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Thurston County Board of Commissioners
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Subject: Planning Commission Recommendation on Thurston County-Lacey UGA Joint Plan Update

The Thurston County Planning Commission has completed its review of the Lacey Joint Plan. The Planning commission held two (2) joint work sessions, on August 23 and September 27, 2023, and a duly noticed public hearing on September 27, 2023. No specific changes were proposed to the Lacey Joint Plan draft.

Comments received during the public outreach and public hearing included concerns about municipal park services, affordable housing, reduced city parking and increased density at a land-use and rezone proposal at 9520 Steilacoom Road.

The Lacey Joint Plan update is composed of several parts:

- Update to the Lacey Joint Plan, an element of the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan
- Low-Density Zoning Consolidation
- UGA Expansion to include Greg Cuoio Park
- 3 Citizen-Initiated Land Use and Zoning Requests:
 - MC Construction 9520 Steilacoom Rd – from mineral extraction to low density
 - Bressi, 9047 Pacific Ave – from neighborhood commercial to moderate density
 - McDaniel, 2427 Carpenter Rd – from moderate density to low density

After review and consideration of public comment, the Thurston County Planning Commission made several separate recommendations on the components of the Lacey Joint Plan.

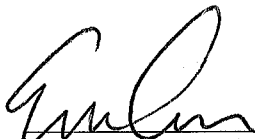
- **The Thurston County Planning Commission recommends adoption of the Lacey Joint Plan, an element of the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan. (Failed, 4-yea, 2-nay).**

- **Recommend approval at 9041 Pacific Avenue – 6.77 acres from Neighborhood Commercial to Moderate Density residential. (Passed, 6-yea, 0-nay)**
- **Recommend approval at 9520 Steilacoom Road – 14.94 acres from Mineral Extraction to Low Density residential. (Failed, 3-yea, 3-nay)**
- **Recommend approval at 2427 Carpenter Road NE– 3.13 acres of a 12.12-acre parcel from Moderate Density residential to Low Density residential. (Passed, 6-yea, 0-nay)**
- **Recommend not to approve the low-density zoning consolidation throughout the urban growth area from Low Density 0-4 and Low Density 3-6 to Low Density 0-6. (Passed, 6-yea, 0-nay).**
- **Recommend the urban growth boundary expansion of 182 acres of rural county into the UGA to add to City of Lacey’s Greg Cuoio Park. (Passed, 6-yea, 0-nay).**

No additional findings were made.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


Eric Casino, Chair