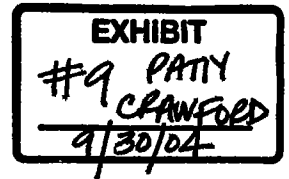


September 28, 2004

TO: City of Shoreline  
17544 Midvale Ave N.  
Shoreline, WA 98155

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From: Twin Ponds Fish Friends & Patty and Tim Crawford  
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## **Comments on Shoreline Comp Plan and Master Plans**

**These are the People's Documents. They are supposed to be what the public wants for our City.**

We represent Twin Ponds Fish and Friends, We are a Washington State non-profit group of over fifty area residents that are concerned about the Twin Ponds area habitat. Specifically the reach of Thornton Creek that flows through The City of Shoreline. As such, wish to present this comment on the Shoreline Comprehensive Plan and Master Plans Updates.

We wish to also support the comments the by these following groups.

Comments by Merilee Catero, Thornton Creek Alliance  
Comments by Ginger Botham  
Thornton Creek Watershed Basin Characterization Report  
Steelhead Report from Eric Pentico of WDFW  
Any other of the **multiple** comments by WFD&W to the City

We know this document will have a negative impact on environment. These disappearing spaces which make urban living tolerable. Our salmon streams are so unique and irreplaceable. As Planners you have the potential to be heroes to the next generation by preserving what we have left.

We request that the City order an **Environmental Impact Study** on the overwhelmingly negative consequence that these plans will undoubtedly produce.

We request the workshops for any changes made be held during the evening hours when people can participate. Not during they daytime and not with Staff and Planning Commission Members being the only ones involved. We request that public comment would be taken properly, which should have been part of the workshop process.

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**These changes are not the mandate or the intent of the public.**

Please provide some information as to why we need these changes. Include the source of these requests and if it is Staff, are they fixing something for the public benefit or to fight the public?

Include these reasons for changing our plans for our city. Who and what will these changes improve? If the answer isn't something the public wants or needs please do not change it.

We request that we be treated as **parties of record with legal standing** during a process to change this public intent document.

We also request that the city take our comments and concerns with the heart-felt sincerity as well as continue to keep us posted on any and all hearings or notices about the public process for these plans.

The most endemic and consequently hurtful position in this plan is the purposeful and continued denial of **Thornton Creek as fish habitat**. The outright denial of the salmonids found and documented in Thornton creek is outrageous. The city is well-aware of the social, environmental and consequently governmental changes and adaptations that would necessary to protect those very animals that have been purposefully and maliciously ignored thus far. There are many instances in the SEPA checklist where salmonid presence is denied, especially on pages 8 and 11 of the Comp Plan SEPA.

**Washington State GMA is requiring we look at the stream systems as a whole= The "watershed approach"**

We recommend you incorporate the "Restore Our Waterways" strategy being proposed by Seattle City Councilmember Richard Conlin and now adopted by Seattle's Mayor. Shoreline is not in sync with Seattle and we share the same stream? This is a partial approach and not complying with the States directive.

## Environmental Element

- We agree with element EN3, page 35, "Conduct all City operations in a manner that minimizes adverse environmental impacts. The City should reduce its consumption and waste of energy and materials, minimize (eliminate) use of toxins (s)..." This is a good public policy and we would like to strongly encourage the city to utilize this statement as a mantra. We would even go so far as to encourage the city to consider implementing Integrated Pest Management. *We contend that Integrated Pest Management which seeks to limit and phase out all non-natural materials.*
- We also agree with element ENb: pg 36, "Encourage 'Green Building' methods and materials"
- We disagree with elements EN 54, 54, 56, which state, "Recreate the wetland and habitat at a ratio which will provide for its assured viability and success." Research shows that 'created wetlands' are not sustainable. Wetlands generally take thousands of years to develop the proper soil structure, so creating a wetland will not be a viable nor successful project.
- We strongly disagree with element EN 25, pg 37, which states, "If Development is allowed in an environmentally critical area or critical area buffer". This element implies that building in, on, or around a critical area is acceptable. This is a dreadful public policy. **We recommend this be changed or hopefully removed.**
- We disagree with ENf, pg 42 – "Pursue obtaining legal access rights, such as easements or ownership to lands needed to maintain, repair or improve portions of the public drainage system that are located on private property and for which the city does not currently have legal access." How dare the city publicly admit to attempting to infringe on the privacy rights of property owners? Other means must be negotiated.  
This should be called the "Crawford Element" of the Comp. Plan. City Staff states in the Stream Inventory that the only property they could not obtain access to was the Crawfords!

## HOUSING

- We need to ensure that low-income housing is preserved, including zoning for mobile home parks.

- Twin Ponds neighborhood needs to be protected from large developments. No more large developments and fire stations installed to support them can be absorbed by the surrounding critical areas. Gaston and Aegis have been found faulty by the Courts. These sites should be restored.

## **SURFACE WATER MASTER PLAN**

- On page 66 of the SWM Plan Staff Report the Priority Levels on Habitat are based on the presence of 'anadromous fish' and not salmonids. This is a new distinction that does not exist until these changes. The present Comp. Plan and Code does not differentiate between migrating and resident salmonids. No definition exists to even describe what anadromous means. There is yet another Latin term that means the fish migrate to Lake Washington and back. Where is this term? Does a migrating fish that just goes to the Lake and back not count? Anadromous does not cover a fish migrating to the lake.

Did any citizen say this was what we wanted? Did anyone say "Let's not take care of our residential trout and let's not plan for improving migration routes for fish? WDF&W considers any fish blocking structure illegal. WDF&W will ensure these blockages get fixed in the future. We all pay for WDF&W to protect our State's waters. Why are we fighting them? Why are we writing off our own "critical" areas? Webster says "critical" is "being in a crisis". True! City policy should be based on expectation of improvement not degradation.

- Thornton Creek should be recognized as a Class II salmon stream, should be designated as a "Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Area". The presence of a PRIORITY SPECIES is supposed to determine this. Priority Species are any salmonid. According to our Development Code and the WDF&W "Cutthroat Salmon" meet this designation.

A Steelhead was reported by both City and State biologist. Steelhead are genetically exactly the same as a rainbow trout but migrates! This citation to the Steelhead included as an anomaly and not a fact that establishes any protections for The Creek. The Steelhead report should have changed the entire document as it applies to Thornton Creek. It did not. The Steelhead remains a fact that conflicts with the changes direction of degradation.

- The description of the Thornton creek system is inadequate in order to degrade, in the SWM Plan book on pg. 11.

- **The Serpentine Lane drainage project** which has been touted by the staff as "fixing" the problem has done the exact opposite. The miscalculations and implementation errors on the part of the city engineering staff is inexcusable. Look to the plight of the residents of North City off on NE 175<sup>th</sup>, and of the residents that testified at the City council meeting on 9/20/04, and especially *Terry DeLavalade of Shoreline whom's home is nearly uninhabitable because of the flooding caused by Serpentine Drainage Project*. We, the Crawfords have seen the horrible flooding problems develop on our property starting Fall 2003. Sandbags are now a fixture where they were never needed before. We are not improving flooding with projects like Serpentine. The water is just going somewhere else. Planning Commissioner Harris stated he believed that storm water retention should be done down-stream out of Shoreline. Please wake-up and take responsibility for our City's storm water. These changes will only continue to exacerbate the flooding.
- The SWM Capitol Spending Chart indicates costs shifting from SWM funding to Parks and Transportations infrastructure. Surface Water Fees are being used to back-fill our sagging budget. Instead add an amendment to preserve Surface Water money to be spent on the creeks we use to convey the ever increasing Surface Water. This will help with flooding and save money!
- We suggest the city undertake incentive program, based on partnerships with private and public sector. Storm water management can be simply improved simply by encouraging property owners and developers to create 'natural drainage strategies.' Tax incentives could be provided for property owners who embrace and utilize this strategy. "Rain Wells" "swales and open conveyances should be required for new parking lots. A "Rain Well" or a drain with a circle of plants that helps filters water. This is not much different than a landscaped shrub bed but a much greater return is derived from a "Rain Well". Why are we not on the leading edge of storm water technology?

### **Parks, Recreation, and Culture. Services Master Plan**

- We are concerned about the plan to utilize parks for storm water detention. Although parks and storm water and intricately connected as many of them have creeks and wetlands on site, we must pause to consider the ramifications of parks being infiltrated by polluted waters. Toxics can be a major threat to human health, which parks are designed to **PUBLIC COMMENT 139** Storm water detention must be adequately anticipated in the

designs for new parks. Tax payers should not have the financial burden of restoring parks after problems occur that should have been expected from the beginning of a project.

- According to the City Parks Plan in surveys and focus groups of the public, on pages 42 and 44, citizens crave natural areas. We are concerned with the lack of emphasis and funding on creating natural areas for the public to enjoy.
- We suggest improving and restoring buffers for critical areas. Impervious surfaces should be replaced whenever possible.
- We suggest that wildlife and plant surveys should be done the park, along with accurate mapping of all the plant and animal communities. We encourage allowing volunteers to do these important tasks. These are excellent educational opportunities open to the community. We would think a benthic index or 'bug count' for our streams and wetlands would further indicate to us how healthy our streams are.
- Our parks should be "Toxic Free Zones." In addition to phasing out all toxics, and non-natural fertilizers, the city should work toward developing sustainable methods and Best Management Practices for maintenance of equipment with uses toxic materials. Toxics should be phased out in areas close to parks and other public sectors.
- "No Spray Zones" should be extended city wide. Poison should not be the default solution for the city.
- More emphasis should be given to trees retention. Especially the ones in Critical Areas buffers. Large woody debris should be added to the water not put on the banks where it attacks rodents. Shoreline's heritage trees should be identified and catalogued.

## **TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN**

- "Zero Impact Development" is a state of the art concept that is very feasible for our city. The chief proponent of this technology is the SCA Consulting Group, and they are easily accessible:

SCA Design|Build and Consulting Group  
P.O. Box 3485  
Lacey, WA 98509-3485  
360-493-6002 Phone  
360-493-2476 Fax  
[sca@scaconsultinggroup.com](mailto:sca@scaconsultinggroup.com)

- Better pedestrian connections must be made throughout our community. Surveys taken by the City show overwhelming desire in the community for better and safer streets with pedestrian improvements. These should be concentrated near

parks, schools and school crossing areas. Developers should be encouraged to provide better "connectivity" by eliminating fencing which cuts off one project from adjacent ones and prevents pedestrian access. Not only is it inconvenient for the residents, it's also unattractive.

- "Cut-thru traffic" is a subject of great concern for citizens as is the resulting speeding in residential areas. Policies that result in this impact to neighborhoods should be changed.
- Traffic lights for pedestrians should be provided where high accidents rates have occurred such as Fifteenth NE at 170th NE next to the 7-11 Store.

Please accept our comments and consider them seriously. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Patty and Tim Crawford  
President and Vice President of Twin Ponds Fish and Friends



EXHIBIT  
#10 CINDY  
RYU  
9/30/04

## Shoreline Planning Commission

September 30, 2004

Written Comment

RE: Comment Summary Table:

CINDY RYU

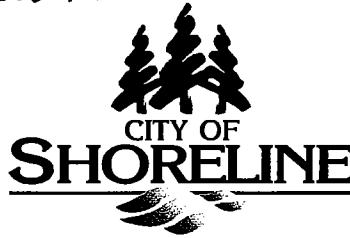
Line #133 Staff Recommendation should read  
"seeking to move signal to alleviate congestion"

NOT ELEVATE CONGESTION.

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**Shoreline Planning Commission**

September 30, 2004

Written Comment

Planning Dept staff did an outstanding job of recording/collating public comments - can they now move to the next level of incorporating them into the actual plans. An early up-stream public input process is essential to produce plan/resolutions that have broad community support.

Preservation of quality of life in the residential neighborhoods is of critical importance to all residents. We must recognize this as a fundamental over-arching precept/criteria when reworking materials and significantly increasing density/land use.

Sidewalks + streetlights are identified as high priorities and yet receive miniscule funding. The city needs to put its money where it matters.

The Citizen Comment Summary Table contains references to a traffic study of 175<sup>th</sup> St between I-5 and Hwy 99 {page 43, #279 & #280}. Any analysis of 175<sup>th</sup> needs to include the problems caused by (over)

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Traffic that moves from 185<sup>th</sup> to 175<sup>th</sup> in an effort to get to I-5. Looking solely at 175<sup>th</sup> is futile unless you are willing to grossly expand the capacity {number of lanes} of 175<sup>th</sup>. The only sensible solution is to create a S. bound freeway on ramp and N. bound freeway off ramp at 185<sup>th</sup>. This single change would probably relieve at least 50% of the rush hour traffic between 175<sup>th</sup> and I-5, while simultaneously improving the quality of life in the residential neighborhoods adjacent to these arterials. Coupling this with a grade separated intersection at 185<sup>th</sup> & Aurora would compound the benefit and further reduce congestion in Central Shoreline. Shoreline needs to aggressively seek additional freeway access to truly solve its rush hour traffic congestion. ~~¶~~

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

Daniel A. Mann  
17920 Stone Ave N.  
Shoreline, WA 98148

-----Original Message-----

From: Maureen O'Neill [mailto:Maureen.Oneill@Seattle.Gov]  
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2004 11:01 AM  
To: master plan  
Subject: Comments

These comments are regarding Land Use and Surface Water/Environmental:

In light of flooding issues, I would suggest and hope that new construction would be postponed in known areas of flooding and drainage problems, until surface water issues and problems are resolved in those respective areas. To restrict building permits in known areas of flooding.

Comments regarding Environment, Parks and Recreation, and Housing:

I would hope that the Fircrest property would include a majority of parks area and public open space, possibly an arboretum-like area, with a thoughtful use of the land regarding the limitation of housing sprawl, but instead, more condominiums and senior housing (also helping to meet GMA targets). I hope that there will be many chances for public comments before the fate of this property is decided. I am definitely against selling this property in entirety to a developer.

Thank you,

Maureen O'Neill  
Shoreline Resident  
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Shoreline, WA 98177

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tracy [mailto:lacquer@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, September 30, 2004 1:02 PM

**To:** master plan

**Subject:** Item #244 Roadway R-4 (N 175th from Midvale Ave N to Wallingford Ave N)

Item # 244

Roadway R-4 (N 175<sup>th</sup> St. from Midvale Ave N to Wallingford Ave N.)

Members of my family have been involved in accidents at both 175<sup>th</sup> and Ashworth and 175<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> NE.

Before the barrier was installed at Ashworth Ave N and 175<sup>th</sup> it was possible to make a westbound left turn across the eastbound traffic onto Ashworth. There were many accidents at this site due to the limited ability for the westbound turning vehicle to see the oncoming eastbound traffic because of the hill. Nothing has changed at this corner. If a light is installed the eastbound traffic won't see the light until they are on top of it and unable to stop.

A similar situation existed at 5<sup>th</sup> NE and 175<sup>th</sup> before the hill was carved down. This was done as the result of a double fatality accident where a truck could not see the red light in adequate time to stop.

I believe that there will be fatalities at 175<sup>th</sup> and Ashworth if a light is installed with the current slope of the hill.

I would recommend against a light at 175<sup>th</sup> and Ashworth.

Tracy Tallman

24208 100th Ave West

Edmonds, WA 98020

206 542 3899

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Mattioli  
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2004 10:56 AM  
To: Andrea Spencer  
Subject: FW: Shoreline Comprehensive Plan

Hi, Andrea. A comment on the Comp Plan. Have a good weekend! Sharon

-----Original Message-----

From: Janet Way [mailto:janetway@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2004 9:38 AM  
To: Sharon Mattioli  
Subject: Fwd: Shoreline Comprehensive Plan

Sharon,  
Please send this comment into the record for comp  
Plan. He got the wrong address for Andrea, I guess.

Janet

ps. I submitted that tape into the record yesterday,  
so will look forward to getting those new copies.  
Thanks!

mattioli, Sharon smattiol@ci.shoreline.wa.us

--- Kelly Dole <kelly@championvisions.com> wrote:

> Date: Thu, 30 Sep 2004 16:14:05 -0700  
> Subject: Shoreline Comprehensive Plan  
> From: Kelly Dole <kelly@championvisions.com>  
> To: <a.spencer@ci.shoreline.wa.us>  
>  
> Dear Andrea,  
>  
> Please enter this comment into the official record.  
>  
> As a member of the Shoreline Environmental Council  
> (SEC) and the Thornton  
> Creek Alliance (TCA) I have serious reservations  
> about the Shoreline  
> Comprehensive Plan and Master Plans Updates.  
>  
> Thornton Creek is a valuable resource for wildlife  
> and should be provided  
> Class II Salmon Stream status. I can walk down there  
> everyday, any day and  
> see small and medium sized fish. In addition I see  
> large, wild fish on a  
> regular basis. So why is the creek being degraded as  
> a habitat for fish?  
>  
> I urge you to preserve the few remaining areas for  
> the enjoyment of the  
> people and for the value of preserving wildlife  
> habitat.  
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>  
> Kelly Dole  
>  
> 206-367-2582