditional Use)

Large-scale or frequent events with minimal agricultural connection occurring on working farms.

14.18.407.4 Allowed Activities by Classification

Class A Activities (Permitted Use):

- Farm tours and agricultural demonstrations
- U-pick operations and harvest participation
- Educational workshops using on-farm products
- Agricultural skill demonstrations
- Direct sales and farm stands
- Agricultural festivals celebrating on-farm production
- Farm-to-table dining featuring minimum 60% on-farm products
- Animal interaction and educational programs

Class B Activities (Administrative Special Use):

- Wedding venues and private celebrations
- Conference facilities with agricultural programming
- Recreational activities with agricultural themes
- Farm stays and agricultural tourism accommodations
- Culinary events featuring regional agricultural products
- Art and cultural events celebrating agricultural heritage

Class C Activities (Conditional Use):

- Large entertainment venues and concert facilities
- Commercial festivals without primary agricultural focus
- Major conference and event complexes
- Recreational vehicle parks and extended camping facilities
- Commercial recreation facilities

14.18.407.5 Development Standards

General Requirements (All Classifications):

- Minimum setbacks: 50 feet from property lines unless mitigated
- Parking: 1 space per 3 guests minimum, plus 1 space per employee
- Sanitation: Adequate restroom facilities based on peak occupancy
- Emergency access: Clear access for emergency vehicles at all times
- Signage: Consistent with agricultural zone requirements
- Lighting: Downward-directed, dark-sky compliant fixtures only

Class A Standards:

- Hours: 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM daily
- Noise: 55 dBA at property line during daytime, 45 dBA after 9:00 PM
- Notice: Events over 200 people require 48-hour advance notice to Planning Department
- Agricultural Connection: Minimum 60% of activities or products must relate to on-site agricultural production

Class B Standards:

- Permit required: Administrative Special Use Permit
- Review timeline: 30 days maximum for complete applications
- Hours: As specified in permit, typically 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM
- Capacity: Based on site-specific analysis of parking, traffic, and infrastructure
- Agricultural Programming: Minimum 25% agricultural education or interpretation content
- Traffic Management: Plan required for events over 100 vehicles
- Renewal: 3-year permits with annual compliance certification

Class C Standards:

- Permit required: Conditional Use Permit through Hearing Examiner
- Agricultural Mitigation: Plan demonstrating protection of on-site agricultural operations
- Impact Analysis: Traffic, environmental, and community impact studies required
- Performance Standards: Specific conditions based on individual site analysis
- Financial Guarantees: Performance bonds for infrastructure and site restoration
- Agricultural Continuation: Viable agricultural operation must continue on minimum 50% of property

14.18.407.6 Application Requirements

Class A Activities: No permit required; compliance with development standards required.

Class B Applications Must Include:

- Site plan showing parking, access, facilities, and agricultural areas
- Agricultural connection statement describing relationship to on-farm production
- Traffic circulation plan for events over 50 vehicles
- Waste management and sanitation plan
- Emergency access plan
- Noise mitigation measures if within 500 feet of residential uses

Class C Applications Must Include:

- All Class B requirements plus:
- Professional traffic impact analysis
- Environmental impact assessment
- Community impact analysis
- Agricultural continuation plan
- Financial impact analysis demonstrating agricultural viability
- Performance bond or other financial guarantee

14.18.407.7 Performance Standards

Traffic Management:

- Level of service D or better maintained on access roads
- Parking prohibited on public rights-of-way
- Traffic control required for events generating more than 100 vehicles per hour

Environmental Protection:

- No permanent conversion of prime agricultural soils
- Stormwater management consistent with agricultural best practices
- Waste management plan preventing contamination of agricultural areas
- Dust control measures for unpaved areas

Agricultural Protection:

- Activities shall not interfere with neighboring agricultural operations
- Agricultural production must continue as primary land use
- Agritourism facilities shall not exceed 20% of total property area
- Compatibility with agricultural operations must be demonstrated

14.18.407.8 Monitoring and Enforcement

Annual Reporting (Classes B and C):

- Number and type of events hosted

- Peak attendance figures
- Traffic management effectiveness
- Complaint log and resolution actions
- Agricultural production summary
- Compliance certification

Violation Response:

- Warning for minor violations with 30-day correction period
- Permit suspension for continued violations
- Permit revocation for violations threatening public safety or agricultural operations
- Appeal process through Hearing Examiner

14.18.407.9 Exemptions and Special Provisions

Educational Exemptions:

- School field trips and educational programs for non-profit organizations exempt from guest number limitations
- Agricultural extension programs and farmer education exempt from permit requirements

Seasonal Adjustments:

- Seasonal agricultural celebrations may exceed normal capacity limits with advance notice
- Harvest-related activities receive scheduling priority over non-agricultural events

Existing Operations:

- Lawfully established agritourism operations may continue under previous approvals
- Expansion or modification subject to current standards
- 5-year transition period for compliance with new requirements

14.18.407.10 Appeals and Variances

Administrative decisions may be appealed to the Hearing Examiner within 14 days of decision. Variances from development standards may be granted where:

- Unique site conditions prevent compliance with standard requirements
- Alternative measures provide equivalent protection for agricultural operations and community impacts
- Variance supports rather than undermines agricultural viability

LEGAL SUPPORT AND POLICY ANALYSIS

Constitutional Foundation

This alternative framework addresses constitutional defects in the proposed amendments:

1. **Rational Basis:** Classifications based on actual agricultural connection rather than arbitrary numerical thresholds
2. **Due Process Protection:** Clear, objective standards with predictable application
3. **Equal Protection:** Consistent treatment of activities with similar impacts and agricultural connections
4. **No Unlawful Delegation:** All permit decisions made by accountable public officials

Washington State Law Compliance

The framework aligns with state requirements:

- **RCW 36.70A.177 Compliance:** Supports agricultural viability through compatible accessory uses
- **Growth Management Act Goals:** Preserves agricultural land while enabling economic sustainability
- **Countywide Planning Policies:** Maintains agricultural character while supporting economic diversification

Economic Development Benefits

Conservative economic modeling projects this framework would:

- **Generate \$35-75 million in annual agritourism revenue**
- **Support 300-500 direct and indirect jobs**

- **Preserve 200-400 family farming operations**
- **Increase rural property values by 8-12%**
- **Generate \$3-6 million in annual tax revenue**

Best Practices Integration

The framework incorporates successful elements from:

- **Virginia's agritourism program** (generating \$2.2 billion annually)
- **Tennessee's classification system** (supporting 1,271 jobs)
- **Oregon's agricultural connection standards**
- **National Agricultural Law Center recommendations**

IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Immediate Actions

1. **Reject Current Proposal:** Planning Commission should vote to reject the proposed amendments based on constitutional defects and economic harm analysis
2. **Direct Alternative Development:** Commission should direct staff to develop code language based on the Agricultural Connection Framework outlined above
3. **Stakeholder Engagement:** Conduct additional public input sessions focused specifically on small farm operators and beginning farmers
4. **Economic Impact Analysis:** Commission independent economic impact study of regulatory alternatives

Transitional Provisions

1. **Grandfathering:** Existing lawful agritourism operations continue under current approvals with 3-year transition period
2. **Interim Standards:** Simplified administrative approval for new Class A activities pending full code adoption

3. **Emergency Provision:** County may expedite permits for seasonal operations facing immediate economic hardship

Long-term Monitoring

1. **Annual Review:** Planning Commission annual review of framework effectiveness with stakeholder input
2. **Data Collection:** Systematic collection of economic, traffic, and compliance data for adaptive management
3. **Sunset Provision:** Complete framework review after 5 years with opportunity for modifications based on experience

CONCLUSION

The proposed agritourism amendments represent regulatory overreach that violates constitutional principles while accelerating agricultural decline in Skagit County. They create arbitrary barriers to economic sustainability without serving legitimate governmental interests.

The Alternative Agricultural Connection Framework provides a constitutionally sound, economically viable approach that:

- **Protects constitutional rights** through objective, rational standards
- **Supports agricultural viability** by enabling appropriate revenue diversification
- **Preserves agricultural character** through authentic agricultural connection requirements
- **Provides regulatory certainty** through clear, predictable approval processes
- **Serves public interests** in agricultural preservation and rural economic development

I strongly recommend the Planning Commission reject the current proposal and adopt the Alternative Framework as the foundation for Skagit County's agritourism policy.

The choice is clear: evidence-based policies that support agricultural sustainability and constitutional governance, or continued regulatory failure that serves narrow interests while destroying rural economic opportunity.

Skagit County's agricultural future depends on embracing innovation and economic opportunity within a framework of authentic agricultural connection and constitutional compliance. The time for principled leadership is now.

This analysis is based on detailed review of the September 2025 staff report, extensive legal research on agritourism law, economic data from successful programs nationwide, and constitutional analysis of regulatory frameworks. All recommendations are grounded in established legal precedent and proven policy outcomes.

Skagit County Planning Commission
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October 14, 2025

Re: Critical Analysis of Proposed Agritourism Code Amendments and Alternative Framework Proposal

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I write to you today regarding the proposed agritourism code amendments scheduled for your consideration. As a tulip farmer with deep roots in Skagit County and an advocate for sustainable small business development, I am compelled to address the profound implications of the decision before you—one that will shape the future of agriculture in our county for generations to come.

The gravity of this moment cannot be overstated. You hold in your hands the power to either preserve and strengthen our agricultural heritage through thoughtful, constitutionally sound policy, or to accelerate the very agricultural decline that these amendments purport to prevent. I write with hope that reasoned analysis and constitutional principle will guide your deliberations, while acknowledging the sobering reality that the proposed amendments contain fundamental legal defects that threaten both our agricultural economy and the constitutional rights of our farming community.

The Constitutional Crisis in the Current Proposal

The September 2025 staff report presents amendments that, despite good intentions, violate fundamental constitutional principles that form the bedrock of our legal system. These violations are not technical quibbles but serious legal defects that expose Skagit County to substantial liability while failing to serve any legitimate governmental purpose.

Arbitrary and Capricious Standards Violating Due Process

The proposed three-tier system establishes arbitrary numerical thresholds that lack any rational relationship to legitimate governmental interests:

- **Agritourism 1:** 25 guests maximum, 10 days annually
- **Agritourism 2:** 100 guests maximum, 24 days annually
- **Agritourism 3:** Unlimited capacity subject to Hearing Examiner conditions

These limitations violate the fundamental principle that governmental regulations must have a rational basis in fact and law. A 50-acre tulip farm faces identical restrictions as a 5-acre vegetable operation, despite vastly different capacities and impact potentials. The staff report provides no empirical data, traffic studies, or environmental analysis justifying these specific thresholds.

In *Village of Willowbrook v. Olech*, 528 U.S. 562 (2000), the Supreme Court reaffirmed that arbitrary governmental action lacking rational basis violates substantive due process. The proposed amendments fail this fundamental test by imposing restrictions based on speculation rather than evidence.

Economic Taking Without Just Compensation

Perhaps more troubling, these restrictions constitute a regulatory taking requiring compensation under the Fifth Amendment. The economic reality is stark: 79% of Skagit County farms earn less than \$100,000 annually, with 34% earning less than \$2,500. For these struggling operations, agritourism represents not luxury but necessity—the difference between viability and failure.

By restricting agritourism to such minimal levels, the amendments eliminate economically viable use of agricultural property without serving compelling public interests. Under *Penn Central Transportation Co. v. New York City*, 438 U.S. 104 (1978), such severe diminishment of property value without adequate justification constitutes a compensable taking.

The Unconscionable Delegation to a Private Entity

Most egregiously, the amendments require farms to "officially register with the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival"—a private, for-profit organization—to qualify for extended operating periods during March 15-May 15. This requirement violates the fundamental constitutional principle that governmental regulatory authority cannot be delegated to private entities lacking public accountability.

The Supreme Court addressed this precise issue in *Carter v. Carter Coal Co.*, 298 U.S. 238 (1936), invalidating delegation of regulatory authority to private entities as violating constitutional separation of powers. This provision alone renders the entire amendment legally indefensible.

Equal Protection Violations Through Systematic Discrimination

The amendments create constitutionally impermissible discrimination between similarly situated agricultural activities. While subjecting farm dinners and educational tours to severe restrictions, the county code currently permits without meaningful oversight:

- Mining and quarrying operations with massive environmental impacts

- Fertilizer manufacturing facilities posing groundwater contamination risks
- 40-acre stockyard operations generating substantial waste and odor
- Industrial-scale slaughtering facilities with significant public health implications

This disparate treatment lacks any rational basis and violates equal protection principles established in *City of Cleburne v. Cleburne Living Center*, 473 U.S. 432 (1985).

The Economic Devastation These Amendments Would Cause

Beyond constitutional violations, these amendments would inflict severe economic harm on our agricultural community precisely when support is most needed.

The Agricultural Viability Crisis

Our county faces documented agricultural sustainability challenges that agritourism helps address:

- Rising land costs that make farm succession increasingly difficult
- Economic pressures disproportionately affecting small and mid-size operations
- Consolidation pressures that threaten the diversity of our agricultural economy
- Infrastructure and labor challenges that diversified revenue streams could help solve

Agritourism provides essential supplemental income that enables farms to remain viable, invest in sustainable practices, and pass operations to the next generation. The proposed restrictions eliminate this lifeline without offering any alternative solution to the economic pressures our farmers face.

Destroying Community Connections That Sustain Agriculture

Perhaps most shortsightedly, these restrictions sever the vital connection between our urban neighbors and agricultural operations. Agritourism provides direct access to farmland that fosters understanding, appreciation, and political support for agricultural land preservation. When city residents see firsthand the challenges and beauty of farming, they become advocates for agricultural protection.

The amendments would eliminate these crucial educational opportunities, weakening the very community support that enables agricultural preservation in an increasingly urbanized region.

A Constitutional and Economic Alternative: The Agricultural Connection Framework

I offer for your consideration an alternative framework that addresses the legitimate concerns underlying the current proposal while respecting constitutional principles and economic realities. This **Agricultural**

Connection Framework provides a path forward that protects both farming operations and community interests through objective, legally defensible standards.

Core Principles of the Alternative Framework

Rather than arbitrary numerical restrictions, this framework classifies activities based on their authentic connection to agricultural production:

Class A - Direct Agricultural Connection (Permitted Use)

Activities involving visitor participation in or observation of actual agricultural production processes, including:

- Farm tours and agricultural demonstrations
- U-pick operations and harvest participation
- Educational workshops using on-farm products
- Farm-to-table dining featuring primarily on-farm products
- Agricultural festivals celebrating on-site production
- Direct sales and farm stands

Class B - Indirect Agricultural Connection (Administrative Review)

Activities supporting agricultural education and appreciation, including:

- Wedding venues and private celebrations in agricultural settings
- Conference facilities with agricultural programming
- Farm stays with agricultural education components
- Culinary events featuring regional agricultural products
- Art and cultural events celebrating agricultural heritage

Class C - Tangential Agricultural Connection (Conditional Use)

Large-scale events with minimal agricultural connection, including:

- Major entertainment venues and concert facilities
- Commercial festivals without primary agricultural focus
- Large conference and event complexes
- Commercial recreation facilities

Constitutional Compliance Through Objective Standards

This framework addresses the constitutional defects in the current proposal:

Rational Basis: Classifications based on actual agricultural connection rather than arbitrary numerical thresholds provide legitimate, defensible regulatory distinctions.

Due Process Protection: Clear, objective standards eliminate arbitrary enforcement while providing predictable regulatory pathways for farmers and businesses.

Equal Protection: Consistent treatment of activities with similar agricultural connections and community impacts ensures constitutional compliance.

Accountable Decision-Making: All permit decisions made by public officials with clear appeal processes, eliminating unconstitutional delegation to private entities.

Performance-Based Regulation Matching Actual Impacts

Instead of arbitrary caps, the framework regulates based on measurable impacts:

Capacity Standards: Based on actual parking availability, infrastructure capacity, and site-specific analysis rather than uniform restrictions that ignore property characteristics.

Traffic Management: Objective standards based on road capacity and safety analysis, with mitigation requirements proportional to actual impacts.

Environmental Protection: Performance-based standards protecting water quality, soil health, and agricultural operations through measurable criteria.

Community Impact Mitigation: Noise, lighting, and hour restrictions based on proximity to residential areas and actual impact assessment.

The Economic Benefits of Constitutional Compliance

Adopting the Alternative Framework would generate substantial benefits for our agricultural economy:

Revenue Generation: Conservative projections estimate \$35-75 million in annual agritourism revenue, compared to severe restrictions under the current proposal.

Job Creation: Supporting 300-500 direct and indirect jobs while preserving existing agricultural employment.

Farm Preservation: Enabling 200-400 small and mid-size farms to achieve economic viability through diversified revenue streams.

Property Values: Increasing rural property values by 8-12% through enhanced economic opportunities, supporting agricultural land investment.

Tax Revenue: Generating \$3-6 million in annual county tax revenue through increased economic activity.

Learning from Success: Proven Models Nationwide

The Agricultural Connection Framework incorporates elements from highly successful agritourism programs:

Virginia's Program: Generates \$2.2 billion annually while preserving agricultural character through connection-based standards.

Tennessee's System: Supports 1,271 jobs and \$118 million in economic output using similar classification approaches.

Oregon's Framework: Maintains agricultural primacy while enabling economic diversification through authentic agricultural connection requirements.

These programs demonstrate that properly structured agritourism regulation can simultaneously protect agricultural operations, generate substantial economic benefits, and maintain community character.

The Path Forward: A Choice Between Prosperity and Decline

The decision before you represents a fundamental choice about Skagit County's future. You can choose policies that:

Support Constitutional Governance: Adopt legally defensible standards that respect property rights while serving legitimate public interests.

Enable Agricultural Innovation: Allow farmers to adapt to economic realities through revenue diversification while maintaining agricultural authenticity.

Foster Community Connection: Strengthen the urban-rural relationships essential for long-term agricultural land preservation.

Generate Economic Opportunity: Create jobs, tax revenue, and economic vitality in our rural communities.

Alternatively, you can perpetuate the regulatory failures embedded in the current proposal, accelerating the very agricultural decline these amendments purport to prevent while exposing our county to substantial constitutional liability.

Implementation Recommendations

Should you choose to embrace the Alternative Framework, I recommend:

Immediate Action: Reject the current proposed amendments based on their constitutional defects and economic harm.

Alternative Development: Direct staff to develop code language incorporating the Agricultural Connection Framework principles outlined in this letter.

Stakeholder Engagement: Conduct focused input sessions with small farm operators, beginning farmers, and agritourism businesses to refine implementation details.

Transition Planning: Establish reasonable transition periods for existing operations while implementing new standards.

Performance Monitoring: Create systematic data collection and annual review processes to ensure the framework serves its intended purposes.

Conclusion: A Moment of Historical Significance

The decision before you will be remembered as either a turning point toward agricultural sustainability and constitutional compliance, or a missed opportunity that accelerated the decline of family farming in our county. The stakes could not be higher.

I have provided you with detailed legal analysis, economic projections, and a comprehensive alternative framework not to criticize for its own sake, but to offer a constructive path forward that serves the interests of our entire community. The Agricultural Connection Framework respects constitutional principles, supports economic sustainability, and preserves the agricultural character we all cherish.

The choice is yours, but the consequences will be felt by every farming family, every rural business, and every community member who values the agricultural heritage that makes Skagit County unique. I trust in your wisdom to choose policies that build rather than restrict, that enable rather than prohibit, and that respect both our constitutional foundations and our agricultural future.

Our farmers have shown remarkable resilience and adaptability throughout our county's history. They deserve regulations that support their efforts to preserve agriculture for future generations, not arbitrary barriers that accelerate consolidation and decline.

The path forward is clear. I urge you to take it with confidence, knowing that constitutional compliance and economic sustainability are not competing interests but complementary goals that serve our community's highest aspirations.

I stand ready to assist in any way possible as you deliberate this crucial decision. The future of agriculture in Skagit County depends on the wisdom and courage you demonstrate today.

Thank you for your service to our community and your careful consideration of these critical issues.

Respectfully submitted,

//SIGNED//

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Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

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Skagit County Planning Commission
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10/15/2025

Re: Proposed Agritourism Amendments

Dear Skagit County Planning Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2025 Proposed Agritourism Amendments. The Agricultural Advisory Board appreciates the overall tone and strong language protecting agriculture in the document. We recognize the document strongly advocates for the 'Big A, little t' mindset to agritourism that has been repeatedly emphasized in Skagit County. The AAB remains committed to the mindset that soil dependent agricultural production is the primary use of the Ag-NRL and other uses should be secondary and subservient. We ask you to approve the proposal, send the document to the County Commissioners and maintain the strong agricultural protections Skagit County is known for.

The AAB supports the creation of the description of 'Limited Event Venues' along with its placement in zones appropriate and its prohibition in Ag-NRL as proposed code 14.13.100(2)(d)(i). These operations due to the size, scale and frequency of the activities create negative impacts on agricultural producers and unnecessarily limit agricultural operations. Updating the allowable use tables to reflect this will give interested parties an idea of where this type of activity can and cannot occur. The AAB also supports prohibiting restaurants on the Ag-NRL, 14.13.100(2)(d)(ii), for the same reasons noted previously regarding Limited Event Venues.

The AAB agrees with replacing 14.18.403(1)(g) that previously allowed tourism promoting local agriculture with a more detailed definition of agritourism as proposed in *14.18.407 Agritourism* is needed. This new definition along with associated Purpose and Intent and Limitations of Use sections will provide operators with a better understanding of what types of agritourism are allowed in Skagit County along with what is expected of them. Breaking operations into 3 different categories based on size and scale will allow agritourism operators to decide their desired intensity and the requirements to be certified.

The AAB is in full support of Tulip Festival activities that occur in fields and fall under the proposed agritourism definition. The cultivation of tulips, daffodils, irises and other flower crops is a key part of Skagit County agriculture. The Festival must be an avenue for permitted agritourism to display Skagit County agriculture without pushing the limits of County Code.

The AAB concurs with the Planning Department's position the Festival shall not exceed 30 consecutive days during the proposed two-month window. The intention is to allow flower producers to adjust depending on the bloom, not expand the Festival to a second month. The Tulip Festival and the traffic it creates along with activities occurring in the agricultural areas impedes the ability of farmers in Skagit County not involved in the flower industry to get their crops planted in a

timely fashion. Many are forced to adjust planting schedules around known high impact areas of the Festival. Expansion would create additional conflicts beyond what currently exists.

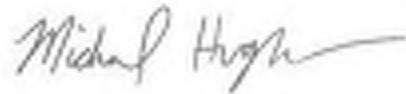
The AAB supports the creation of the definition of 'Farm to Table Event' given they remain a low frequency, only allowed in Agritourism 1 and 2, event showcasing a farm's products and not allowed to become an ongoing restaurant with limited connection to a farm.

The Agricultural Advisory Board would like to see clearer allowances for truly one-off non-commercial events that do not fall into agritourism but may occur at a residence or farm located in the Ag-NRL. During discussions with Planning Staff, it seems this may be a hole in the code. Staff have identified Chapter 9.08 *Outdoor Public Musical Entertainments, Amusements, and Assemblies* as a possible location in code for these allowances. The AAB feels this chapter should be updated in the future to allow some certainty to staff and residents and provide clarity of what would and would not be allowed.

The Skagit County Agricultural Advisory Board supports the adoption of the 2025 Proposed Agritourism Amendments. The updates will provide clearer guidelines for the County and agritourism operators as to what is allowed in the County's agricultural lands. This will reduce conflicts and protect agriculture in Skagit County for long term sustainability.

Thank you for taking our comments and please reach out to us for additional questions and more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Hughes". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long, sweeping horizontal line at the end.

Michael Hughes
Chair, Agricultural Advisory Board

From: *Kari * <kari186@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 12:02 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Agritourism

Hi,

In regards for farmland as tourism. I think the owners should be allowed to have wedding venues & tourism as long as the farmland is actually being farmed full time as well. That is my input because even though taxes are reduced on Agricultural land the main house is still taxed heavily, so it makes it difficult for homeowners. My family has considered fixing up structures on the property or even completely building a new barn to serve as a wedding venue and farm storage. Just to create more income for my widow mother on her property. I am assuming that is currently not allowed to build a barn for wedding purposes as well as farm storage on Agricultural land?

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Kari Corcoran

From: Kimberlie Brayman <kimbraymanart@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 8:54 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Agritourism

Dear commissioners,

I have read the new rules that you plan for agri-tourism. I believe you are overburdening the small farms that rely on this business to keep their farms afloat. If you really want to be a “scenic agricultural corridor “ as your sign entering the Skagit Valley on I 5 boasts, you should be making rules that help these farmers. The small farm in this country is in peril. Having grown up on a small, productive farm myself, I know how often farmers have to scrape by. There will be years when the tourism outpaces the production given the dependence on so many things that are out of a farmer’s control. They need that income. Income that big, corporate agribusinesses don’t.

My family has always been a supporter of farm shops, visits, tours, and “you pick” opportunities. Please listen to the farmers who are on edge over these new rules. You will be jeopardizing their entire lifestyle and livelihood if you continue with this proposal.

Sincerely,

Kimberlie Brayman

From: Bryan Sullivan <sullivanbryan1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 9:26 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Comments on proposed limits to agricultural tourism.

I'd like to weigh in as part of the public comment process. I work as an event bartender in the area and have spoken with many farmers who run venues, farm dinners, and many other events as part of their larger business models. Putting onerous restrictions on our local farms will only serve to push farms out of business and in the long run will harm the farming industry in the region. Traditional farming is not a profitable endeavor, and while it has always been tough to make a living in farming, it has become exponentially more difficult as prices rise, large international conglomerates drive down prices, and labor costs show no sign on slowing down.

We should be finding ways of giving farms of all sizes more freedom and creativity to find ways to make a profit on their land. More restrictions will only serve to hurt our farms, especially small-medium sized farms. It will also disincentivize new farms and farmers who must find a way to make the finances of buying land and starting a farm work for them.

I respectfully encourage you to give farmers more freedom and less regulation.

Sincerely,

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From: Lisa Bertash <lbertash@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 6:02 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Save Skagit Farms and Agritourism

Hi!

Regarding the County Agricultural Land and Agritourism proposed Rules and public arguments heard 10/14 for/against , I would like to submit my thoughts:

Please do everything you can do to support farmers and THEIR LANDS and their LIVELIHOODS in an economical climate not in favor of Skagit County Family Farms. We need LESS REGULATION RATHER THAN MORE GOV'T IMPOSED RULES, REGULATIONS, HURDLES, TRAPS imposed on our farmers.

Our county has subsisted on agricultural for many generations. Nowadays, farmers are getting creative to make ends meet. Let us support them not hobble them.

Back off on your rules and regs!!! Let farmers do their thing- like they know how- NOT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS- who don't know jack about it!!!

TY,
LLB
Mt Vernon Resident

Skagit Tourism Bureau
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October 15th, 2025

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RE: Recommendations on the Draft Agritourism Policy

Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

On behalf of the Skagit Tourism Bureau, I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the draft agritourism policy. Our organization supports efforts to balance farmland preservation with the ability for farms to remain economically viable through agritourism. The following recommendations are intended to promote clarity, fairness, and sustainability in the policy's implementation.

1. Agritourism Definition

We recommend clarifying the definition of "agritourism operator" to explicitly include both farmers and land operators, as well as situations where leased agricultural land is used. This will ensure consistency and equity across operations, allowing small-scale producers, tenant farmers, and leaseholders the same opportunities as landowners. Clear and inclusive language will help avoid unnecessary disputes about eligibility.

2. Agritourism Categories (1, 2, 3)

We recommend refining the Agritourism 1, 2, and 3 framework to provide more logical thresholds and clearer expectations for operators. The current numbering system and associated thresholds appear arbitrary and would benefit from stronger alignment with the type and scale of activity.

- **Agritourism 1 – Allowed Uses:** Small, low-impact activities such as farm stands, U-pick fields, pumpkin patches, or small tours. These should remain permitted outright with basic safety and parking standards.
- **Agritourism 2 – Temporary Event:** Seasonal or mid-sized operations such as farm-to-table dinners or small event hosting. These should require an administrative special use permit, addressing traffic, noise, and hours of operation.
- **Agritourism 3 – Hearing Examiner Permit:** Major facilities or large events such as festivals or year-round attractions should require a hearing examiner permit with community consultation and review of potential impacts.

3. Additional Considerations

Agritourism is a cornerstone of Skagit County's identity. Our tulips, berries, and family farms are recognized worldwide, and agritourism helps share that story with visitors in meaningful

ways. Events such as farm dinners, festivals, and on-farm experiences strengthen our agricultural brand and create deeper public appreciation for farming.

Flexibility within the code is essential. Rigid guest or day caps risk stifling creativity and limiting opportunities for small farms to supplement income. We recommend using performance standards—such as traffic, parking, noise, and farmland preservation—to evaluate operations rather than fixed limits.

Finally, oversight should protect farmland while encouraging innovation. Rules should ensure only active farms benefit but not be so restrictive that they discourage new ideas. Seasonal use of barns or farm structures for events should be allowed when agriculture remains the primary purpose of the property.

With thoughtful policy, Skagit County can remain a leader in sustainable agritourism that protects farmland, supports farmers, and strengthens our tourism economy.

Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing work to support a thriving agricultural and tourism community.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

We are resubmitting our previous comments per PDS staff request at the PC meeting of October 14, 2025. Comments from Friends of Skagit County previously submitted to the PC and PDS. Proposed Draft Agritourism Development Regulations.

August 20, 2025

Skagit County Planning Commission
 Skagit County Planning & Development Services
 1800 Continental Place
 Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and suggest changes to the proposed agritourism codes. We have reviewed the Citizen Advisory Group recommendations, the comments from the Skagit County Agricultural Advisory Board and other public comments.

Before any code changes are proposed or adopted, the public needs a clear understanding of what is currently legally permissible on Agricultural - Natural Resource Lands. An essential part of this understanding is the past rulings of the Growth Management Hearings Boards (GMHB), now under the Environmental Land Use Hearings Office (ELUHO), and any court cases which shaped Skagit and other Washington Counties. We saw little reference to these important decisions in the CAG discussions.

While we understand the CAG followed the enumerated tasks from the Board of County Commissioners, the GMHB Final Decision and Order in FoSV, et. al. Futurewise, et. al v. King County Case No.20-3-0004c should guide any new agritourism codes. This case is referenced in the WA State Supreme Court ruling in King Co, et. al. v. Friends of Sammamish Valley (FoSV), Futurewise, et. al. decided in September 19, 2024.

Key areas of decisions

1. Rural lands are included in the areas prohibiting commercial and retail activities, not just Ag-RLs.

The proposed development regulations for agritourism do not appear to include rural lands which are part of the WA State Supreme Court ruling in King Co, et. al. v. Friends of Sammamish Valley (FoSV), Futurewise, et. al. The language in the ruling is as follows:

Page 135 - "... ¶1 This case concerns King County Ordinance 19030 (Ordinance or Ordinance 19030), which altered zoning and business licensing regulations for wineries, breweries, and distilleries (WBDs), and accompanying tasting rooms, **within land designated as agricultural and rural under the King County comprehensive plan**. The issue presented is whether the Ordinance and the investigations King County (County) undertook prior to passage comply with the requirements set forth in the Growth Management Act (GMA), ch. 36.70A RCW, and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), ch. 43.21C RCW. **Emphasis added.**

Page 149 "...**CONCLUSION.** ¶64 We reverse the Court of Appeals and **reinstate the Board's final decision and order...."**. **Emphasis added.**

From the [FoSV website](#): " Latest Update: On May 27, 2025 the King County Council unanimously passed [Ordinance 19940](#) which amends Adult Beverage Ordinance 19030. The new ordinance completely removes wineries, breweries, distilleries (WBDs) and remote tasting rooms as allowed uses **in unincorporated King County Rural Area (RA) and Agriculture (A) zones going forward...."**
Emphasis added.

2. Review and consideration of the Growth Management Hearings Board, Final Decision and Order in FoSV, et. al, Futurewise, et. al v. King County Case No.20-3-0004c, January 3, 2022 should guide any new agritourism codes.

Under Issue 5: It appears that rural zoned lands in Skagit County must also comply with the Supreme Court's ruling and the GMHB FDO to prohibit commercial and retail activities in not only Ag - NRL zoned lands but also rural zoned lands. These include, at least, lands zoned Rural Reserve (70,126 acres), Rural Intermediate (8,043), and Rural Resource (26,522). We did not include Rural Business (184 acres), Rural Village Commercial (25 acres), Rural Center (19 acres), Rural Marine Industrial (53 acres) or other zones on rural lands which have historical zoning decisions and may have prior residential, commercial and retail development.

We do not know if the staff or the Citizens Advisory Group reviewed any of the earlier GMHB or Appeals Court decisions. Nor do we know if the GMHB final decision and order (FDO) was supplied to the Citizen Advisory Group, or the public via the website, or if any of the group reviewed or considered the FDO in making their recommendations.

84. The GMA, dating to 1990, requires counties with specified populations to adopt comprehensive growth management plans. RCW 36.70A.040. Unlike SEPA, which is a procedural statute, the GMA imposes substantive limitations on the planning discretion of covered jurisdictions. Relevant here are those provisos mandating the designation and preservation of agricultural lands. Additionally, the GMA requires that comprehensive plans be internally consistent and that development regulations be "consistent with and implement the comprehensive plan." RCW 36.70A.130(1)(e). A regulation or land use decision that fails to generally conform to the county's comprehensive plan is, by extension, a violation of the GMA and invalid. In this case, the Board found Ordinance 19030 violated the GMA provisions governing allowable accessory uses on agricultural lands, and that it further violated the GMA by internally conflicting with King County's own plan concerning agricultural production district buffer zones and policies concerning the preservation of rural land uses.

3. King County's ordinance that removed the WBDs on farms and rural parcels provides an example of what is needed to comply with the WA State Supreme Court decision.

From the FOSC website:

"Latest Update: On May 27, 2025 the King County Council unanimously passed [Ordinance 19940](#) which amends Adult Beverage Ordinance 19030. The new ordinance completely removes wineries, breweries, distilleries (WBDs) and remote tasting rooms as allowed uses in unincorporated King County Rural Area (RA) and Agriculture (A) zones going forward."

We suggest the CAG, Planning Commission and PDS staff review this ordinance after reading the original GMHB ruling before making suggestions for code changes.

4. As we read it, the corrective code passed by King County Council applies to all resource lands as well as all rural lands.

Recommendations for changes to the Skagit County codes for Agritourism is also likely to apply to Forest and Mineral lands and rural lands. With that in mind, the CAG and Planning Commission may need additional work sessions to discuss and craft code language that will achieve what is required to be compliant with the Growth Management Hearings Board and Supreme Court ruling.

We support additional resources be appropriated or applied for to enable these work sessions to be held and the resulting recommendations brought to the Planning Commission, public hearing and BOCC for review and approval.

If you have questions about our comments, please contact me.

Thank very much.
Ellen B.

cc: Skagit County Ag Advisory Board; Skagit County Citizens Advisory Group on Agritourism; Skagitonians To Preserve Farmland; Evergreen Islands.

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October 16, 2025

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RE: Comments on Skagit County's Agritourism Code Amendments and SEPA threshold determination

Dear Planning and Development Services,

The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community ("Swinomish" or "Tribe") submits the following comments on Skagit County's 2025 Agritourism Code Amendments and SEPA threshold determination. While we recognize the potential benefits of agritourism for local farmers and the public, we have serious concerns regarding the potential environmental impacts of this code update on critical habitat, water resources, and endangered species in Skagit County. As such, we urge the County to incorporate specific environmental safeguards into the proposed agritourism code amendments and ensure robust protections for vital ecosystems.

Swinomish Tribe's Treaty Rights and Interests Throughout the Skagit Basin

The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community is a federally recognized Indian tribe and political successor in interest to certain tribes and bands that signed the 1855 Treaty of Point Elliott, which among other things reserved fishing, hunting and gathering rights and established the Swinomish Reservation on Fidalgo Island in Skagit County, Washington. The Swinomish Reservation sits at the mouth of the Skagit River, the largest river system draining to Puget Sound and the only river in the Lower 48 states that still has all species of wild Pacific salmon and steelhead spawning in its waters. Since time immemorial, the Swinomish Tribe and its predecessors have occupied and utilized vast areas of land and water in the northern Salish Sea up to the Canadian border to support the Swinomish Tribe's cultural and traditional lifeways.

Swinomish is the primary guardian of the Skagit and Samish River basins and surrounding coastal areas. The Tribe is an adjudicated co-manager of Washington fisheries along with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and have worked with WDFW and NOAA Fisheries for decades in this capacity to ensure protection and restoration of fishery resources in the Skagit and Samish basins, as well as shellfish resources in Washington's coastal zone. Coastal zones and critical areas serve as vital nursery grounds, feeding areas, and migration routes for salmon and steelhead, including ESA-listed stocks. Past and current degradation of coastal habitat, critical areas and water quality due to human development, agriculture, and habitat destruction and modification are significant barriers to recovery of salmon and shellfish stocks, and therefore a key factor impacting the Tribe's treaty-reserved resources. Climate change-related impacts to shorelines such as sea level rise, ocean acidification, erosion, and intensified weather patterns further exacerbate these issues and threaten resources and the cultural lifeways of coastal tribes.

Comments on Skagit County's Agritourism Code Amendments and SEPA threshold determination

Lack of Specificity and Inadequate Environmental Analysis

The Tribe is concerned that the SEPA analysis does not adequately assess the potential environmental impacts of this code update, particularly with regard to water resources, critical areas, designated fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, and the protection of ESA-listed species. The SEPA checklist underestimates the risks that increased agritourism activities could pose to sensitive environmental areas, ESA-listed fish species, and the Tribe's treaty-reserved resources. The lack of specificity in the code and the reliance on a case-by-case permitting process fail to provide policy guidance or regulatory certainty to ensure that expanded agritourism activities will not negatively impact water quality, water quantity, fish and wildlife habitat, or ESA-listed species. Given the significant level of existing habitat degradation to Skagit County's ecosystems from agriculture and development, particularly its salmon habitat, it is essential that the County codify environmental protections directly into the agritourism code by specifying that any expanded agritourism activity must not impact critical areas and habitat, water quality, or require additional water withdrawals.

Protection of Riparian and Designated Fish and Wildlife Conservation Areas

Riparian zones and aquatic habitats are essential to the health of Skagit County's ecosystems, particularly for the recovery of endangered and threatened fish species such as Puget Sound Chinook Salmon, Steelhead, and Bull Trout. These fish species are not only integral to the health of the region's ecosystems but are also vital to the Tribe's Treaty-protected fishing rights. The

proposed code amendments fail to adequately address the need to protect these critical habitats from potential degradation due to agritourism activities that may encroach into sensitive fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas and associated buffers or riparian ecosystems including salmonid habitat¹.

Adequate and mature riparian vegetation plays a critical role in maintaining water quality by reducing water temperature in the stream and microclimate, protecting the hyporheic zone, reducing evaporation, filtering and trapping of sediment and pollutants, increased groundwater infiltration, and preventing eutrophication. Furthermore, riparian zones contribute to other substantial and critical ecosystem services by providing flood resilience through increased bank stabilization and erosion control, climate change resilience through buffering against extreme weather events and temperature fluctuations, agricultural enhancements through reduced nutrient runoff, reduced need for flood prevention infrastructure, decreased soil compaction, increased organic matter and nutrient cycling, and improved pollination services. Riparian zones also provide important fish and wildlife habitat to over 80% of terrestrial species and enhance the overall quality and aesthetics of the landscape. They are critical for minimizing impacts to the three (3) Endangered Species Act-listed anadromous fish species present in Skagit County – Puget Sound Chinook, Steelhead, and Bull Trout. Therefore, it is essential that riparian habitat be afforded maximum protections in any agritourism proposal commensurate with the innumerable benefits they provide.

The Tribe strongly recommends that the County to include explicit language within the agritourism code requiring that:

- Riparian habitats be preserved and maintained in accordance with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife’s (WDFW) Priority Habitat and Species Volume 1 (2020) guidelines, which outline best practices for protecting fish-bearing streams and maintaining ecosystem health.
- Agritourism activities and developments shall be located a minimum of 100 feet from any fish-bearing stream or tributary to ensure the protection of critical areas and riparian buffers. New structures, event spaces, parking areas, and associated agritourism activities must comply with established shoreline buffer and critical area regulations designed to protect water quality and habitat function. These setbacks are essential to prevent adverse impacts such as thermal pollution, sedimentation, and nutrient loading, which could jeopardize salmonid recovery and aquatic habitat integrity. Development and activities must align with best available science (BAS)² regarding riparian buffers and functions to support sustainable ecosystem processes and mitigate impacts to fish and wildlife habitat.

¹ See WAC 365-190-130.

² The GMA and WAC 365-195-905 defines BAS to be the most “current reliable scientific information derived from a valid scientific process”.

- Agritourism activities should not be permitted on floodplain-adjacent wetlands and must comply with standards for No Net Loss of Wetlands, including all associated buffers, as defined under the Shoreline Management Act (SMA), which ensures that development does not degrade wetland functions and values.
- Agritourism activities should be prohibited from seeking or securing a variance from any critical area habitat or associated buffers.

Water Resource Protection and Compliance with Water Rights

Skagit County's water resources are already under strain, and any additional water withdrawals must be carefully considered in light of existing legal protections, including the Skagit Instream Flow Rule (WAC 173-503). The Tribe objects to any agritourism activity that would require additional water withdrawals, particularly if these withdrawals would violate the Tribe's senior water rights or further deplete instream flows necessary for salmon migration, rearing, and spawning.

Instream flows in the Skagit River have been demonstrated to be inadequate during summer months to support robust salmon populations. Salmon are crucial to the Tribes' cultural livelihood in addition to being part of its Treaty-reserved adjudicated fishing rights. Additional reductions of instream flows will be detrimental to salmon populations (including ESA-listed Chinook Salmon), predators that rely on them for food resources (Southern Resident killer whales) and to the Tribe, which depends on this resource for ceremonial, subsistence and commercial purposes.

As noted in the SEPA, the County suggests that groundwater withdrawals may occur to support future development and that proof of sufficient legal water must be provided for any land subdivisions or new building permits. However, this does not preclude the need for demonstrating the availability of sufficient and legal water for any expanded agritourism activities that do not involve land subdivisions or building permits.

The Tribe strongly recommends that the County to include explicit language within the agritourism code requiring that:

- Any permit issued for expanded agritourism use include a requirement for the applicant to demonstrate the availability of sufficient and legally compliant water resources, as part of the permitting process. This includes requiring agritourism applicants to factually demonstrate they are not contributing to additional water withdrawals that would violate the Instream Flow Rule or impact fish-bearing streams.
- Any permit issued for expanded agritourism should not permit additional groundwater or surface water withdrawals – any additional water use must come from piped water.
- The County should prioritize water conservation measures.

Sustaining Salmon Recovery and Ecosystem Health

Skagit County's role in salmon recovery is paramount, especially as the region is home to ESA-listed Chinook Salmon, Steelhead, and Bull Trout populations. It is critical that agritourism activities do not exacerbate existing challenges related to habitat loss, water quality degradation, or perpetuate barriers to salmon migration. Without specific provisions in the code, there is a risk that agritourism activities will prioritize economic benefits over ecological protection.

The Tribe strongly recommends that the County to include explicit language within the agritourism code requiring that:

- The County require agritourism operation applicants to **demonstrate compliance with environmental laws and regulations** (local, state, and federal) protecting critical areas, Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas, and water quality before any related permits are issued.
- The County ensure that activities like construction, grading, and filling as part of agritourism operations do not degrade habitat or water quality, or increase the area of impervious surface near any salmon-bearing waterbody.
- All new structures or activities related to agritourism activities should be subject to public notice and comment, including environmental review to assess potential impacts on salmon recovery.

Public Exposure and Environmental Responsibility

Agritourism presents an opportunity not only to provide farmers with diversified income streams but also to educate the public about sustainable and environmentally responsible agricultural practices. As such, it is essential that agritourism activities are conducted on farms that actively implement best management practices (BMPs) to minimize environmental impacts and actively contribute to the enhancement of habitat, water quality, and overall ecosystem health.

The public should be exposed to examples of agriculture that uses best management practices and applies best available science to:

- **Protect and restores riparian and wetland areas including the full width of associated habitat buffers;**
- **maintain or improve water quality and instream flows by ensuring that any proposed agritourism project is not on 303 (d) list for water quality impairment, and is in full compliance with science-based riparian habitat buffer and setbacks to facilitate that;**
- **support pollinator habitat and wildlife corridors; and**
- **adhere to scientifically supported practices that reduce runoff, erosion, and chemical inputs.**

Allowing agritourism on farms that are not meeting these standards undermines the educational and community benefits these activities are meant to provide. Instead, **agritourism should serve as a model for how agriculture can coexist with strong environmental stewardship** and contribute positively to Skagit County's climate resilience and natural resource conservation goals.

Conclusion

The Tribe is committed to working with Skagit County to develop policies that both support agritourism and protect the region's invaluable natural resources. To achieve a balanced and sustainable approach, it is essential that the proposed agritourism code amendments incorporate stringent environmental protections, especially in relation to water quality, critical habitat, and ESA-listed species. We urge the County to revise the code to ensure that agritourism activities do not compromise the integrity of Skagit County's ecosystems or the Tribe's treaty rights. We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on these proposed amendments and look forward to continued collaboration to refine these policies in a way that ensures the long-term health of both agriculture and the environment in Skagit County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Galen Priest". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "P".

Galen Priest
Environmental Policy Analyst
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

From: Jan Edelstein <jmeten@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 3:03 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Agritourism Public Comment
Attachments: JME Public Comment Planning Comm. Oct. 16.2025 Agri-Tourism.pdf; PDF For Printing Phosphorus Overlook Drains to Big Lake .pdf

Hello,

Following up on my oral comment on October 14, 2025, I submit the attached 2 documents for the record.

Thank you,
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October 16, 2025

Skagit County Planning Commission
Via e-mail pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us

Re: Agri-Tourism Ordinance Changes

Dear Commissioners,

This letter expands on the 3 minutes of comments I was allowed to make at the Public Hearing on October 14, 2025.

As you know, State code directs you to limit accessory uses to agricultural land with poor soils or otherwise not suitable for agricultural purposes. RCW 36.70A.020(8). The Skagit Comprehensive plan also contains provisions that protect agricultural lands from diversion to other purposes. See Comments of Friends of Skagit County for specific Comp. Plan provisions.

The GMA requires you to vote No, unless you are assured that:

1. The proposed changes limit any accessory uses on agricultural land are limited to land with poor soils or otherwise not suitable for agricultural purposes, and other items.
2. The County has the staffing and political will to enforce any limitation imposed on an accessory use on agricultural land, together with sufficient funding for regular inspections to determine compliance with those limitations.

It appears that the County Planning Department would be responsible for issuing permits pursuant to these changes. But which county department is charged with regular, recurring inspections to assure that the limitations imposed by Skagit Code on agri-tourism are in fact honored by the permittee on an on-going basis?

Moreover, in view of the \$19 million budget shortfall for 2026 for existing programs, there is little if no possibility of the County earmarking funding for this new inspection obligation.

CASE STUDY: Lack of Enforcement of Code Required Permit Conditions: The initial limited grading permit issued in 2024 for Overlook Crest LLC construction activities (new 105 lot residential development) was conditioned on “no sediment laden water to be discharged to Big Lake.” This condition was imposed in compliance with the 2007 Skagit Code amendment

allowing rural residential development on this forested property but with a condition: stormwater management facilities must “ensure no degradation or pollution to Big Lake.”

Initial grading of this site began in late summer, 2024. In spite of citizen complaints to the Planning Department and the Board of Commissioners accompanied by aerial photography showing the sediment laden water leaving the site in 2024 and traveling to Big Lake in the County stormwater facilities, no regular inspections of construction site were conducted, and when one visit was made 2 months after a complaint was filed, no notice of violation was issued. A similar situation is again occurring with the beginning of the rainy season. Please see the attached presentation to the Board of County Commissioners which reviews the 2024 situation and describes the 2025 situation.

Putting the responsibility on citizens to report a violation before a County inspector will visit the site, is not only bad policy, but, in my opinion, demonstrates that the Growth Management Act’s direction to preserve agricultural land would be violated by approving these amendments.

SEPA CHECKLIST IS INADEQUATE: The SEPA checklist says that there are NO environmental impacts from these changes to even consider. This position by the County demonstrates its lack of sensitivity to the environmental impacts that could arise with the permitting of additional commercial activities on agricultural lands. This change in land use can be accompanied by more stormwater pollutants being carried to critical area surface waters, the addition of inadequately controlled night lighting and its impact on farm animals, migrating birds, wildlife, not to mention the stresses and strains of more activity and noise. ^{1 2 3 4}

¹ It may be difficult to imagine stormwater runoff as being the biggest contributor to water pollution, but small quantities of pollutants entering our streams, rivers, lakes, and bays, add up over time, resulting in an accumulation of pollutants that are difficult to treat at a larger scale.... Continued development and population increase make stormwater runoff a growing source of water pollution. Pdf. Pg 7.

<https://skagitcounty.net/PublicWorksSurfaceWaterManagement/Documents/Stormwater/2023%20SWMP.pdf>

² <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/western-fisheries-research-center/news/shedding-some-light-issue-investigating-how>

³ <https://www.fws.gov/story/2022-04/dim-lights-birds-night>

⁴ The higher MLT-concentration in Dark-night cows with the lower SCC values calls upon farmers to avoid exposure of cows to ALAN. Therefore, under Dark-night conditions milk quality will improve by lowering SCC values where separation between night and day of such milk can produce chrono-functional milk, naturally rich with MLT. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26588495/>

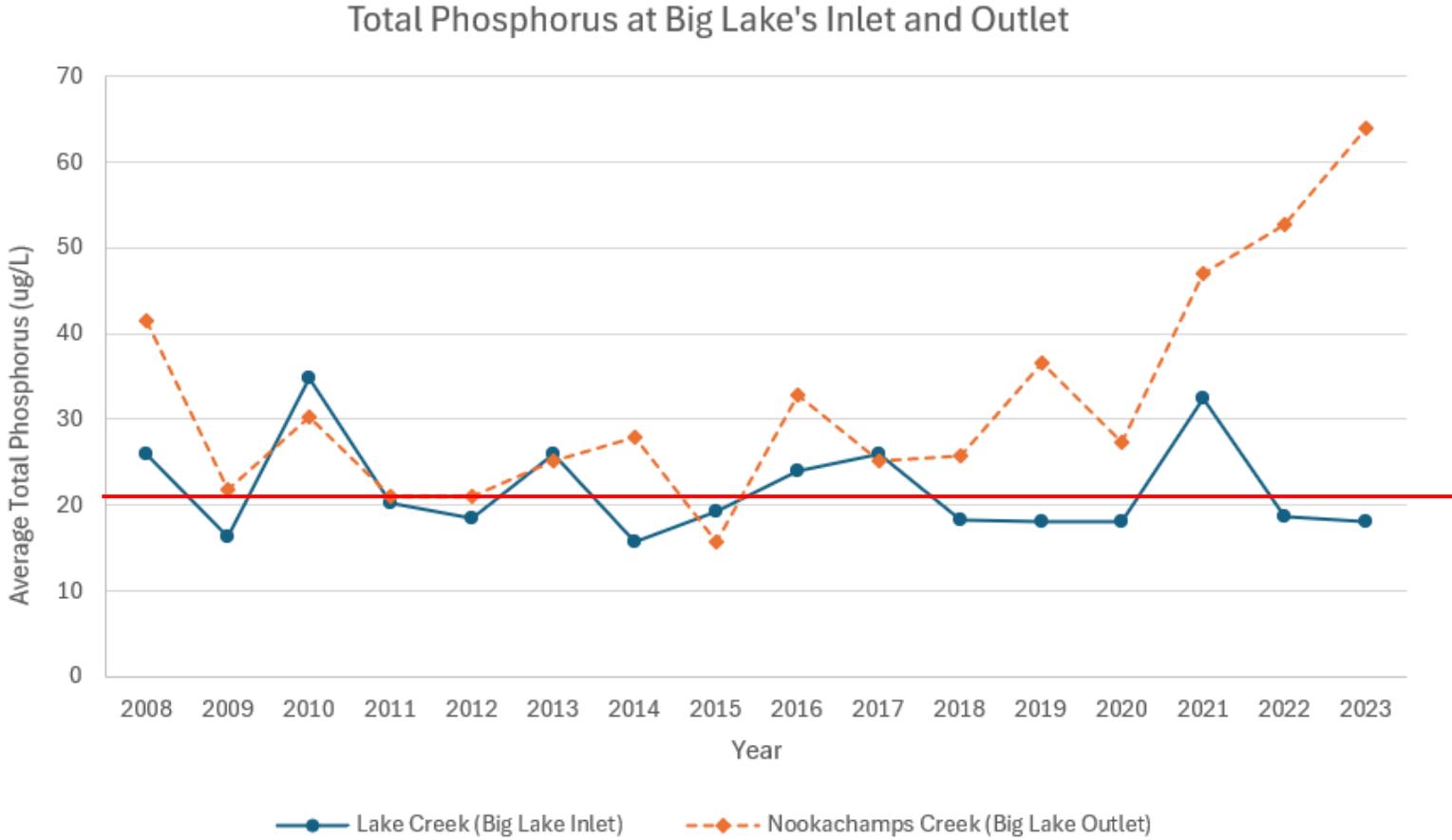
Abundance of Phosphorus Drives Algae Blooms Overlook Ponds Drain to Big Lake



Skagit County Board of Commissioners
October 6, 2025

Presented by
Jan M. Edelstein

County WQ DATA: Big Lake – Impaired for Total Phosphorus



Water Quality Criteria: 20 ug/l

1999: 18.7 ug/l (Ecology)
2023: 65 ug/l annual average (Skagit Monitoring)

Chart from Skagit Water Quality Monitoring.

Blue line measured at inlet.
Red line measured at outlet.

Overlook Stormwater Detention Ponds

Google Satellite 2023



Ecology and EPA Prescribe Methods for Operating and Maintaining Wet Ponds

Stormwater Management Manual
for Western Washington



July 2024



Publication Number 24-10-013



Stormwater Wet Pond and Wetland Management Guidebook



2024 Overlook Crest Construction Begins - Triggers More Protection for Big Lake

County Code: Stormwater design shall “ensure no pollution or degradation to Big Lake.”

July 2024 Grading Permit/Stormwater Ponds Only: “At no time shall sediment laden water be discharged from the site or to Big Lake.”

April ?, 2025 Revised NEW SITE PLAN Engineering: “Sediment laden water shall not discharge into downstream conveyance systems or Big Lake”



Nov 24: Contractor certifies 'stable for winter'
Dec 23, 2024: Images show that is not true.



Dec 2024: Failure To Stabilize Disturbed Ground And Limit Ground Disturbance



Running water

Overlook Contractor reports to Ecology:

“Site was worked to a stable state over the month of November in preparation for a wet Winter.”

Sediment Laden Water Drains to Big Lake

December 23, 2024



Ecology's January 2, 2025 Inspection Confirms Inadequate Plan, etc.

Water Quality Program Corrections Required			
Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSGP)	Industrial Stormwater General Permit (ISGP)	Sand and Gravel (S&G) General Permit	Boatyard (BY) General Permit
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Site name: The Ecology Correction Center Mailing address: 2081 Conestoga Rd Site address: 2408 Fennell Lane City, State, Zip: Mount Vernon, WA 98271 Phone: (360) 810-2202 City, State, Zip: Mount Vernon, WA 98271 Phone: (360) 810-2202 Site contact: Evan Zulfke, Project Manager Permit #: WQDC11113 Ecology Inspector(s): Sylvia Graham Inspection date: January 2, 2025 Inspector phone: (360) 807-4900 FAX: E-mail: ecp401@ecy.wa.gov Notice of Penalty issued: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> First Violation Latitude and Longitude (if available):			
The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is responsible for overseeing environmental laws that protect human health and the environment in Washington. Ecology administers sections of Chapter 90A of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 173.036 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC), Waste Discharge General Permit Program during this site visit. Violations observed are checked below.			
Violation No.	Violation	Reason	Permit Condition
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	RCW 90A.08.060	Operating or discharging without a permit (a6)	Does not apply.
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	RCW 90A.08.060	Polluting waters of the state (a6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	RCW 90A.08.060	Polluting regulated waters, discharge exceeds 30 cubic feet (CSGP, ISGP, BY)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	WAC 173-208-010 or WAC 173-208-015	Violating Water Quality Standards (a) or (b)(1) (standards violation) (a6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 5	RCW 90A.08.060	Denial or withdrawal of access, permitted area only (a6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 6	RCW 90A.08.060	Process water discharge without treatment in land application (S&G)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 7	RCW 90A.08.060	Failure to clean up oil spills or repair leaking equipment (a6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 8	RCW 90A.08.060	Cover or containment not provided for chemical or petroleum products (a6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 9	RCW 90A.08.060	Corrective Action not taken (ISGP, BY)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 10	RCW 90A.08.060	No Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) (a6)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11	RCW 90A.08.060	SWPPP does not meet permit requirements (a6)	50
<input type="checkbox"/> 12	RCW 90A.08.060	Not practicing best management practices (BMPs) (a6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 13	WAC 173-208-010	Not practicing BMPs (a6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 14	RCW 90A.08.060	Not notifying Ecology per permit or Dept. of Ecology Notice (a6)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15	RCW 90A.08.060	BMPs not installed per permit or Dept. of Ecology Notice (a6)	50
<input type="checkbox"/> 16	RCW 90A.08.060	Inspections not completed as required by permit (a6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 17	RCW 90A.08.060	Inspections do not comply with permit requirements (a6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 18	RCW 90A.08.060	Monitoring not conducted as required by permit (a6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 19	RCW 90A.08.060	Sampling done not comply with permit requirements (a6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 20	RCW 90A.08.060	Not keeping site log book (CSGP)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 21	RCW 90A.08.060	Not keeping inspection reports or checklists (a6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 22	RCW 90A.08.060	Not notifying Ecology per permit or Dept. of Ecology Notice (a6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 23	RCW 90A.08.060	Discharge Monitoring Reports, or other Permit required documents not available (a6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 24	RCW 90A.08.060	If failure to notify Dept. of Ecology of noncompliance with permit requirement (a6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 25			

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- Stormwater Prevention Plan does not meet permit requirements
- High turbidity in Stormwater Ponds
- BMPs not implemented
- BMPs not maintained

Water Quality Program Corrective Action Requirements continued. Permit WAR311220

Violation No.	Observations and actions required to achieve compliance (see permit conditions)	Complete or Submit Date
11	Comply with Permit Condition 51.8 - SWPPP General Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SWPPP is not adequate. Review Condition 50 and make appropriate revisions. Final SWPPP to Sylvia Graham no later than 1/20/25. 	1/24/2025
13	Comply with Permit Condition 51.0.5 - Stabilize Soils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stabilize exposed and unworked soils by application of effective BMPs that prevent erosion. Do not allow soils to remain exposed and unworked for more than the time periods set forth below to prevent erosion west of the Cascade Mountains Crest. During the seed season (October 1 - April 30), 2 days. Stabilize soil stockpiles from erosion. Comply with Permit Condition 51.0.11 - Maintain BMPs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain and repair all temporary and permanent erosion and sediment control BMPs, including the check dams, as needed to assure continued performance of their intended function in accordance with BMP specifications. Final logbook of maintained check dams and improved soil stabilization to Sylvia Graham no later than 1/20/25. 	1/24/2025
15	Comply with Permit Condition 54.0.4.a - Sampling Analysis Methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calibrate your turbidimeter according to the manufacturer's recommendation or, if not provided, best professional judgement. Begin keeping a calibration log including date, time, calibration standards used, and initials of person conducting the calibration. 	1/24/2025

Instructions:

- These corrective action requirements are not an enforcement order and are not appealable.
- If a penalty accompanies these corrective action requirements, the penalty is appealable.
- Appeal directions are on the back of the penalty.
- Failure to comply with these corrective action requirements may result in enforcement action.

- To comply with the water quality requirements, complete the actions identified in the table above.
- If you have questions, contact Sylvia Graham, Ecology Inspector, at 360-807-4900.
- To request an extension, send a written request to the Ecology Inspector by 1/23/25.

Ecology will notify you if an extension is granted. Please include all of the following:

- Reason extension is needed.
- Steps already taken.
- Description of work that remains to be completed.
- Anticipated completion date.

Send required document(s) to the appropriate Ecology office:

Pullman Field Office 910 Eastman Hwy, Suite 601 Pullman, WA 99163-2676 (509) 225-6455	Vancouver Field Office 1741 NE 40th St, Suite 2100 Vancouver, WA 98662-2140 (360) 880-7171	Central Regional Office 1200 Green Aster Street Union Gap, WA 98008-8900 (206) 875-2400
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Note: Monthly reports of turbidity show levels in excess of Big Lake Water Quality Standard. Inspection Report observations with photos at end of this presentation.

Department of Ecology Corrections Required for Permit WAR311113, January 9, 2025 (Exhibit 8)

Sediment Ladened Stormwater discharging to **BIG LAKE** - *February 1st, 2025*



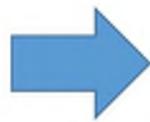
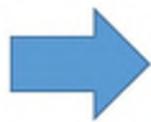
Sediment Ladened Stormwater discharging to **BIG LAKE** - February 1st, 2025



Sediment Ladened & Oil Sheen Stormwater discharging to **BIG LAKE** - February 1st,
2025



Sediment Ladened Stormwater discharging to **BIG LAKE** - February 1st, 2025



Near southwest corner,
looking north

September 16 2025



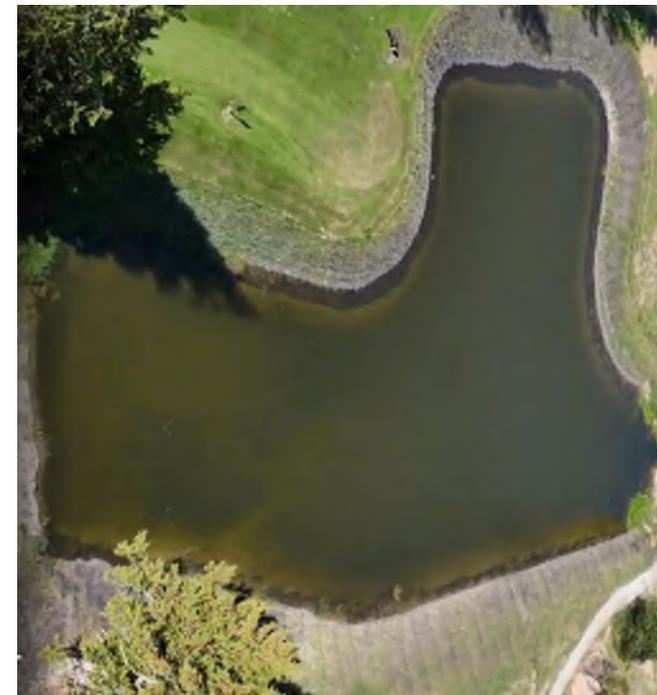
At north end, looking north
Into Nookachamps Hills



September 16, 2025



September 16, 2025
Pre-Rains





“Treatment [for toxic algae blooms] is futile unless you reduce sources of nutrients, and especially prevent any increases in nutrients.”

Dr. Richard Horner



Expert says Overlook construction sediment transport “would be very damaging to Big Lake ecosystem.”

Dr. Richard Horner reports:

- 1. Construction phase poses substantial risk to Big Lake through soil erosion and the transport of sediments and the phosphorus they carry.**
- 2. Risk is made worse by the steep slopes on the site with elevated erosion.**
- 3. Because of erosive tendency, “one year of construction ... [could] release into the environment as much sediment loading as occurred over decades or even centuries before the piece of land had been cleared.”**
- 4. “All soils contain phosphorus, and poorly controlled erosion and the resulting sediment transport would be very damaging to the Big Lake ecosystem.**

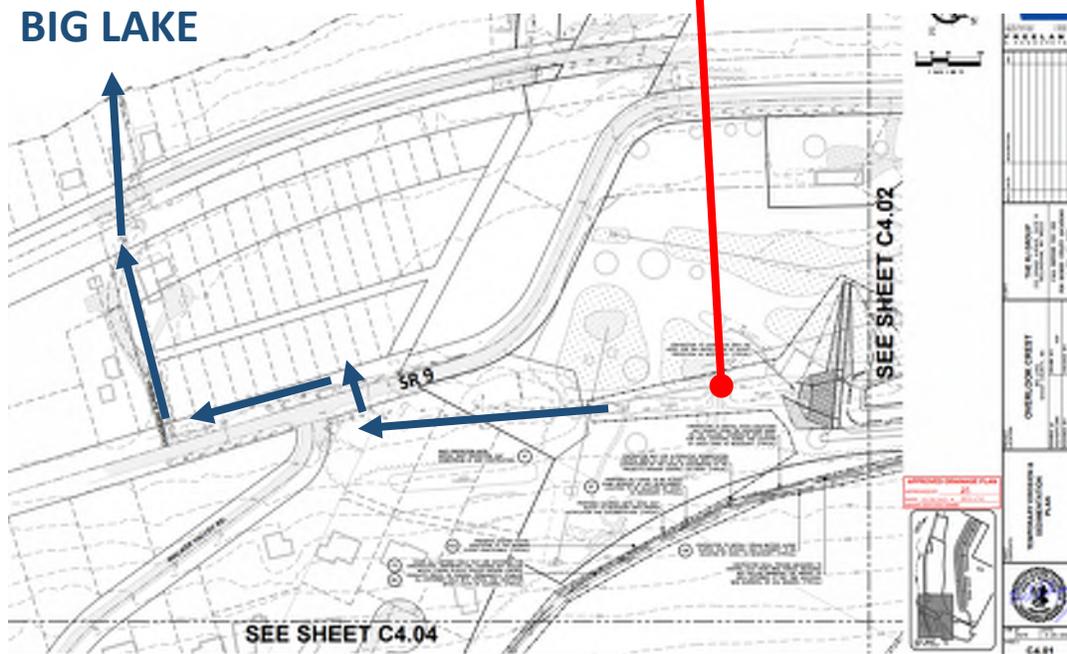
OVERLOOK ENGINEER REPORTS*

DETENTION PONDS DRAIN TO BIG LAKE

**See 2025 Stormwater Site Plan, page 9 (Exhibit 14). Stormwater runoff from detention ponds goes through wetland to Big Lake through a series of ditches and culverts.*



Photo taken on February 1, 2025. Overlook Crest golf course ponds transporting sediment-laden water into PCA Tract 2 that which transports sediments to Big Lake.



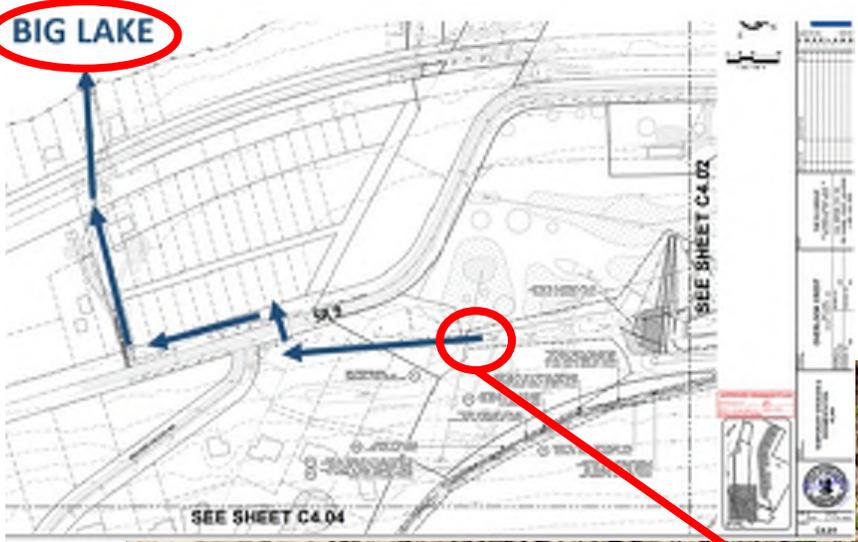
*Reference: BP21-0785
2025 Approved Civil
Plans, Sheet 4.01.
(Exhibit 10)*

SEDIMENT-LADEN WATER CLEARLY VISIBLE IN PCA TRACT 2; RUNS TO BIG LAKE



Big Lake Outfall receiving sediment-laden water from Overlook Crest

Photos taken 2/1/2025



PCA Tract 2 receiving sediment-laden water with sheen visible from Overlook Crest detention pond

From: Jessica Davey <j.a.nguyen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 3:59 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Public Comment- Agritourism Code

Hello,

I am concerned that the proposed agritourism code, as currently written, would have a negative impact on new and small farm operators in Skagit County. The proposed tier structure is particularly restrictive regarding the number of visitors and allowable event days.

To put this in perspective, there are 365 days in a year, yet the lowest tier allows only 10 event days—less than 3% of the year—and a maximum of 500 visitors annually. A single sunny Saturday afternoon at a pumpkin patch could easily draw that many people. Increasing to 24 events per year still represents less than 10% of the year and would require expensive permitting, with a cap of only 2,400 visitors annually. When compared to the millions of visitors who already come to Skagit Valley each year, this represents far less than 1% of existing tourism activity.

It's also important to clarify that a "farm operator" should not be limited to the property owner. Many beginning farmers lease land because it's the most affordable path to enter agriculture. The code should recognize operators as those actively working the land, regardless of ownership, to better support the next generation of farmers.

This proposal will set the tone for how easy—or difficult—it is to start a farm in Skagit County. Washington is losing farms at an alarming rate, and overly restrictive agritourism regulations could discourage new operators from establishing them here.

Finally, I urge consideration of existing regulations already in place for health, safety, occupancy, and traffic management. Much of what's being proposed appears duplicative or more restrictive than necessary and seems to single out agritourism activities in ways not equally applied to other community or small business uses.

In summary, I ask that this code be reconsidered with greater flexibility for small and emerging farm operators to diversify income, sustain their businesses, and keep farming viable in Skagit County.

Thank you,

Jessica Nguyen

19526 E. Hickox Rd Mount Vernon, WA



October 16, 2025

Planning and Development Services
Comments on “Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments”
1800 Continental Place
Mount Vernon WA 98273

Delivered via email

Dear Planning Commissioners,

Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland appreciates the considerable time and effort the Commission has dedicated to reviewing the proposed agritourism code amendments, and we thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Our organization was founded in 1989 to counter a plan to turn 280 acres of Skagit County farmland into an agricultural theme park. That effort—to support agriculture over alternatives—continues to this day.

We want to note that our comments below do not apply to U-pick operations or farmstands, both of which have their own pathways in code and to our understanding would not be restricted or impacted by the County’s proposed changes to agritourism.

Definition of Agritourism

The term “agritourism” means different things to different people. There is an important difference between agritourism that is directly related to a working farm and tourist activities simply hosted in rural places. Clarity is crucial. We are encouraged to see that the County’s proposed code incorporates the recommendations from both the Agricultural Advisory Board and the Community Advisory Board, ***that agritourism activities be carried out by the owner or operator of a working farm.***



Events

We support the County's proposed changes to remove the ambiguity and confusion stemming from the 'Temporary Use Events' section of the code, which resulted in permits with no expiry date or renewal requirement.

Activity Thresholds & Enforcement

We support establishing thresholds for varying activity levels of agritourism. The Planning Commissioners have raised great questions in this process, including 'what happens if a farmer advertises an event and more than the allowed number of people show up'? Did the county consider other proxies for impact than numbers of people, for example a limit on the space to conduct agritourism activities? Limiting agritourism activities and parking to the existing developed area of a farm, along with abiding by all the other common-sense guidelines the County has proposed with respect to light, noise, etc. may be worth further exploration. Another question posed by the Planning Commissioners was 'how will Skagit County enforce the code'? Does the County project an increase in permit applications as a result of the proposed agritourism amendments? Is the county prepared to handle this increase? Does the projected budget shortfall for 2026 change permit or enforcement capability? How does the County plan to measure the level of agritourism activity to understand what is happening over time, and if it is negatively impacting agriculture?

Equitable Treatment of Farmers

The Skagit Valley Tulip Festival is a beloved event, and it is important that farms be able to participate. At the same time, granting farms growing a specific crop more agritourism participation days than others risks creating inequities. For the long-term health of farming in Skagit County, equitable treatment of all farmers—whether they grow crops or raise livestock—must be maintained in county code.

If the County needs to revisit those participation days to ensure Tulip Festival participants and other farmers have the same agritourism opportunities, it is worth taking the time to get this right.



In Closing

Skagit County farmers supply fresh food and garden products locally and across the country, and are an internationally significant source of vegetable seed—helping to put food on tables around the world. We encourage the County to take the time needed to get these code updates right, to reduce conflict from non-agricultural activities on farmland while ensuring that agritourism strengthens—rather than compromises—farming in Skagit County.

Thank you for your hard work on this important issue and for your enduring support of Skagit agriculture.

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To Skagit County Commissioners,

Skagit County farming is at the pinnacle of existence and the evidence of decline. While there are those well-meaning organizations that want to "save the farmlands" through more restrictions, and government bureaucracy that expounds on how the farmlands and farming are supposed to be saved, the end result is the demise of the farmer through over taxation and over regulation. No food can be farmed with no farmer to farm the land.

It appears that the result is farmland "in name only" while those actual people farming the land [hence the name 'farmers'] no longer have a livelihood. No one can operate a business with excessive encumbrances that prohibit a sustainable profit.

Last year Skagit County saw its last crop of broccoli, and there has been a demise of other crops as well.

The question that remains is what happens to dormant farmland. It will likely go the way of real estate development, big corporations, and hobby farms and estates. [Seattle City Light is a prime example. They have removed 10,000 acres of farmlands from our tax base in Skagit County. Their agricultural contribution is zero.]

These new ventures will be setting on some of the most productive soils in the United States. This is a challenge to our food security and our beautiful rural way of life....a life in Skagit County forged by those hard working settlers who have gone before us.

Here are some state and national facts that should be taken seriously:

The most recent U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) data shows a significant decline in the number of farms in Washington State between 2017 and 2022. News reports from 2024 and 2025 further indicate that financial pressures from labor costs, regulations, and market volatility have continued to create a challenging environment for many farms.

Known data on farm loss

2017–2022 decline: According to the USDA Census of Agriculture, Washington lost over 3,700 farms during this five-year period, averaging about two farm closures per day.

Declining national trend: The overall number of farms in the U.S. has been on a downward trend. A February 2025 USDA report showed that the number of farms in the country fell by nearly 15,000 in 2024, continuing the pattern of fewer but larger farms.

Rising farm bankruptcies: After a four-year decline, U.S. farm bankruptcies rose by 55% in 2024. While a national figure, this reflects financial pressures that impact farms in Washington as well.

Factors impacting Washington farms in 2024

Several factors in 2024 contributed to financial stress on Washington farms, which can lead to closures.

Facility closures: In 2024, several agricultural processing plants in Washington closed, reducing the demand for crops like malting barley and potatoes from local growers.

Labor costs and shortages: Farmers face pressure from rising labor costs, including mandatory overtime pay for agricultural workers and an increasing Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR) for H-2A workers.

Supply and demand issues: Low commodity prices, high production costs, and uncertain trade policies all squeezed profit margins for farmers throughout 2024.

State study on closures: The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) initiated a study in 2024 to identify ways to help prevent more farms from shutting down. The findings were expected in late 2024 or 2025.

In closing, Agritourism is the bridge between existence and nonexistence of farming in Skagit County, and our food supply. It is the bridge between saving our Skagit County farmlands or silently, watching the demise of our beautiful agricultural county.

This is a serious issue to be taken seriously by our elected county commissioners not unelected employees.

Our family farms are disappearing. Your current Agritourism proposal is unsustainable.

Your wise and considerate stamp of approval on Sustainable Agritourism is the stamp of approval on saving agriculture in Skagit County. Your decision validates your dedication to truly saving our farmlands and the family farms in Skagit County.

Thank you for your consideration,

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210.	Yvonne Van Cleef	1701 SE 6 th Ave Oak Harbor, WA	Email	09/28/2025
211.	April Patterson	1614 Gateway Heights Pl Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	09/28/2025
212.	Sarah Jahde	7808 N Morton St Apt 702 Spokane, WA	Email	09/28/2025
213.	Janet Shook	629 NW 18 th St Corvallis, OR	Email	09/28/2025
214.	Suzanne Graham	15089 Old Deceptions Mill Lane Anacortes, WA	Email	09/28/2025
215.	SueZan Wright	Bonney Lake, WA	Email	09/28/2025
216.	Marla Hovey	1905 Orchard Pl Anacortes, WA	Email	09/28/2025
217.	Jennifer Daudel	1902 Boca Raton Ct Onterio, CA	Email	09/28/2025
218.	Bernadette Cinkoske	4239 Indian Pipe Trace Indianapolis, In 46237	Email	09/28/2025
219.	Denise Marie Seckinger	735 San Bruno Pl Colorado Springs, CO	Email	09/28/2025
220.	Laura Linnenkamp	628 Mango Dr Castle Rock, CO	Email	09/28/2025
221.	RuthAnn Locken- Jones	1085 Cavelero Rd Camano Island, WA	Email	09/28/2025
222.	Elicia Clark	146 N Township St Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	09/28/2025
223.	Diana Nottingham	6167 Solama Way Banning, CA	Email	09/28/2025
224.	Ellen McCown	1901 22 nd Ave E Seattle, WA	Email	09/28/2025
225.	Deborah Anderson	1074 Sunset Ave Bellingham, WA	Email	09/28/2025
226.	Regan Gust	202 S Section St Burlington, WA	Email	09/28/2025
227.	Cynthia Kocsis	2506 Sylvan St Bellingham, WA	Email	09/28/2025
228.	Meranda Tuttle	13741 15 th Ave NE Unit C8 Seattle, WA	Email	09/28/2025
229.	Dianne Kitson	C05/1C Ennis Rd Milsons Point NSW, Sydney	Email	09/29/2025

230.	Betty Young	45228 Maryland Dr Concrete, WA 98237	Email	09/29/2025
231.	Ella Blackwood	402 N. 18th Place Mount Vernon, WA 98273	Email	09/29/2025
232.	David Beck	155 Kush Lane Ln Corpus Christi, TX	Email	09/29/2025
233.	Kay Clark	2219 Lummi Shore Rd Bellingham, WA	Email	09/29/2025
234.	Miranda Quinton	117 N 39 th Place Mount Vernon, WA	Email	09/29/2025
235.	Cynthia Logan	333 Snohomish Dr La Conner, WA	Email	09/29/2025
236.	Emerson Strubhar	6639 60 th St W University Place, WA	Email	09/29/2025
237.	Alisa Bray	3687 Silver Oak Court Bellingham, WA	Email	09/29/2025
238.	Kathryn Parker	2306 21 st St Anacortes, WA	Email	09/29/2025
239.	Judy Smith	802 McLean Drive Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	09/29/2025
240.	Caitriona Burns	98237 Ammons Rd Concrete, WA	Email	09/29/2025
241.	Michael Malone	12883 Cellar Street Fishers, Indiana 46037	Email	09/29/2025
242.	Edie Driver	26971 Panorama Court Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	09/29/2025
243.	Marilynn Stafford	4716 S 48 th Place Mount Vernon, WA	Email	09/29/2025
244.	Kevin Hartman	14261 Bountiful Lane Mount Vernon, WA	Email	09/29/2025
245.	Kim Rawlins	13492 Bridgeview Way Mount Vernon, WA	Email	09/29/2025
246.	Elaine Bevington	1024 2 nd St Kirkland, WA	Email	09/29/2025
247.	Kate Atkinson	16559 County Club Dr Burlington, WA	Email	09/29/2025
248.	Nicola Pearson	50303 Hwy 20 Concrete, WA	Email	09/29/2025
249.	Samantha Knowlton	18529 Main Street Conway, WA	Email	09/29/2025
250.	Lyla Shepard		Email	09/29/2025

251.	Katie Nickel	6491 Little Bighorn Maple Falls, WA	Email	09/29/2025
252.	Tracie Stringer	13955 Donnell Rd Anacortes, WA	Email	09/29/2025
253.	Mark Schultz	16844 Allen West Rd Bow, WA	Email	09/29/2025
254.	Katherine Petersen	23217 SR 9 Mount Vernon, WA	Email	09/29/2025
255.	Justine Morgan	316 Talcott St Sedro Woolley	Email	09/29/2025
256.	Lindsay LeVeque	20413 E Rio Vista Ave Burlington, WA	Email	09/29/2025
257.	Diane Henshaw	8615 Cascadia Ave Everett, WA	Email	09/29/2025
258.	Suzanne DuBois	2803 NW 94 th St Seattle, WA	Email	09/29/2025
259.	Stephanie Crane	1316 Hillcrest Parkway Mount Vernon, WA	Email	09/29/2025
260.	Cara Monroe	1201 32 nd St Unit E Anacortes, WA	Email	09/29/2025
261.	Angela Scott	15103 87 th St Ct E Puyallup, WA	Email	09/29/2025
262.	Laura Hoffmann	10547 S 3 rd St Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	09/29/2025
263.	Janet Evans	600 N. Reed Street Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	09/29/2025
264.	Jesibel Truelove	PO Box 12366 Everett, WA	Email	09/29/2025
265.	Kristin Link	1417 Portal Dr Bellingham, WA	Email	09/29/2025
266.	Kathi Marilley	18155 Joy Place Burlington, WA	Email	09/29/2025
267.	Kerrie Puchar	22711 19 th Dr NE Arlington, WA	Email	09/29/2025
268.	Debra Lancaster	210 W Nelson Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	09/29/2025
269.	Jessica Khalil	1963 Fiver Place Oak Harbor, WA	Email	09/29/2025
270.	Cecily Gubitosi	523 N 4 th St Mount Vernon, WA	Email	09/29/2025
271.	Erik Daly	342 Ferndale Place Flint, MI 48503	Email	09/29/2025

272.	Lynae Kibiger	8601 83 rd St Ct E Puyallup, WA	Email	09/29/2025
273.	Ruby Neuenschwander	2165 Woodland Rd Kamiah, ID	Email	09/29/2025
274.	Danica Almvig	1019 McLean Rd Mount Vernon, WA	Email	09/29/2025
275.	Beverly Laudermilk		Email	09/29/2025
276.	April Dewitt	4738 Mount Baker Loop Mount Vernon, WA	Email	09/29/2025
277.	Stephanie Hooper	12135 Jacqueline Drive Burlington, WA	Email	09/29/2025
278.	Rachel Beto		Email	09/29/2025
279.	Miranda Omelchenko	1259 Uplands Dr Camano Island, WA	Email	09/29/2025
280.	Michael Dewitt	4738 Mount Baker Loop Mount Vernon, WA	Email	09/29/2025
281.	Jean Sibley	293 Barlow Rd Williamsburg, VA	Email	09/29/2025
282.	Marlene Hettinger	610 Cedar Tree Drive Sedro Woolley	Email	09/29/2025
283.	Mrs. Kathleen Dexter	57210 State Route 20 Rockport, WA	Email	09/29/2025
284.	Kendra Conard- Neumann		Email	09/29/2025
285.	Karen Tran	922 Alpine View Drive Mount Vernon, WA	Email	09/29/2025
286.	Debra Lancaster	210 W Nelson Sedro Woolley	Email	09/29/2025
287.	Rissa Warner- Borgen	17444 Britt Rd Mount Vernon, WA	Email	09/29/2025
288.	Amanda Mullins	2874 Newell Rd Camano Island, WA	Email	09/29/2025
289.	Kay Muhlbeier	21403 SE 16 th Place Sammamish, WA	Email	09/29/2025
290.	Jennifer Harrington	11008 108 th Ave NE Kirkland, WA	Email	09/29/2025
291.	Pat Anderson	3475A East Division Mount Vernon, WA	Email	09/29/2025
292.	Sue Noel	22058 Big Lake Rd Mount Vernon, WA	Email	09/29/2025
293.	Jane Edgley		Email	09/29/2025

294.	Margaret Henderson	19716 E Conway Hill Lane Mount Vernon, WA	Email	09/29/2025
295.	Genevieve Curry	PO Box 262 Lyman, WA	Email	09/29/2025
296.	Cathy Kowalski	2708 Strom Place Anacortes, WA	Email	09/29/2025
297.	Christine Krell	1610 Alpine Crest Loop Unit A Mount Vernon, WA	Email	09/29/2025
298.	Marie Wilander	27725 65 th Dr NW Stanwood, WA	Email	09/29/2025
299.	Kelly Rhodes	153 Brown Estates Dr Lafayette, GA	Email	09/29/2025
300.	Marilyn Olson		Email	09/29/2025
301.	Eden Robinson	906 McGarigle Rd Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	09/29/2025
302.	Maryann Holbrook	1725 Bridgeview Court Lynden, WA	Email	09/29/2025
303.	Stephanie Blair	31231 79 th Dr NW Stanwood, WA	Email	09/29/2025
304.	Sharon O'Brien	2321 Virginia Ave Everett, WA	Email	09/29/2025
305.	Shelby Brackett	306 Shannon Ave Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	09/29/2025
306.	Debbie Stafford	830 Township St Apt 235 Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	09/29/2025
307.	Tresia Gonzalez	50159 State Route 20 Concrete, WA	Email	09/29/2025
308.	Julie Szmania	1611 Love Lane Wenatchee, WA	Email	09/29/2025
309.	Jackie Kripas	1713 Aberdeen Court Crofton, MD	Email	09/29/2025
310.	Alison Hubert	4561 Mosquito Lake Rd Deming, WA	Email	09/29/2025
311.	Kim Nelson	1806 Island View Place Anacortes, WA	Email	09/29/2025
312.	Laurie Martin	19809 103 rd St E Bonney Lake, WA	Email	09/29/2025
313.	Marian Chacon		Email	09/29/2025
314.	Susan Rose	10022 NE 150 th Dr Bothell, WA	Email	09/29/2025
315.	Dori Ruble	21040 Lake 16 Rd Mount Vernon, WA	Email	09/29/2025

316.	Sunchea Phou	22723 Grip Rd Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	09/29/2025
317.	Sheryl Nickelson	2300 Pacific St Bellingham, WA	Email	09/29/2025
318.	Maryann Atkins	10124 Collins Rd Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	09/29/2025
319.	Becky Willis	17414 48 th St E Lake Trapps, WA	Email	09/30/2025
320.	Asif Delawalla	1031 Saint James Xing NE Brookhaven, GA	Email	09/30/2025
321.	Jana Taft	21298 Clara Place Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	09/30/2025
322.	Sandra Bonilla	5542 Olson Rd Ferndale, WA	Email	09/30/2025
323.	Stephanie Soliz	3655 Whitman Ave N Seattle, WA	Email	09/30/2025
324.	Mary Davis	2565 Dexter Ave N #404 Seattle, WA	Email	09/30/2025
325.	Christina White	239 S 15 th St Philomath, OR	Email	09/30/2025
326.	Donea Weaver	2383 W 5750 S Roy, UT	Email	09/30/2025
327.	Jailene Jewell	2531 188 th St NE Arlington, WA	Email	09/30/2025
328.	Sara Gomez	11217 W Goldenspire Dr Boise, ID	Email	09/30/2025
329.	Adam Cartwright	405 E 3 rd St Arlington, WA	Email	09/30/2025
330.	Carmen Osterhout	1419 Digby Place Mount Vernon, WA	Email	09/30/2025
331.	Judy Niver	1605 Birch Court Mount Vernon, WA	Email	09/30/2025
332.	Isabelle Brennan	11220 S Erie Ave Tulsa, OK	Email	09/30/2025
333.	Karen Voss	24412 214 th Ave SE Maple Valley, WA	Email	09/30/2025
334.	Pamela White	54-247 Honomu St Hauula, HI	Email	09/30/2025
335.	Karen Johannesen Brock		Email	09/30/2025
336.	Tammy Caldwell	9232 Thunderbird Lane Concrete, WA	Email	09/30/2025
337.	Karin Brown		Email	09/30/2025

338.	Karla Ayles	8005 Avalon Place Mercer Island, WA	Email	09/30/2025
339.	Gayle Berry	3634 W 225 th St Torrance, CA	Email	09/30/2025
340.	Natalyn Kinder	171 E Pirates Creek Rd Shelton, WA	Email	09/30/2025
341.	Kimberlie Brayman	12423 Timber Lane Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	09/30/2025
342.	Deborah Prosser	1383 Woods Point Loop Ferndale, WA	Email	09/30/2025
343.	Stephanie Cannon	730 Ferry St Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	09/30/2025
344.	Anne Long	23867 Swede Creek Lane Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	10/01/2025
345.	Trisha Woolley	337 Twelve Oaks Dr Winter Springs, FL	Email	10/01/2025
346.	Donna Eddings	150 N Murdock St A105 Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	10/01/2025
347.	Hildy Radke	1901 Cedar Springs Lane Anacortes, WA	Email	10/01/2025
348.	Barry Uhde	12029 Prairie Ridge Dr E Bonney Lake, WA	Email	10/01/2025
349.	Paul Erickson	1178 E Coyote Creek Way San Tan Valley, AZ	Email	10/01/2025
350.	Michaun Asher	465 Crested Butte Boulevard Mount Vernon, WA	Email	10/01/2025
351.	Jo Anne Garaffa- McCabe	1427 100 th St SW Unit #161 Everett, WA	Email	10/01/2025
352.	Phyllis Caswell	6909 37 th Ave SW Seattle, WA	Email	10/01/2025
353.	Amy Loriane Alexander	1100 S 25 th St Mount Vernon, WA	Email	10/01/2025
354.	Jeannine Bannick	9017 NE 145 th Pl Kenmore, WA	Email	10/02/2025
355.	Sean Petersmark	2910 Firwood Lane Unit 212 Mount Vernon, WA	Email	10/02/2025
356.	Hailee Job	2003 Aaron Dr Lynden, WA	Email	10/02/2025
357.	Jean Bays	1894 Governor Rd Bellingham, WA	Email	10/02/2025
358.	Dessa Dal Porto	1 st Ave NE Seattle, WA	Email	10/02/2025
359.	Andriette Hall	Maple Valley, WA	Email	10/02/2025

360.	Kevin Murphy	1618 Alhambra Blvd STE 161717 Sacramento, CA	Email	10/03/2025
361.	Matthew Rosenthal	1111 Cleveland Ave STE 201 Mount Vernon, WA	Email	10/03/2025
362.	Shirley Vacanti	2513 Oregon Ave Anacortes, WA	Email	10/03/2025
363.	Adam Andreasen	1111 Cleveland Ave STE 201 Mount Vernon, WA	Email	10/03/2025
364.	Kristen Keltz	419 W Gates St Mount Vernon, WA	Email	10/03/2025
365.	Amy Spain	13799 Olympic Dr SE Olalla, WA	Email	10/03/2025
366.	Kim Grayson	2215 Lake Park Dr Anacortes, WA	Email	10/03/2025
367.	Jenny Seay	8931 Ravenna Ave NE Seattle, WA	Email	10/03/2025
368.	Roberta Denman	827 Lake Street South Unit 204 Kirkland, WA	Email	10/04/2025
369.	Paddy Sarvis	4916 Doon Way Anacortes, WA	Email	10/04/2025
370.	Mary Schmidt	758 154 th Pl NE Bellevue, WA	Email	10/04/2025
371.	Bruce Lavers	521 Timberland Loop Mount Vernon, WA	Email	10/04/2025
372.	Sue Muff	21310 Rolling Pl Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	10/05/2025
373.	Theresa and Jason Goertz	28919 NE 34 th Ct Redmond, WA	Email	10/05/2025
374.	Christine Critchley	710 Dunlop Ave Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	10/05/2025
375.	Heidi Bigelow	15128 Baker Heights Rd Mount Vernon, WA	Email	10/06/2025
376.	Mary Hancock	2562 Norway Rd Ferndale, WA	Email	10/06/2025
377.	Ivy Hammond	14210 61 st Ave SE Everett, WA	Email	10/06/2025
378.	Simon Tufnell	1711 242 nd St SE Bothell, WA	Email	10/06/2025
379.	Carole Scanes	7759 Cully Lane Sedro Woolley, WA	Email	10/07/2025
380.	Roberta Nelson	23105 Bassett Road Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284	Email	10/07/2025

381.	Ilse Hill	1600 S Burlington Blvd Burlington, WA	Email	10/08/2025
382.	Lori Daniels	8770 Charel Drive Blaine, WA 98230	Email	10/08/2025
383.	Kay Evans and Tommy Gibson	5767 Silverstar Road Bellingham, WA	Email	10/08/2025
384.	Katharina Black	3379 Deer Trails Lane Bow, WA	Email	10/09/2025
385.	Carolyn Coursen	835 N Osborne Ave Janesville, WI	Email	10/09/2025
386.	Kathryn Nims	235 Pinecrest Dr Henderson, TN	Email	10/10/2025
387.	Phillip Morrison	4108 SE. Camano Dr. Camano Island, WA	Email	10/10/2025
388.	Ken Mu	371 W. Palm St. Altadena, CA 91001	Email	10/10/2025
389.	Barbara Block	3203 S Hilltop Avenue Lakeland, FL 33803	Email	10/12/2025
390.	Angie Pagendarm	3116 164th St SW Apt 502 Lynnwood, WA	Email	10/12/2025
391.	Anna Vail	20805 Carolann Place Burlington, WA	Email	10/13/2025
392.	Sarah Arnstein	2882 E Badger Rd Everson, WA	Email	10/13/2025
393.	Ann Parker	40515 Pressentin Road Concrete, WA 98237	Email	10/13/2025
394.	Leif Simonsen	9509 NE 140 th St Kirkland, WA	Email	10/15/2025
395.	Lynn & Joe Faherty	335 Stillaguamish Pl La Conner, WA	Email	10/16/2025
396.	Barb Bailey	PO Box 964 Mukilteo, WA	Email	10/19/2025

From: Lily Lawson <lilylovelee@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:08 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Name: Lily Lawson
Street Address: 905 211th PL NE
City: Sammamish
State: WA 98074

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. We love our annual tea time tradition at Willowbrook and would love to continue it. Three generations of Moms attend. We appreciate your consideration in keeping Willowbrook open for our business.

Thanks!
Lily

From: adria saracino <adriasaracino@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:10 AM
To: PDS comments
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I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I'm a frequent visitor to Skagit Valley and have many memories visiting farms with my nieces. I've been taking them to Willowbrook Manor every fall since they were 5-8 years old. They're now 13 and 15, and we're still going to Willowbrook this fall to make more memories as a family.

Farming is no easy industry and tourism allows them to provide more stable income while navigating the unknowns of agriculture. Please consider helping businesses like Willowbrook stay open and thrive. I believe you can do it in a way that will not run the risk of overtourism to the area.

Sincerely,
Adria Saracino
2400 NW 80th St #518
Seattle, WA 98117

From: Julia Phillip <julia.phillip.realty@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:12 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Julia Phillip
Street Address: 17366 Allen Road
City: Bow
State: WA. 98232

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

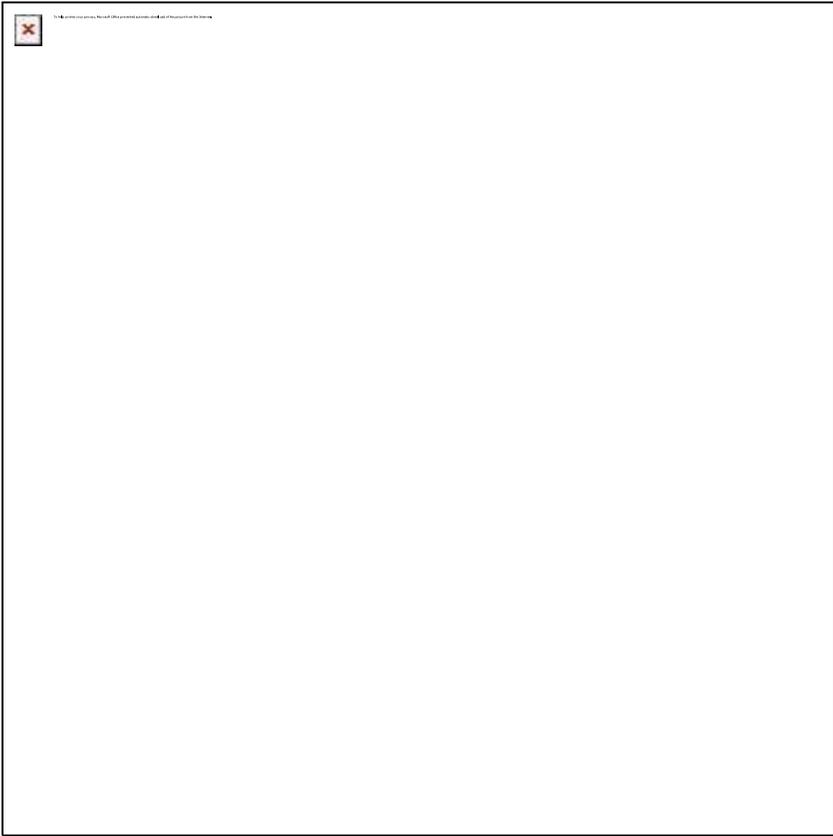
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Willowbrook provides income for the county and her land is used in sustainable and educational ways. She provides a much needed service: a way for people to connect in our beautiful county of Skagit, which in turn shows visitors how special our area is, and that it needs to be preserved.

It would be devastating to this family and our community if Willowbrook was no longer allowed to operate as it currently is and has been.

Respectfully,
Julia Phillip

Owner and CEO of Julia Phillip Realty, Board Member of Mt Vernon Chamber of Commerce, and Co Chair for the Homebuyer program if Skagit Habitat for Humanity



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From: Kelly Swan <fourswans4@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:15 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

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Name: Kelly Swan
Street Address: 3606 17th St SW
City: Lynnwood
State: WA

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It is important to have the types of experiences that Willowbrook provides available to the community.. Many a day has been enjoyed having a great dining experience and wandering the farm. .Please don't take that away.

Sincerely,
Kelly Swan

From: Aneke McGuire <anekeh2@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:15 AM
To: PDS comments
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Aneke McGuire: 973 NE Ingram St: Issaquah: WA: Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Do not close Willowbrook Manor!

Aneké R. McGuire

Jennifer Rosen Meade Preschool | Lead Hedgehog Teacher
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From: Alexia Kritsonis <shmexia@gmail.com>
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Alexia Kritsonis
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Mount Vernon, Wa 98273

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From: Julie Peddy <juliepeddy@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:19 AM
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Julie Peddy
428 Cayuse Place
La Conner, WA 98257

Dear Skagit County Commissioners:

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While farming is important to our community, State and Country, agritourism is also important to the economy in Skagit County. Additionally, agritourism has an educational value bringing families into the county from high density areas with little experience with agriculture.

The most reasonable answer to the topic at hand is to grandfather in already established agritourism.

Respectfully,

Julie Peddy

From: Jennifer Ridewood <jennifer.ridewood@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:19 AM
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Jennifer Ridewood
23350 Arbors Terrace Rd NE
Kingston WA. 98346

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We so enjoy our trips to Willowbrook Manor for a Tea Party. I hope you can work with them so they can continue their business.

Jennifer Ridewood

From: Christine Taft <ctaft914@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:19 AM
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Name: Christine
City: Mount Vernon

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. Willowbrook is a beautiful old fashioned place to have tea and take a step back in time. It would be tragic if this gem could not continue to serve our community.

From: Laurah Hagen <laurah.hagen@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:20 AM
To: PDS comments
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Name: Laurah Hagen
Street Address: 3401 clearbrook rd
City: Sumas
State: Washington

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From: Joel Harris <jcckharris@outlook.com>
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Cynthia Harris
8033 Quinault Rd
Blaine
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Willowbrook Manor has been a generational gathering place during the holidays and for our family for Mother's Day high tea. I hope the Manor is still in business when my grandchildren are able to join us for high tea and are old enough to spend the night.

Thank you,
Cynthia Harris

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

From: Autumn Kifer <ss4u247@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:24 AM
To: PDS comments
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Name: Autumn Kifer
Street Address: 5350 Coastal Loop
City: Blaine
State:WA

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Sent from my iPhone

Robby Eckroth

From: Lydia Essex-White <lydiaessexwhite@gmail.com>
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To: PDS comments
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Name: Lydia Essex white
Street Address: 1517 s 12th st
City: Mount Vernon
State: Wa

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This place is such an asset to our value and places like this make Skagit special! We also need to support small creative businesses not just big companies!!!

Lydia Essex-White

From: Rebecca Banks <rabanks53@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:31 AM
To: PDS comments; Rebecca Banks
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Rebecca Banks
7610 70th PI NE
Marysville WA 98270

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I was born and raised in Sedro Woolley and was thrilled to discover this place. Willowbrook Manor is an exceptionally unique business and should not be considered on the same level as an in-town business. It is a farm, raising chamomile. It is a bed & breakfast providing a special place to visit (bringing tourism to Skagit County). It is a Tea House, that enriches experiences, making a special occasion even more special. It has bike riding paths, showing off the splendors of Skagit County. Walking into the house, you are immediately transported to another level of warmth and time slowing down.

I sincerely hope you will accept the industry-accepted solutions provided by Willowbrook Manor, and grant any exceptions needed to allow this lovely place to continue.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Banks

From: Gordon Winblad <gordonwinblad@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:34 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Debra WinbladName:
Street Address: 7599 Valeria Place
City: Sedro Woolley
State: Wa 98284

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. Willowbrook is a much needed venue for tea and other events. Please let it stay open by approving the industry-accepted solution already used. Please, please, please. Thank you, Debra Winblad

From: Helen Schultz <HelenS@gohuey.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:34 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Name:Helen Benoit Schultz
Street Address: 1030 Cliiford St.
City: Sedro Woolley
State:Wa. Zip Code 98284

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This farm is a farm and adding the tea house and Tours. Brings people to see our farming area that needs preserved. It also educates about the crop they grow so people learn. The more they learn the more they will support our community

From: Jonice Cometa <jvcomet23@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:36 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Name:jonice honrada

Street Address:11323 Bootes St

City: San Diego

State:CA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

From: Darci Buhl <muffit702@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:37 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Darci Buhl
Street Address: 386 Pacific Hwy
City: Bellingham
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook is contributing in such positive ways to the community-by nurturing a love for nature, outdoors, slower paced living, and community gathering. Please consider options to support willowbrook and other businesses like hers, they are needed and welcomed by the community, and more government oversight is not the answer.

Thank you,
Darci Buhl

Sent from my iPhone

From: Tracy Gnojek <tlgnojek@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:38 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

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Name: Street Address: City: State: Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor has been a dear place to spend time with friends. The family owned and operated Manor is a gift to the community. Please consider the above request.

Tracy/Manca's Catering
970-390-1875

From: Janet Downs <jadowns72@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:37 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Name:Janet Downs

Street Address:24386 Richard's Rd

City:Sedro Woolley

State:WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. Thus business brings a wonderful experience for both local residents and tourists. Its a classy place and offers such beauty and service. They have ZERO NEGATIVE IMPACT on our farmland. Please be reasonable.

From: Sharon Dillon <swcubs31@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:47 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Sharon Dillon
1116 Fidalgo St
Sedro Woolley
WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

As you all know I am a big supporter of keeping our farm land as farm land and producing the great food we need. But as I see Willowbrook Manor is using there small part of Skagit county as a win win solution.

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Thank you for considering all points of view.

Sent from my iPad

From: Debbie pittman <debbieincl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:52 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:Debra Conner
Street Address:13670 Austin Rd
City:Mount Vernon
State:Wa

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted e by Willowbrook Manor. I'm saddened to think this beautiful establishment is facing closure. It is a one of a kind place to visit. I have taken my daughter there for tea & plan to take my visiting guests there.I have lived in Skagit County all my 70 years. I'm requesting that please consider solutions to keep this open. Our community needs such beauty and tranquility this business provides. Thank you Sent from my iPhone

From: Sherry Douceur <sdouceur@live.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:53 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Sherry Douceur
14705 NE 16th Street
Bellevue, WA 98007

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

It has come to my attention that Willowbrook Manor is in danger of closing next year due to certain regulatory issues. My husband and I love to spend our vacation time visiting delightful places such as Willowbrook Manor. I believe such establishments are an important part of our communities, so I respectfully ask for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions used in rural locations that have been submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

Sherry Douceur

From: Susan Pole <susanpole0435@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:54 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Susan Pole
Street Address: 8545 garden of Eden road
City: Sedro Woolley
State: wa

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

The Manor is a beautiful place and growing tea is as much important as growing seeds.

From: Jamie Eby <jamieleby@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:55 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Jamie Eby
Street Address: 4614 SW Dakota St
City: Seattle
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

My family and I spent a lovely afternoon having tea at Willowbrook a few years ago, and we look forward to returning. It's such a special experience run by a family that brings together other families. Willowbrook has been around for a long time, and they offer a way for Washington State families to visit Skagit County in a peaceful, rural setting without dealing with the overcrowded tulip festival situation.

Thank you,
Jamie Eby

From: ljyoungquist@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:57 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Laurie Youngquist
311 Heather Road
Everett Wa 98203

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Especially in this day with all that is going on, it is important to support the local small businesses that increase people seeing the beauty that is Skagit county. When city people venture into rural areas they become aware of the importance of keeping farmland and our natural resources.

I know when I've gone to Willowbrook Manor for tea I'm reminded of the beauty of nature. I also stop at small farms to pick up farm fresh produce whereas I wouldn't venture all the way up north for just produce. Losing Willowbrook and other small unique businesses would be a such a loss to your county.

Laurie Youngquist

From: Lisa Glenn <lisashine@live.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:58 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Name: Lisa Glenn
Street Address: 6229 Annette Ave SE
City: Auburn
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a beautiful haven that combines history, culture, and agriculture. Visitors are introduced to the beauty of Skagit County when they visit Willowbrook Manor or participate in one of their tours or planting days. They also host events to raise money to support the needs of vulnerable people in Skagit County.

Willowbrook Manor is a treasure in Skagit County. Please approve a reasonable path for them to be code compliant so we do not lose this treasure.

Thank you,
Lisa Glenn

From: CARA BROWN <taxibug@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:05 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Cara Brown
5301 E Warm Springs Ave
City: Boise
State:ID

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sent from my iPhone

Robby Eckroth

From: egegen <egegen@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:58 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Ed Gegen
Street Address:2015 N Ave
City:Anacortes
State:wa. 98221

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Ed Gegen

From: Grant Poinatte <grantpoinatte@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:01 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Name: Grant Poinatte
Street Address: 4608 E Oregon St
City: Bellingham
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willbrook Manor is a special place that provides so much for our community. We love the high teas and my daughter enjoys running around the Manor. Please don't shut them down!

From: Sarah Beane <sarah.beane@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:05 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sarah Beane
Street Address: 1913 Butler Creek Rd
City: Sedro Woolley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor has been such a wonderful and special place that my mother and I have gotten to experience together during holidays and Mother's Day weekends. It's a special gem in Skagit county and would be sorely missed in the community.

From: Kathy Jamison <kjamison516@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:07 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Kathy Jamison
4010 W. 5th St.
Anacortes, WA. 98221

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I feel that Willowbrook Manor brings many tourists and visitors to their business. As a local from Anacortes I have enjoyed visiting their place many times in the last few years. Please allow Willowbrook Manor to continue to operate.

Thank you,
Kathy Jamison

From: stavroulaalexopoulou@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:10 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Stavroula alexopoulos
Street Address: 316 Northern Ave
City: Sedro Woolley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Kind Regards,
Stavroula Alexopoulos

Robby Eckroth

From: Travis & Kristina Rhodes <tkrhodes@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:10 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

From: Kristina Rhodes, 16905 se 41st Street, Bellevue, WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor has meant a lot to our family through the years. We've attended mother day teas, got to dress up in fancy clothes and partake in delicious tea and food in a beautiful setting.

Please don't force this wonderful business to have to shut its doors. It is a vital part of the skagit county community.

Thank you.

From: Sandra Nead Stewart <sandranead@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:11 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Name: Sandra Stewart
Street Address: 300 NE 85th Street
City: Seattle
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sandra Stewart

Robby Eckroth

From: Jane Lewis <bydalewis@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:13 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Jane Lewis
3967 S. Camano Drive
Camano Island
WA, 98282

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Please consider working with Terry Gifford to maintain this amazing place of peace and tranquility for all to enjoy. It is one of few reasons I visit Sedro Woolley.

Sincerely,
Jane Lewis

From: Margie Lauer <margie.lauer@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:17 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Margaret Lauer
Street Address: 23840 Nookachamp Hills Dr.
City: Mount Vernon
State: WA 98274

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Going to Willowbrook provides a peaceful setting, an escape from the hustle and bustle, and a refuge to reconnect to the soul and nature. We need more places like this!

Margie Lauer

"You are a timeless being in the midst of change."

From: Mom of 2 cubs <creativesewing@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:24 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

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Darci Wilson
6906 77th Ave NE
Marysville
WA 98270

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a very special place to bring people together, and have a getaway from our everyday, stressful lives. It would be a shame for a place like this to close, and lose out on all the future visits from people around this country, and others. Not including support that they give to the local community. ❤️

Thank you for your consideration.

Darci Wilson

Robby Eckroth

From: Lisa Pollman <lisapollman@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:24 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Lisa Pollman
Street Address: 3943 Cliffside Dr
City: Bellingham
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Please, please don't choose against this valuable community resource and meeting place.

Very best,
Lisa

Robby Eckroth

From: Randie DeVries <devriesrp@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:26 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

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Randie DeVries
7629 Healy Rd
Sedro-Woolley WA 98284

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a beautiful meeting place. The atmosphere is gentle and refreshing. To see Willowbrook be lost to the Upper Skagit Area would be a loss for our glorious county.

Please reconsider.

Sincerely
Randie DeVries

From: stevecox1527@comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:28 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Agritourism

Spam

Please approve the industry-accepted solutions used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor to become compliant.

From: Susan Connelly <srconnelly@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:28 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

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Susan Connelly

Type text here

Street Address:755 SW Dawnview Ter

City:Oak Harbor

State:WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. Willowbrook is such a special place. To have a place like this in your community is such an asset as is the woman who operates it - one amazing woman that adds so much to the people she entertains and to your community. Work with her! She will always do the right thing.

Susan Connelly

Sent from my iPhone

From: Susan Houglum <sue.houglum@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:29 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Susan L. Houglum
Street Address: 1737 147th Ave. SE
City: Bellevue,
State: WA. 98007

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I would think that Skagit County would do everything possible to support small agribusiness instead of making it more difficult for them to comply. You can do something about this. Please do it. Many of us enjoy our time in Skagit, live close and take advantage of small farms. Large agriculture has destroyed so many family farms and small businesses in our country. Don't make that mistake in Skagit County.

Sincerely,
Susan Houglum

Robby Eckroth

From: Corey Sarah Wilke <corey.sarah.wilke@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:31 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sarah Wilke
Street Address: 2085 Willow Court
City: Ferndale
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is an amazing establishment. It provides a sense of community and an opportunity for people to experience a variety of activities for people who love tea, farming, and biking. It also introduces these things to people as a way to enrich their lives.

Willowbrook Manor is a small operation and it doesn't make sense to include them in with the larger farming regulations. This proposal they are providing will allow them to be compliant, but still at the appropriate scale.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sarah Wilke

From: Cynthia C <carlson.cynthia@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:32 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Cynthia Carlson
889 Pine Place, Lynden WA 98264

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I find it heartbreaking to see local businesses shutting down due to decisions made without understanding the nature of a specialized business, and, in this case, a landmark locale that draws in visitors and provides a place for locals to go for special occasions.

I hope that a compromise can be found!

Let's keep our businesses and traditions alive!

Sincerely,
Cynthia Carlson

Robby Eckroth

From: Donna Sue Holly <donnasuehl@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:33 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Donna Sue Holly
5274 Anglers Haven Drive
Oak Harbor, Washington 98277

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Although I am not a resident of Skagit County, we live right next to you and I visit Willowbrook Manor at least once a year to enjoy their High Tea. Terry Gifford provides a service unequalled by any other in our area and she should be encouraged to continue her business rather than run out of business by unduly constrictive government regulations.

Sincerely,
Donna Sue Holly
564 676-1381

Robby Eckroth

From: DAREN DE BOER <darendeboer@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:38 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Name: Ruth De Boer
Street Address: 8987 Jasmine Ln
City: Lynden
State: WA

This is added to the prior email, as I did not include my street address.
Thank you again for your consideration

Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

From: Colleen Dutson <colleen.dutson@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:35 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Colleen Oliveira
6312 151st Ave SE
Bellevue, WA 98006

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code-compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a treasured asset to Skagit County, offering not only breathtaking beauty but also a steady source of economic and cultural enrichment. Its gardens and tea experiences draw visitors from near and far, making it a year-round tourist destination that highlights the unique charm of our region. By attracting guests who dine, shop, and explore other nearby businesses, Willowbrook Manor significantly contributes to the local economy while strengthening Skagit County's reputation as a welcoming and vibrant destination. Preserving and supporting this attraction ensures that the community continues to benefit from its natural elegance, the revenue it generates, and the lasting positive impression it leaves on all who visit.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Colleen Oliveira

From: Angie Roundtree <angie.roundtree@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:36 AM
To: PDS comments
Cc: Terry Gifford
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Angela Roundtree 1503 Poplar Drive, Ormond Beach Florida 32174 (253)227-4749

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

My husband and I have traveled to your lovely state and stayed at Willowbrook Manor on several occasions and consider it a favorite. The Skagit Valley has a special place in our hearts and we love to visit the area and make purchases from small businesses in the area in order to foster growth and support to your community. It would be a shame and a disservice to your community to make it impossible for this cherished local favorite to have to close their doors.

Thank you for taking this plea into consideration.

Sincerely

Angela Roundtree

From: Judyp14 <judyp14@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:36 AM
To: PDS comments; Judy Peck
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Judy Peck
1985 Conifer Drive
Ferndale, WA 98248

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This is their way to make a living. It brings people to Skagit County. These people are so strong in their community efforts to attract people to events in Skagit County. They are definitely a credit to the community. Please help them to be code compliant in a way that is possible for them. I live in Whatcom County, but love to go to the tulip festival and also Willowbrook Manor in nearby Skagit County.

Sincerely
Judy Peck

From: Ann Acton <ann.acton@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:37 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Ann Acton
Street Address: 627 Central Street
City: Sedro Woolley
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Agrotourism is an important part of our community and a great way for many businesses to benefit in our community by bringing business and money into the community. Willowbrook and other small businesses add to our community culture and economy in a different, but no less valuable way than large commercial farms. They can't however, be expected to have the large investments necessary to meet code laws well above their necessity. Please reconsider and make a path available.

Thank you for your time,
Ann Acton

From: Jo Kinn <jolokinn18@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:38 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Joan Kinnee
3916 I Avenue
Anacortes Wa 98221

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a small woman-owned business that is a treasure for the County. Please do Not cause it to close.

From: Patrice Young <patriceyoung@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:38 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Patrice Young
Street Address: 1281 E Willow Springs Circle
City: Alpine
State: Utah

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

We've stayed multiple times at Willowbrook Manor and would be so sad if it had to close it's doors. Terry is the most gracious hostess and we're hoping we can return often in the future!

Patrice Young

From: Kim P <kjpuch@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:39 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Kim Pucharski
5908 45th PL NE
Marysville, WA 98270

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Please don't "throw out the baby with the bathwater." It truly defies logic to prevent continuation of a wonderful small woman-owned business that brings such joy and such a unique product to so many. To take away a labor of love, hard work, creativity and dedication from such an endeavor is the antithesis of the American way. If you haven't visited this establishment yourself, I highly recommend you do so. The proprietor is a role model of the type of business owner you want in your county.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kim Pucharski

Robby Eckroth

From: pam ozanne <pamozanne72@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:40 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Pam Ozanne
Street Address: 508 72nd St. SE
City: Everett
State: WA.

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Friends and I were at Willowbrook last May to celebrate my birthday, it was such a lovely experience. There are so few places that you can come and relax from city life that it would be a shame to lose Willowbrook. Driving through such a quaint town brings me back to a slower time in life and needs to be preserved. Please consider the proposal so Willowbrook can remain open for years to come.

Sincerely,
Pam Ozanne

From: Jerry Timblin <timblinj@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:41 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:
Street Address:
City:
State:

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Jerry Timblin

Robby Eckroth

From: Jerry Timblin <timblinj@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:41 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Jerry Timblin
612 Fidalgo St
Sedro-Woolley, WA
360-420-8878

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook and Terry has been a great partner with Cascades Job Corps, where I work as the Career Technical Training Manager. She has partnered with our Culinary Arts program, and she has allowed our students to work with her on many occasions. She has given them a chance when many businesses in the county would not. She has hosted our students at her business to help with food prep in the past, and with maintaining the property and helping her serve at events.

Cascades has benefitted greatly from Terry's generosity and from her business, and I hope you will work with her in a reasonable manner. I also hope that you'll grant her the code compliance that she needs, in order to keep her business going in these already difficult times. Please do not make it more difficult for her to make a living and to continue to work with our students. Our program (and our County) needs Terry and small-business owners like her, so we can continue to train our students to work in the Culinary field. As well as for the good of Skagit County.

Please reconsider your code changes and work with Willowbrook and other small businesses to help them thrive in this economy. Small businesses like hers are one of the backbones of our society and are greatly needed now, more than ever.

Please feel free to call me, and I would be happy to answer any questions and explain in more detail about our program and how people like Terry make it better. I would also be happy to speak with our Center Director about having you come out for a tour of our program sometime.

Sincerely,
Jerry Timblin

From: Judith Good <goodjudith@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:42 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Judith, good Name:

Street Address: 735 Sky Meadow Dr.

City: Coupeville

State: WA, 98239

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sent from my iPhone

Robby Eckroth

From: Maryann Holbrook <mholbrook66@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:46 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Maryann Holbrook

1725 Bridgeview Court

Lynden WA 98264

Dear Skagit County Officials,

I'm writing to ask that you please support the rural code compliance solutions submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

They've come up with smart, cost-effective proposals for water and egress that are used successfully in other rural areas. These may look different from urban systems, but they're appropriate for the setting and would allow Willowbrook to meet code without the burden of full-scale commercial upgrades.

Willowbrook is a great example of "Big A, little T" in action — supporting agriculture while offering low-impact tourism. I hope the county can be flexible in recognizing rural-specific solutions so businesses like Willowbrook can continue to operate and preserve farmland.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Maryann Holbrook

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Robby Eckroth

From: Gloria Leven <glorialeven@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:46 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Gloria Leven
Street Address: 9499 Sherman RD
City: Chesterland
State: Ohio

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

My daughter, sister and I have visited the Manor on two occasions. It would be sad to see this establishment fold. Terry has worked very hard along with her family members to make the Manor a welcoming place.

Please enable Terry to continue Willowbrook in an affordable way going forward.

Thanks kindly....Gloria Leven

From: jt_remy <jt_remy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:48 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Name: Richard Harrison
Street Address: 5622 202 ST SW
City:Lynnwood
State:WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Williwbrook Manor excels in supporting agritourism businesses in Skagit Valley, and showcases the beauty and biodiversity of the agriculture in the area.

Please don't shutdown this Skagit Valley gem.

Richard Harrison

Sent from my Galaxy

From: Freida Presler <freida.presler@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:49 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Freida Presler Name:
Street Address: 24443 Wicker Rd Space #5
City: Sedro Woolly
State: WA 98284

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

From: Beverly Harrington <bev_harrington@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:50 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Beverly Harrington
Street Address: 325 S. Burlington Blvd.
City: Burlington
State: WA 98233

Dear Skagit County Commissioners:

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Terry Gifford, Owner of Willowbrook Manor, is a tremendous asset to this area. She draws folks from far and wide for a beautiful English tea and overnight stays. Just recently she established a YouTube series called The Red Falcon Road. It has already highlighted three local businesses in Burlington, Sedro-Woolley, Concrete, Anacortes, La Conner, and Mount Vernon: focusing in each on a place to shop, a place to eat, and a place to sleep. It is unique, charming, and will definitely be a draw for both local and out of the area visitors.

Terry needs the income from her Willowbrook Manor business to continue promoting our beautiful Skagit Valley. Please find a way to allow her to continue.

Sincerely,

Beverly Harrington, President
Skagit Auto Licensing, Inc.

Robby Eckroth

From: Pamela McCrae <mcraepk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:51 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

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Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for willowbrook Manor to become code-compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by willowbrook Manor.

This is a beautiful and much-loved business that would be a great loss to Skagit County. We would be heartbroken if it closed!! Please approve a path for willowbrook Manor!

Thank you,
Pamela McCrae
9454 NE 138th St.
Kirkland, WA 98034

From: Laura Reyes <lreyes8517@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:52 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Laura Reyes
Street Address: 12773 south 66th east Ave
City: Bixby
State: OK

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

We have visited Willowbrook Manor for years and would love to continue the opportunity to support this SMALL, WOMAN OWNED business. This Tea House supports multiple families, and continues to do good for your community. Terry is the owner and she would just like to freely have the right, to own her land, and do what she desires with it. Please continue to support her in this, American right.

Thank you for reading this, and considering this matter.

-Laura Reyes

From: Jeanne Warren <lulyjeanne27@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:56 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Name: **Louella Warren**
Street Address: **707 39th Ave. S.E. #C2006**
City: **Puyallup**
State: **WA 98374**

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. **This charming home-owned business has only enhanced, not hindered your county, and deserves to remain as a drawing point and it fits in keeping with the natural beauty of your county.**

Thanks for your consideration!
Louella Warren

From: Holcomb Holcomb <amaroq45@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:56 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Courtney Holcomb
Street Address: 902 McGarigle
City: Sedro Woolley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook is a special place like none other, it would be a loss to families in our area, Skagit, greater Seattle, and the PNW to have this hidden gem disappear. After visiting the UK with my daughters, I have looked all around the PNW and North America for similar locations to visit with my family (quite unsuccessfully). Willowbrook is truly charming and magical! PLEASE approve industry accepted solutions to keep Willowbrook as a place that our family and countless other families can continue to visit for quality time and core memories together.

Courtney Holcomb

Sent from my iPhone

From: Katherine Hanson <katherinemariehanson@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:59 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Katherine Hanson Street Address: 3307 NW 75th St City: Seattle State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I have enjoined many teas at Willowbrook, and currently have a six month old daughter who I would love to take to teas at Willowbrook when she is able to appreciate it. Please let Willowbrook survive long enough for me to share new memories there with my daughter, and for other families to enjoy it for years to come.

Sincerely,
Katherine Hanson

From: Kathleen Williams <kwilliams576@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:59 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Name: Kathleen Williams
Street Address: 2108 Minnesota Ave
City: Anacortes
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am graciously asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. This farm and home is a rare gem in Skagit County and one that the county should be supporting and uplifting, not tormenting with regulations.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Williams

From: Sondra Ann <sondra_ann@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:59 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Sondra Platte Muggee, 17892 Cobahud Rd., La Conner, WA 98257: Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I live in LA Conner & visit Willowbrook Manor often with my out of town guests! It is a wonderful way to show off our beautiful countryside. Please work with them to keep Willowbrook Manor open & accessible.

Regards,
Sondra Platte Muggee
La Conner, WA
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Robby Eckroth

From: Gmail <jill.vanderyacht@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:01 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

* Spam *

Name: Jill VanderYacht
Street Address: 2144 Birch Circle
City: Bellingham
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This is a local, family business that has roots here and provides jobs and opportunities to others. It is a unique and beautiful establishment that has become a meeting place for so many families and individuals.

Supporting them and providing a path forward for continued operation, means supporting the community and the people who hope to see this local business continue.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Jill

Robby Eckroth

From: Nancy J Chambers <no1pbpmom@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:01 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Street Address: City: State: Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

My name is Nancy J. Chambers, I live at 37634 State Rout 20, Concrete, Washington, 98237, our area needs lovely little farm business like Wpollowbrook. It has brought pleasure to many people. Please approve the industry-accepted solution submitted by Willowbrook. How can a remote business comply with rules made for city businesses?

From: Carole Beth Rhodes <cbrhodes53@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:03 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Carole B. Rhodes
Street Address: 105 Sawgrass Lane
City: Harrodsburg
State: Kentucky

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Carole B. Rhodes

Sent from my iPhone

Robby Eckroth

From: Janet Kvedova <janetkvedova@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:05 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Dzeneta Kvedova
Street Address: 640 bell street
City: Edmonds
State:WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

1. Architectural & aesthetic inspiration

Willowbrook Manor evokes the feel of a century-old English country estate. The design, gardens, lawns, and overall atmosphere are intended to transport visitors as though they're in an older, elegant manor house.

2. Land & farming heritage

The property was purchased in 1996, and the owner(s) gradually transformed it: starting with gardens, landscaping, fruit trees, berries, etc., adding a large chamomile field. Because of Washington zoning (agricultural), the farm aspect is more than decorative—it has legal and functional importance. That ties it to the land, history, and rural character of the area.

3. Preserving & sharing local history

Through their “Tea & Tours” and bike rides, the owners weave in local history. Accessibility & linking with public trails. The manor is adjacent to the Cascade Trail, which provides public access paths for biking, walking, exploring. They run bike tours that start from Sedro-Woolley and integrate town and nature. This helps bring visitors out, connects them with the land, and involves the wider local area.

4. Creating inviting spaces & preserving natural beauty

The gardens, lawns, chamomile field, tea tent, etc., are not just for private enjoyment. They are maintained in ways that serve guests, locals, and community groups. It provides a retreat-like space where people can connect with nature, host social gatherings, hold workshops, etc

Thank you for your time and considering this valuable experiences and value that owner and manor by itself offers to us.

Kind regards,

Dzeneta Kvedova

From: Mary-Ann Kolozsy <hometoadome@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:05 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

From:
Mary-Ann Kolozsy
1903 36th Street
Bellingham WA 98229

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor (WM) doesn't fit neatly into a category. It is a creative, one-of-a-kind business and a diamond in Skagit County's jewelry box. Skagit County is very lucky to have it! I encourage you to see it for what it is...an irreplaceable venue for a variety of gatherings, bringing all kinds of people together for community events that would not take place anywhere else. The owner's vision and hospitality, together with the quiet, serene rural location, makes for a space where people from near and far can gather and feel welcome. In a time where churches, service clubs, and other community gathering places are disappearing, and people are feeling more and more isolated, WM is needed more now than ever!

Since it first opened, I have had the pleasure of visiting WM many times. The location near Sedro Woolley is the perfect destination to gather my local friends, as well as out-of-town guests, and explore other parts of Skagit County, making a day trip of it. Before WM existed, I never felt I had a reason to explore the communities of Skagit County. WM has been THE reason I have felt drawn to spend many days shopping, exploring, and supporting the great businesses that Sedro, Burlington, and Mt Vernon have to offer.

Please consider these attributes when making your decisions about this unique, rural business. And keep Skagit GREAT!

Thank you.
Mary-Ann Kolozsy

Robby Eckroth

From: Sarah Friedrichs <sarahnfriedrichs91@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:07 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sarah Sherwood

Street Address: 1203 Independence Blvd

City: Sedro Woolley

State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

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From: MARTHA HAGEN <1570mlhagen@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:07 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Martha Hagen
Street Address:1570 E Smith Rd
City:Bellingham
State:Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Linda Wright <lwright0490@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:08 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Linda Wright
Street Address: 32648 S. Lyman Ferry Rd
City: Sedro Woolley
State: Washington 98284

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I have lived at my same address in Skagit County, Sedro Woolley for 36 years so far- hope to still be living here for another 30 years. There are not many attractions or places to have an event in Skagit County. Willowbrook Manor is a place where people come to from far, far away and who visit locally. Let's not take away such a wonderful business from our community and from Skagit County.

Thank you

Sincerely, Linda Wright

Sent from my iPhone

From: Christine McKellar <scrubs_teeth@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:09 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Christine McKellar
520 Columbine Ct
Mount Vernon, WA
98273

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I also want to share how much Willowbrook Manor Tea House means to me and why I hope it can continue in business. It's not just a place to have tea—it's a setting that feels beautiful, regal, and enchanting every time you step onto the property. There is truly nothing else like it in our county.

What makes Willowbrook so special is the way it blends elegance with the peacefulness of the countryside. It's a place that invites people to slow down, connect, and celebrate life's moments in a setting that feels both inspiring and welcoming. Whether it's a community gathering, a family celebration, or simply a quiet afternoon with a friend, the tea house has a way of making the experience memorable.

I see Willowbrook Manor as a treasure for our community. It adds charm, character, and beauty to our area, and it gives us a unique destination we can be proud of. In a world where so many places feel the same, Willowbrook stands out as something rare and irreplaceable.

For these reasons, I value Willowbrook deeply and hope it will be allowed to continue serving our community.

Thank you,

Christine McKellar
360-333-1160

From: BILL WHITNEY <bwthird@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:10 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Bill Whitney: Street Address:25605 SE 242nd ST City: Maple Valley State: WA , 98038

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

While I am not a resident of Skagit County, I have lived in Maple Valley, Washington for fifty-five years.

Willowbrook Manor is an outstanding example of the American Dream, Spirit and Accomplishment. Conceiving a vision and developing it into a reality that is an asset to the community, state and the country. The Manor brings in people from many countries worldwide, supplementing the local and state economies.

The Manor remains true to the rural farming ideals in that it also has dedicated portions of the property to producing agricultural products.

Please approve the industry-accepted solutions submitted by Willowbrook Manor and allow this fine example of the American Dream to continue.

Thank you for your consideration,
Bill Whitney
bwthird@gmail.com

Robby Eckroth

From: cynthia copeland <cyncopelanddds@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:10 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Cynthia Copeland
1824 State Street.
Santa Barbara
CA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

As a previous resident of Washington State, I enjoy to visiting. My go to retreat combining rural beauty of the Skagit Valley with genuine hospitality is Willowbrook Manor. Terry Gifford, owner, attends not only to her guests, but for the surrounding community where she grew up and raised her family who continue to live in the area.

As such, Terry cares deeply about the economic future of area. Rather than mere lip service, Willowbrook, under Terry's direction, provides uplifting moral and financial support to local business and family oriented charities. Observe Willowbrook's current vehicle Falcon Road shining the spotlight on Skagit Valley people and places. Creative thinking and producing such a program brings recognition to the area. It is a labor of love that can reap rewards for the county for years.

This support may be quiet, but it deep. Skagit Valley should encourage businesses like Willowbrook to thrive rather than placing unnecessary obstacles to their existence.

Respectfully,
Cynthia Copeland, DDS
Former resident

Sent from my iPad

From: victoria yeates <yeateskids@live.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:11 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:Victoria yeates

Street Address: 18160 Fox Hollow Ln.

City:bow

State:Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. We need amazing places like this to keep Skagit Valley as unique as possible!

thank you.

Victoria yeates

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From: Lesa Preece <island_dreamer58@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:12 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Lesa Turner
Street Address: 59291 SR 20
City: ROCKPORT
State: Wa

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. This is a beautiful place that provides a service that is not available anywhere else that is close. So many people enjoy having "tea" in this beautiful place

Please don't be so selfish and take it away. What a shame that would be

Sincerely

Lesa Turner

Rockport/Marblemount WA

island_dreamer 58@yahoo.com

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From: Katie Wahler <katiemarierix@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:15 PM
To: PDS comments
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Spam

Name: Katie Wahler
Street Address: 1302 Lowe Ave
City: Bellingham
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant.

Skagit Valley is a gem for agritourism in our region, and Willobrook Manor is an important part of that. I've enjoyed visiting and spending time with family at Willowbrook Manor.

Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Katie

Robby Eckroth

From: Gail DeGiulio <gaildeg@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:17 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Gail Hanley
9 Cascade Key
Bellevue, WA 986

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a special place. When my friends visit from other states, I take them there so they can see the beauty of our state and what you can do with land and opportunity.

It's important to encourage entrepreneurs and to embrace our beauty.

Regards,

Gail Hanley

From: Christine McKellar <scrubs_teeth@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:18 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Willowbrook Manor Christine McKellar 520 Columbine Ct Mount Vernon WA 98273

9/27/25

Christine McKellar
520 Columbine Ct
Mount Vernon, WA
98273

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I also want to share how much Willowbrook Manor Tea House means to me and why I hope it can continue in business. It's not just a place to have tea—it's a setting that feels beautiful, regal, and enchanting every time you step onto the property. There is truly nothing else like it in our county.

What makes Willowbrook so special is the way it blends elegance with the peacefulness of the countryside. It's a place that invites people to slow down, connect, and celebrate life's moments in a setting that feels both inspiring and welcoming. Whether it's a community gathering, a family celebration, or simply a quiet afternoon with a friend, the tea house has a way of making the experience memorable.

I see Willowbrook Manor as a treasure for our community. It adds charm, character, and beauty to our area, and it gives us a unique destination we can be proud of. In a world where so many places feel the same, Willowbrook stands out as something rare and irreplaceable.

For these reasons, I value Willowbrook deeply and hope it will be allowed to continue serving our community.

Thank you,

Christine McKellar
360-333-1160

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From: Gorman & Susan <hanwong@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:24 PM
To: PDS comments
Cc: Susan Han
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Susan Han
Street Address: 15322 SE 49th St
City: Bellevue
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. While I live in Bellevue, my family enjoyed our visit to the Manor while visiting the tulip festivals and plan to return. I'm sure many other visitors feel the same way. We love supporting small businesses and it would be a tremendous loss for Skagit County to lose this community gem.

Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. Thank you.

Best,

Susan Han
15322 SE 49th St
Bellevue, WA 98006

From: Amber Lang <beinspired.aml@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:24 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

* Spam *

Name: Amber Lang
Street Address: 300 N LaVenture Rd
City: Mount Vernon
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook is a staple in Skagit county and is enjoyed by individuals, groups, and businesses. They open their doors to nonprofits to support fundraising efforts and support our community in many ways.

While the need to preserve farmland is real and relevant it should not come at the cost of currently operating businesses in our county. It is important that Willowbrook be able to continue operating at a cost that is feasible.

Thank you,
Amber lang
beinspired.aml@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

Robby Eckroth

From: brian jones <bjones.family@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:25 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Amy Jones
Street Address: 333 Cambridge Loop
City: Sedro Woolley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

In this age of “big pharma” and mega corporations, It is SO important to support our local businesses. I support Willowbrook Manor as a woman-owned local business! It is a unique treasure here in the Sedro Woolley area.

Please do what you can to keep Terry’s place open!

Thank you for all you do.

Amy Jones
Sent from my iPhone

From: Amy Jury <bttrflykss17b@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:28 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

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Name: Amy Jury
Street Address: 1019 Warren St
City: Mount Vernon
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook is a very important part of our community- they have employed multiple young adults as they're launching into the world and looking for part time and seasonal work. They also provide a place for city residents, both local and tourist, to explore rural Skagit and see for themselves how beautiful and valuable it is, causing people to be more open to preserving farmland and rural areas. I appreciate the counties attempts at preserving farmland and at keeping the public safe through commercial regulations, but I also appreciate that as a county we can look at things reasonably and approve reasonable accommodations for established and beneficial businesses to keep Skagit relevant to the community. So please approve Willowbrooks accommodation request and keep this valuable gem open for the community.

Thank you,
Amy Jury

From: Tamara Swearingen <seaside.or@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:29 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

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Name:Tamara Swearingen
Street Address:14817 Sandridge Rd
City:Long Beach
State:WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a treasure is your county and our state. In a world that is getting more automated and impersonal, Willowbrook Manor brings charm and personal attention to visitors and the community.

Please help this charming place stay apart of the community.

Sincerely,
Tamara Swearingen

From: Brian Jones <brianpbjones@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:29 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Brian Jones
Street Address: 333 Cambridge Loop
City: Sedro Woolley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Thank you for your help in supporting our friend in being able to keep her woman-owned, local business open.

Brian Jones

Sent from my iPhone

From: Laura M. <lbeaver97@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:31 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Laura Mulvey
Street Address: 163 E 200 N
City: Kaysville
State: Utah

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I believe that special exemptions for niche businesses should be given serious consideration, as a baseline code does not make sense where they are concerned. The new code's impact would be devastating for the small agritourism businesses of local residents providing a very rewarding and educational experience for their patrons.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Laura Mulvey

Robby Eckroth

From: Megan Doner <shirleydoner@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:35 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Shirley Sethia
Street Address: 4512 SE 2nd Pl
City: Renton
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Terry has poured so much care and dedication into Willowbrook Manor, creating a truly unique experience that draws visitors from outside Skagit Valley. Each time I've visited, I've not only enjoyed Willowbrook but also shopped at several other small businesses in the area, spending \$200–\$300 per visit. I am just one example among many who come into the region, invest in the community, and support its broader economy.

Allowing Willowbrook to move forward with the cost-effective, industry-accepted solutions they have proposed ensures that visitors like me will continue to bring new dollars into Skagit Valley, without requiring a large conversion of farmland to tourism. This balance supports the county's vision of "Big A, little T" by keeping agriculture at the forefront while making space for small-scale, niche agritourism businesses that complement, rather than compete with, large-scale farming.

Small specialty businesses like Willowbrook have different needs than full-scale city operations. If forced to close, the loss would not only affect Willowbrook, but also ripple across the entire community of local farms and shops that benefit from the visitors it draws. Approving these creative, compliant solutions is a practical way to both preserve farmland and sustain the diverse rural economy that makes Skagit Valley so special.

Thank you for your consideration,

Shirley Sethia

From: Noel Ohana <4noels@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:36 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Cindy Noel
Street Address: 73-1181 Kaiminani
City: Kailua Kona
State: Hawaii

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This is a special place for the entire area. I've enjoyed birthday teas there with our family who all live in the area. It would be a shame if you make it difficult for them to continue their business. Its obvious they have worked so hard to create a beautiful place to make memories

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ariel Hubbard <arielhubbard11@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:37 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

From: Ariel Hubbard
Street Address: 24112 SE 23rd Street, Sammamish WA 98075

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I have been a Washington state resident who's been a tourist and bringing tourist dollars to your county for years. I've brought many of my friends to Willowbrook Manor over the years. This is a high-quality business, providing a service that serves the community, brings in consistent tourist dollars and makes a difference.

I would really appreciate it if you would make it possible for them to become code compliant in a way that is reasonable.

Thank you,
Ariel Hubbard

From: Veronica Thurmond <vthurmond@be.wednet.edu>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:40 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Verónica Thurmond
17348 Wood Rd
Bow
WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This establishment is such an assessor to our community. The owner is as well.

Small business is essential to our county and making it prohibitive to our citizens is just wrong.

Sincerely,
Veronica Thurmond
Sent from my iPhone

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Robby Eckroth

From: Martha Cetina <martha4cetina@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:41 PM
To: PDS comments
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Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Martha Cetina
6826 62nd Drive NE
Marysville, WA 98270

From: Helen Bates <helken220@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:49 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

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Name:
Street Address:
City:
State:

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. With our country moving away from businesses that come from the heart to more and more businesses devoted to the all-mighty dollar, we are over-looking much of why our great country was founded. When individual entrepreneurs are supplanted by big dollar entities, this country will cease to be a land of the free and evolve into a heartless land of the almighty dollar. Please re-consider Willowbrook Manor's request to become code compliant and help us save our country before it is too late.

Sincerely,

Helen Bates, BEd, MEd
165 S.W. 6th Ave., #313
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

helken220@msn.com

From: Michelle Quinn <michellehquinn@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:51 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Michelle Quinn
3406 W 5th St
Anacortes
WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor and other Agri-tourism businesses provide employment and allow people who visit Skagit County and opportunity to see farms in action. Willowbrook is an active tea farm that also hosts events for people to enjoy the tea that is locally grown. Please do not pass regulations that will cause farms like Willowbrook to go out of business. That cannot be the goal. Agri-tourism helps farmers. It allows them to earn income after harvest season is over. Farmland cannot be sustained without farmers, and many farmers need the tourism part of Agri-tourism to stay afloat. Please reconsider your plans for more regulation.

From: cynthia copeland <cyncopelanddds@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 1:01 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Willowbrook Manor benefits Skagit Valley

Cynthia Copeland
1824 State Street.
Santa Barbara
CA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

As a previous resident of Washington State, I enjoy to visiting. My go to retreat combining rural beauty of the Skagit Valley with genuine hospitality is Willowbrook Manor. Terry Gifford, owner, attends not only to her guests, but for the surrounding community where she grew up and raised her family who continue to live in the area.

As such, Terry cares deeply about the economic future of area. Rather than mere lip service, Willowbrook, under Terry's direction, provides uplifting moral and financial support to local business and family oriented charities. Observe Willowbrook's current vehicle Falcon Road shining the spotlight on Skagit Valley people and places. Creative thinking and producing such a program brings recognition to the area. It is a labor of love that can reap rewards for the county for years.

This support may be quiet, but it deep. Skagit Valley should encourage businesses like Willowbrook to thrive rather than placing unnecessary obstacles to their existence.

Respectfully,
Cynthia Copeland, DDS
Former resident

From: sue.hill@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 1:05 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

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.Dear County Commission:

Please, please allow Willowbrook Manor to remain open, following a more reasonable path for the establishment to be code compliant due to its unique rural location. This place is a rare and lovely community asset, offering wonderful experiences for residents and visitors. I cannot imagine it being closed.

Please save and preserve Willowbrook -- its owner is a careful and caring resident of the community.

Sue Hill (Mrs. Robert E. Hill)
10901 176th Circle NE, #1319
Redmond, WA 98052

From: Anna Jones <anna.jones19941976@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 1:05 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Anna Jones
Street Address: 6716 84th Dr NE Marysville 98270

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This property has been our escape from the real world for years now! My Aunt Terry has put some serious work into this home to make it beautiful and an escape for MANY people. She has been gracious to all that have come far and wide to visit and I know there are MANY people that have been touched by her generosity. She has also been featured in magazines as one of the best places to visit in other countries and I know that helps your area thrive.

Her home has also been an amazing place for her family together from far and wide. Not allowing her to make the accommodations you are asking for but keeping the cost effective is not right.

Please, make the right decision.

Anna Jones

Anna Jones

Cell: 425-535-7346

Personal Email: anna.jones19941976@gmail.com

From: Lou Fillis <loufillis@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 1:09 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Louis n Kaye Fillis
Street Address: 15800 Village Green Dr, Mill Creek, WA 98012
City:
State:

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

We enjoy the Willowbrook Manor type of relaxing weekends n food to cause them to close down because of your new proposed codes would be a terrible injustice to not only the owners but tge many people who enjoy the little argifarm style environment they have to offer, it will also lose lots of tourists money that is spent in the area yearly by the visitors to Willowbrook.

Thank you n hopefully u can see things our way n relax your code with them

Sincerely

Louis n Kaye Fillis

From: Michele Cooper <michelecooper72@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 1:19 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Michele Cooper
Street Address: 9310 132nd St NE
City: Arlington
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is not a commercial establishment but a friendly environment that feels like a family event. With lots of activities to do while visiting, it feels like my family farms back in the Dakotas.

The traditions that Willowbrook offers through its establishment, it's a great place to build relationships with friends, and sometimes start new ones.

Please consider the options that was proposed and meet halfway on your requests. Keep Willowbrook Manor open!

Thank you,
Michele Cooper

From: msgcorp@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 1:20 PM
To: PDS comments
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Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Catherine Clark
Freeland, WA

Robby Eckroth

From: Linda Carbajal <lindaacarbajal@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 1:30 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

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Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Thank you for your consideration. We love going to the Manor and hope to continue to be able to do so.

Sincerely,

Linda Carbajal
13809 55th Dr SE
Everett, WA 98208

Robby Eckroth

From: Bridget Tait <bridgettait@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 1:30 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Bridget Tait
Street Address: 7623 78th Drive NE
City: Marysville
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

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From: Leslie Fox <lesliefoxhealthyliving@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 1:37 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

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Name: Leslie Fox
Street Address: City: State: 21737 SE 263rd Pl, Maple Valley, WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This is is a great place to keep the feeling of Skagit Valley alive and available for everyone. To fall in love with the place like I and my family have over the years!

Thank you,

Leslie Fox

Robby Eckroth

From: Kendra Bohm <kendra.bohm@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 1:38 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Kendra Bohm
Street Address: 12624 177th Ave NE, Unit B
City: Redmond
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

It would be a shame to see small businesses like Willowbrook Manor shut down due to this new requirement.

My family and I have enjoyed Willowbrook Manor over the past few years. It is important to keep these small businesses alive. They offer so much more than the big companies. I love that they are able to share their place with others. We are not fortunate enough to live on acreage. Willowbrook offers us a place to get away and enjoy land and property. I appreciate that they are willing to share it with us. I would hate to see her business close due to code changes. We need small businesses and we should be doing everything we can to keep those businesses alive!

Kendra Bohm
Sent from my iPhone

Robby Eckroth

From: Rosewood Photography <rosewoodphotography@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 1:41 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

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Karmen Wood-Skinner
307 W Moore St
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

From: Tanya P Mills <tanyaparkermills@mac.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 1:53 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

* Spam *

Name: Tanya Mills
Street Address: 1624 N. Raven Lane
City: St. George
State: UT

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This property is an invaluable draw for tourists from all over the country, and those tourists mean more agricultural produce from all farms will be purchased and businesses will be benefitted throughout the county. Small businesses like Willowbrook Manor need to be able to continue to thrive for the good of the communities affected.

Sincerely,

Tanya Mills
Owner and Manager
The Book Bungalow
(a small independent bookstore in Southern Utah)

From: sheila1965r@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 1:54 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Sheila Richards
2722 S Davis Blvd
Bountiful UT 84010

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I understand wanting to preserve your farmlands and working towards those goals. We are trying to do the same here in Utah. We have water issues that we are trying address as well. It's a fine balance and a worthy cause.

I have not had the opportunity to visit Willowbrook Manor in person, but have gone to many places similar to it in our country and in foreign nations. I believe places such as these are worth saving and honor our traditions and heritage.

Sincerely,
Sheila Richards

Robby Eckroth

From: Keidy Reed <keidy.reed@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 1:56 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Keidy
Street Address: 304 N 30th st
City: Mount Vernon
State:WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. We love Willowbrook Manor and the beautiful opportunity it provides the community. It is one of a kind and so unique compared to other things to do in the area. I loved working for them also and know they would be willing to follow guidelines to continue to stay open.

Thank you.

Keidy.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Pamela Jenks <phbluefeather@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 1:58 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Pamela Jenks Hayley
Street Address: 35667 State Route 20
City: Sedro Woolley
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I and several of my family members from Colorado have attended the tea and tulips for many years. Terry is a great business woman and this is such a family oriented business, I feel it is extremely important for Washington State to support tourism and family oriented businesses, as well.

Sincerely,

Pamela Jenks Hayley

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From: Sarah Snider <litteraegaudium@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 2:03 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sarah Snider
Street Address: 10891 State Route 152
City: Toronto
State: Ohio

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Places like Willowbrook Manor are such a treasure and offer so much to the community, not to mention the public at large. People need places like Willowbrook to retreat from the hustle and bustle of daily life and to enjoy a little bit of nature. Farmland, of course, is likewise important, so I ask that both can be accommodated through the aforementioned solutions.

Thank you!
Sarah Snider

From: Vicki Newmaker <vicki.newmaker@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 2:07 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Vicki Newmaker
Street Address: 814 Candlestick Ln SW
City: Tumwater
State: Washington 98512

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a wonderful and peaceful place that offers people somewhere to go to enjoy the beautiful majesty of nature and the feeling of community that Terry Gifford has created with her Tea house. I have been impressed every time I have had the opportunity to visit and participate in these events. Most recently, I was able to attend her Downton Abby Tea, where we were able to come and enjoy tea at Willowbrook and then go attend the new Downton Abby movie at the historic movie theatre in Concrete, Washington. What an absolute wonderful experience to not only get to go to Willowbrook again, but to get to see the cute historical town of Concrete. I felt of the community spirit even though I do not live there. It would be a shame and a disservice to Skagit County as well as all those who come to enjoy these events at Willowbrook, should they be forced to close.

Please approve Willowbrook Manor's submitted plan to become code compliant.

Thank you,

Vicki Newmaker

From: Claire Jenkins <claire.campbell24@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 2:11 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Claire Jenkins
Street Address: 1420 49th Pl SW
City: Everett
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a wonderful business, employing the community and bringing people together through a love of food and Skagit County beauty. Due to their history and contributions, they surely are deserving of a special solution to allow them to continue operating.

Thank you for your time,
Claire Jenkins

From: Sonja Nishimoto <sonja.nishimoto@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 2:12 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sonja Nishimoto
Street Address: 5663 W 11200 N
City: Highland
State: UT 84003

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

From: Chelsea Leven <clleven@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 2:12 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Chelsea Leven
Street Address: 1034 W. 5th St.
City: Port Angeles
State:WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

My understanding is that this is a consequence of a bigger push to preserve farmland. I believe you have the capacity and creative solutions to both promote ongoing agriculture and allow Willowbrook Manor to continue operations. I have visited and brought family to Willowbrook Manor numerous times over the past 6 years. Willowbrook Manor and Terry Gifford who run it are important and celebrated parts of the community. Keeping someone and her operation who both support and build community ought to also be an important part of preserving the desired aspects of Skagit county.

Sincerely,
Chelsea Leven

From: Sydney Moseler <sydneylarissa@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 2:14 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Street Address: City: State: Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook is a gem in Skagit Valley. They are a small business that should get an exception due to their unique nature. This is a lovely part of the community that brings joy to so many and it would be a shame for it to have to shut down because of a formality like this. Please consider the solutions and that this is a unique case unlike the farms that this code was meant to regulate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sydney Moseler

From: Monica Corum <MonicaJCorum@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 2:15 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Monica Corum
Street Address: 3528 Norton Ave
City: Everett
State: Wa

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support of Willowbrook Manor in its efforts to maintain code compliance and continue operating the hospitality agribusiness that means so much to me and others.

While I understand the concern about protecting farmland, I think Terry Gifford's proposal is reasonable and should be considered. Frankly I am surprised that she is not eligible for a grandfather clause given that she is operating a business currently. Surely you do not want to force a family business to close - especially one that is respectful and willing to work with the county.

Again, please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Monica

From: KRISTINE HAWTHORNE <pixielinx@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 2:15 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extremely rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. It would be a shame if small family run businesses are priced out of operation due to permitting processes.

Sincerely,

Kristine

Snohomish WA

Robby Eckroth

From: Fred & Sandy Dentinger <fdentin@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 2:16 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sandy Dentinger
Street Address: 1718 Donald Ave
City: Bellingham
State: WA
Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a business that brings folks to a rural area of Skagit County and promotes local tourism. It highlights the Cascade Bike Trail, the Eagle Haven Winery and the surrounding farmland. It has a low footprint on resources as it is limited in it's capacity to accommodate overnight guests. Willowbrook Manor has done the legwork on an alternative to the full urban requirements of much larger establishments. Please give it a thorough consideration and be open to alternative options.

Thank you.

Sandy Dentinger

Sent from my iPhone

From: Margaret O'Brien <mobpeggy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 2:30 PM
To: PDS comments; Sharon O'Brien
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

From Margaret Gould
16017 88th AVE NE K
Kenmore, WA 98028

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. This place is special and a unique community landmark that is beautiful and carries on rural traditions. It is a working rural garden and lovely spot to visit for all ages. Again please make it known that there is a path for them.

Thank you,

Margaret Gould

Email

Mobpeggy@yahoo.com

[Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer](#)

Robby Eckroth

From: Wendy Schindler <cjschindler@mac.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 2:33 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Wendy Schindler
12908 46th DR SE
Everett, WA 98208

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

From: Parfitt <lsparfitt@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 2:35 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Larry Parfitt
Street Address: 1417 17th St
City: Anacortes
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Larry Parfitt

From: Shelly Parfitt <sparfitt94@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 2:36 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Shelly Parfitt
Street Address: 1417 17th St
City: Anacortes
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sincerely,
Shelly Parfitt

From: Mary McGoffin <mtmcgoffin@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 2:37 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Mary McGoffin
268 Burrows lane
Sedro Woolley WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

The scale of operation is small for this business and it is not something that threatens agricultural land. It is a unique business and adds diversity to our community. Willowbrook is a strong community partner with local charities and businesses. It would be a loss if it is unable to continue to exist.

Thank you

Mary McGoffin

Robby Eckroth

From: mariah lamb <mariahkyahandcole@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 2:43 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: mariah Dickman
Street Address: 7600 Valeria place
City: Sedro-Woolley
State: Wa

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willow brook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. This is such a wonderful small business and I would live to see it stay.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Robby Eckroth

From: Racquel McDermott <racquel@windermere.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 2:46 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

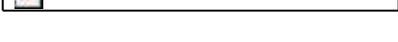
Name: Racquel McDermott
Street Address: 523 Alexander Street
City: Sedro-Woolley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

RACQUEL FUTRELLE MCDERMOTT (She/Her)
Realtor




 360-420-1830
 racquel@windermere.com
 homewithracquel.com
 1030 E College Way / Mount Vernon, WA 98273



From: Terry Gifford <teatime@teaandtour.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 2:47 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

I am forwarding a letter received from one of my newsletter recipients:

Hello Terry,

I tried to open the link to submit a letter but it is not working for me.

Not sure if the following will work.

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James and Sandra Sakaguchi
472 Violet Lane, Lincoln CA 95648

To Whom It May Concern,

Life is short, and it’s the little experiences we sometimes have that make it enjoyable.

My wife (Sandra) and I visited The Willowbrook Manor a few years ago while attending the tulip festival in Skagit. We had read about Willowbrook and decided to visit to see the manor, the surrounding area and enjoy an afternoon tea. It was one of those unique experience that we look back upon it with great fondness. Frankly, it was the best item of our trip.

Growing up on a farm, my understanding is that the county is concerned about the area being overly commercialized. However, a farm is a business (at least it was for my parents), and a good mix of farming and “small” business like the manor strengthens the economic viability of an area. Farming is essential, farmers never get the credit their hardwork produces. To me, right behind is the small business that encourage one of this nation’s key attributes it was founded on, it’s called entrepreneurship.

We hope that The Willowbrook Manor and the Skagit County office can find a suitable compromise to allow it to continue and bring joy to many who visit your area.

Sincerely
James Sakaguchi

Terry Gifford
Owner
Willowbrook Manor
English Teahouse and Farm Stay
360-941-3782
www.TeaAndTour,.com

Executive Director
SWAN Foundation
(Serving Women Across Nations)
www.swanfoundation.org

From: Julie Anderson <janders57@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 2:50 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Julie Anderson
Street Address: 3102 Georgia Place
City: Anacortes
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I pass through many of our small towns when bringing visitors to our much cherished Willowbrook Manor showing our wonderful part of the state and country and bringing more tourism dollars to our state at that time and also on this visitors return visits.

Willowbrook is a wonderful place to entertain visitors! Is tourism now bad for our economy?

Sincerely,

Julie Anderson

Sent from my iPhone

Robby Eckroth

From: Sandra McFee <skmcfee@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 3:07 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: sandra McFee
Street Address: 18345 Osprey Ct
City: Mt. vernon
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. They are a rare and unique niche business very much needed and appreciated by all those seeking a special setting and social event.

Please give them the approved permits and/or variances needed to continue serving the community.

Respectfully submitted by a Skagit County resident.

Sandra McFee

From: Nancy Nickerson <jewelgarden3@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 3:30 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Nancy Nickerson
1644 NE 185th St.

Shoreline, Washington, 98155Name:

Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I am writing because I would like to preserve Willowbrook Manor. It is such a unique Business and gives those of us who no longer live in Skagit's farming communities an opportunity to experience a touch of that life again.

This is a small business in a rural area that I believe should not be subjected to terms and conditions of larger urban businesses.

Thank you.

Nancy Nickerson

Robby Eckroth

From: Sandra A Todd <stoddcrna@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 3:41 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sandra Todd
Street Address: 12206 NE 58th Ave
City: Vancouver
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please approve the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

We need small businesses to stay alive, not ruin them by "red tape". Rules should be flexible!
Thank you, S. Todd

Robby Eckroth

From: Wendy Belanger <wendybelangerjls@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 3:44 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook.

These type of small businesses have a great effect on our local community and economy. They should be allowed to continue to operate in the capacity that they have been without any extra red tape.

Thank you for your consideration!

Wendy Belanger
15869 Andal Lane
Mount Vernon Wa 98274
360-770-8456

Sent from my iPhone

Robby Eckroth

From: ELIZABETH <elizabeth531@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 3:46 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Elizabeth Frankenberg
Address: 108 94th Ave NE
City: Bellevue,
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

We cannot risk losing our local icons that mean a lot to us, like Willowbrook Manor. These places separate us from the mega enterprises and make us special. Surely you can find a solution for Willowbrook and anyone else in this situation. One size does not fit all!
How boring that would be.

Robby Eckroth

From: Diane TATHAM <mokiebobo@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 4:00 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:Diane Tatham
Street Address:7201 21st Street West
City:University Place
State:Washington 98466
Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

At the behest of my friend Terry Gifford, owner and operator of Willowbrook Manor and her chamomile farm, I am writing to you to consider her proposal as she outlined in her email letter request to all her many supporters.

Terry Gifford informed us:

“Specialty-niche rural businesses like mine are being required to meet the same commercial requirements as full-time, in-city establishments. Some upgrades to meet these requirements are doable by Willowbrook Manor. However, commercial water and commercial access / egress changes to become code compliant will require capital investment far beyond my means.

I researched and submitted to the county a creative commercial water system that would be cost-effective and bring me into compliance. They have not yet responded. I have an egress proposal ready to submit.”

Terry’s charming **chamomile** farm is a treat to behold to all who visit. I am sure you are all aware of her loving venue that is maintain in the mist of her chamomile fields. What a treat for all who meet this loving , hard working farmer who welcomes everyone so graciously when one visits her **chamomile** farm. As Terry comments:

"The very nature of chamomile is calm and caring," she says. Gifford uses her small chamomile farm to fundraise for local charities in the community. Four times a year, she hosts a tea with all of the proceeds going to these charities. In March, find "seeding and tea" with the profits benefiting [Friendship House](#). The chamomile "planting and tea" takes place in June, supporting [Family Promise](#), and in July, one can attend "harvest and tea" in support of [Lydia's Place](#). You can even purchase your very favorite teacup as a memento, with proceeds benefiting [Skagit Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault](#).

Terry Gifford’s

chamomile farm serves as a charming base for her chamomile production. Her chamomile fields are surrounded by her lovely manor that she built as a home and turned into a ‘special’ unique tea venue to serve and bring comfort and joy to all who visit her farm at various times through the seasons. Don’t forget, visitors get to try their hand at the experience to plant, weed, and harvest chamomile, and learning about farming.

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sincerely,
Diane Tatham

Sent from my iPhone Diane Tatham

From: Maureen Haddock <mimimomama@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 4:17 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Maureen Haddock
Street Address: 29700 Alder Place
City: Sedro Woolley
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. The Manor and Terry Gifford add such a wonderful element of “culture” and community pride to Skagit County. The guests and tourists she draws to our little town would be a significant loss to other local businesses, too.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Rachel Shepard <rachelshepard29@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 4:26 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Rachel Shepard
Street Address: 6904 162nd Street Ct E
City: Puyallup
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a magical place. Part of the reason it is magical, is the wonderful view of your beautiful county, that we can experience there. (The mountains take my breath away every time.) Visiting Willowbrook made me fall in love with the Skagit valley! I had not been to the Tulip festival as an adult, and after visiting Willowbrook, I have attended the last five years! I have made it a point to get to know your community/county better and have spent multiple vacations up in the area, with both friends and family!

Willowbrook is a very special place. I know they are doing all they can do follow the rules! Please do not make this hard for them. Please do not take away this special place from us.

Finding Willowbrook and being introduced to the Skagit Valley, I have brought multiple people (more than the 25 I can think of off the top of my head) to Willowbrook and encouraged more than that to spend their money and time in the Skagit Valley. Taking away Willowbrook from us, would halt my ability to have more people learn about the beauty and opportunities they could have in your county! Losing Willowbrook would cause harm to the other businesses that she promotes, and the money her Tea House/Farm Stay guest spend while visiting your county.

I do know that rules are important to keep our communities safe, please do not make the rules too hard to meet, especially for a small business that has brought so much to the Skagit Valley.

Thank you for your time.

Rachel Shepard
253-448-0296

From: Polly Derr <peasederr@mac.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 4:29 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Polly Derr
Street Address: 103 Billman Lane
City: Livingston
State: MT

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a wonderful rural business with tourists from all over the country and Canada. It supports the county in so many positive different ways as you are aware.

Please do not demand them to fulfill codes and conditions set in place for URBAN businesses while they are clearly supporting a valued, successful RURAL lifestyle.

Your full consideration in this alarming proposal is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Polly Derr
(a Skagit resident 1998 to 2021)

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sharon Orestad <shrnjms385@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 4:30 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sharon Orestad
Street Address: 13704 kapowsin Hwy e
City: Graham
State:WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Thank you,
Sharon Orestad

Sent from my iPhone

Robby Eckroth

From: stacy reish <sreish@live.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 4:50 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Stacy Reish
Street Address: 8601 Bender Rd.
City: Lynden
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.
This is a special place and I would be extremely saddened to see it closed.

Sincerely,
Stacy

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S21 Ultra 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

From: Emily Martins <eemartins526@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 4:51 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Emily Martins
Street Address: 3406 104th Ave NE
City: Lake Stevens
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Willowbrook is such a special and I'm unique place, especially for us that are local to the area. It's a treasure for WA and should continue to be preserved and protected. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Thank you,
Emily

From: Ruth Lavine <ruthlavine35@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 4:53 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Ruth Lavine
Street Address: 634 E 3585 S
City: Salt Lake City
State: Utah

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Ruth Lavine

From: Donna Chapin <donnarchapin@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 4:54 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Donna Chapin
Street Address: 5817 Aldrich Rd
City: Bellingham
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Mary Ann Brown <mabrown705@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 4:54 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Mary Ann Brown
4087 Coronation
Williamsburg
VA 23188

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

The formal teas, bed & breakfast stays, bike rides, and gardening events open to the public are wonderful opportunities for visitors.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann Brown

From: Trish Bond <trishbond26@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 4:58 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Patricia Bond
Street Address: 5214 Doon Way
City: Anacortes
State: WA 98221

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I have lived in the greater Skagit Valley for 45 years. I grew up in Wenatchee enjoying all the recreation that valley had to offer. In short, I love Washington's great outdoors. I respect protecting our environment and farmland.

I am asking that you consider carefully Willowbrook's request for a variance. This is a lovely small business that would be broken by new regulations that did not exist when the property was developed. Please grandfather Willowbrook Manor in and allow them a reasonable path to compliance-something that doesn't crush them.

Respectfully,

Patricia Bond

Sent from my iPhone

From: Terasa Hart <hartohart1@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 4:59 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:Terasa Hart
Street Address:2322 Tacoma Road E Trlr #4
City: Puyallup
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. Willowbrook Manor is a very special and beautiful place that allows for our communities to gather and to experience a real delight by persons with shared interests. This spring in April, I personally got to participate in that experience and feel that it is a wonderful opportunity for anyone to enjoy going forward.

Sincerely,
Terasa D Hart

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jeff Haddock <mrjdeanh@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 5:13 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Jeff Haddock

Street Address: 29700 Alder Place

City: Sedro Woolley

State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

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Sent from my iPhone

From: Miwa Easton <mtorizu@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 5:21 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Miwa Easton
Street Address: 8258 82nd Ave NE
City: Marysville
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Miwa Easton
Sent from my iPhone

From: Marlyn Dillon <marlyndillon@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 5:26 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Marlyn Dillon
Street Address: 2717 South Jean St
City: Kennewick
State: Wa. 99337

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely

Marlyn Dillon

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From: Robyn Turner <robynleeturner@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 5:30 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Robyn Turner
Street Address: 2977 Grove Way
City: Seguin
State: TX

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a gem of a community business in Skagit County and it would be a great loss if they were to close. It is very special for celebrations and recreation and is a unique and valuable place to be shared.

Thank you for your service!

Robyn Turner

Sent from my iPhone

From: Bonnie Quino <bonniequino@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 6:10 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:Bonnie Quino
Street Address: 16419 42nd Dr. SE
City:Bothell
State:Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Quino

Robby Eckroth

From: Barbara Borders <bmaborders@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 6:21 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Barbara Borders
Street Address: 1172 State Route 20
City: Sedro Woolley
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This is a wonderful addition to our beautiful valley !!

Please make this possible for Willowbrook Manor .

As a small business not only here in Sedro but also in Mount Vernon we support Willowbrook Manor

Sent from my iPhone

From: Katie Lind <katiepkind@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 6:33 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Katie Lind
Street Address: 1414 Lapush Way NE
City: Olympia
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Small businesses like Willowbrook Manor do bring in tourism, however they are also the kind of businesses that build community. They live and care for the people of the area. They provide help and heart to the community. If you make it so that that these businesses have to close you will lose much much more than you will ever gain by forcing them to meet codes that are not reasonable. They serve the community where they are, and want to do the right thing. They are willing to meet you in a reasonable way. Let them.

Katie Lind

From: joannalb <joannalb@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 6:43 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Joanna Williams
Street Address: 645 Manaco Beach Road
City: Camano Island
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor enhances the agricultural experience of Skagit Valley. The lovely drive to the Manor through fields of flowers or potatoes shows the neighbor or tourist from the city where there fresh food comes from. I believe Willowbrook Manor and other lovely retail or food venues can coexist together for the benefit of both.

Sent from my iPad

From: Anne Kurt <anne.kurt@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 6:48 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Anne Kurt
Street Address: 4818 New Woods Place
City: Mount Vernon
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Anne Kurt
Anne.Kurt@gmail.com
(206)234-2306

Robby Eckroth

From: Jina Williams <jinawilliams@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 7:08 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Jina Lewellen
Street Address: 414 Alexander St
City: Sedro Woolley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Requiring small farms like Willowbrook to follow unattainable guidelines of large full fledged farms is ridiculous. I understand keeping farmland as farmland, but small farms that have tourism like Willowbrook are important too.

Please create a path for some middle ground to reach success for all parties.

Sincerely,

Jina Lewellen

Sent from my iPhone

From: Penny Catanzaro <penny.catanzaro@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 7:12 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Penny Catanzaro
Street Address: 918 Herbert Ave
City: Salt Lake City
State: UT 84105

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is the reason I visit Skagit County every year. Making extreme rural locations adhere to the same requirements as urban locations that have the already accessible infrastructure causes an undue financial burden on these agritourism businesses. Please consider the solutions Willowbrook Manor has submitted as an acceptable means of compliance.

Penny Catanzaro

From: Katy Willis <katywillis75@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 7:16 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Katy Willis
Street Address: 4138 Agate Rd
City: Bellingham
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This matters to me because I work in the tourism sector and it impacts my livelihood. Willowbrook Manor is a huge selling point for Visit Skagit and Visit Bellingham's destination marketing organizations.

Katy

From: Haley Kubeja <hkubeja32@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 7:21 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Haley Kubeja
Street Address: 2057 Creekside Road
City: Cle Elum
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook manor has been a positive influence on many peoples lives since starting. The thing with the biggest impact about the place is its location and the structure that is the heart of the business. Beautiful hand made craftsmanship that is irreplaceable in a commercial setting. The experience comes with an education and a learned respect for the community and town that it is nestled in. She has already had to jump through hoops just to stay running and has proved that it's a sustaining business with beauty and charm. Do yourself a favor and check out her website and see how unique and stunning her business is. Getting in the way of that for any reason is a shame to the town and especially to Ms. Terry Gifford, the owner and curator of Willowbrook Manor.

Thank you for your time,
Haley

From: Cecilia Borchardt <ceciliaborchardt@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 7:23 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Cecilia Borchardt
Street Address: 1960 Mission Ridge Rd
City: Santa Barbara
State: CA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Small businesses need the opportunity to thrive. Willowbrook Manor has a small tourism footprint in regards to its acreage and does preserve farmland by growing crops to support their business. Please support this local small business.

Cecilia Borchardt

Robby Eckroth

From: Candace Strubhar <candacest@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 7:28 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Candace Strubhar
Street Address: 6639 60th St W
City: University Place
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is an important part of the community and contributes to the mental health and well-being of every person that has been blessed to have experienced Willowbrook Manor.

Do the right thing. Approve the request. Allow this strong example of a woman entrepreneur who has created a successful business, for herself and her community, inspire the next generation to dream the American Dream!

Sincerely,
Candace Strubhar

Robby Eckroth

From: Sheri <sdawnminwa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 7:38 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sheri Eames Street Address: 10829 157th Ave NE City: Redmond State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I have visited Willowbrook Manor a few times for tea and it is such a special thing to do and has made me appreciate the area up around the Skagit valley and I visit it and the neighboring towns often despite living down near Seattle.

Sheri

From: Wendy Woodside <whwoodside@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 7:41 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Wendy Woodside
Street Address: 12811 NE 203rd Place
City: Bothell
State: 98011

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Please consider the impact of your decisions on small businesses in Skagit County. Willowbrook Manor is a unique entity on the county and needs a creative approach to its existing.

Thank you for taking the time to look at the bigger picture of how this small businesses can continue to exist and grow within the Skagit community.

Thank you.

Wendy Woodside

Whwoodside@comcast.net
[425-941-3439](tel:425-941-3439)

From: Jill Rohrs <jillrohrs@live.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 7:56 PM
To: Commissioners
Subject: Agritourism and Willowbrook

Hello Commissioner Ron, Lisa and Peters,

Terry Gifford and Willowbrook Manor are truly one of the best parts of Skagit County. She has shown that one person with determination can create something beautiful that benefits the entire community. Her entrepreneurial spirit should be supported, not limited.

On a personal note, I was able to celebrate the upcoming birth of my grandson Sawyer with a baby shower at Willowbrook. She made the occasion sacred, intimate, and deeply special for my family. There is no other place in Skagit that could have provided such a meaningful experience, one we will hold as dearly as we now hold Sawyer himself.

I ask you to do what it takes to help Terry continue her work. She has offered practical, industry-accepted solutions that fit rural locations and is committed to compliance in an affordable way. Please allow her to stay open and thrive.

Supporting Terry is supporting Skagit. Thank you for your service to our community.

Respectfully,
Jill Rohrs

Robby Eckroth

From: Anna McGinnis <annamcg84@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 7:57 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Anna Patterson
Street Address: 13421 31st Ave SE
City: Mill creek
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I have made special memories at Willowbrook with my family and hoped to start a holiday tradition of visiting with my parents during the month of December. It would be heart breaking to lose such a special place that's also putting money back into the community.

Thank you,
Anna

From: John Wunsch <jwunsch300@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 7:59 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Margret Wunsch
Street Address: 7135 41st NW Ave
City: Olympia
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor to many is a respite from the outside world. A place of calm and peace. A place to unwind and renew. The owner takes special care to attend to all who visit whether it be an overnight stay or one of the special tea functions. It is well worth the drive, the money and experience. This would be a tragedy for those that would not be able to have this kind of experience. Plus she gives back to the community around her business and is well respected for what she does.

Thank you

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Robby Eckroth

From: Laura Slick <slickhulagal2002@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 8:10 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Laura Slick
Street Address: 939 Summer Meadows Ct
City: Sedro-Woolley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. This is a lovely place in our community and I want to keep it here and have it prosper.

Regards, Laura Slick

Sent from my iPhone

From: Gayle Hunt <gmh507@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 8:30 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Gayle Hunt
Street Address: 111 N 75TH ST
City: Seattle
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I am asking you to, please, consider these solutions so that Willowbrook Manor can continue as a gathering place in beautiful rural Skagit County. If you have the opportunity to visit you will see what an amazing place the manor is, the craftsmanship that went into the building, the beautiful surrounding grounds, the wonderful tea preparations. Terry is a wonderful person who does such good in the community. It's so wonderful to get out of the big city and visit the manor.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and to consider Terry's solution.

Sincerely,

Gayle Hunt

From: annie Reed <anniemiller927@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 8:32 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Annie Reed
Street Address: 17572 Tiffany Way
City: Mount Vernon
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Thank you,

Annie Reed

Sent from my iPhone

From: campbellpata <campbellpata@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 8:49 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:
Street Address:
City:
State:

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is an excellent venue to promote and encourage tourism in the Skagit Valley besides the tulip festival. This business is an excellent vehicle for drawing in-state and out-of-state visitors. If it were not for this excellent business and for White Branches Tea house, we who reside in Snohomish county, would not be motivated to drive north instead of south to take our business.

The location and manor are beautiful and their events are highly anticipated by all of us. It would be a shame to lose such a wonderful event venue in your county. Please support this local business and find a way for them to become code compliant. Please seriously continue to support them as locally owned businesses are very important for your community to thrive.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Deniz Campbell

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S23 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

From: SUE DALEY <sdaley97@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 8:49 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sue Daley
Street Address: 2316 NW 95 St.
City: Seattle
State: WA. 98117

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is exactly the kind of draw the county needs. I drive from Seattle numerous times a year to enjoy the beautiful countryside and charming hospitality of this gem of country living.

It would be a great loss if in your attempt to protect the landscape , you eliminated places that make it a fabulous destination.

Sincerely
Sue Daley

From: campbellpata <campbellpata@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 8:52 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:Deniz and Patricia Ca4
Street Address:11023 50th Ave.S.E
City:Everett
State:Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S23 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

From: Lena Agostino <italiangirl1137@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 9:23 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Lena Fryberg
Street Address: 7121 Ernie Cladoosby sr st
City: Tulalip
State:Wa

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Lena Fryberg

Robby Eckroth

From: Angela Rose <bowerang05@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 6:51 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Angela Bower
Street Address: 23803 Terrell Ln
City: Sedro-Woolley
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor a beautiful, majestic and important part of our community. My family has special memories on their property and hope to make many more over the years so come. If their buisness is forced to close it will be a loss to our community.

From: Olivia Lyon <OliviaLyon1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 9:39 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Olivia Boyd
Street Address: 3941 harbor pl
City: Anacortes
State: wa

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This place is a unique gem! Do not destroy it.
Best,
Olivia

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From: Rachel Wyman <myrachway@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 9:54 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Rachel Wyman
Street Address: 11496 Torrence Drive
City: Sedro Woolley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Thank you

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Peggy Fry <peggyfry1952@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:24 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Peggy Fry
Street Address: 5410 79th Ave Ct W
City: University Place
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

My daughter and granddaughter took me to Willowbrook Manor for my 90th birthday after my husband of 68 years passed away. My experience that weekend was such a healing and restorative time for my emotions and helped me through my grief due to the peaceful and relaxing atmosphere that is integral at Willowbrook Manor. It would be devastating for your community to lose this Pillar of Hope that means so much to so many. I hope you, the Commissioners, honestly do your best to recognize that the path Willowbrook Manor has proposed is not only necessary but required for the sake of all who have been touched through Willowbrook Manor.

I appreciate your consideration,
Peggy Fry

From: Rich Lavine <richlavine01@mac.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:36 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Rich Lavine
Street Address: 634 E 3585 S
City: Salt Lake City
State: Utah

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

My family comes to Willowbrook annually and spend money throughout the county during our stay there. We use it as a base for our many Skagit County adventures; finding many of those through Willowbrooks owner, Terry Gifford. Gas is purchased, groceries are bought and shopping is done while visiting the historic and beautiful Skagit Valley. Willowbrook is at the center of all of this and I'm imploring you to not take away "my favorite place on earth!"

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jackie Sloan <nos4aw2@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:52 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Jacqueline Sloan
1109 Digby Lane
Mount Vernon, WA. 98274

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I do understand the county not wanting to be over run by agritourism. Perhaps it can find a way to grandfather those in, that have served our families and community? Maybe newer ones have stricter guide lines and requirements? Maybe fewer will be allowed to open?

Willowbrook has endeavored to be more than a place to have tea. They have outdoor events that bring the community closer to the world of farming and agriculture. I consider this a positive for the agriculture around us. People begin to experience and understand the field, the outdoors, the hard work necessary to bring forth our plants and food. This kind of appreciation helps when farming and agriculture need local support and funding. It also exposes our young people to possibilities of working in the agricultural professions.

Now, does Willowbrook do ALL of the above? Maybe not, but it certainly plays a big part.

Our family and friends love going to Willowbrook.

When I ask why?, my granddaughter, who has been an aficionado of tea since the age four, says “ I love understanding how the tea actually gets to my cup”. That would not have necessarily happened at a tea shop in town. It opens the conversation about the people that make that magic happen. They become real and appreciated.

That understanding is what is needed.

I’m sure there are other agritourism businesses in Skagit and maybe there should be a limit? Maybe think a little deeper on keeping those we already have? Maybe the requirements/ codes should not be as strict and costly as is what are being asked? Possibly requiring them to offer specific classes or other ways they could assist/ support the agricultural in our county?

I don’t have the answers. I would hate to lose such an asset, to the community as a whole, by requiring very, costly, code updates. As a voter, I would love to see some sort of inclusion for those that are already here, not an attempt to force them out with code costs.

This is definitely the time to be thinking of our neighbors and to be coming up with some out of the box solutions that work for the whole.

Thank you for your time and efforts in attempting to to keep Skagit “ healthy and balanced”.
Thank you for taking the time to hear a constituent’s thoughts and words.

From: Caroline Cruse <carolinecruse2018@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:57 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Caroline Cruse
Street Address: 918 Beachley Road
City: Sedro Woolley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. This tea manor is an absolute gem and needed landmark in our community. Please please consider the unique locations that make our location so special.

Caroline Cruse

Sent from my iPhone

From: Nancy Truelove <ntruelove@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 11:27 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Nancy Truelove
Street Address: 5025 Butler Rd
City: Gainesville
State: Georgia

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kindra McFarland <kindramc7@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 12:13 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Kindra McFarland
Street Address: 511 Ferry St
City: Sedro-Woolley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I have had the opportunity on a few occasions to visit Willowbrook Manor with family and friends for special occasions.

The setting is stunning and the hospitality can't be beat! Terry Gifford works very hard to make this venue warm, welcoming and also provides local youth a beautiful work environment.

Thank you for your support and consideration for this little piece of heaven in our community!

Sincerely,

Kindra McFarland

From: Cathy Zapata <cathy.zapata@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 12:36 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Cathleen Zapata
Street Address: 13415 NE 128th Pl
City: Kirkland
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
Willowbrook Manor is an absolute treasure. I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Mary Gleason <marygleason47@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 6:12 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Street Address: City: State: Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Mary Gleason
360-333-0530
1902 Highland Drive, Anacortes, WA 98221

From: Sheila McCauley <mccauleyss@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 6:44 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sheila McCauley
Street Address: 4719 259th ST. NE
City: Arlington
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code-compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

There needs to be considerations for long-existing businesses, which is not the same as buying farmland to start a commercial enterprise. The county needs to be able to step outside of a one-size-fits-all approach to saving our farmland.

Willowbrook Manor is not seeking to acquire more farmland; it wants to keep their business in their existing home.

Maybe go take a look, they serve a lovely tea experience.

Thank you,
Sheila McCauley

From: quiltingmom <beckster73.bb@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 7:23 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Name: Rebecca Bunke
Street Address: 8935 Fruitdale Rd
City: Sedro Woolley
State: WA98284

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Bunke

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From: MaryAnn Hayes <maryannahayes@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 7:33 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Mary Ann Hayes
2821 Tillicum Beach Drive
Camano Island, Wa 98282

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Mary Ann Hayes

Author of *The Carnelian Game*, *The Kanyini Game*, and *Adeline*
Author's Website: www.maryannahayes.com
maryannahayeswrites@gmail.com

From: Ingrid Hinton <ing.hinton@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 7:51 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Ingrid Hinton
Street Address: 22128 Hwy 9 #178
City: Mt Vernon
State: WA 98274

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Can't believe you would require this Commissioners. Do you even care what happens to Skagit County Farmland? I am sickened. Please do the right thing here.

Ingrid Hinton
360-466-8664

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Mechel Bell <artbymechel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 7:54 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Mechel Bell
Street Address: 3339 Butler Creek Road
City: Sedro Woolley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I'd also like to ask if agricultural farms are being required to use commercial water?

It would make sense that small commercial tourism uses way less water than farms. Also, commercial water needs to be available to all areas. Restricting commercial water to main roads puts a strain on all areas. Let's not cloud the real issues, and let's continue to make Skagit County a place families want to live in/move to, not move away from or avoid.

From
Mechel Bell
Skagit County born and raised

Sent from my iPhone

From: Rachel Wangen-Hoch <rachelwh73@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 8:11 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: County Agrotourism Code Amendments

Rachel Wangen-Hoch
22770 Little Mountain Rd
Mount Vernon, WA 98274

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a county treasure, and losing it due to code requirements which do not fit its rural location would be a loss for us all.

Thank you,
Rachel Wangen-Hoch

From: Ricardo_Ausrele Ramanauskas <ra.ramanauskas@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 9:24 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Elena Ramanauskas
Street Address: 20800 Hermway Heights Place
City: Mount Vernon
State: Washington 98274

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

We have enjoyed tea at the Willowbrook Manor several times. It was 3 generations of women, me, my daughters and their daughters. A truly lovely place in the country offering good food, wonderful ambience and time to reconnect and deepen family relationships.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,
Elena Ramanauskas

Ameresia Lawlis

From: k Randolph <artsyfartsykrist@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 9:26 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: K. Randolph
Street Address:
City: Bellingham
State:Wa

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

These are trying times for people in general and the PNW. this business is an asset to the community cultivating an environment for people to enjoy. It also provides jobs. We love this business.

Willowbrook is a wonderful addition to your area and should be considered a jewel in your crown.

We hope you will help Willowbrook continue to operate. Thank you,

K. Randolph

From: Bonnie <bon.hull@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 9:28 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Bonnie Hull
Street Address: 801 Fidalgo Street
City: Sedro Woolley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook is a treasure to our county.

Bonnie Hull.
Sent from my iPhone

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Judy Gamble <gamblewood@fidalgo.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 9:44 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Judy Gamble
10205 Mossflower Rd.
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I live within 2 miles of Willowbrook Manor and ride my bike past it on the Cascade Trail regularly. I have also attended one of their tea events there. I consider it to be a wonderful part of our county's flavor. The work that Terry Gifford does to showcase local businesses is exemplary. If they are forced to shut down because of regulations well beyond the need and the financial capability of the business it will be a very sad loss for all of us.

Thank you for your consideration.
Judy Gamble

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Piper Stull-Lane <piper.stull.lane@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 9:47 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Piper Stull-Lane
Street Address: 3015 Eldridge Ave
City: Bellingham
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

We need land for big A agriculture, but we should probably hang onto the best examples of agritourism that are already in place - doesn't do much good to make it hard for establishments bringing attention and \$ to our area.

Thanks for considering.

Piper

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Regina Olson <rejwa@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 10:18 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Regina Olson
Street Address: 1912 Wiseman Street
City: Gardnerville
State: NV

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I drive all the way up there from Reno 2x a year to stay there, have high tea, ride a bicycle, eat breakfast at Joy's Bakery and Cafe, buy cute clothes at Oliver and Hammer, rummage through the goodies at Radical Retro and treasure hunt at the best Goodwill ever in Sedro Woolley. I will spend about \$2k in a 3 day weekend in your local businesses. The manor is a treasure to your community and to be honest, without it, I will go elsewhere. I know I am not alone. Just look at the reels on FB & IG.

Thank you.
Regina Olson
Travel is life!!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Julia <11phoenix@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 10:55 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Eric and Julia Johnsonn
516 Talcott Street
Sedro-Woolley, WA. 98284

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

We are asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant.

Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric and Julia Johnson

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From: Janet Walker <janet@walkergoldsmiths.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 11:15 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Janet A Walker
Street Address: 2603 Finkbonner Rd.
City: Bellingham,
State: WA 98226

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a wonderful and beautiful addition to the community and needs to be fostered and cared for as a benefit to the community and the county.

Thank you,
Janet Walker

www.walkergoldsmiths.com

From: Liz Chalmers <lizmchalmers@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 11:32 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Liz Chalmers
Street Address: 9620 Main St, Unit A
City: Bothell
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

It is hard to see how an established, small enterprise such as Willowbrook Manor threatens agriculture. I could support limits on *new* agritourism businesses, but grandfathering in existing businesses is a common sense, fair move instead of putting them out of business through onerous new requirements.

Thank you for your attention,

Liz Chalmers

From: comely_ample.7s@icloud.com
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 11:56 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Amanda Gray
Street Address: 7650 SE 27TH St
City: Mercer Island
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Visiting Willowbrook Manor provides a much-needed retreat for my friends and family to get out of the city and enjoy an afternoon tea, of which there are few places remaining post-pandemic. The home and grounds are respectful of the area and a gorgeous use of the space. Please consider grandfathering it in to your plans for the future of your rural lands.

Thank you,
Amanda

From: jennapurr2u@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 12:25 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Jennifer Shinn
Street Address: 29020 15th Avenue NE
City: Stanwood
State: Wa

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. Willowbrook Manor is a treasure, and a path would be wonderful for them to have!

Thanks!

J Shinn

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kathleen Jones <thedool89@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 12:33 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Kathleen Jones
8110 224th Street SW
Edmonds, WA 98026

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook holds an especially close place in my heart. I first discovered it when I was looking at information for the annual Tulip Festival. It would turn out to be the setting for my family's last gathering just months before my beloved sister learned she had terminal cancer and succumbed to it. It was a lovely (PNW overcast) Spring day for an afternoon tea thoroughly enjoyed in healthier and happier times. Since then, I've introduced others to this very wonderful and special place and they too fell in love.

Beyond tea, Willowbrook provided me with a perfect place of respite from the day to day grind of life when I took the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful overnight accommodations. There is not a lovelier or more peaceful place to just be than in an English manor on a working farm.

Willowbrook invites us to enter into community with one another. Weeding the chamomile field with friends and family which also benefits at-risk women and children, harvesting the chamomile to make your very own tea, meeting new friends at each high tea, learning about the local area, and gathering at festive workshops.

In my opinion, agritourism is an ingenious way of introducing farming to so many more than would otherwise be. Rural areas beckon those of us in urban and suburban areas to come to the country - breathe truly fresh air, enjoy the quiet peacefulness, and learn about crops and farm animals but more importantly to see firsthand what it is like on a working farm. Willowbrook Manor is a perfect example of agritourism.

Willowbrook is deeply loved and well regarded by so many. A place to return to time and time again. I look forward to more visits for many years to come and am grateful this amazing place is owned by one of the most gracious women I've ever met and someone who truly loves what she does in this beautiful place and shares her love of her home and her community with all who visit.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Jones

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Leesa Callon <leesahbrt@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 12:40 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Street Address: City: State: Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. This business is an integral part of tourism in Skagit County. And a wonderful place to visit. thank you

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Sarah Haag <shaag@zagmail.gonzaga.edu>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 1:02 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sarah Skillman
Street Address: 6200 54th Ave nw Olympia wa 98502
City: Olympia
State: Wa

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

We live in a rural area called steamboat island just south of Olympia. I enjoy living in a rural area, but feel the vast red tape and fees of regulations hurts honest people, families and small businesses just trying to use honesty, common sense and hard work to get by. Our family has visited Willowbrook manor for tea over the years. Our aunt also lives on Guemes island so we routinely journey into your area and hence stop and use businesses in your area. Please consider accepting Terry's proposal.

Sarah Skillman

From: Kaylene Zaugg <kayzogg@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 1:19 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

Being a former Washington resident, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant.

Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I consider Willowbrook Manor a very quaint and small business.

Your county officials slogan is 'Big A (Agriculture) little T (Tourism)'. The county fears that agritourism, if unchecked, will swallow up farmland. To that end, they are revising code requirements. Specialty-niche rural businesses like Willowbrook Manor should not be required to meet the same commercial requirements as full-time, in-city establishments.

The impact of tourism from this business is small.

We are all praying you will not make them close.

Kay Zaugg

159 W 1750 N

North Ogden, UT 84414

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Kelsey E <kelsey.l@live.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 12:15 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Name: Kelsey Eickhoff
Street Address: 924 Alderwood Ln
City: Sedro Woolley
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook brings so much charm to our small town and is provides a unique place many of us (local and non local) love to go. Losing such a unique place like Willowbrook will make us lose a reason some people visit our town and that leads to less foot traffic and other spending that helps other small businesses within our town. I would be so saddened if Willowbrook had to close it's doors so please consider this proposal.

Sincerely,

Kelsey Eickhoff

From: Yvonne Van Cleef <ylvc280@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 1:56 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Yvonne Van Cleef
1701 SE 6th Ave, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This is such a fantastic venue please don't take it away from this community. My friends and I always enjoy making special memories there.

Thank you for your consideration

From: April Patterson, Realtor - Navy Vet Real Estate <realestatewithapril@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 2:44 PM
To: PDS comments
Cc: Terry Gifford
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: April Patterson
Street Address: 1614 Gateway Heights Place - Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook is a gem in this incredible county. The site itself is a labor of love that exudes LOVE from every inch of the property. It's a hideaway that lets you getaway from the pressures of daily life. Willowbrook is a voice of support in the community. She is a teammate and cheerleader for local farms and businesses. She uses her platform to educate, inspire, and showcase our beautiful county! There is no better candidate for the face of agritourism than Willowbrook Manor. ❤️

Respectfully,

April Patterson
Proud US Navy veteran
Managing Broker at KW
Community Housing Advocate

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Sarah Jahde <sarah.e.quinn314@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 2:53 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sarah Jahde Street Address: 7808 N. Morton St. Apt 702 City: Spokane State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. I am currently living in Spokane but I grew up in Skagit County and it is near and dear to my heart. I love the agricultural community in Skagit County which is why I am asking for you to approve a reasonable path for small agri-tourist businesses such as Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Small family owned farms need agri-tourism in order to survive and sustain their farming operations. I am an avid tea drinker, however without Willowbrook Manor's tea events, I never would have heard of them, much less purchased the tea that they produce. The tourism aspect of these businesses both funds the farm and advertises the produce. By pushing the tourism aspect out of agri-tourism, the agricultural aspect will die along with it. In addition to destroying small farm's ability to support themselves, the harsher regulations would eliminate the effect they have on their community. Willowbrook Manor supports local shelters and programs that help at-risk women and children through the Serving Women Across Nations Foundation (SWAN). This February they raised \$1050 for Skagit Family Promise. Besides their charitable contributions to the community, they also advertise and support local businesses. This summer they launched their YouTube channel Red Falcon Road that "showcases the small businesses and destinations that make Skagit Valley a wonderful place to visit" (<https://teaandtour.com/blog/2025/05/something-new-is-coming-this-summer/>).

Losing places like Willowbrook Manor would mean losing valuable contributors to Skagit County. While trying to preserve the practice of farming in Skagit County is honorable, passing heavy regulations on agri-tourism businesses is a net negative for the community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Sarah Jahde

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Janet Shook <janet_shook@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 3:22 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Janet Shook
Street Address: 629 NW 18th st.
City: Corvallis
State: Oregon

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook manor is a place where I visit regularly, and is important for my family. It is a small business that sustains culture and employment in your area. It is not a threat to big Ag. It is family owned for many years.

I appreciate your support in keeping this healthy business alive.

Sincerely

Janet Shook

Sent from my iPhone

From: Suzanne Graham <yagla2graham@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 4:34 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

From:
Suzanne Graham
15089 Old Deceptions Mill Lane
Anacortes, WA 98221

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a small business with a small footprint in the county. Please allow rural businesses, like Willowbrook Manor, to continue to operate.

Regards,
Suzanne Graham

From: wightfam9@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 4:48 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: SueZan Wight
Street Address:
City: Bonney Lake
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

The owner of Willowbrook Manor is doing her very best to be compliant, but also in reason as a small business owner. She will be able to do what is necessary with the solution she submitted.

I am so thankful for the time I've been able to spend at Willowbrook. I have learned so much from Terry. She is an amazing individual. I hope you will consider this. Thank you.

SueZan Wight

Sent from my iPhone

From: Marla and John Hovey <hovejm@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 2:49 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Marla Hovey
Street Address: 1905 Orchard pl
City: Anacortes
State:Wa

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Warm regards,
Marla Hovey

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Jennifer Mulhall-Daudel <halojenn@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 5:19 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Name: Jennifer Daudel
Street Address: 1902 Boca Raton CT.
City: Ontario
State: CA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Keeping small businesses alive, especially niche agricultural businesses, is so important to preserving the area and special experience that an urban business is not equipped to offer. Forcing businesses operating in rural areas to meet the same requirements as those in urban areas seems an unrealistic course of action unless the intention is to homogenize and eliminate these businesses so areas can be used for something considered more profitable to the local government and investors.

Southern California has seen so many negative changes in its beautiful rural areas due to similar code changes and requirements that resulted in the disappearance of its farms, dairies, agricultural education, and the peace of nature, replaced by distribution/warehouses, trucking yards, and high density housing with some of the worst traffic, air quality, and crime in the nation. Changes like these, even if it seems so far off in the future, gradually result in the loss of the peace and natural areas that characterize this part of your great state of Washington. Although I don't reside in Washington, many generations from both sides of my family live throughout various areas of the state, so I enjoy time with them, especially in areas such as the Skagit Valley for the unique experience offered. It would be a shame for this to change and become more urban as it would result in people like me crossing it off of our list of areas to spend time and money. When an area begins to look just like others and offer less of that unique experience, people won't be as drawn to it any longer.

Please consider keeping your special agricultural experiences and areas as they are without requiring regulations that would potentially eliminate them altogether.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Bernadette Cinkoske <bcinkosk@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 6:26 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

9-28-2025

Name: Bernadette Cinkoske
Street Address: 4239 Indian Pipe Trace
City: Indianapolis
State: IN 46237

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Historically codes for rural areas differ from those in urban areas. To me this makes great sense as the areas are not at all similar. When situations like this arise, I feel the same way I feel when I find a piece of clothing marked one size fits all. It should be one size fits almost no one!

Forcing rural areas to meet city codes will destroy some of the best things about those rural areas. It is also cost prohibitive for many of those rural businesses. Thus you will force them to close. There are already way too many big box and chain stores. We need to preserve uniqueness. I greatly miss the days when within a two block stretch, I could visit the Polish butcher, the Greek green grocer, the Dutch bakery and more. I ate better then too.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Cinkoske

Ameresia Lawlis

From: DeniseMarie <damar719@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 7:15 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: DeniseMarie Seckinger. Street Address:
735 San Bruno Place. City: Colorado
Springs. State: Colorado. 80906.

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Thank You for your consideration,

DeniseMarie

From: Laura Strane <ocholodo88@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 7:45 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Laura Linnenkamp
Street Address: 628 Mango dr
City: Castle rock
State: CO

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

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From: RuthAnn Jones <ruthannjones55@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 7:52 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

RuthAnn Locken-Jones
1085 Cavalero Road
Camano Island, WA 98282

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. The Manor provides opportunities for people, like me, who grew up in Sedro Woolley to come and enjoy the area of our childhood. They offer self guided bicycle tours of the surrounding area. A fun and refreshing way to spend the day! Please approve their path to compliancy.

Thank you,
RuthAnn Locken-Jones
Sent from my iPhone

From: Elicia Clark <eliciac Clark@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 8:42 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Elicia Clark
Street Address: 146 N Township St
City: Sedro-Woolley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

It is rare this day and age to find such a charming business owned and ran so passionately by one person; not to mention the creativity of repurposing the home they raised their family in, making it a business, to keep it in the family. It is also rather rare to be able to find a good tea service around this area! It would be an incredible shame to see such a unique and enjoyable business like this be closed due to regulation changes without giving them the opportunity to comply the best they can. The property has had so much love, dedication and I believe most of Terri's funds put into it. Not only would it be a loss of a fabulous tourist destination (or locals like me), but I believe would be devastating for Terri not to be able to share her passion with others.

I thank you for your consideration.

Elicia Clark

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From: Diane Nottingham <diannott@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 9:00 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Diane A Nottingham
Street Address: 6167 Solama Way
City: Banning
State: CA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant.

Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This is a most unique and wonderful place to learn and visit with such great experiences to be had by those who go.

Please help the little businesses to be able to flourish and make a living by not combining them with big business.

Thanks for your consideration,
Diane A Nottingham

From: Ellen McCown <emccown@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 9:33 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:Ellen McCown
Street Address:1901 22nd Ave E
City:Seattle
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant.

Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Thanks you for you careful consideration.

Sincerely,
Ellen McCown

Gratitude, fullness lending to grace.

From: Debbie Anderson <debbievida@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 9:39 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Save Willowbrook Manor

Dear Skagit County officials,
Your code revision is hurting businesses by re-prioritizing some over others.

Please approve the industry-accepted solutions used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor to become compliant. These look different from the urban businesses with which the county is familiar in establishing codes.

Terry has submitted to the county a creative commercial water system that would be cost-effective and bring Willowbrook into compliance.

Deborah Anderson
1074 Sunset Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98226

From: Regan Gust <crcgust@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 12:03 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Regan Gust
Street Address: 202 S Section St.
City: Burlington
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

From: C Kocsis <ckocsis.mail@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 11:28 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Cynthia Kocsis
Street Address: 2506 Sylvan St
City: Bellingham
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I've taken many friends to the tea & tour luncheons there over the years, and it's such a beautiful and peaceful place. What a treasure you have there! Please do all that you can to support this small business in the countryside. I discovered Willowbrook on a bike ride on the Cascade Trail, and really appreciate that peaceful and relaxing pathway through the farmlands with incredible vistas.

Terry is very supportive of our communities and such a shining light in what can sometimes be a cold world. Please help her continue to shine on and keep sharing love and happiness one tea cup at a time!

Cynthia Kocsis

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Meranda Tuttle <meranda1012@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 11:50 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Meranda Tuttle
Street Address: 13741 15th Ave NE Unit C8
City: Seattle
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a specialty niche restaurant/farm stay/etc. They provide a great service to the area, a reason to visit. The owner has put effort into finding cost effective methods to stay in compliance. They want to work with you while bringing a unique experience to Skagit. If given a chance, it will become a historical and much loved place in Skagit. People will learn a lot there and be able to see the beauty of your County.

Please work with Willowbrook Manor.

Thank You,
Meranda Tuttle

From: Dianne Kitson <diannekitson@yahoo.com.au>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 12:56 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Dianne Kitson
C05/1C Ennis Rd
Milsons Point NSW Sydney

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant.

Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

In a world where innovation and solution oriented approaches are seen with suspicion please take the time to have someone appropriately qualified to assess Willowbrook Farms solutions. It would be to your credit to be an innovative, trail blazing county and set an example of best practice for the rest of the world.

Friends of mine have visited your county because of Willowbrook Farm and we literally live half a world away. To force them to shut down would be an incredible shame and though I am only able to follow them online due to disability they are a ray of sunshine for me and a delightful example of valuing our planet and bringing part of your beautiful country into my housebound life.

Life is tough if you are disabled in my country. Please grant their request and allow their innovation, friendliness and sustainability practices to continue to bring me and those around me joy.

Thank you for your time
Kind regards
Dianne Kitson

From: BETTY YOUNG <betty2137@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 4:40 AM
To: PDS comments
Cc: teatime@teaandtour.com
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Importance: High

Skagit County Commissioners:

I am asking the county to approve a reasonable path forward for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. If currently proposed code requirements are adopted, specialty rural small businesses like Terry's could be required to meet the same commercial requirements as full-time, urban establishments.

Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. Its owner, Terry Gifford, works tirelessly to showcase the beauty and bounty of Skagit County. If she were forced to close due to code compliance requirements, it would be a significant loss for the county and those of us who so enjoy Willowbrook Manor.

At the very least, I would hope existing small businesses like Terry's would be grandfathered in and allowed to continue operations.

Best Regards,

Betty Young
45228 Maryland Dr
Concrete, WA 98237

Ameresia Lawlis

From: ELLA BLACKWOOD <statelyclammanor@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 5:30 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Ella Blackwood
402 N. 18th Place
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. This business provides a splendid tourist destination for Skagit residents as well as beyond-Skagit tourists. They have offered a reasonable plan. Support small businesses ike Willowbrook Manor.

From: David Beck <dvd.beck@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 6:15 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: David Beck
Street Address: 155 Kush Ln
City: Corpus Christi
State: TX

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This is a beneficial small business that brought me and my family on a visit to your community. It is a benefit to grant them a reasonable path to become code compliant to continue operations.

Please consider this request.

Thanks,
David Beck

From: Kay Clark <kaybezonaclark@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 7:50 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Kay Clark
Street Address: 2219 Lummi Shore RD
City: Bellingham
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Terry has done such an amazing job with her property and business. She is active in the community and has raised her family here. Please do not punish those that work so hard, so please approve the industry-accepted solutions used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor to become compliant.

Thank you,

Kay Clark

From: Miranda Quinton <mirandaquinton@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 7:53 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Miranda Quinton
Street Address: 117 N 39 th Pl
City: mount vernon
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I love Willowbrook Manor and the addition it is our community. It brings out of towners into the area who patronize other business in our area-

Willowbrook feels like community and home . It's beautiful and relaxing and a lovey place to spend time with family and friends. It's unique and different than anything else around .

It would be a great lose
to loose Willowbrook Manor .

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Miranda Quinton

Sent from my iPhone

From: Cynthia Logan <bohochickvintage@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 8:27 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

From: Cynthia Logan 333 Snohomish Drive, La Conner, WA 98257

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

It would be so sad if this sweet little place had to close because of unrealistic expectations. It's important to support our farmers and family run businesses. Thank you for your consideration.

Cynthia Logan

From: Emerson <lavenderandlightsabers@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 8:43 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Emerson Strubhar
Street Address: 6639 60th St W
City: University Place
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor brings culture, flavor, and enrichment to Skagit County residents and visitors, providing a place of beauty and serenity in a turbulent world. The Manor's seasonal events serve meals with ingredients supplied in part by local farming. Pollinators are supported by its gardens. It's caretaker, Miss Terry, deeply values using her land in ways which respect the environment and using the land and business to bless others. Special locations like Willowbrook Manor, that encourage peace & goodness, building relationships with family & friends, are to be protected.

From: Alisa Bray <acbray33@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 9:16 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Alisa Bray
Street Address: 3687 Silver Oak Court
City: Bellingham
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

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Alisa Carlson Bray, D.O.
Obstetrics & Gynecology

From: Kathryn Parker <kmpbozeman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 9:34 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Kathryn M Parker
Street Address: 2306 21st Street
City: Anacortes
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

Please accept this personal request from an inter-Generational family event of having a “High Tea” AND the most anticipated “chamomile” self picking farming event AT High Tea with my granddaughters.

7-20-2019 with a granddaughter.

7-12-2025 with my great-granddaughter!

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

A very proud grandmother and great grandmother, who wants to continue the Willowbrook Manor family tradition.

An Anacortes resident since 1999,
Kathryn Parker
Text 360-420-4940 for addition “pinkie-finger” up photos!

PS: IMPORTANT... please, before you vote on this important issue, especially if you’ve never experienced Willowbrook Manor, please take the time for that experience. Request a tour (or better yet) a sit down Tea at The Manor. Contact Terry Gifford at (360) 218-4585.

From: Judy Smith <grandmajudysmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 9:42 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Judith L Smith
Street Address: 802 McLean Drive
City: Sedro Woolley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I was taken there by a friend for my birthday a few years ago and it was the most amazing place and best way to celebrate my birthday!! Terry is an amazing person, business woman, and advocate for our community! She is totally locked into preserving our environment!

Judy Smith

Sent from my iPhone

From: Caitriona Burns <cait.j.burns@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 9:45 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Cait Burns. Street Address: 98237 Ammons Rd. City: Concrete. State: WA.

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I've worked there a couple years now, and it really is more of a family than a company. Everyone who comes really enjoys the experience and is treated with respect and kindness. I, and hundreds of others I know would be devastated to lose this Teahouse.
Please. Don't let it be lost.

Sincerely, Cait Burns

From: Michael Malone <revmalone777@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 10:17 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

12883 Cellar Street
Fishers, Indiana 46037
September 29, 2029

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I understand that Skagit County is considering changes to code requirements that would significantly impact Willowbrook Manor, a thriving and valued business in our community.

The proposed changes—specifically those related to commercial water systems and commercial access/egress—could impose costs that are financially prohibitive and may ultimately force the business to close. This would be a substantial loss, not only to the community but also to the County, which benefits from the tax revenue and tourism generated by Willowbrook Manor.

The owner of Willowbrook Manor has identified and proposed industry-accepted solutions that have been successfully implemented in similarly challenging locations. These solutions would allow the business to remain compliant without incurring unsustainable expenses. I fully support these proposed solutions and urge the County to approve them.

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Please work with Willowbrook Manor to find a viable path forward that ensures compliance while preserving this valuable community asset.

Sincerely,

Rev. Michael W. Malone

From: Chuck or Edie Diver <panorama26971@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 11:22 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Edie Diver
Street Address: 26971 Panorama Ct.
City: Sedro-Woolley
State: WA 98284

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.
Thank you so very much. Edie

From: Marilyn Stafford <mtstafford@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 12:21 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a family owned and operated business that brings tourism to and promotes the Skagit Valley. As a resident of Mt Vernon, it is a local favorite and a family favorite for holidays and celebrations. Please help keep it open and continuing to welcome guests local and out of town to enjoy our Valley.

Best regards,

Marilynn Stafford

4716 S 48th Pl

Mt Vernon, WA 98274

From: Kevin Hartman <idiophonics@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 12:38 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Kevin Hartman
14261 Bountiful Lane
Mount Vernon, WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Thank you
Kevin Hartman

From: kim rawlins <kimrawlins@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 12:43 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Kim Rawlins
Street Address: 13492 Bridgeview Way
City: Mount Vernon
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sent from my iPhone

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Elaine Bevington <elbevington@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 12:46 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Elaine Bevington
Street Address: 1024 2nd St
City: Kirkland
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

As a resident of Kirkland just a couple hours south of Skagit Valley, I love coming to Willowbrook for high tea as a nice day trip and often pair this with visits to other local small businesses in La Conner, Mount Vernon, etc. It would be a shame to lose this local flavor that makes the Skagit Valley so special and is in fact a vehicle for small farms nearby to sell their products.

Kind regards,
Elaine

From: Kate Atkinson <ksabyu@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 12:56 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Kate Atkinson
Street Address: 16559 Country Club Dr
City: Burlington
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations that Willowbrook Manor has submitted.

Willowbrook Manor is an essential part of what makes Skagit County so vibrant. It's a working agricultural space that opens its doors to the public—offering tea times, farm experiences, bike rides, lodging, and community events. Take a glance at the homepage on their website to see all the wonderful, uniquely Skagit experiences they offer. It is not a tourist trap or a land grabbing operation in the slightest. They bring people out onto the land and surrounding areas in a way that's educational, inspiring, and deeply local.

As the owner of the Kulshan Hotel in Sedro-Woolley, I know firsthand how much value businesses like Willowbrook Manor bring to the local economy. Guests who stay at our hotel often seek out authentic experiences, and Willowbrook is exactly the kind of destination that draws people to our region. Their presence supports hospitality, restaurants, shops, and countless other small businesses.

If we burden rural, small-scale agritourism businesses with the same commercial code requirements as urban or industrial operations, we risk losing them entirely. Many of these upgrades—especially around commercial water systems and access/egress—require capital that is simply not feasible for small business owners. Yet, without flexibility, innovation, and rural-specific solutions, we're effectively telling these valuable community members that there's no room for them here. We're driving the Skagit spirit out of the Skagit Valley.

This overregulation doesn't just hurt individual businesses—it weakens our entire local economy. It also encourages large corporate takeovers by outside investors who lack the personal investment in our land, culture, and community. I've seen this happen in other sectors, like in my husband's dental practice, where small practices were driven out and replaced by impersonal corporations. That loss is real and lasting.

Terry has done her research. She has submitted practical, industry-approved solutions used successfully in other extreme rural locations.

Please allow flexibility in the code to accommodate operations like Willowbrook Manor. Their survival is not only critical to their owners—it's imperative for a thriving and authentic Skagit County.

Sincerely,

Kate Atkinson

From: Nicola Pearson <nicola.prsn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 1:02 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Nicola Murray
50303 Hwy 20
Concrete, WA 98237.

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I have heard that Skagit County may lose its beloved Willowbrook Manor to the new AgriTourism regulations and I am writing to appeal to you to help find a way for it to continue in business. Not only is Willowbrook Manor a cherished location for many people to stay and/or take their relatives for tea, but the tax revenue alone helps pay for many services and employment opportunities in Skagit County. I know you have successfully negotiated a way for the Tulip Festival to operate more than 24 calendar days a year; I appeal to you to find a way to help Willowbrook Manor embrace the spirit of the new Agritourism codes, even if it cannot follow the exact letter of that code. Working in rural locations often means the top of the line commercial solutions to problems are not available, but there are industry approved solutions which work equally well. Willowbrook Manor has researched and found such a solution to keep operating within the new codes; please become a voice for them with those who enforce the codes.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Murray

From: Cascade Cornucopia <casadecornucopia@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 1:31 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Samantha Knowlton
Street Address: 18529 Main Street
City: Conway
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This business is a true gem of Skagit County and one of the reasons this area is special. Businesses like this will ensure the success and happiness of all county residents for years to come. Do not let these type of places disappear in the name of progress or regulations. They are the heart of Skagit and must be preserved at all costs.

Samantha Knowlton

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Lyla Shepard <hugsnluv@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 1:32 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:
Street Address:
City:
State:

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Katie Nickel <stargazerchick95@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 1:35 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Katie Nickel
Street Address: 6491 Little Bighorn
City: Maple Falls
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sent from my iPhone

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Tracie Stringer <tntstringer@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 1:38 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Tracie Stringer
Street Address: 13955 Donnell Rd
City: Anacortes
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: Mark Schultz <chefmark425@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 1:40 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Mark Schultz Street Address: 16844 Allen West Rd City: Bow State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Katherine J Petersen <katpetersen74@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 1:43 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Katherine Petersen
Street Address: 23217 SR 9
City: Mount Vernon
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant.

Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Thank you,

Katherine Petersen

From: Justine Morgan <justinelouise24@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 1:44 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Justine Morgan
Street Address: 316 Talcott St
City: Sedro-Woolley
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Justine Morgan

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lindsay LeVeque <lindsay.leveque@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 1:47 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Lindsay LeVeque
Street Address: 20413 E Rio Vista Avenue
City: Burlington
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a female owned business in Skagit Valley that helps draw much needed business and interest to the County, especially during the Tulip Festival. Small businesses should not be held to the same standard as larger agricultural enterprises. It's important that the County maintains a business friendly perspective if we want to keep businesses in the area. If we look to our neighbors down in Seattle, businesses are fleeing because of the rules enacted that do not promote or help business owners. As a result, the city finds itself lacking in revenue. I would encourage the Commissioners to be prudent and seek creative solutions to maintain and encourage entrepreneurship in our county, and ultimately maintain and hopefully increase overall revenue for the area.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lindsay LeVeque

From: Familyofmany <Familyofmany@protonmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 1:47 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:Diane Henshaw
Street Address:8615 Cascadia ave
City:Everett
State:Waa

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sent from Proton Mail Android

From: Suzanne DuBois <suz@nnedubois.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 1:49 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Spam

Suzanne DuBois
2803 NW 94th St
Seattle, WA 98117

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. We've loved visiting the house for tea and they provide such an uplifting sense of community. The world needs more institutions that bring us together!

Many thanks,
Suzanne DuBois, Patron

From: Stephanie Crane <bellingham4ever@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 1:49 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Stephanie Crane
Street Address: 1316 Hillcrest Parkway
City: Mount Vernon
State: WA 98274

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I would be deeply saddened if a beautiful skagit county local business had to close its doors due to the inflexibility of code requirements for businesses in rural locations. Surely the code revisions suggested by the county are not designed to put existing long-term local businesses into financial jeopardy, and yet that is what is happening. Please allow beloved small businesses such as Willowbrook Manor a path to reach code compliance that takes their existing location and long-term presence in Skagit county into consideration.

Best regards,
Stephanie Crane

From: Cara Monroe <caramaymonroe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 1:55 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Cara Monroe
Street Address: 1201 32nd Street, Unit E
City: Anacortes
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook is a beloved community farm, albeit non-traditional and as you may deem commercial, and needs to stay open. It was just voted Best in Skagit Bed & Breakfast; another prime example of its status in the community.

Please consider their solutions.

Thank you,
Cara Monroe

Sent from my iPhone

From: Angela Scott <james.angela@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 2:00 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Angela Scott
Street Address: 15103 87th St Ct E
City: Puyallup
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This is such an amazing place to reconnect, unwind and enjoy peace that only this place could bring.

Thank you,
Angela Scott

Sent from my iPhone

From: Laura and Tim Hohmann <tl.hohmann@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 2:00 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Laura Hohmann
Street Address: 10547 S 3rd St
City: Sedro Woolley
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook is a unique and special part of our community. The ability to survive the difficulties of the farming industry by outside the box thinking should be rewarded not penalized. If you allowed the size of accessory dwelling units to increase because of the change in affordability of housing for people, you also need to allow farms the ability to make ends meet in ways that allow them to survive because of the change in the affordability of farming.

Sincerely,
Laura Hohmann

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From: Janet Evans <confusedjan1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 1:55 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Janet Evans
Street Address: 600 N. Reed Street
City: Sedro-Woolley
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I do NOT understand the reasoning behind not letting the farmers supplement their business plan with other ventures. Willow Brook is a highlight in our community.

Thank you for your time,
Janet Evans.

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Jesibel Truelove <btrue2lovere@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 1:49 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Jesibel Truelove
Street Address: P.O. Box 12366
City: Everett
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sincerely,

Jesibel

~**~

JESIBELTRUELOVE
btrue2loveRE@gmail.com
206.486.4947

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From: Kristin Link <link.kristin1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 2:14 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Kristin McLeod
Street Address: 1417 Portal Dr
City: Bellingham
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is not just a pretty house, it's a gathering place. It's a beautiful and traditional space to come together for tea, good food, and great conversation. Please don't put a hardworking owner out of business with code exclusivity.

Thank you,
Kristin McLeod

From: Kathkev <Kathkev@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 2:17 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:Kathi Marilley
Street Address:18155 Joy Place
City:Burlington
State:WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Respectfully,
Kathi Marilley

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: Kerrie Puchar <kerrie.puchar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 2:23 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Kerrie Puchar
Street Address: 22711 19th Dr NE
City: Arlington
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I want to see farmland preserved from big business interests, but small locally owned venues are not a threat to farmland, and should be grandfathered from onerous regulations. I love bringing my mom up for tea. Please don't take that from us.

Kind regards,
Kerrie Puchar

From: Debra Lancaster <debrandoug@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 2:43 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Debra Lancaster
Street Address: 210 W Nelson
City: Sedro Woolley
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

Lisa, Peter and Ron, I am asking for the County to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor, a Sedro-Woolley farm, to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Terry Gifford and her family love and work the land. Although Willowbrook is not the typical farm, I believe it meets the basic intent. Terry's request to use an access solution that has been approved in other extreme rural areas seems reasonable, as does her creative commercial water system.

Protecting our land is important - as is protecting our families. Thank you for considering allowing Willowbrook Manor to continue to operate.

Respectfully,

Debra Lancaster

From: Jessica Khalil <jessica.britt3@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 2:43 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Jessica Khalil
Street Address: 1963 fiver place
City: Oak harbor
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Cecily Gubitosi <cecily.gubitosi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 2:45 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Cecily Gubitosi
Street Address: 523 n 4th st
City: Mount Vernon
State:WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

From: Erik Daly <erikjdaly@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 2:49 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Erik Daly
342 Ferndale Pl
Flint, MI
48503

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I also find it absurd that you are not making exceptions for existing businesses.



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From: Lynae Kibiger <lkibiger@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 2:54 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Lynae Kibiger
Street Address: 6801 83rd St Ct E
City: Puyallup
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This lovely Skagit estate is a testament to rural America and a slower pace life. Please find balance in your new sustainability approach while allowing the survival of small business.

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Ruby Neuenschwander <riley_ru@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 2:54 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Ruby Neuenschwander
Street Address: 2165 Woodland Rd
City: Kamiah
State: ID

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Terry has created a magical retreat that I would be extremely sad to see disappear. It is unique and she welcomes everyone with a warm and professional manor.

Thank you for your time

Ruby Neuenschwander

From: Danica Almvig <danicakelly1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 2:56 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Danica Almvig, 1019 McLean Rd, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Danica Almvig

From: Beverly Laudermilk <blaudermilk@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 2:58 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:
Street Address:
City:
State:

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. This business fits beautifully with our rural , agricultural community. The Manor is beautiful and the Special Teas bring people out to our beautiful valley. Many people will be very disappointed if you destroy this lovely business many of us have enjoyed.

Sent from my iPhone

Ameresia Lawlis

From: April Dewitt <lirpastar7@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 3:10 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: April Dewitt
Street Address: 4738 Mount Baker Loop
City: Mount Vernon
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

It is a special unique place for events and holidays, celebrations. Please allow it to operate the way it is so they do not have to close. Thank you, April Dewitt

From: Stephanie Hooper <stephanieh7@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 3:14 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Stephanie Hooper
Street Address:12135 Jacqueline Drive
City:Burlington
State:WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This is a unique treasure in our community. This is much loved small farm and venue. Terry Gifford is a good steward of this land and deserves your consideration.

Thank You
Stephanie Hooper

Sent from my iPad

From: Rachel Beto <betorachel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 3:15 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Street Address: City: State: Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Dear Skagit County Officials,

I'm writing to express my support for Willowbrook Manor as it works to meet the county's updated code requirements. As a rural agritourism business, Willowbrook is committed to preserving farmland while offering unique, low-impact experiences that align with your "Big A, little T" vision.

Willowbrook has researched and submitted alternative solutions for commercial water compliance that are safe, cost-effective, and commonly used in extreme rural settings. An access/egress proposal is also ready for your review. These approaches may look different from urban models, but they are appropriate for rural businesses and essential for their survival.

I respectfully urge you to approve the proposed solutions submitted by Willowbrook Manor. This small business is a vital part of our community and demonstrates how agriculture and tourism can coexist when supported by thoughtful, flexible policy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rachel Beto

From: Miranda Omelchenko <mirandaomelchenko.mo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 3:17 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Miranda Omelchenko
Street Address: 1259 Uplands Dr
City: Camano Island
State: WA 98282

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

They have been a beloved part of the community and it would be a shame to lose them. This is a woman who is gracious to the community and would lose her livelihood if her business had to close. Please consider making them code compliant.

Thank you,

Miranda

From: M Dewy <dewy1425@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 3:19 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: RE: Willowbrook Manor

Name: Michael Dewitt
Street Address: 4738 Mount Baker Loop
City: Mount Vernon
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Jean Sibley <chebrau2@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 3:35 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Jean Sibley
Street Address: 293 Barlow Road
City: Williamsburg
State: VA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. I've yet to visit Willowbrook personally but receive the monthly newsletters. It sounds like a wonderful place that needs to continue for future generations. — Sincerely, Jean Sibley

From: Marlene Hettinger <marleneh55@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 3:47 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Marlene Hettinger
Street Address: 610 Cedar Tree Drive
City: Sedro Woolley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Terrilian Reya <terrilian13@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 3:49 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Mrs. Kathleen Dexter

Street Address: 57210 State Route 20

City: Rockport

State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

From: Kendra Conard-Neumann <kendraconardneumann@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 2:52 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:
Street Address:
City:
State:

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Karen Tran-Stead <karenmtran@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 3:53 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Preserve the land and a small business owner. Keep Skagit unique.

Thank you.

Karen Tran
922 Alpine View Drive
Mout Vernon, WA 98274

From: Debra Lancaster <debrandoug@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 3:59 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Agriculture code requirements for Willowbrook Manor

Name: Debra Lancaster
Street Address: 210 W Nelson
City: Sedro Woolley
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

Lisa, Peter and Ron, I am asking for the County to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor, a Sedro-Woolley farm, to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Terry Gifford and her family love and work the land. Although Willowbrook is not the typical farm, I believe it meets the basic intent. Terry's request to use an access solution that has been approved in other extreme rural areas seems reasonable, as does her creative commercial water system.

Protecting our land is important - as is protecting our families. Thank you for considering allowing Willowbrook Manor to continue to operate.

Respectfully,

Debra Lancaster

From: Rissa Warner <rissawarner@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 4:11 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:
Street Address:
City:
State:

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

RissaWarner-Borgen
17444 Britt Rd, Mt Vernon, WA
98273

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Amanda Mullins <supera710@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 4:17 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Amanda Mullins
Street Address: 2874 Newell Rd
City: Camano Island
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. Willowbrook Manor is a hidden gem in Skagit, and one I recommend to my out of town visitors to check out. It's darling and the owners are wonderful! I hope an arrangement can be reached with the proposal that is being submitted.

Thank you for your consideration,
Amanda Mullins

From: Kay Muhlbeier <kmuhlbeier@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 4:20 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Kay muhlbeier
Street Address: 21403 SE 16th Pl
City: Sammamish
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is an extraordinary place for locals and brings in tourists.
The county should make code considerations for businesses such as Willowbrook to continue.

Thank you

Kay Muhlbeier
21403 SE 16th Place
Sammamish, WA 98075

From: Jennifer Harrington <whereismyhappyplace@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 4:26 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: JENNIFER HARRINGTON
Street Address: 11008 108th AVE NE
City: KIRKLAND
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

The manor is wonderful and has become a well loved family tradition.

Jennifer Harrington

Sent from whereismyhappyplace@yahoo.com

From: Pat Anderson <curiouscorvette@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 4:40 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Patricia Anderson
Street Address: 3475A East Division St.
City: Mount Vernon
State: WA 98274

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Thank you,
Patricia Anderson

From: Suecanue Gmail <suecanue@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 4:40 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sue Noel
Street Address: 22058 Mount Vernon Big Lake Rd
City: Mount Vernon
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This is a beautiful establishment and so unique in our area, it would be a travesty to force its closure because of codes that are not applicable to this space. Please approve the plans that Terry has proposed to allow this business to keep going. It seems codes and taxes are always changing, leaving property owners helpless when the price of the changes drives many to close business, sell homes and leave town. Keep Skagit County special, keep Willowbrook Manor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sue Noel

From: David & Jane Edgley <edgley@whidbey.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 4:43 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Jane EdgleyName:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I sincerely hope that you will allow Willowbrook to continue in the way they are accustomed. They are a valuable asset to Skagit County just the way they are, and they bring great enjoyment to all their customers. People FIRST should be your commitment.

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

-Jane Edgley, Skagit resident

Sent from my iPad

From: Jeannie <m.jeannie.henderson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 4:57 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Margaret Henderson
19716 E Conway Hill Lane
Mount Vernon WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. Willowbrook Manor is such a beautiful local business frequented by many local women and tourists. Please give them every opportunity to continue to run their business. Sincerely, Margaret Henderson.

Sent from my iPhone

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Genevieve Curry <sirsmilady@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 4:49 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Genevieve Curry
Street Address: p.o. box 262
City: Lyman
State: WA 98263

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Thank you,

Genevieve Curry
Skagit Country Resident

From: Cathy Kowalski <ckowal7261@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 5:31 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Cathy Kowalski
Street Address: 2708 Strom Pl
City: Anacortes
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Let's not make the mistake of doing the wrong thing for this business!

Cathy

Sent from my iPhone

From: Christine Krell <mskring2@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 5:32 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Christine Krell
Street Address: 1610 Alpine Crest Loop Unit A
City: Mount Vernon
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sent from my iPhone

From: mariewilander@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 5:37 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Willowbrook Manor Support

Hello! My name is Marie Wilander and I live at 27725 65th DR NW. I'm writing in support of Willowbrook Manor and asking for you all to approve the industry-accepted solutions used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor to become compliant. Willowbrook Manor is a business and home that's important to the community and it would hurt the local tourism economy if they were to be shut down.

Thank you for your time!

Marie Wilander
27725 65th DR NW
Stanwood, WA
98292

From: Kelly Rosenthal <kelly.rosenthal988@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 5:42 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Kelly Rhodes
St. Address: 153 Brown Estates Drive
City: Lafayette
State: Georgia

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I am also begging you to please approve for Willowbrook Manor, because it is a life changing experience, and you will NEVER find a perfect place like this again.

If you haven't been there before, I highly recommend you take some time to truly experience the love and peace there before making such a life altering decision.

The Willowbrook Manor is a home; not just to the people who sleep there, but to even the people who only visit once a year here.

So I ask again. Please; approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant, and please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

From: Marilyn Olson <olsonm1no350@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 5:47 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:
Street Address:
City:
State:

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

It's really sad that someone's lively hood can be change. I have been to willowbrook and was amazed on their venue and enjoyed my time there. If they submitted an industry accepted solutions already used in rural locations then you should grant the solution. Remember those that have a business in Skagit County bring income to the Valley. Thankyou
Marilyn Olson

From: Eden Robinson <nkotbfan86@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 5:34 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:
Street Address:
City:
State:

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This place is a big deal for not only Skagit County but other counties and other states. People travel to come here. This place provides so much more than just tea it's a place to reconnect and learn about agriculture through so many different activities. We do not want to loose places like Willowbrook we NEED places like Willowbrook.

Thank you,
Eden Robinson
906 McGarigle RD
SEDRO WOOLLEY WA 98284

Sent from my iPhone

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Maryann Holbrook <Maryann.Holbrook@nv.k12.wa.us>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 6:28 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Maryann Holbrook
Street Address: 1725 Bridgeview Court
City: Lynden
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners:

I'm writing to ask that you please support the rural code compliance solutions submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

They've come up with smart, cost-effective proposals for water and egress that are used successfully in other rural areas. These may look different from urban systems, but they're appropriate for the setting and would allow Willowbrook to meet code without the burden of full-scale commercial upgrades.

Willowbrook is a great example of "Big A, little T" in action — supporting agriculture while offering low-impact tourism. I hope the county can be flexible in recognizing rural-specific solutions so businesses like Willowbrook can continue to operate and preserve farmland.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Maryann Holbrook

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From: Stephanie B <scolman8@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 6:49 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Stephanie Blair
Street Address: 31231 79th Dr NW
City: Stanwood
State: WA 98273

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Tourism is a lovely reminder that people use experiences to support the family and community, manors and the like put Skagit county on the map to create consistent year round money. the year round opportunities make vibrant, safe areas that people want to visit, live and work. The unique agrotourism needs unique solutions. Please consider their proposal. Thank you

From: Sharon O'Brien <sharoniob@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 6:52 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

From Sharon O'Brien
2321 Virginia Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

Dear Skagit County Commissioners:

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. This place is a special and a unique community landmark that is beautiful and carries on rural traditions. It is a working rural garden and lovely spot to visit for all ages. Again, please make it known that there is a path for them.

Thank you,
Sharon O'Brien
Email
sharoniob@hotmail.com

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Shelby Brackett <brackett.shelby@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 6:52 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Shelby Brackett
Street Address: 306 Shannon Ave
City: Sedro Woolley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook has been a wonderful gathering place in Skagit Valley that should be provided reasonable accommodations to remain in operation.

Shelby Brackett

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Debbie Stafford <dmstafford80@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 4:17 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Debbie Stafford
Street Address: 830 Township St Apt 235
City: Sedro-Woolley
State: WA. 98284

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Tresia Gonzalez <tresiamelynn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 6:44 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Tresia Gonzalez
Street Address: 50159 State Route 20
City: Concrete
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

From what I understand, new regulations or requirements are creating substantial barriers for existing smaller businesses beyond Willowbrook Manor. Good planning is important to sustain our farmlands and community, however allowing properties and their businesses to adequately support themselves is a critical part of this equation. This feels like you're trying to solve one problem and creating many more irreversible issues and hardships. Please reconsider the small and mid size business needs in your planning.

From: Warm Springs Inn <julie@warmspringsinn.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 7:29 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Julie Szmania
Street Address: 1611 Love Lane
City: Wenatchee
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

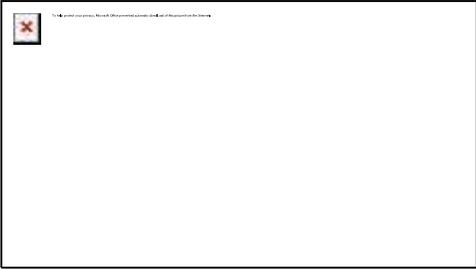
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. As a business associate of owner, Terry Gifford, I wholeheartedly support her beautiful farm, unique hospitality and lodging activities. She's very diverse and important to the Skagit Community attracting people who value the earth - and should be valued as such. As a farm & vineyard owner, small Inn plus a winery and event venue, I know what it takes to successfully manage many different activities. Small businesses, like Willowbrook Manor, add the charm and vibrancy that Skagit Valley is famous for. They add a layer of history and depth to your community that would be an absolute shame to lose. As a Seattle native, I've been visiting Skagit Valley since childhood and her business is one reason why. Skagit Valley needs to offer more than just seasonal tulip fields.

With their creativity and ability to provide viable solutions to handle whatever code issues are at hand should be welcome by your committee. It's not only a woman-owned business with focus on a healthy life-style and comfort that we all need in a chaotic world - you should work with them for an affordable solution to stay in business.

I'm proud to be associated as a Board Member of the WA Independent Inns Network with Willowbrook Manor. You should be willing to work out what's necessary to maintain their business and aggressively support their multi-faceted vision.

Best regards,

Julie Szmania, Owner
Warm Springs Inn & Winery
WIIN VP of Member Connection
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From: Jackie Kripas <leojack01@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 7:33 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Jackie Kripas
Street Address: 1713 Aberdeen Ct.
City: Crofton
State: MD 21114

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a family business, providing a unique option to experience the beauty of the landscape in a calm and relaxing atmosphere. I am hoping to be able to visit with some of my friends in the future and I know there of many of us in other parts of the country who feel the same way. I sincerely hope that you will act favorably on Willowbrook Manor's proposal and allow those of us who have followed the family to continue to enjoy this special place now and in the future.

Sent from my iPad

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Alison Hubert <alisonhubert9130@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 7:45 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Alison Hubert - 4561 Mosquito Lake Road, Deming, WA 98244

Hello, My name is Alison Hubert,

I reside at 4561 Mosquito Lake Road, Deming, WA 98244

I am writing to you to help give insight from local folks who love and adore the Willowbrook Manor.

My family and I, have been visiting this beautiful, historical location for a few years now and have been captivated by this hidden gem.

Much of my family was born and raised in the United Kingdom, where Tea Houses and Tea + Herb Farms are very common. I find Willowbrook Manor to be a staple in the tourism community from many all over the world as a reminder that farms like this still exist and how to gain info about them.

Lastly, My husband and I own and operate an Airbnb in Deming, WA and Willowbrook Manor is one of our locations that we direct guests too. I feel that it's important to keep this piece of PNW history to remain in operation as a great reminder to us to slow down, see what's around us in the beautiful landscape and how we can make use of the natural herbs around us.

Not only does Skagit county bask in a familiar farm land that you would find in the country of the UK, but it gives that culture and familiarity to folks like myself, right here in Skagit County.

Thank you very much for your time,

Alison Hubert

360-927-8617

Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: krothnelson@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 8:09 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Kim Nelson
Street Address: 1806 Island View Pl
City: Anacortes
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

While Skagit farmland is important, and should be preserved, we shouldn't go to extreme lengths that put economic hardships on previously established businesses that have a sustainable business model with little to no impact on agriculture.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kim Nelson

From: sptsmom3@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 8:59 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Laurie Martin
Street Address: 19809 103rd St E
City: Bonney Lake
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a lovely escape and run by an amazing family! They built this home with their own hands and brought a bit of the beauty of an English Tea House to our community. I have enjoyed the teas at Willowbrook! Please do the right thing and allow this establishment to continue with their love of serving tea and inviting people to the beautiful Skagit Valley. Do not take their livelihood away or make them give up a home that was built on love.

Willowbrook is a wonderful escape from the crazy world we live in. It is peaceful, the view is beautiful and the people are genuine.

Thank you,
Laurie

Sent from my iPhone

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Marian Chacon <itsagivens@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 9:06 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

From: Susan Rose <rose.susan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 9:06 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Susan Rose
Street Address: 10022 NE 150th Dr
City: Bothell
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
Willowbrook Manor is a jewel and a treasured venue. I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sue Rose, 310-266-0165, sent by iPhone

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Dori Ruble <doriruble@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 9:44 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Dori Ruble
Street Address: 21040 Lake 16 Rd.
City: Mount Vernon
State: Washington 98274

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I have been looking for a beautiful spot like this to take my Mom and girls to. I only recently learned of this gem and hope and pray they are able to stay open. Please consider their solution.

Dori Ruble

From: YAY NOVELTY <info@yaynovelty.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 9:54 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sunchea Phou
Street Address: 22723 Grip Rd
City: Sedro Woolley
State: WA 98284

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am writing to respectfully request that Skagit County approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to achieve code compliance. I urge you to consider the industry-accepted solutions submitted by Willowbrook Manor, which are already in use in extreme rural locations.

As a concerned resident and business owner, I urge your immediate action to support Willowbrook. This cherished local venue is at risk of closure and is a vital community asset that enriches Skagit County in many ways.

For years, Willowbrook has served as a unique gathering place, beautifully showcasing the best of our region. It offers a space where residents and visitors can experience the natural beauty, local industry, and distinct flavors that make Skagit County special. The venue has become a cornerstone of our local culture, celebrating our shared heritage and vibrant economy.

Furthermore, Willowbrook consistently demonstrates a strong commitment to our community. The owners have been incredibly generous, organizing efforts to support local charities and causes, which has strengthened community spirit and directly benefited our neighbors. By hosting events and attracting visitors, the venue also boosts the local economy, supports other businesses (including mine), and creates opportunities in the area.

The potential closure of Willowbrook would be a profound loss for our county. We would lose a place that not only drives economic activity but also strengthens our social fabric. It is crucial that we do not allow such a valuable asset to disappear. Businesses like Willowbrook, which contribute so much to our community, deserve the full support of our elected officials.

I respectfully ask you to explore all possible avenues to help and support Willowbrook. Your intervention can make a critical difference in preserving this establishment for future generations to enjoy. Thank you for your time and dedicated service to Skagit County. I look forward to your positive action on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Sunchea Phou

From: Sheryl Nickelson <sherylnickelson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 10:18 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sheryl Nickelson
Street Address: 2300 Pacific St.
City: Bellingham
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This business is a wonderful way to showcase your beautiful valley and draw in more revenue dollars WITHOUT damaging the environment. The owner is invested in taking care of the land and lovingly benefit the farming area. Please find a way to work with this dedicated business owner!

Sheryl Nickelson

From: Maryann Atkins <maryannatkins92@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 4:19 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: MaryAnn Atkins
Street Address: 10124 Collins Rd,
City: sedro woolley
State: wa

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Its not only our counties agricultural roots, but also places like Willowbrook Manor that makes us unique. I know it would be greatly missed if it had to close, and the county would lose out on those tourist tax dollars.

I appreciate the county wanting to keep agritourism in check, but I wonder if established businesses like WB could be looked at differently, especially when they seem to be trying everything they can to be code compliant. Thank you for your time Maryann Atkins

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Becky Willis <beckytravels@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 6:02 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

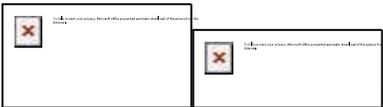
Name: Becky willis
Street Address: 17414 48th Street E
City: lake Tapps
State WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Becky Willis, CCC
Travel Advisor

253-259-6973

<https://www.paradisetravelgroup12.com>



From: Asif Delawalla <asifdelawalla@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 6:20 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Asif Delawalla
Street Address: 1031 Saint James Xing NE
City: Brookhaven
State: GA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

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Sincerely,

Asif Delawalla (he/him/his)
404-428-6866
asifdelawalla@gmail.com

Ameresia Lawlis

From: JJ Taft <jjtaftphotography@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 7:08 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Jana Taft

Street Address: 21298 Clara Place

City: Sedro Woolley 98284

State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

From: Sandra Bonilla <mumsie17@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 8:06 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

From:
Sandra Bonilla
5542 Olson Rd.
Ferndale, WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. Please preserve this beautiful place and the joyful memories it creates.

Sandra Bonilla
mumsie17@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

From: Stephanie Soliz <soliz.stephanie@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 10:05 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Stephanie Soliz
Street Address: 3655 Whitman Ave N
City: Seattle
State: Washington
Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is an incredibly important part of the community which brings in much tourism and money to Skagit Valley. During times like this, it is even more crucial to support women-owned small businesses.

Thank you,
Stephanie

From: Mary Davis <davis.mary@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 10:47 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Mary K Davis
Street Address: 2565 Dexter Ave N #404
City: Seattle
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Part of the allure of Willowbrook Manor to Seattleites like I is the non-commercial environment one enters when visiting there—where it's peaceful and calm. We stayed two nights eating four meals in Sedro-Woolley. We were so impressed with the wooden sculptures around town. And we plan to return. If Willowbrook Manor were to close, I dare say there would be no reason for us to return to Sedro-Woolley. I hope you'll recognize the true value of small businesses like Willowbrook Manor to your entire community and don't lump them in with large commercial enterprises.

Sincerely,

Mary Davis

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Christina White <casimoninc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 11:07 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments - Christina White response

Christina White
239 S. 15th St.
Philomath, OR 97370
503-819-1222

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for the amazing and beautiful Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I lived in Washington for 20 years and currently reside in Oregon (I was a Benton County Planning Commissioner for 5 years and saw similar cases that we made exceptions for in the rural areas of Benton County and it was very successful using code amendments or conditions of approval - CUP).

Professionally, I was a Land Use Planner/Engineer/Project Director for 48 years on many large and small projects in Washington, Oregon, and Colorado (WSU/Vancouver master plan/permitting, fiber optic design and installation across 29 states, permitted and built over 235 wireless sites in WA/OR, preserved and restored over 886 acres of rural wetland properties, permitted and designed 7 large natural gas processing plants and 16 compressor stations in Colorado). My point of telling you this personal history is to let you know that I have decades of land use permitting/zoning experience and thorough understanding of the land use codes and reasonable terms that can be agreed upon for a Conditional Use Permit that should allow Willowbrook Manor to continue operating without additional restrictions. Since Willowbrook Manor is located in such a remote area and brings joy and beauty to the entire community and positive attention to Skagit County, I respectfully ask the Commissioners to approve Willowbrook Manor to continue its current operation and use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or share your concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina White
President, White Engineering Inc. (retired)
503-819-1222

From: donealee@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 11:11 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Donea Weaver
Street Address: 2383 W 5750 S
City: Roy
State: UT

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I'm submitting in support of this ~ Willowbrook Manor is a unique opportunity ~ the tea experience she offers is hard to find, believe me. That she opens her home to share this with fellow tea enthusiasts is special & generous, and whatever needs to happen to make sure she can continue to do this, please help her.

Sincerely,
Donea Weaver

Sent from my iPhone

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Jailene Jewell <jjewell1017@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 11:22 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Jailene Jewell
Street Address: 2531 188th St NE
City: Arlington
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I used to work with Job Corps securing work-bases learning sites for our students, and not only was Terry one of the first businesses to agree to work with us, she was consistently one of the favorites for our students. They found some peace in the safe environment provided there and were able to develop skills that would later allow them to thrive in their chosen forms of employment. Willowbrook Manor is about more than just tourism; it's about community and holding onto the little things that can bring peace.

I ask that you please consider working with Terry and Willowbrook, as I know she's willing to do whatever she can to work with you.

Thank you,

Jailene Jewell

Sent from my iPhone

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Sara Gomez <schangomez@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 11:39 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sara Gomez
Street Address: 11217 W. Goldenspire Dr.
City: Boise
State: ID 83709

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I am a former Snohomish County resident, and still visit friends and family often in the Seattle and Skagit county areas. I have not yet been able to visit the Willowbrook Manor, and certainly hope it won't be forced to close. It is a beautiful and unique venue, and adds to the allure of all Skagit County tourism has to offer (Tulip Festival, gateway to Mt. Baker and North Cascades). Please allow this wonderful business to continue operating by accepting extreme rural location code standards.

Sara Gomez

[Sent from AOL on Android](#)

From: Adam Cartwright <borsteth@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 12:44 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Adam Cartwright
Street Address: 405 E. 3rd Street
City: Arlington
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This business, like many others operating within the bounds of Agritourism, are important, vital touchstones in our community. The memories created by friends and families visiting and patronizing them - these shared stories and experiences - they weave our culture together with a fabric that connects and grounds us within our local society.

Merger and acquisition, industrialization - these are great for concentrating wealth in fewer and fewer hands while simultaneously lowering the quality of goods and services as well as the wages of our citizens employed by them. Not exactly positive effects in our local communities.

A concerned citizen,
Adam Cartwright

From: Carmen Osterhout <cmosterhout@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 2:36 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Carmen Osterhout
Street Address: 1419 Digby Place
City: Mount Vernon
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sent from my iPhone

From: judy niver <janiver@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 2:40 PM
To: PDS comments
Cc: Judy Niver
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Judy Niver

Street Address:1605 /birch Court

City:Mt. Vernon

State:WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I am a frequent visitor to Willowbrook Manor, and I have enjoyed tea there often with family members from CA and Florida, and friends from Seattle. I so appreciate Terry Gifford's superb efforts to make the guests feel at home while she presents a superb tea with delicious food. In addition to her tea events, Willowbrook Manor sponsors private tea parties, corporate events, lodging, and bike tours along the Cascade Trail. She also supports non-profits like the SWAN Foundation to support women and children. And she was the recipient of the Best Bed & Breakfast for the 2025 Best of the Skagit Valley award. It's easy to understand why she is so valued as a Sedro Woolley business owner and resident.

Unfortunately, the proposed code requirements will identify Willowbrook Manor as a full time, in-city establishment. Some of the new requirements will create burdensome expenses and beyond the owner's means. Subsequently, she will be forced to close Willowbrook Manor at the end of May, 2026.

As a result, Sedro Woolley will be losing a valued member of the community and the county at large. I urge you to consider Willowbrook Manor's proposed solutions which have already been submitted.

Thank you.

Judy Niver



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From: Isabelle Brennan <isabellebrennan86@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 3:00 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Isabelle Brennan
11220 S Erie Ave
Tulsa
OK

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I have been a customer of Willowbrook Manor a half dozen times. Each time I go, I enjoy the beauty of the Skagit Valley. When I come for Willowbrook manor I frequent other businesses and would not be in Skagit if it weren't for Willowbrook manor.

Do the right thing.

-Isabelle Brennan (918)691-7346

From: Karen Voss <karenvoss143@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 3:40 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Karen Voss
Street Address: 24412 214th Ave. SE
City: Maple Valley
State:WA. 98038

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

It is a wonderful place to visit, have tea, and be able to spend some time there. It has been a wonderful respite for many people over the years.

Sincerely,
Karen Voss

From: Pamela <pamelawhite34@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 3:40 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:Pamela White
Street Address:54-247 Honomu St
City: Hauula
State:Hi

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. This is a beautiful peaceful location that I would love to come visit with my children and grandchildren. It is away from all the "busy" of life and allows the soul to reset and feel rejuvenated. She makes having tea fun and enjoyable for all ages. And it's wonderful that the herbs come from her garden.

Sincerely, Pamela White

From: Karen Brock <karenbr@provo.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 5:04 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:
Street Address:
City:
State:

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. Willowbrook Manor is a lovely facility that provides opportunity to experience the beauty and magic of the Skagit County and it's agricultural abundance. My family has enjoyed several events and weddings at the venue and have appreciated this opportunity to further enjoy our great Skagit Vally and community.

Thank you,
Karen Johannesen Brock

From: Tammy Caldwell <tammers9271@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 2:18 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Tammy Caldwell
Street Address: 9232 Thunderbird Lane, PO Box 132
City: Concrete
State: WA 98237

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. I have been a resident of Skagit County for over 10 years. I now work in the tourist industry in Skagit County and know how important it is for businesses such as Willowbrook Manor to exist and thrive. Overall it helps all of us to succeed.

Thank you,
Tammy Caldwell:)

From: Karin Brown <kbrown@be.wednet.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 7:08 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:
Street Address:
City:
State:

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a unique and special attraction to Skagit County. I've enjoyed tea there several times and always meet guests who are tourists attracted to the county by the afternoon tea experience. I know it is difficult with so many different businesses and codes. I hope that you will find a way to help this special place be able to stay in business.

Thank you for your time,
Karin Brown

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From: Karla Aylen <rkaylen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 8:04 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Karla Aylen
Street Address: 8005 Avalon place
City: mercer island
State: Wa

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Sent from my iPhone

Ameresia Lawlis

From: gabber2@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 8:45 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Gayle Berry
3634 W 225th St
Torrance, CA 90505

Dear Skagit County Commissioners:

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extremely rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

The Manor brings local residents as well as tourists year-round, with the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival being especially a draw to the agricultural area. The Manor is well-kempt both indoors and outdoors and is a special place for friends new and old to enjoy delicious afternoon tea and sandwiches.

I live in the Los Angeles area, and have been to several tea places, even being served in the best hotels. Still, Willowbrook Manor remains my favorite place for afternoon tea due to its welcoming outdoor and indoor environments that are beyond compare. In 2022, 3 of us traveled from California and met our dear friend who lives on Samish Island at Willowbrook Manor. It really is a special place and being in a rural setting makes it unique and charming.

I hope to return to the Skagit Valley next year to Willowbrook Manor, afternoon tea and sandwiches, and tulips. Please assist and approve Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant.

Thank you,
Gayle Berry

From: Natalya Kinder <natalya_kinder@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 9:00 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Natalya Kinder
Street Address: 171 E Pirates Creek Rd
City: Shelton
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. Keeping Willowbrook Manor open give folks opportunity to experience family like setting services that have been long forgotten in America.
This past May I had a privilege to celebrate my 50th birthday it was such a great experience to sit with my sisters and other women in my life over a fancy cup of tea. Please approve the request so others may enjoy Willowbrook Manor. Our plan is to have my 51st birthday there as well.

Thank you.
Respectfully,
Natalya Kinder

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From: Kimberlie Brayman <kimbraymanart@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 10:12 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Kim Brayman Name:

Street Address:12423 Timber Lane

City:Sedro Woolley

State:WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. Businesses in rural settings have different needs than those in urban environments. This type of business brings business to the county and should be encouraged.

From: Deborah Prosser <deborahcprosser@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 10:56 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Deborah and Thomas Prosser
Street Address: 1383 Woods Point Loop
City: Ferndale
State:WA 98248

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a very special place and plays an important role with our family and neighbors. We attend their high teas at least twice each year. We have introduced family, friends and neighbors to the beautiful events.

We ask that you make every accommodation possible to allow Willowbrook Manor to continue its current operations. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further input. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Deborah Prosser and Thomas Prosser
Loyal Willowbrook Manor Guests

From: Stephanie Cannon <sgnoel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 11:08 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Stephanie Cannon
Street Address: 730 Ferry St
City: Sedro Woolley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Thank you,
Stephanie

From: Dan Anne Long <daettlong@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 9:18 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Anne Long
Street Address: 23867 Swede Creek Ln
City: Sedro-Woolley
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Small rural businesses should not be forced out of business through city code enforcement when they do not have access to city community services.

A business like Willowbrook tea house, does not take away from agriculture land. If forced to close & sell it would return to being a family home and there would be no net gain of agricultural land; although it could result in the loss of the chamomile tea plant fields. It does enhance tourists understanding of agriculture.

I support both agriculture and small rural businesses that do not remove agricultural land in Skagit county.

Your consideration in this matter is appreciated,

Anne Long

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From: Trisha Woolley <jesseandtrisha@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 6:44 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Trisha Woolley
Street Address: 337 Twelve Oaks Dr
City: Winter Springs
State: FL

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. Willowbrooke Manor is such a huge part of the community, bringing people together. It would be just devastating for them to have to close. Please keep them open, we LOVE them!

Thank you for your consideration.

-Trisha Woolley

Sent from my iPhone

From: doulou1971@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 7:22 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Donna Eddings
Street Address: 150 N Murdock Street A 105
City: Sedro Woolley
State: Wa

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

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From: Hildy Radke <hildyradke@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 11:15 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:Hildy Radke
Street Address:1901 Cedar Springs Lane
City:Anacortes
State:WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. Let's keep Willowbrook Manor open!
Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Barry Uhde <sharon.uhde@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 11:31 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sharon Uhde
Street Address: 12029 Prairie Ridge Drive East
City: Bonney Lake
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

From: Paul Erickson <paul@ericksonstudio.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 12:14 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Paul R. Erickson
Street Address: 1178 E Coyote Creek Way
City: San Tan Valley
State: Arizona

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is my client -- I am their web developer. The owner, Ms Terry Gifford, is like family to me and my family. Last year she invited my entire family to visit in July 2024 and stay for a week. She invited us knowing we had a difficult year before and wanted to give us a place to decompress, relax, and renew. We helped with building her parade float for the Sedro-Woolley Independence Day Parade. My wife and kids sat on the float having tea and waving to the crowds. I rode on one of the Bike Tour e-bikes in circles around the float. We had a blast! We helped with serving tea as well, and clearly, people love Willowbrook Manor.

All that to say Terry Gifford and Willowbrook Manor are the sweetest people and clearly loved in the community, and a positive contributor to the community as well. Please...allow Willowbrook Manor to continue as-is.

Thank you kindly,
Paul Erickson

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From: Michaun Asher <michaun.morris@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 12:27 PM
To: PDS comments; Commissioners
Subject: Willowbrook Manor

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to allow Willowbrook Manor to continue operating. Agriculture and tourism may not always seem like natural partners, but Willowbrook is a rare and important example of how they can complement one another. This unique place allows people to truly immerse themselves in our agricultural landscape, experiencing its beauty and importance firsthand, while being welcomed with the warm hospitality that Willowbrook is known for.

In doing so, Willowbrook serves as an ambassador for our valley — showcasing the lifeblood of our community through contained and respectful tourism. Visitors leave with not only an appreciation for the land, but also a deeper connection to the people and culture that sustain it.

This gem belongs in our Valley. It enriches the lives of residents, draws thoughtful tourism that supports other local businesses, and demonstrates that agriculture and community hospitality can thrive side by side. I ask that you recognize its value and ensure Willowbrook Manor continues to operate as part of the cultural and economic fabric of Skagit County.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Michaun Asher

465 Crested Butte Boulevard
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

From: Jo Anne <joannexyz@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 4:50 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Jo Anne Garaffa-McCabe
Street Address: 1427 100th St SW Unit #161
City: Everett
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

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From: pecaswell@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 5:01 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Phyllis Caswell
Street Address: 6909 – 37th Avenue SW
City: Seattle
State: Washington 98126

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a very unique and charming business. What is offered is not duplicated by any other business in the area. The warmth and affection for this venue by both the customer and the business owner is very special and has

grown over the years Willowbrook Manor has been in business. To have Willowbrook Manor close would be a great loss to the community as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration.

From: Amy Alexander <mrs.amyalexander@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 8:21 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Amy Lorraine Alexander
1100 S 25th St
Mount Vernon
WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

From: Jeannine bannick <zorrothecat@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 8:33 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:jeannine Bannick
Street Address:9017 NE 145th Pl
City:Kenmore
State:WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

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From: Sean Petersmark <spetersmark@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 9:20 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sean Petersmark
Street Address: 2910 Firwood Lane, Unit 212
City: Mount Vernon
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Additionally, I am dishearten to hear the slogan "Big A, little T," in reference to fears of agritourism "swallowing" up farmland. I strongly believe that agritourism will be a foundational asset to our economy, *not* something we should downgrade. Moreover, it is a strategy that can work in conjunction with agriculture (it's in the name). Tourism allows us protect our places while proudly showing it off to tourists. Overtourism is real but with planning we can set parameters for healthy visitation numbers.

In the context of Willowbrook, I am sadden to see a long-term community pillar become penalized for being positioned for Tourism, to bring money into our community by proudly showing off our history of agriculture. I hope we can find common ground to assist these economic focal points become code compliant.

Sincerely,

Sean Petersmark

From: hailee job <haileejob97@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 10:10 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:Hailee Job
Street Address: 2003 Aaron Dr
City:Lynden
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

In a time when community means everything, and building a connection between our friends and memories that last a life time- places like this need to be held sacred, and taken care of, and looked after.

From: Jean Bays <jeanbays@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 4:09 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Jean Bays
Street Address: 1894 Governor Rd.
City: Bellingham
State: WA 98229

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I wholeheartedly support this small business and have enjoyed attending teas at Willowbrook.

Sincerely,
Jean Bays

Sent from my iPhone

From: Dessa Dal Porto <ddalporto@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 8:11 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Dessa Dal Porto
Street Address: 1st Ave NE
City: Seattle
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. I have come up to the area to visit on multiple occasions and believe that Willowbrook Manor embodies a rare combination of tourism and agriculture; isn't that exactly what Skagit county is trying to develop. I hope you will offer Willbrook Manor a path towards compliance as I believe shutting it down would be a disservice to the community and all of us who have come up to visit the special place and enjoyed the beautiful Skagit County surroundings.

I hope to hear from you.

Thank you,

Dessa Dal Porto (ddalporto@gmail.com) 509-989-9745

From: Andriette Hall <andriette.hall@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 9:25 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Andriette Hall:
City: Maple Valley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I believe that Willowbrook Manor is a gift to the Skagit County area, not only for the locals in the county, but also for people like me who are willing to drive to enjoy the beautiful space, scenery and tea experience.

Sincerely,
Andriette Hall

From: Kevin Murphy <kevin@ortts.com>
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 10:13 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Kevin Murphy
Street Address: 1618 Alhambra Blvd., Ste. 161717
City: Sacramento
State: CA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners:

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

My company, Open Roads, specializes in providing accessible tour experiences for small senior adult groups to the West Coast and Pacific Northwest. Many of these tours visit agricultural regions in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys of California and similar regions in Oregon and Washington. Earlier this year, my company brought 27 senior adults from central California to your county for the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival. This tour included a visit to Willowbrook Manor. The tour also included a two night stay at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Burlington, occupying 18 rooms each night, contributing to the county's transient occupancy tax income as well the economic health of businesses used by my group members, including restaurants and attractions like Willowbrook Manor.

Without access to unique attractions like Willowbrook Manor to include in my itinerary, my group might have decided to visit other destinations known for its agritourism opportunities; communities that delicately balance agricultural and tourism but embrace the economic benefits of both. According to [Choose Washington](#), the Washington State Chamber of Commerce, every tourism dollar spent in Washington generates a benefit of \$1.36. I estimate my group members individually spent approximately \$700 per person during their three days in Skagit County. This translates to an economic benefit of \$252 per person, or \$6,804 for the group. Further, this benefit came with minimal impact to the community. Instead of a large number of cars traveling along county roads, my group traveled in one fuel efficient motorcoach.

I urge the commission to carefully weigh its policy decisions with the impacts to the community at large. Rural tourism provides proven economic benefits for residents and businesses with minimal investments.

Respectfully,

Kevin

Kevin Murphy, CIG, CTP
Owner



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From: Matthew Rosenthal <matthew@hotelservicesgroup.com>
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 11:34 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Matthew Rosenthal
1111 Cleveland Ave
Mount Vernon, Waa 98273
State:

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Thank you

Matthew Rosenthal
Director of Brand Standards & Special Projects



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Mount Vernon, WA 98273
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Fax Number: (360) 404-2055
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From: shirley@vacantisw.com
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 11:39 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Shirley Vacanti
Street Address: 2513 Oregon Ave
City: Anacortes
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

We have lived in Anacortes for 11 years now and have found Willowbrook to be a delightful business in this area. I would be very sad to see a small agritourist businesses being shut down for what seems to be an unfair requirement.

Thank you for your attention to this and we are hoping you give support to our small businesses in this area,.

Sincerely,
Shirley Vacanti

From: Adam Andreasen <AdamA@hotelservicesgroup.com>
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 11:41 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Adam Andreasen
Street Address: 1111 Cleveland Ave, Ste 201
City: Mount Vernon
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I recently visited Willowbrook Manor and was struck by how unique it was, we're lucky to have a wonderful business like this in our backyard.

I can also appreciate the need to bring businesses up to date on standards - however, in my experience with business *one size does not fit all*.

I hope that you'll reconsider using cookie-cutter rules, our county is *not* cookie-cutter, we need to support small businesses with common sense approach!

Thanks
Adam



Adam Andreasen
Director of People and Culture

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From: Kristen Keltz <kristen@visitskagitvalley.com>
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 12:41 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Kristen Keltz
Street Address: 419 W Gates Street
City: Mount Vernon, WA 98273
State: Washington
Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am writing in strong support of **Willowbrook Manor English Manor and Teahouse** and to respectfully ask the County to approve a reasonable path for this business to become code compliant.

Willowbrook Manor embodies the very essence of agritourism. At its core, it is a working farm that continues to cultivate the land while inviting visitors to experience agriculture in a meaningful, authentic way. By showcasing farming practices, celebrating the rural lifestyle, and welcoming guests into a true agritourism experience, Willowbrook has become an important and irreplaceable piece of Skagit County's tourism landscape.

We hope you can find a path forward that will not put Willowbrook out of business but rather allow them to continue contributing to both our agricultural economy and tourism sector. The Manor has submitted **industry-accepted solutions already in use in extremely rural locations;** through the VCA process. We respectfully ask that these be given serious consideration as viable options for compliance.

Skagit County has long been proud of its agricultural heritage. Supporting Willowbrook Manor's compliance in a reasonable and flexible way will ensure that this legacy continues—preserving farmland, strengthening agritourism, and maintaining the vibrancy of our rural communities.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and leadership.

Sincerely,

Kristen Keltz
CEO
Skagit Tourism Bureau
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Mount Vernon, WA 98273
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Ameresia Lawlis

From: Amy <amy0123wa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 1:27 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Amy Spain
Street Address: 13799 Olympic Drive SE
City: Olalla
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I understand the need to preserve agricultural land, but Willowbrook Manor is agriculture and a residence and a visitor destination. Rural locations should not be expected to have the same requirements as in-city establishments as the traffic and risks are completely different.

A combined agri-tourism visitor destination is also a rare and valued asset worth preserving. Willowbrook Manor is doing everything possible to comply but needs support from the County to maintain her business model.

I hope you will consider the value of this wonderful visitor asset in Skagit County and work with Willowbrook Manor to allow their continued operations.

Amy Spain

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Kim Grayson <graysonjk@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 1:51 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Kimberly Grayson
Street Address: 2215 Lake Park Dr
City: Anacortes
State: Wa

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This is a wonderful unique farm business that should be allowed and supported. Tourism is important to our communities as well. Support the farmers!

Thank you,
Kim Grayson

From: Jenny Seay <seabird78@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 3:57 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

As a past patron of Willowbrook Manor, I can personally affirm that the services and amenities being offered at this business are second to none, and it would be a shame if Terry Gifford was not allowed to continue providing her tea experiences and overnight stay accommodations to those who would enjoy them.

She has truly created a unique business that adds value to your area, and I would like to see that continue.

I know I am not alone in this, and I hope you will take my note and the notes of others who believe in Willowbrook Manor as you consider Terry's request to implement the code solutions she proposed.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Warmly,

Jenny Seay
8931 Ravenna Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115

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From: Robbi Denman <vibranthealthmassage@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 4:45 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. The proprietor, Terry Gifford and SOOOO Pro community and brings so much to your region! I live ninety minutes south yet continue to go back to her manor for a variety of functions - plus by going there I was introduced to the lovely Cascade Trail and have enjoyed going to Concrete and really, just driving through the lovely countryside with amazing views of mountains and our amazing Pacific Northwest trees! Please be reasonable, compassionate and judicial and truly consider her well thought out efforts at a solution to satisfy your requests. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Roberta J. Denman
827 Lake Street South, Unit 204
Kirkland, WA 98033

From: sarvis4916@comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, October 4, 2025 8:52 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

I agree that preserving farmland is essential and many codes need updating. However I request that Willowbrook Manor and other specialty niche rural small businesses not be required to upgrade to the same degree as full time in city establishments. Please consider approval of the industry accepted solutions used in extreme rural locations submitted by Terry Gifford of Willowbrook Manor to become compliant. Thank you.

Paddy Sarvis
4916 Doon Way
Anacortes, WA 98221
360-421-1853

Sent from my iPhone

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Mary Schmidt <maryjschmidt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 4, 2025 11:10 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Mary Schmidt
Street Address: 758 154th Place NE
City: Bellevue
State: vWA 98007

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

From: Bruce Lavers <PCO323Lavers@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 4, 2025 12:37 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Bruce W Lavers
Street Address: 521 Timberland Loop
City: Mount Vernon
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a small business providing a service to Skagit Valley citizens and tourists that should be protected from over-burdensome regulations. They are what Skagit Valley should aspire to as an Agritourism attraction.

Kind Regards and Sincerely,
Bruce Lavers

From: Sue Muff <southernbelle143@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 5, 2025 1:19 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Sue Muff
21310 Rolling Pl.
Sedro Woolley
Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent challenges being placed upon Terry Gifford and her small farm business, Willowbrook Farm. Her beautiful home and property, reminiscent of a European Castle, have become a cherished part of our community. Through her creativity, hard work, and vision, she has built something truly unique: a small romantic, boutique-style farm where visitors can enjoy tea made from the Chamomile she grows herself, attend intimate tea parties, stay at her bed and breakfast, and, in summer experience the joy of Glamping and exploring local trails by bikes that she provides.

This is a jewel of a business, not a large commercial enterprise. It is a labor of love and a way for her to support herself by offering something rare in today's world, a peaceful retreat where people can slow down, reconnect, and make memories. She is offering many things to our town of Sedro Woolley. Her business brings visitors to Skagit County who, in turn, support other local businesses, restaurants, shops and attractions.

She embodies the very spirit of what makes our country so special: authenticity, beauty, and a deep connection to the land which has given us this great nation!

It would be a tremendous loss for our community if she were forced out of business simply because she cannot meet the same regulatory requirements designed for large-scale commercial farms. Not all farms are alike, and a one-size-fits-all approach risks stifling the small, creative ventures that give our country it's distinctive charm and character.

I respectfully urge you to consider flexibility and fairness for small, boutique operations like Willowbrook Manor. Please allow her to continue her work, which not only sustains her livelihood but also enriches the lives of those who visit, or call Skagit County home.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration. I trust that you share our community's appreciation for the diversity and heart that make this region thrive. While some regulations regarding our precious farmland, which is unique, must be made, please make sure they don't hurt the smaller enterprises.

Warm regards,

Sue Muff

From: Teresa Floreano Goertz <tessawriter@tessafloreano.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 5, 2025 11:31 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Teresa Floreano Goertz
Street Address: 28919 NE 34th Ct, Redmond, WA 98053
City: Redmond
State: WA State

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

My husband and I are great fans of Terry and the wonderful hospitality she provides at the Manor. Her tea parties are really a community service, bringing people from all walks of life together to enjoy some relaxation, good tea, good food, and companionship, which is much-needed and appreciated in this rat-race world of ours. We have also been overnight guests and know what a burden the additional code amendments would have on a small rural business such as hers, so we ask that you not place her in an untenable position to potentially lose her livelihood over extreme measures that she will not be in a financial position to undertake and uphold.

Thank you,
Teresa and Jason Goertz

From: Christine Critchley <critchleychristine@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 5, 2025 3:01 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Christine Critchley
Street Address: 710 Dunlop Ave
City: Sedro Woolley
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I have known Terry, the owner of Willowbrook Manor, for many years and know that she has thoroughly researched and studied to find a solution that would meet your requirements and also be feasible for a small business. I would ask that you think outside the box and allow the agritourism businesses to continue. I believe these businesses do not take away from agriculture but support and bring attention to the importance of small, family farms.

Willowbrook Manor is a unique experience that attracts people from outside the valley and the state. I know of many people who make tea time at Willowbrook a tradition. As a grandmother, I am always looking for experiences to share with my grandchildren instead of buying objects. Making unreasonable demands on Willowbrook Manor and other agricultural/tourism businesses will take away opportunities for people to enjoy unique and fun experiences. Over decades Terry has been a contributor to many charitable causes; using her business to promote, raise money, and awareness for local charities and entities that assist the needy in our community. If she has to close these groups may potentially lose some of their financial support.

Please look at Willowbrook solutions with an open mind and consider that agritourism does not have to take away from promoting agriculture.

Sincerely,

Christine Critchley

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From: Heidi B <hishmom@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 6:34 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Heidi Bigelow
Street Address: 15128 Baker Heights Road
City: Mount Vernon
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

I discovered this business when I moved to Skagit County two years ago and I immediately fell in love with such a beautiful, wholesome, positive, and unique community-building endeavor. In my two years here, I've attended four of Willowbrook's teas and invited local friends and family and more distant friends to join me each time I attend. Visiting the magical Willowbrook instantly became a cherished tradition where I can take a break from the pressures of the world to reconnect with loved ones in a beautiful place that feels like another time.

Willowbrook provides an essential service to our community and has helped me make lasting friendships and feel like a true member of our unique community when I visit and make special memories and spend time with Terry and her wonderful local staff.

Terry is an inspiration and her love for her business and property has inspired my own love for it. She is a true treasure and has built a beautiful business. Please allow her to continue working her magic and touching lives through her love of gathering friends around a pot of tea in her beautiful home.

Thank you very much for your serious consideration of this request.

Best wishes,
Heidi Bigelow

From: Mary Hancock <hancock.m@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 2:54 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. The Manor provides a unique way for people to visit and appreciate and enjoy the farmland in Skagit Valley and the bounty it provides to our region. Your proposed code changes will put them out of business unless you accept their solutions. Please, please consider them carefully.

Name: Mary Hancock
Address: 2562 Norway Rd
City: Ferndale
State: WA
Phone: 360-380-4126

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From: Ivy Hammond <ivyhammond@live.com>
Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 3:25 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Ivy Hammond
Street Address: 14210 61st Ave SE
City: Everett
State: Washington

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Thank you,

Ivy Hammond

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From: Simon Tufnell <simontufnell@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 5:01 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Simon Tufnell
Street Address: 1711 242nd St SE
City: Bothell
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. I think that Willowbrook Manor is worth saving, having been there and thoroughly enjoyed the unique experience they offer.

Simon

Ameresia Lawlis

From: Carole Scanes <carolescanes@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 7:36 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Carole Scanes
Street Address: 7759 Cully Lane
City: Sedro- Woolley
State: Wa 98284

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. The Manor is such a welcome addition to Skagit County. Terry's Manor has added culture and class to Sedro-Woolley.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Roberta Nelson <robnel574@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 2:20 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Roberta Nelson
23105 Bassett Road
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284-8712

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

These small businesses are essential to our community. Willowbrook Manor has contributed only positive recognition for Sedro-Woolley. Terry Gifford is a tireless supporter of our town and county.

Thank you for your consideration.
Roberta Nelson

From: Ilse Hill <IlseHill@hotelservicesgroup.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 10:14 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Ilse Hill
Street Address: 1600 S Burlington Blvd.
City: Burlington
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. Terry has provided something different in a very rural area that she has been able to keep running, Willowbrook is a staple in Sedro-Wolley and to take away from this community a name that is familiar in Skagit county would do you a disservice, not only is it a part of tourism but it just is part of the community. Please consider her request to continue to keep Willowbrook alive.

Thank you,

Ilse Hill

From: lori.daniels@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 1:51 PM
To: PDS comments
Cc: lori.daniels@comcast.net
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Hello, I am writing on behalf of Willowbrook Manor and the proposed Agritourism Code Amendments. Willowbrook Manor is a hidden gemstone on Sedro Wooley and over the years, has provided many charity oriented events as well. Terry Gifford, the proprietor of the Manor has resided in Sedro Wooley for many years and build a reputation for giving back to the community and adding to the cultural heritage.

My understanding is that Ms. Gifford has both researched and submitted to the county a creative commercial water system that would be cost-effective and bring Willowbrook Manor into compliance, with an egress proposal ready to submit to the county.

During the public comment window. I would request that you please approve the industry-accepted solutions used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor to become compliant. Albeit they may look different from the urban businesses with which the county is familiar in establishing codes.

I would ask that you consider Ms. Gifford's proposal or risk her losing her business. Thank you for your consideration, Lori Daniels

Lori Daniels
8770 Charel Drive
Blaine, WA 98230

From: Kay <kmado@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 4:50 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Kay Evans and Tommy Gibson
Street Address: 5767 Silverstar Road
City: Bellingham
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

After my mother dying, and my cousin who lived with us dying, two months apart we felt the need to get away and have some time to decompress, relax, and get our mind off things. Willowbrook Manor was the perfect anecdote. We had a delightful two night stay, enjoyed high tea and then a movie in Concrete.

We were able to return home to Bellingham refreshed and ready to continue the tasks needed to settle their estates. It was not the first time we were able to enjoy a visit to the Manor and Skagit County and we are looking forward to your working together to find a solution so it won't be our last.

Sincerely,

Tommy Gibson and Kay Evans

From: Katharina Black <katblack54321@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 9, 2025 11:07 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:Katharina Black
Street Address:3379 Deer Trails Lane
City:Bow
State:WA
Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to respectfully to request the County's consideration and approval of alternative, industry-accepted solutions for Willowbrook Manor in Sedro Woolley, in Skagit County.

As you are aware, many remote and sparsely populated areas of our county face significant logistical and economic challenges in meeting standard code requirements that were primarily designed for more urban or suburban settings. These challenges often include lack of access to municipal utilities, transportation constraints, limited infrastructure, and increased costs associated with traditional compliance pathways. Willowbrook Manor has conquered some of these challenges and has been successfully serving the county in a positive way for a number of years.

The solutions noted have been successfully implemented in other jurisdictions and are backed by relevant codes, certifications, and third-party evaluations. We are confident they can be responsibly integrated into our county's policies to improve livability, economic opportunity, and resilience in our rural communities.

Willowbrook Manor's owner Terry Gifford has been very conscientious about the impact of her business to herself as well as to our community. Terry has started a business out of necessity for her and her family. Terry has evolved the establishment to be an ongoing support donor with a diverse outreach in her community to thrive in varied ways. If your office could present case studies, supporting data, and technical documentation for the proposed alternatives of how Willowbrook Manor has affected our community that would be interesting. Our goal is to collaborate on pathways that support both regulatory compliance and practical feasibility for rural residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. I appreciate your commitment to serving all residents of Skagit County, including those in our most remote areas.

Sincerely,
Katharina Black

Patron of Willowbrook Manor

From: Carolyn Coursen <carolyncoursen@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 9, 2025 1:50 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Carolyn Coursen
Street Address: 835 N Osborne Ave
City: Janesville
State: Wisconsin

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor has been a wonderful addition to the County. It draws many visitors who enjoy the beauty of the area, and enjoy the product of the chamomile farm.

The owner is a gracious, hardworking person who involves herself in, and supports many community endeavors. She is well respected in the county for her business and agricultural proficiency.

Her tea manor is a beautiful place to visit. Many enjoy the lavish teas that are served there. It would a great loss to the community if it were to close.

Sincerely
Carolyn Coursen

From: Kate Nims <thebirdmam@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2025 12:31 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name:Kathryn Nims
Street Address:235 Pinecrest Dr
City:Henderson
State:TN

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. As a 74 year resident of WA who recently moved I can say I enjoyed Willowbrook Teahouse and hope with future visits to WA I will be able to continue visiting there.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Phil Morrison <kenphil2020@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2025 3:20 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Philip Morrison
4108 SE. Camano Dr.
Camano Island
WA 98282

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This is an amazing and beautiful addition to Skagit Valley

Respectfully,

Philip Morrison

From: Phil Morrison <kenphil2020@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2025 3:22 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Possible Spam: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Ken Mu
371 W. Palm St.
Altadena, CA 91001

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,
I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Thank you,

Ken Mu

From: Bobbie <musicreboot.78@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2025 5:04 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Willowbrook Manor Support

October 12, 2025

Dear Skagit County Commissioners: Lisa Janicki

Peter Browning and

Ron Wesson

RE: Willowbrook Manor Code Compliance Proposals

I am writing this letter to urge your approval of proposals for code compliance with Skagit County Water and Access Codes, as submitted by Terry Gifford on behalf of Willowbrook Manor.

Willowbrook Manor is a working farm located in a very rural area of Skagit County, surrounded by other working farms and farmland. Willowbrook Manor supplements its income by hosting a very limited number of guests, who typically wish to experience “life on a working farm and farm to table cuisine.” Due to Willowbrook’s location on land governed by the 2001 Skagit River Instream Flow Rule, it is unique among agritourism venues. It is also very different from other commercial businesses which either have water rights or city water. Established in 2018, Willowbrook Manor’s goal is to maintain its focus on farming and the future of farming in Skagit County. To this end, it will protect its unique, intimate, limited availability to guests.

The proposals Willowbrook submitted are for industry-approved industrial or commercial ventures where city water is not available. The proposals are environmentally sound, meet health guidelines, contribute to the economy, are cost-effective, and will help to preserve and support precious farms and farmlands while complying with county codes. Approval of Willowbrook Manor’s proposals will make it feasible financially for Willowbrook Manor to continue in its vital role of agritourism in Skagit County.

In my opinion, it would be a huge loss to your county if Willowbrook Manor should have to close because it could not financially afford to meet commercial-oriented county codes directed at larger urban businesses, when other industry-approved solutions were available. Willowbrook Manor supports your county's goals regarding farming in many ways. It supplies and purchases farm product from other farmers in the area; it hires and pays local workers, who then spend money within the county; provides educational information and experiences regarding farming and the future of farming, as well as, farm to table cuisine to guests, homeless children, members of Boys and Girls Clubs; participates in community events, such as The Skagit Tulip Festival; provides work-based learning for job corps students; and opens the Manor for Community Fund Raising.

Again, I strongly urge you to approve Willowbrook Manor's proposals for code compliance. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Barbara A. Block, PH.D.

3203 S Hilltop Avenue

Lakeland, FL 33803

863-430-7976

"Those Who Wish to Sing, Will always Find A Song". Swedish Proverb

Barbara A Block, Ph.D.

Artist/Educator

From: Angela Pagendarm <angelatang20@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2025 10:13 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Angie Pagendarm
Street Address: 3116 164th St SW Apt 502
City: Lynnwood
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

If there was a tried and true representation of a community and supporting local farms and businesses, it would be in Skagit County. If a breath of fresh air and peace has a name, we'd call it Willowbrook Manor.

I venture to Willowbrook Manor very regularly, at least 4-5 times a year, at least once a season (yes, even during the busy Tulip times). What brings me back to Willowbrook Manor and Skagit County over and over again is the sweet escape it provides from suburban life. Coming up to Skagit and hitting all of my favorite small farms and businesses after having some tea at Willowbrook Manor completes my weekend and replenishes both my soul and my commitment to spending money where it matters: locally.

While Skagit County is famous for its flowing Tulip fields in the month of April, its beauty is not everlasting. The other months of the year would need an enticing attraction for visitors to sit awhile, stay, enjoy the serenity that the county has to offer, and to make them want to come back again and again. Willowbrook Manor does just that.

In the last 1-2 years that I've been consistently going to Willowbrook Manor through the myriad of seasons, I have seen familiar faces that come for comfort, but I have also seen an influx of new people drawn to the magic of Skagit County and the Manor. I have flipped through the guest book and seen signatures from within the county, from outside the county like myself, and many from out of state. Not only is this influx of people good for Terry and all at Willowbrook Manor, it is also beneficial to the county itself economically as these individuals drive through Skagit County to see what beauty it has to offer. And, I would be willing to bet that they had spent their money where it matters the most: locally.

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. To take away this reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor is sure to lead to a negative cascading effect on the finances and economy that's contributed by the visitors to Willowbrook Manor and Skagit County.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to joining the meeting on Tuesday.

Sincerely,
Angie Pagendarm

From: Anna Vail <anna-bennett1@live.com>
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 9:32 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Anna Vail
Street Address: 20805 Carolann Placr
City: Burlington
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor. We need Agritourism businesses withing Skagit County that bring culture and tourism dollars into our communities outside of just tulip season. Willowbrook Manor is a part of this community and should be provided a path to remain open.

Sincerely,
Anna Vail

From: Sarah Arnstein <sarahearnstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 10:45 AM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Sarah Arnstein
Street Address: 2882 E Badger Rd
City: Everson
State: WA

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

This tea house means a lot to my fiance and me because it was one of the first places we visited when we moved to Washington. The owner was incredibly welcoming and just chatting with her felt like a welcome to our new home. Now, it's somewhere we look forward to visiting each year to see the people that first made us feel like we belonged. It would genuinely be devastating to see Willowbrook Manor close. Not to mention the local farm stands and businesses we get to support on our drive down from Everson.

Thank you for your time,
Sarah

From: johnecakes@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 10:05 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Ann Parker
40515 Pressentin Road
Concrete, WA 98237

Dear Skagit County Commissioners, I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

Just as there are different people wanting varying experiences of rural/agriculture life, so should there be flexibility of the codes. Willowbrook is a wonderful place to experience. It provided an afternoon of "high tea" for me, my daughter and granddaughter that still brings smiles to our faces. For a small endeavor there has to be practicality. I would be saddened to learn that this venue has been regulated out of existence.

Thank you,

Ann Parker

From: Leif Simonsen <ljsimonsen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 7:28 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Leif Simonsen
Street Address: 9509 NE 140th St
City: Kirkland
State: WA 98034

Dear Skagit County Commissioners,

I am asking for the county to approve a reasonable path for Willowbrook Manor to become code compliant. Please consider the industry-accepted solutions already used in extreme rural locations submitted by Willowbrook Manor.

From: lynn faherty <lynn.faherty65@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 12:22 PM
To: PDS comments
Subject: Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

Name: Lynn. Faherty
Street Address: 355 Stillaguamish Pl, La Conner, WA 98257
City:
State:

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I ask that the commissioners find reasonable ways that this small farm and others be included in our rich diversity of options for us to partake and benefit from. Skagit County has been known for promoting small businesses that showcase what this valley has to offer and create community during these events. Thank you for your help, I speak for many of my friends and family. Lynn and Joe Faherty

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I love the manor and even wrote a Yelp review with a few photos. While there, I even witnessed a proposal - it's a wonderful place and a wonderful addition to your county's tourism options. I sincerely hope that you can find a way to meet both your and Willowbrook's needs.

P.S I use a post office box as my apartment building routinely has the central mailbox broken into ... I no longer pick up mail from my apartment complex.

Sincerely and respectfully - Barb Bailey