

Carol Lumb - Tukwila Shoreline Master Program Comments

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Subject: Tukwila Shoreline Master Program Comments
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Dear Mr. Radabaugh,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the proposed Tukwila Shoreline Master Program.

The following comments are offered by staff of the WRIA 9 Watershed Coordination Services Team, which is jointly funded by King County and 16 cities sharing jurisdiction and activities in the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed (WRIA 9). The City of Tukwila is one of our partner jurisdictions.

Our comments:

1. We endorse the Shoreline Restoration Plan component of the SMP. We worked with City staff/consultants to incorporate all WRIA 9-proposed habitat projects from the 2005 Salmon Habitat Plan and 2007 Plan amendments into this document.
2. We generally support the use regulations (Section 8), which advance protection/rehabilitation opportunities within the 200 foot Shoreline jurisdiction in a highly developed community.
3. We generally support the development standards for flood hazard reduction (Section 9.5), shoreline stabilization (Section 9.6), and vegetation protection and landscaping (Section 9.10). These requirements in time should lead to improvements in riparian habitat that will benefit salmonids, particularly juvenile salmonids migrating through and rearing in the Green/Duwamish River.
4. Several minor changes should be made if the document is revised:
 - a. The map "Restoration Opportunity Sites River Miles 4-7" lists the "North Winds Weir (Site 1)" project status as "Ongoing." This project, which was on-going when the SMP was drafted in 2009, can now be listed as "Complete."
 - b. The definition of "Shoreline restoration or ecological restoration" (p. 15) should replace the words "WRIA 9 Steering Committee" with "WRIA 9 Steering Committee/Watershed Ecosystem Forum" to reflect the evolution of the Steering Committee into the Watershed Ecosystem Forum in January 2009.

Thank you for your consideration.

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