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Subject: Re: FW: Extension likely for small-lot moratorium on Lake Whatcom

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS
WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

Chris,

I do appreciate your persistence. I still can't figure out how the Dept of Ecology can consider the diversion phosphorus as "natural" as opposed to manmade. I find the distinction ridiculous if the issue is pollution from phosphorus because the diversion is manmade, not natural.

The natural vs manmade , in reality seems to be more of a bureaucratic circular argument, rather than a legitimate issue if the issue really is about phosphorus pollution.

I have always been very supportive of keeping the lake clean. So far I don't see any fairness about what is demanded by whom.

Steve Hood is honest and caring. I think I understand what he said. Perhaps he needs to be our advocate with the state to ensure real fairness, as well as clean water.

Barbara Brenner, Whatcom County Council Member

Barbara Brenner

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Thank you.

>>> Chris Weitzel <chrisweitzel@nwhomes.net> 7/11/2013 3:37 PM >>>
All,

Tuesday the 9th, I attended the morning meeting of the Counties Natural Resources Committee. The issues of keeping phosphorous out of Lake Whatcom was discussed and the outcome was that the committee didn't feel they had enough information to recommend that the entire County Council vote on it. Which to me means that we still have time to influence their decision. So, once again I ask you all to call, write or email the members of the County Council and encourage them to consider other way of reducing the amount of phosphorous getting into the Lake instead of butting the burden on vacant lot owners.

After the meeting, I had the opportunity to speak with Steve Hood from the DOE. We discussed many of the issues and I feel it was a productive meeting. However, from speaking to Steve, as far as the SVCA was concerned, none of the previous things we have done, i.e. density reduction, green belts, parks, mandatory storm water detention systems etc, will be of any credit should the regulations pass as currently written! In other words, whatever the County makes our Community do to mitigate the phosphorous from getting in the Lake will have nothing to do with what we've already done and the financial sacrifices we've already made.

If any of you feel I'm mistaken, please let me know.

Chris

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Subject: FW: Extension likely for small-lot moratorium on Lake Whatcom

THE COUNTY COUNCIL WILL NOT BE VOTING ON THE CHAPTER 20.51 THIS EVENING. IT HAS BEEN PUT OFF UNTIL JULY 23RD's MEETING FOR A VOTE.

This is great news since you will now have more time to call, write or email the County Council Members and ask them questions or bring up your concerns as to how the potential regulations to keep phosphorous out of Lake Whatcom will effect property owners rights to use their property without unreasonable financial burdens.

One major point of confusion was discussed by Peter Gill, Sudden Valley vacant lot owners will NOT be exempt from the new regulations that could add up to more or less than \$20,000 per lot. Unless, the Sudden Valley Community Association and the County agree to a SVCA sponsored and "funded system" that will satisfy the requirements to keep all phosphorous caused by new construction from getting into Lake Whatcom.

A few questions come to mind.

1. How much will it cost?

2. Who will pay for it?
3. Will any lot owners be excluded from using it?
4. What will it cost to engineer the system to see if it will even work?
5. How soon will the agreement be finalized?
6. What will SV lot owners have to pay?
7. Will any lot owners be exempt from using it because they can use a less expensive filtration system on site?
8. Who is going to manage it?
9. Who is going to pay to maintain it?
10. Do all owners get to vote to authorize the spending of that much money?
11. How soon will it be ready to use?
12. Will existing home get a benefit from it?
13. Why are we still picking on vacant lot owners who haven't caused the problem???
14. How can we agree to something or allow it to become a restriction imposed on SV members before these and all other questions have been answered to the Memberships satisfaction?
15. Who will buy a SV vacant lot before they know what it will cost to develop?
16. How can anyone make an inform intelligent decision before they have all the facts?
17. What do vacant lot owners do while the SVCA and County decide which system or number of systems will be used? Build under the old regulations or the new expensive ones?

From: Chris Weitzel

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Attention all Realtors and citizens of Whatcom County who are concerned about protecting Lake Whatcom, Private Property owners rights and affordable housing.

Please read the link below and pass it on to whoever you feel may be affected should the County Council continue to put the financial burden of keeping phosphorus out of Lake Whatcom, only on private property owners instead of all who benefit from a healthy Lake Whatcom and local economy. While the City of Bellingham, and the County willingly allows more phosphorus getting into the Lake than ALL private property owners in the water shed combined. Example, the Nooksack River diversion, 10% of all phosphorous being dumped into Lake Whatcom per City official. The recent transfer

of park land to the County where streams, creek and normal runoff contribute to the problem. Runoff from both City and County roads which have inadequate containment systems to filter out the pollutants before they get into the Lake.

It's time to stop "picking the low hanging fruit" and address the issue in such a way that we can accomplish meaningful reductions of pollutants getting into the Lake Whatcom. Who of you believes that \$20,000 plus annual inspections fee's for a system which might keep as much as one teaspoon of phosphorus out of the Lake Whatcom per year will solve the problem? I don't!

Agree or disagree, the above statements are my opinion and I encourage all of you to get educated and make an informed decision before it's too late for your input. Write, call or email your County Council members or better yet show up tomorrow night and let them hear your concerns!

<http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2013/07/06/3081836/extension-likely-for-small-lot.html>

Respectfully,

Chris Weitzel

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