

Attachment A: Public Comments

Received for the Rochester Subarea Plan Update BoCC Public Hearing

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No.	Date	Name	Contact Information	Source	Type of Comment	Summary
1	7/22/20	Donna Weaver	Dweaverland@gmail.com (360) 273-0707 Rochester, WA	Email	Support	<p>The info below is inaccurate: To make accurate, it should say something like; “Rochester Water assoc is a non profit member owned water co, with an elected board overseeing the day to day operations. Water users are the voting members.”</p> <p>it is NOT a private company.</p> <p>Per sub area draft “The Rochester Water Association, established in 1969, is a private water purveyor that provides a community water system servicing 1.6 square miles of residents within the Subarea. The water system is a Group A system that consists of seven wells with an annual water right of 376.4 acre-feet (122,650,000 gallons) per year. The Rochester Water Association currently has 683 active connections and serves approximately 1,698 residents. According to the Washington State Department of Health, the Association is approved for up to 1,540 connections.”</p>
2	7/28/20	Loretta Seppanen	Laurel.Lodge@Comcast.Net	Email		<p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the Grand Mound & Rochester Subarea Plan. I call your attention to the lack of <u>planning for agriculture</u> within document. The subarea includes several medium sized farming operations and numerous small farms. The area is bordered on the south with the counties largest block of designated Long-term Agricultural land on soils that are highly productive for now and the future. The actions taken in the subarea have and will continue to determine the viability of the farms within the subarea and the important adjacent agricultural lands.</p> <p>Before approving the plan, I recommend the addition of a map that designates the farmed landed within the subarea (new data maps by the American Farmland Trust provide easy access to the mapping data). The</p>

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						map should also include the surrounding area as no subarea is an island on to itself. I recommend adding language in the natural resource and economic section on the importance of maintaining infrastructure support for regional agricultural and preservation of the existing medium and small farms.
3	7/28/20	Jeff Merryman	16940 Vircon Dr. Rochester, WA	Oral	Opposed	Request meetings in Rochester. Recap of outreach at Swede Hall and Rochester High School. Refers to the DOC facility and Maple Lane proposal. Mostly negative comments. Disagrees and feels the community feels negatively about the project. The county is forcing down their throat.
4	7/28/20	Donna Weaver	12001 170 th Ave SW Rochester, WA	Oral	Support	Rochester Water Association has a permitted water usage which allows for a certain number of hook ups that allows for close housing rather than sprawled out. Would like to look at the zoning which does not allow the water association hookups to be used. The last zoning round took away a lot of the hook ups that could be used because the zoning changed. In support of the process and effort of the plan, in addition the goals fit with the local area and future of the area. There is a confusion between Rochester and Grand Mound. This could be more clearly mapped and the LAMIRD areas. The LAMIRD areas would be well used for the Rochester Water Association hookups. Those are not being taken into considerations. The LAMIRD areas are mentioned, but could be better used to encourage growth in those areas instead of the agricultural areas.

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1	27-Dec-19	Jeff Merryman	merrymanjc@hotmail.com	E-mail	Logistics	The Rochester subarea plan scheduled for January 8th at 7pm should be held at Swede hall or the local school. Hold it at the courthouse hinders several people from attending and it really makes it inaccessible to the elderly residents. There's time to reach out to Donna Weaver to get into Swede hall.	Comments acknowledged	E-mail	Addressed	
2	30-Dec-19	Nick Isaacson	nickisaacson@hotmail.com	E-mail	Logistics	Good evening and thanks for scheduling this meeting. As a resident of Rochester for the past six years, the future of the community is important to my family and I. Having the meeting at the Thurston County Courthouse is not convenient for anyone who lives in Rochester. Relocating the meeting to Swede Hall or a school auditorium in Rochester would be a huge benefit to the local residents and for your committee for at least a few reasons. One, more residents will turn out for this, giving your committee better feedback on the proposed plans. And two, shouldn't a meeting about the future of a community be in that community? You wouldn't hold a meeting about the future of Olympia in Tumwater or Lacey or Yelm, would you? Having to drive 40 minutes back to Olympia after working all day in Tumwater is more than an extra hour of commuting that is totally unnecessary for me or anyone else who lives in our town. My other comment is in regards to the increased traffic and speed limits on the roads around my home due to the massive amount of development at the Hwy 12 and Hwy 99 intersection. I live on the corner of a cul-de-sac and Guava St between 183rd and 193rd. In the past 18-24 months, traffic on Guava has increased tremendously and the average speed of the cars have increased as well. Guava is posted 35 mph, but not usually enforced. Traffic typically exceeds 50 mph with the regular occurrence of cars exceeding 60+ mph on Guava. Many families with children live in this road and the homes aren't set back from the road very far. If your committee plans to further develop this area, assurances will have to be made to keep the roads near the newly developed areas safe. Thank you for your time and attention.	Comments acknowledged	E-mail		
3	30-Dec-19	Adam Peterson	redtitan23@gmail.com	E-mail	Logistics	I appreciate the detailed story map and visualizations of the various scenarios. I'm a Rochester resident and just wanted to offer some friendly feedback. In some of the maps, it refers to an open space area around Scatter Creek (I'm a big fan of those alternatives myself). That's actually Prairie Creek. Prairie Creek flows across I-5 just north of the Great Wolf Lodge, then enters the Chehalis River near Maple Lane. Scatter Creek crosses I-5 further north near the rest area.	Comments acknowledged	E-mail		Changes were made to website storymap. Replaced "Scatter Creek" with "Prairie Creek"