

To: Burien Planning Commission  
Burien City Council  
RE: Items for the Comprehensive Plan  
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To the Planning Commission and the City Council:

The Lake Burien Neighborhood-which is a real neighborhood as documented in your historical documents- is requesting that the following items be included in the Burien Comprehensive Plan which is now open for update and revision:

1. The Lake Burien Neighborhood be made low density residential on the land use map to protect the critical areas of Lake Burien, water quality of Lake Burien-Lake Burien Creek-Miller Creek and Puget Sound, to protect the wildlife that use these habitats, to protect the health and safety of the general public, to protect the environment of the Miller Creek drainage basin and to preserve the character of the neighborhood. The 1997 FEIS and the City's case to the 2005 Puget Sound Regional Council support that the Lake Burien Neighborhood should be low density residential in designation on the land use map.
2. The Lake Burien Neighborhood be given the opportunity to develop a neighborhood plan as referenced in the current Comprehensive Plan. While neighborhood plans are allowed in the Comprehensive Plan and in the application process for an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, no one seems to know what the process is to get the City Council to approve a work plan to begin a neighborhood plan or to identify staff members to interface with. This needs to be hammered out in the Comprehensive Plan review.
3. The City continue its commitment to significant tree preservation in the city and that the significant trees surrounding Lake Burien-including those on 152<sup>nd SW</sup> be retained to preserve water quality, soil stability, reduce the installation of new amounts of impervious surface, control erosion, maintain habitat for wildlife and maintain the character of the neighborhood.
4. The City include Lake Burien and the Lake Burien Neighborhood in the Storm Drainage Master Plan and the Comprehensive Plan in their text, discussions and funding projects-as an area that exists and that has critical areas warranting protection.
5. The Comprehensive Plan include a commitment to preserving the shorelines of the City by creating and funding a process for monitoring and protecting the shorelines of the City from no net loss as mandated by the SMP.
6. The Comprehensive Plan include a model for the term Significant Amounts of Critical Areas and a scientifically based methodology for this term and a definition for it, or, remove the term from the Comprehensive Plan.
7. The Comprehensive Plan include some additional commitment to maintaining water quality-surface waters, lakes and streams, wetlands through a Storm Drainage Plan that addresses better

data collection on storm water and non point pollution, a work program with citizens and adequate funding of needed improvements.

8. The Comprehensive Plan develop a component for the protection and preservation of lakes in the plan.

9. A component for encouraging and ongoing citizen participation in Comprehensive Plan process be added to the policy section of the Plan

10. Addendums to the FEIS at least be made available to parties of interest in the as suggested by the WACS during the process those parties are involved with by the City.

11.. These correction in the current errors in both the Plan and its supporting maps be done;

- 2LU-2map needs to be corrected. Is it a density map or and intensity map? It is not both- and that the 3 new subareas that were created by the new NERA planning be put onto that map and into the text of the Comp Plan

- Correct the land use map. This map was first amended by Ordinance 255, June, 1999-it needs to show on the legend

- Correct the document for Application for an amendment to the Comp Plan to show the correct BMCs

- Correct Chapter 5 index of all of the Addendums to the FEIS to show that there was an addendum done in July, 1999 and not 2 done in January, 1999

- Correct the text of the Comp Plan text to what is the correct application and text of the 2LU-2 map

- Put the shorelines goals and policies after the Parks and Recreation section rather than imbedded in that section. Where it is makes it next to impossible for the average citizen to finds it.

- any maps that rely on identifying critical areas be corrected for accuracy, scale, and format.

Further, we are requesting that any future decisions on amendments to the Comp Plan be based on fact supported by BAS, the no net loss standard for shorelines and the criteria shown in the application form. Also that no future references to the Inness Case decision from the GMHB-as to why the city had to amend its Comp Plan in 1999 be made as the driving or decision criteria for any future Comp Plan decision. As you will recall the Inness Case was dismissed by the GMHB and there was no mandate in 1999 to amend the Comp Plan from the GMHB.

Thank you for your attention to these issues.

Sincerely,

The Lake Burien Neighborhood/ The 162 Lake Burien Neighborhood Petitioners

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Commissioners:

The City of Burien is currently reviewing and updating its Comprehensive Plan which guides how long-term decisions regarding the community can be made.

The Comprehensive Plan Policies are contained Chapter 2 and the chapter's introduction explains that:

One of the key objectives of the plan is to create a "sustainable community." A sustainable community is a place where people want to settle and live, and where quality residential neighborhoods and commercial areas attract and retain long-term businesses and shoppers. In a sustainable community, the pattern and quality of development is more important than the amount of growth. In older, more developed communities like Burien, the framework and tradition for a compact and efficient community is well established - the plan builds on this asset. (Page 2-1)

In January of 2008, a group of local citizens formed the group, Sustainable Burien, to promote and participate in the creation of a sustainable community in Burien. We invite all residents and businesses to participate in creating a sustainable local community by sharing their ideas, passions, knowledge and talents.

In 2009, a new section containing sustainability Goals and Policies was added to the **Community Character Element** of the Burien's Comprehensive Plan.

Sustainable Burien can play a key role in helping the City create and implement the City's sustainability strategy by helping to develop actionable options for the Goals and Policies that affect the Sustainability components of the Comprehensive plan.

The Chapter 2 Introduction defines a sustainable community as "a place where people want to settle and live, and where quality residential neighborhoods and commercial areas attract and retain long-term businesses and shoppers." Sustainable Burien believes that individual neighborhoods are components of a sustainable community and it is the neighborhood identity and energy that are key drivers for promoting the feeling of "Community".

During a recent Sustainable Burien meeting, our members began providing actionable ideas that could be implemented in the city and the neighborhoods within the next three to five years that would demonstrate that the city was actively pursuing sustainability goals and policies.

~~and that by creating small and having neighborhoods create their own local plan is a key action.~~

We plan <sup>to</sup> focus on the following Comp plan sustainability Goals as the city works through the comp plan update:

- Reinforce and enhance the City's neighborhoods.
- Decision makers should have the knowledge and tools necessary to assess sustainability in their plans and decisions.
- An informed and active community will be a cornerstone of the city's sustainability efforts.
- Conserve energy and reduce the amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere
- Prevent the loss and damage of currently functioning or distressed habitats
- Work towards creating an attractive, vibrant, and livable community
- Promote clean, sustainable, environmentally-friendly businesses and jobs.
- Maintain an adequate and effective solid waste and recycling program to serve the needs of Burien's residents and businesses, which maintains public health, environmental and land use quality.

We expect to review and comment upon other issues that arise during the Comprehensive Plan update especially as they might affect the City's sustainability goals.

~~Sustainable Burien has been identified as a key goal of the Comprehensive Plan as part of the process of updating Burien's Comprehensive Plan.~~

Sincerely,

Sustainable Burien  
Coard Members

Rebecca Dare  
Bob Edgar  
Lucy Krakowiak  
Bill Opfermann

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As a representative of the Shorewood on the Sound Community Club, I am requesting a speaking time of five minutes.

I am also submitting a letter from the Shorewood on the Sound Community Club Board of Directors.

Planning Commissioners:

We are requesting that the Planning Commission add to their Comprehensive Plan scope of work the update of the Salmon Creek Neighborhood Plan.

The City has established specific Goals and Policies in their Comprehensive Plan that encourages the development of neighborhood plans. On page 2-55 of the Comprehensive Plan, the **Neighborhood Quality** section includes the following goal of *Reinforcing and enhancing the City's neighborhoods*. One policy (Pol. NQ 1.2) states:

The City will encourage and support the development of neighborhood plans. These plans will carry out and refine the vision of the Comprehensive Plan at the neighborhood level....

In 2004 the Salmon Creek Neighborhood Plan was adopted as part of the City of Burien's Comprehensive Plan and the Shorewood on

the Sound community comprises a large portion of the Salmon Creek Neighborhood Plan.

As the City of Burien updates their Comprehensive Plan, the Shorewood on the Sound community will be concurrently reviewing the components of the neighborhood plan to develop actionable items that address the unique “character” of our neighborhood.

There are a number of items on which we plan to focus:

1. As a neighborhood that has many steep slope critical areas and which has experienced numerous landslides over the years, we are interested in maintaining the least impact land use designation as well as working with the city on its Drainage Master Plan to mitigate slope movement cause by surface water.
2. Since the Salmon Creek Ravine is located within the boundaries of the Salmon Creek Neighborhood, we have a particular interest in the continued environmental protection language of the Comprehensive Plan as well as the increased focus that the Puget Sound Regional Council’s Vision 2040 places on environmental protection.
3. Our neighborhood contains a stream that is capable of supporting salmon. Fry have been released into Salmon Creek for the past few years. Most of the exposed portions of Salmon Creek are within the boundaries of the Salmon Creek Neighborhood. We are interested in working with the City and other regional agencies to maintain a high level of water quality and to elevate Salmon Creek to a functioning, salmon-bearing stream within the next five years.

4. Our neighborhood abuts the marine shoreline of Puget Sound extending from Seahurst Park to the Seattle city line. We would like partner with other marine shoreline neighborhoods and interested agencies to develop a shoreline stewardship program that focuses on the protection of the shorelines.

The Shorewood on the Sound Community Club has a 65 year history of community involvement and interest in community affairs. We expect to review and comment upon other issues that arise during the Comprehensive Plan update especially as they might affect our neighborhood plan.

We look forward to reviewing and updating the Salmon Creek Neighborhood Plan as part of the process of updating Burien Comprehensive Plan.

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Shorewood on the Sound Community Club  
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**Goal NQ.1**

*Reinforce and enhance the City's neighborhoods.*

Pol. NQ 1.1 Design guidelines may be used to support and enhance the design characteristics of the City's neighborhoods. Neighborhood Plans may address these issues, and if so, the City will accommodate such plans by varying design guidelines, standards and requirements within and between the residential areas of the City, based on the neighborhood's unique "character."

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Barrett Knudsen  
President

cc: Shorewood on the Sound