



			Flooded Areas	Habitat Conservation Areas
	Best Management Practices	GMA changes since 1998 adoption	Geologically Hazardous Areas	
	Special Review Districts			
	NR Zones & Design Standards			

**Resource Enhancement Program**

- Board of County Commissioners adopts water quality monitoring program.
- Board also merges salmon recovery, non-point pollution planning and grant management responsibilities with new water quality monitoring program in order to ensure a coordinated approach in protecting the environment.
- May, 2006 – Resource Enhancement Program is established and staff is hired to implement (2 employees from Public Works are transferred to Planning and 3 new employees are hired.)
- The new Resource enhancement Program presents a move to ensure that programmatic environmental planning initiatives are properly linked to implementation of regulations and other protection efforts.

**Stream Water Quality**

- Procured equipment
- Developed Quality Assurance Plan
- Identified monitoring locations.
- Groundtruthed monitoring locations.
- Secured private property owner access permission.
- Have been monitoring since September 2006.

**Wetland Water Quality**

- Surface water quality monitoring program doesn't just focus on ditches and streams.
- Also monitoring some wetland water quality.
- Wetlands do not have defined water quality standards – Island County is leading the way on this.

**Lake Water Quality**

- Also monitoring water quality in some lakes.

- Monitoring must occur at appropriate depths in order to capture accurate data.
- Will be leading coordination efforts with other county and state agencies to better protect water quality in our county's lakes

### **Salmon Recovery**

- Continuing the County's role as Lead Entity for salmon recovery in Water Resource Inventory Area 6.
- Ongoing involvement in regional salmon recovery initiatives.
- Providing staff support to Salmon TAG and Water Resource Advisory Committee.

### **Ala Spit Study**

- Island County acquires Ala Spit.
- Salmon Recover Funding Board awards Island County \$150,000 to evaluate methods for protecting Ala Spit in 2005.
- Consultant contracted to perform study.
- 2007 to 2009 Resource Enhancement Program will oversee contract and analysis.
- 2007 fish counting begins

### **Strawberry Point**

- 2006 Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant awarded Island County with \$210,000 to evaluate a six mile stretch of North Whidbey and develop management recommendations.
- An outcropping of the County's Salmon Recovery Plan.

### **Holmes Harbor Shellfish Protection District**

- 2005 – Washington State Department of Health conducts water quality monitoring in south Holmes Harbor.
- May 2006 – DOH releases results which show elevated levels of fecal coliform causing them to close the beaches to shellfish harvest and swimming.
- DOH mandates that the County form a shellfish protection district.
- Planning Department accepts responsibility to oversee development and implementation of a shellfish protection district and implementing strategy.
- Response team assembled that is comprised of state agencies, local agencies and citizens to form an appropriate response strategy.
- Strategy to be considered for adoption by Board on March 5, 2007 which mandates that the District be formed and that Planning begin implementation of the strategy.

### **Non-Point Pollution Prevention**

- Completion of the Camano Island Non-Point Pollution Prevention Plan.
- Represents completion of all Non-Point Pollution Prevention Plans.
- Will be considering mechanism for on-going review and update process for each Plan and how it integrates with implementation of regulations, salmon recovery, long range planning, water quality monitoring.
- Will be considering methods in which to monitor progress.

### ICPCD Grants

Strawberry Point	\$210,000	Salmon Recovery Funding Board
Holmes Harbor Shellfish Closure	\$288,000	Centennial Clean Water Fund
Ala Spit	\$150,000	Salmon Recovery Funding Board
Lead Entity	\$55,000	Department of Fish & Wildlife
Camano	\$407,673	Centennial Clean Water Fund
Integration	\$50,000	Department of Ecology
Community Salmon Fund	\$16,000	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
Total:	\$1,176,673	

### Building Services

- Andy Griffin appointed Building Official, August 2006.
- July 1, Adopt 2006 International Codes
- Jan 1, 2006 – Nov. 30, 2006, took in 1,371 permits;
- Issued 495 permits over the counter or 36%;
- Issued 182 permits or 13% in 1 day to 2 weeks;
- Issued 229 permits or 16% in 15 days to 4 weeks;
- 65% of permits issued in less than 4 weeks
- Updated building permit application forms

### Camano Annex – Building Services

- 2006 Remodel, new digs in the annex for ICPCD and Health;
- New front Counter;
- Re-organized space with Bank and Office Furniture;
- New Technology;
- Vertical files installed to save space and increase efficiency

### Building Permits Issued

		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total for IC	SFR	589	568	568	540	616	653	710	659
	Other	1200	1344	1344	1431	1077	1200	1708	1347
Total		1789	1912	1912	1971	2106	1730	2418	2006
Whidbey									
	SFR	352	350	350	330	367	397	486	446

	Other	889	984	984	1014	1021	652	1093	961
Camano									
	SFR	237	218	218	210	249	256	224	213
	Other	311	360	360	417	469	425	615	386

### Permit Services

- Technical support to the community, staff and other county departments on land use regulations;
- Review and issuance of permits to applicants
- Information tracking;
- In depth involvement on code updates (code implementers help develop new codes.)

### Land Use Decisions Issued

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total	263	294	461	530	501	417	428	467
BLA's	54	55	79	65	54	49	64	69
Shoreline	50	32	104	78	72	86	90	146
Subdivisions	28	51	29	30	32	24	26	37
All Other	131	156	249	357	343	258	222	215

### Enforcement Services

- Provides enforcement of land use, critical areas and building codes;
- Providing improved cross training with staff to enhance consistency & efficiency while reducing errors;
- Improving joint action coordination with other County and State agencies;
- Working with Long Range Planners to add in enforcement related public outreach and education.

### Hearing Examiner

- Hearing Examiner has experienced a steady increase in workload.
- 2006 Case Load:
  - 9 Appeals
  - 4 Site Plan Reviews
  - 6 Long Plats
  - 2 Planned Residential Developments
- New contract signed

### GIS Services

- Coordinating with Assessor for a base layer;

- Expand GIS resources to aid with Planning & County projects;
- Integration of GIS to Assessor and permit data systems
- Provide geographical references
- Use of GIS to determine boundaries and education/outreach for Holmes Harbor Shellfish Protection District
- Use of GIS to analyze future impacts of land use to NAS Whidbey & Accident Potential Zones
- Resource enhancement link for mapping watersheds, Salmon Recovery education and outreach
- Vital to Critical Areas update, census, flood development, archeological resources & water district planning

### **GIS Services: Arc Explorer**

- Providing GIS data for everyone with free download
- Quick & detailed info about specific parcels
- Fast & up to date access to overlays (steep slopes, AICUZ, wetlands, zoning, aquifer recharge)
- Minimizes need for hard copy maps & provides the most up to date info.

### **GIS Services 2007**

- Supporting the County GIS subcommittee, participation with Northwest Washington GIS user's group & ESRI – Arc info
- Implement Arc info
- Working with Assessor to finish the parcel layer
- Implement protocols for data sharing, acquisition, projections and upkeep
- Expand our expertise by continuing to work with Skagit GIS and sign an interlocal with King County GIS

### **2007 Projects**

- Complete Critical Areas Update
- Send out an RFP for a Permit Tracking System
- Adopt 2006 International Codes and provide training to our customers
- Make GMA Record Database available to the public via the Internet
- Update 16.26 – Plan for Next 7 Year update
- Work with Assessor to complete parcel layer
- Non-Residential guide book
- Development of Instructional Video's for public use
- Adoption of Freeland Sub Area Plan
- Bluff Management Manual with Public Works
- Finalize population and Urban Growth Area update

### **2007 Annual Review Docket**

- Critical Area update – Wetlands/Fish & Wildlife Areas
- Update 16.26, Next 7 Year Update Program

### **Education & Outreach**

- Development of wetland manual
- Ongoing notification to landowners of Critical Areas Ordinance update process
- Regular notification of landowners in the South Holmes Harbor Shellfish Protection District of progress and ways people can help
- Funding of WSU Extension office farming outreach coordinator
- Outreach to landowners along Chapman and Kristoferson Creeks for free and voluntary stream side restoration assistance
- Outreach to users of Ala Spit Park and landowners located nearby regarding protection efforts.
- Outreach to landowners in the Strawberry Point region of voluntary actions they may take in order to maintain existing high quality systems.

### **Critical Areas Update Team**

- Contracted with Keith Dearborn for legal and consulting services, Dr. Paul Adamus as our lead Critical Area Ordinance update scientist, Dr. Don Stevens biological statistician, Dr. Joe Ellers as our water sampling and testing specialist.
- Three peer review groups have been established:
  - An agency group with representatives from CTED, WDFW, DOE, Dept of AG;
  - A second working group made up of private sector critical areas experts from Pierce County and Adolfson & Assocs.
  - A third group that provides a summary review of wetland policies and regulations to ensure that they are consistent with best available science. Dr. Rich Horner, Dr. Malcom Hunter, and Dr. Aram Calhoun.
- Working together with Health, Public Works, Conservation Districts & WSU
- Planning Staff: Jeff Tate, Assistant Director and update lead; Anthony Boscolo, Brandon Sweeza, Alli Sanders, Assistant Planners, GIS and policy development; Justin Craven, Wetlands Biologist; Matt Kukuk, Senior Shoreline Planner; Chris Wilson, Resource Enhancement Program Manager.
- Pam Dill & Edie Elerick will jointly coordinate support services.
- Each of the current planning staff members will be assigned special projects.

### **Agriculture in Island County**

- 2006 Growth Management Hearings Board Decision: “Island County has done a thorough analysis of its local circumstances and come up with an admirable commitment to preserving its rural character while protecting the functions and values of critical areas in the rural areas.”

- “Island County has achieved compliance in an impressive way that could be a model for other jurisdictions”
- WEAN appealed decision which will be before Thurston County Superior Court on June 1, 2007.

Jeff Tate read the following letter dated 2/14/07 from Governor Christine Gregoire to the Island County Board of Commissioners into the record: (GMA Record # 9170)

“In response to your request, I am pleased to inform you that the state will participate in supporting the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board’s decision in *Wean v. Island County* (Thurston County Superior Court No. 06-2-02026-7).

An amicus brief will be jointly filed by the Office of the Attorney General on behalf of the state Departments of Agriculture; Community, Trade, and Economic Development; Ecology; Fish and Wildlife; and the Washington State Conservation Commission. The brief will express continued support for Island County’s inclusion of science-based, best management practices, developed by the Natural Resource Conservation Service and consistent with the Growth Management Act, in protecting critical areas on county farmlands.

I am glad that you found the assistance of these state agencies valuable in developing a critical areas protection program that also supports working farms. The state looks forward to further collaboration with Island County on this important undertaking.”

Ray Gabelein noted that he was of the opinion that adoption of the Freeland Sub-Area Plan should, at the least, run parallel with the critical areas update. He pointed out that there is quite a lot of movement on the incorporation issue in Freeland and felt that it was important for the general public to see that the County does have a plan for managing growth in Freeland.

Commissioner Shelton said he felt they made a huge mistake not taking the Freeland Sub-Area Plan through to completion when the Sub-Area Committee approved it in 2004. The thinking at the time was that it really doesn’t matter much because you couldn’t implement the land use portion until the sewer plan was complete but in retrospect the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should have been completed and the plan adopted when it was fresh in everyone’s mind.

Ray Gabelein inquired as to what would happen to programs such as the Holmes Harbor Shellfish Protection District if Freeland were to incorporate.

Jeff Tate indicated that if Freeland were to become a city then the city government would take over the program.

Commissioner Shelton noted that there would obviously be some city involvement but pointed out that the Island County Health Department delivers public health services to the city as well as the County so there would continue to be involvement on the part of the County as well.

Commissioner Shelton announced that the Board would meet jointly with the Planning Commission in an Executive Session, for the purpose of discussing potential litigation, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and expected to last approximately one hour, with no announcement made at the conclusion.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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