

TO: Washington State Agencies and Other Interested Parties
FROM: Jefferson County Department of Community Development
DATE: February 21, 2007
SUBJECT: ***INTEGRATED GMA/SEPA DOCUMENT***

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
Per WAC 365-195-620**

AND

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS
Per WAC 197-11-230, 235, 600, 630 and 965**

Pursuant to the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Jefferson County is issuing an integrated GMA/SEPA document in relation to the proposed amendments to the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan to comply with the May 30, 2006 Compliance Order and May 31, 2005 Final Decision and Order of the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board in the following cases:

Irondale Community Action Neighbors and Nancy Dorgan, petitioners, v. Jefferson County, respondent, Case No. 04-2-0022 and

Irondale Community Action Neighbors, petitioners, v. Jefferson County, respondent, Case No. 03-2-0010.

This document serves as the 60-day notice of intent to amend the Comprehensive Plan, Volume I, Chapter 2: Urban Growth Area and Land Use and Rural Elements and Volume II, Chapter 10: Transportation Element, and the United Development Code per WAC 365-195-620 to State agencies on the list provided by the Washington State Office of Community Development of agency representatives responsible for reviewing proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments. The document also serves as notice of adoption of an existing environmental document per WAC 197-11-230, 235, 600, 630 and 965, fulfilling SEPA review requirements. The existing environmental documents being adopted are as follows:

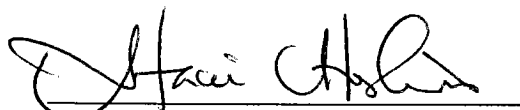
- Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements (DEIS/FEIS) and addenda prepared in anticipation of adoption of the Comprehensive Plan in 1998.
- The DEIS and FEIS are dated February 24, 1997 and May 27, 1998, respectively, and examined the potential cumulative environmental impacts of adopting alternative versions of the Comprehensive Plan.
- 2004 Staff Report and SEPA Addendum for UGA Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan issued May 19, 2004.
- 2004 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket Department of Community Development Integrated Staff Report and SEPA Addendum issued September 22, 2004.

The proposed amendments are non-project, programmatic actions under SEPA, Chapter 43.21C RCW.

In accordance with WAC 197-11-630, Jefferson County undertook independent review of the DEIS/FEIS and found that the existing environmental documents referenced do provide adequate environmental review to satisfy the requirements of WAC 197-11-600 pertaining to the current proposal. The County finds that the environmental impacts anticipated by the proposed action have been sufficiently analyzed in previous consideration of the range of alternatives and impacts studied in the existing DEIS/FEIS documents. Therefore, it has been determined by the Jefferson County SEPA Responsible Official that the DEIS/FEIS issued for the Comprehensive Plan serve as the requisite environmental review for the above-referenced Comprehensive Plan amendment. A new threshold determination under SEPA is not required per WAC 197-11-230(3).

The DEIS/FEIS are not subject to a pending appeal. The DEIS/FEIS were issued and circulated in accordance with WAC 197-11-455 and 197-11-460, which included appropriate public notice and comment periods. Extensive public comment (both in written form and oral testimony given at public hearing) was received on the DEIS and addressed in the FEIS as required by WAC 197-11-560. Therefore, in accordance with WAC 197-11-630, there is no new public comment period required in conjunction with this notice of adoption of the above-referenced existing environmental documents. However, the Jefferson County Planning Commission will accept comment on the merits of the proposal until the close of the Planning Commission public hearing scheduled for **March 7, 2007**. The Department of Community Development will accept comment on the merits of the proposal for at least 60 days from the date of this notice. All comments will be part of the case record. The Board of County Commissioners may hold a public hearing before taking action on the proposal.

To inspect or request copies of the proposed amendments and/or the adopted existing environmental documents, contact the Department of Community Development, 621 Sheridan St., Port Townsend, WA 98368, (360) 379-4450. For additional information, ask for Associate Planner Brent A. Butler or email him at bbutler@co.jefferson.wa.us. Written comments on the proposal may be submitted to the above address and will be accepted by the Planning Commission until the close of the Planning Commission public hearing scheduled for **7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 7, 2007**, at the WSU Learning Center, Shold Business Park, 201 W Patison, Port Hadlock. The Department of Community Development will continue to accept comment for at least 60 days from the date of this notice.

 2/21/2007
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