



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 20, 2012
TO: Tukwila Tree and Environment Advisory Committee
FM: Carol Lumb, Senior Planner
Sandra Whiting, Urban Environmentalist
RE: November 28, 2012 Advisory Committee Meeting

At our next meeting, the work of the Advisory Committee will begin in earnest, as we start looking at Comprehensive Plan goals (and then policies) that will guide City actions on the natural environment for years to come. The Committee, acting to represent the larger Tukwila community, will make recommendations for changes that will ultimately be reviewed by the Planning Commission and City Council.

I thought it might help to provide several definitions to help your preparation for the meeting and the discussion on comprehensive plan goals and ultimately policies:

Goal: a broad statement of what should exist in a community or what the community wants to achieve in the future. Ideally, the goals are shaped by the citizens in the community to guide future actions by government.

Policy: a more specific statement than a goal; a policy describes a particular course of action to accomplish the comprehensive plan goals.

As we begin our review of the Comprehensive Plan, we think this is an opportunity to step back and think what should be accomplished by this chapter. To that end, staff developed a list of key topic areas that, to us, comprise the natural environment. If the Committee agrees with this approach, we will discuss whether there are other topic areas that should be added before moving on to review the existing goals and staff-proposed goals.

To help set the context of the current Natural Environment goals and policies, Sandra will make a presentation at the beginning of the meeting on the regulatory environment (Federal, State and local laws) for wetlands, streams, rivers, stormwater, and steep slopes. Then she will talk about the City's Sensitive Areas Ordinance (TMC 18.45) because it is the key ordinance that is used to implement our current Comprehensive Plan goals and policies for the natural environment.

We look forward to seeing you on November 28th – please call or e-mail if you have any questions in the meantime.

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Enclosures:

- Agenda
- Draft 11-1-12 Meeting Notes
- 11-1-12 Linden Lampman Powerpoint
- 11-1-12 Ian Scott Powerpoint
- Existing Natural Environment Goals
- Key Natural Environment Topic Areas
- Staff Proposed Topics and Goal Statements
- Linden Lampman Handouts from 11/1 Meeting (for those who did not receive them): “How to Prevent Tree/Sign Conflicts,” and “Trees and Parking Lots”

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