Corrected Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) and Adoption of Existing Environmental Documents

Description of proposal: Environmentally Critical Areas Amendments to Sammamish Municipal Code

Sammamish is updating its environmentally critical areas (ECA) development code, chapter 21A.50, and related chapters. Subsequent to adoption of the ECA revision, a limited scope Shoreline Master Program (SMP) amendment may be completed to incorporate the revisions into the City’s SMP. Critical areas include wetlands, streams and other fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, frequently flooded areas, geologically hazardous areas, and aquifer recharge areas. The updated ordinance sets standards and criteria for development or other activities proposed in and around critical areas. Amendments address allowed development standards, buffer requirements and mitigation provisions. Proposed critical area code amendments are developed based on a review of the best available science (BAS) as required by state law, while balancing other state requirements and community goals. The BAS process requires the city to develop a public record of the scientific information, analysis and options related to each critical areas type. This information is being considered in the development of the revised code language.

This notice corrects the deadline for comments on the proposed legislative action.

Proponent: City of Sammamish, Community Development Department

Location of proposal: Amendments to the ECA affect the entire city, with the exception of the areas within Shoreline jurisdiction (Sammamish, Pine and Beaver Lakes). A subsequent SMP amendment may be submitted to the State of Washington Department of Ecology for approval in order to incorporate the revisions into the City’s SMP. Once an SMP amendment is completed, and approved by the Department of Ecology, the revisions would also apply within Shoreline jurisdiction.

Lead agency: City of Sammamish, Community Development Department

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted in writing and received by the deadline described below.

Titles, Agency, Adoption Dates and Descriptions of documents being adopted:
Documents: Draft and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements for the City of Sammamish Comprehensive Plan. Lead Agency: City of Sammamish Community Development Department. Publication Dates: February 18, 2003 and September 5, 2003. Descriptions: These documents describe, on a programmatic level, the natural and built environmental features, functions, and values located in the City of Sammamish, and the impacts associated with the adoption of the Sammamish Comprehensive Plan, including those impacts on the natural and built environment.

If the documents being adopted have been challenged (WAC 197-11-630), please describe:

N/A

The documents are available to be read at:

City of Sammamish
Community Development Department
801 – 228th Avenue SE
Sammamish, WA 98075
425-295-0500

and on the website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us.

We have identified and adopted these documents as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. In addition to the information in the SEPA environmental checklist including the supplemental sheet for non-project actions; the documents listed above will help meet the environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

Agency adopting the documents: City of Sammamish, Community Development Department

Date of issuance: May 20, 2013

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Date Signature

You may comment on this determination. Send comments to:

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Deadline: Comments must be received at the address above by June 3, 2013 at 5pm per SMC 20.15.070.