

Building Cities in the Rain
Core Team
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Meeting Summary

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Endgame/anticipated outcomes:

- What have we learned that should be shared?
 - Redmond example (but de-emphasize Redmond)
 - WSDOT example
 - Kitsap County example
 - Cost-effectiveness
 - What doesn't work – Clark County
- A defined pathway

Next steps:

- Presentation and discussion of solutions with South Central LIO on June 11.
 - How we started and where we are now. We can get to the goal of dense urban development while meeting stormwater requirements with more collaboration. Can raise stormwater fees because there is a path now. What can the LIO do to help?
 - Briefing for Fred Jarrett, LIO Chair. Fred may take this to the Ecosystem Coordinating Board or Leadership Council, with a request for funding. Discuss the stormwater requirements and SvR's presentation on Low Impact Development.
- Pull to together working document for messaging
- Look at proposal to Ecology and their response – what are the opportunities?
- Look at other opportunities for flexibility in the permit
- Engage other entities – Tribes, environmental community, Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council, etc.
- Department of Ecology is drafting fee in-lieu guidance based on the Redmond model that should be available by the end of the year. The guidance will not focus on the data needed to determine priority watersheds.
- The next steps for fee in-lieu should be limited to Regional Growth Centers until we see how it goes. If successful, we could discuss using it elsewhere.

Communication plan:

- Identify who we need to engage – e.g. Tribes, environmental community, PSSRC, etc.
- Messaging:
 - One pager that can be handed out to people that addresses:
 - Major shift in the way we address stormwater in urban areas – thinking has really changed.
 - Density as a BMP for stormwater
 - We need to make sure growth really occurs in regional centers.
 - Fee in-lieu as a tool

- Overall benefits of urban density – i.e. reducing vehicle miles traveled and emissions, reducing impervious surface, transit-oriented development, etc.
- Benefits of “practical design” – context sensitive stormwater requirements
- Use the web site – post the one pager, etc.

For consideration as we move forward:

- Think about the level of data that should be required for Regional Growth Centers. WSDOT and Kitsap County’s priority areas are not watershed based. WSDOT uses GIS data layers and local knowledge. For Regional Growth Centers, to what extent is quantitative analysis required? The ground rule for retrofits under WSDOT’s program was “do no harm”. The benefit is the delta between existing and forested conditions.
- Concepts on the WSDOT program could be transferable to city programs. It probably will be limited to within a city rather than inter-jurisdictionally. It would be tough to rely on another jurisdiction to meet permit requirements.
- Emails after meeting

Education opportunities:

- Co-sessions with Ecology LID training using Ecology in-lieu fee guidance
- 2012 manual training