City of Sammamish

2012 Environmentally Critical Area Regulations Update

Planning Commission – Success Statement

Project Description:

The City of Sammamish is engaging in an update to the Sammamish Environmentally Critical Areas (ECA) Regulations, consistent with the requirements of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.70A. The update will focus on a list of “Known Topics” identified by the Sammamish City Council and any amendments arising from review of Best Available Science (BAS).

Defining Project Success:

The Planning Commission has been tasked with generating a recommendation to the City Council regarding updates to the ECA regulations. The Planning Commission has identified the following standards for use in determining success:

1. The process should be transparent and fair.
2. Public outreach will occur frequently and using a variety of media types so that interested parties have the chance to participate.
3. All participants will have a chance to comment on the proposed regulations in a productive and efficient manner.
4. Public meetings are conducted in a manner consistent with the “Participation and Conduct Statement”.
5. The focus of the update shall primarily be those items that support the list of “known Topics”.
6. The update will meet state law requirements, including utilizing Best Available Science to inform the review.
7. The regulations should be easy to read and implement.
8. The Planning Commission’s submission to the City Council contains a statement of facts pertinent other ECA update, a summary of viewpoints received by the Commission during the public comment process, and a set of recommended amendments to the regulations along with the reasoning behind those recommendations.
9. The Commissions process and products should be sufficient such that the City Council is able to take action on the recommendation without the need for substantial further research or fact-finding work.

10. Every attempt will be made to meet timeframes and the Council approval schedule.

*Adopted by the Planning Commission on March 1, 2012*