

To- The Burien City Council
To- The Burien Planning Commission
Re- Burien Comprehensive Plan, Burien SMP documents
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I am requesting that the following changes be made to the Technical Document-Cumulative Impacts Analysis so that it correctly identifies the zoning density of the properties immediately adjacent to the Lake Burien as low density residential zoning and then addresses the correct impacts analysis for the future on the lake with regard to the low density zoning.

1. Lake Burien has always been **low density residential zoning**. It was placed into that zoning density by Policy REC 1.5, page 2-8 of the Burien Comprehensive Plan. From 1997 to 2010, Lake Burien has matched this policy for low density zoning by its characteristic neighborhood (4 or less houses per acres) and by the fact that it has 2 critical areas almost covering all of the properties.
2. The Cumulative Impacts Analysis incorrectly identifies Lake Burien as a moderate density residential zoning area. This is impossible because according to Pol REC 1.5 moderate density areas cannot contain significant amounts of critical areas.
3. The Cumulative Impacts Analysis needs to address the issues that are created by trying to apply the lot size to the Policy that states that there can only be 4 or less houses per acres in low density zoning areas. The issue here is about allowing the amount of impervious surface at a 70% or 45% level. Low density zoning, by its lot size, would only allow impervious surface coverage at a 45% level.

As a result of the SMP process, it is clear there are some significant errors in the Critical Areas Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan. I have requested information on how this will be taken care of. I still have not received a response from the City. I would appreciate that as soon as possible.

Additionally, I remain concerned and confused by the lack of information that was provided at the 03-23-2010 Planning Commission meeting about how Appendix 8-C will apply to wetland classification for Lake Burien. I am requesting that further information be provided to the public on this topic and allow public comment on it. How the appendix works and why Lake Burien is not being addressed as a continuous shoreline but rather as separate slices of land on a shoreline were not explained.

Lastly, I remain deeply concerned about the continued lack of public input that has been allowed and truly considered in the Shoreline Master Plan process. The Planning Commission as well as the City Staff seem to be concerned with only rushing this document through. There appears to a greater effort as a speedy job rather than a quality document. The City of Burien states that they are "Innovative Stewards of the Public Trust". It is hard for citizens to trust you if you do not listen to them.

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