

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Cascade Agenda Cities Presentation
DEPARTMENT: Planning and Development Services
PRESENTED BY: Joe Tovar, PD&S Director

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Several months ago, Gene Duvernoy, the President of the Cascade Land Conservancy, spoke to the Shoreline Planning Commission, Park Board and others in the community about the Cascade Agenda Cities Program. Because of interest by several City Council members, Mr. Duvernoy has agreed to speak to the full Council about the Cascade Agenda Cities Program and discuss ways in which Shoreline's actions can contribute to the Program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No impact.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required. This is an information item.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney ____

BACKGROUND

Two years ago, the Cascade Land Conservancy and its partners began discussions with over 3,500 elected officials, scientists, business leaders, loggers, farmers, timber companies, students and private citizens in the King, Kittitas, Pierce and Snohomish county region. In the face of dramatic population growth, they began a community dialogue about what our region should look like in 100 years.

The outgrowth of these discussions was the development of The Cascade Agenda, which calls for large-scale conservation of working forests as well as a robust regional economy. The intent is that a comprehensive focus on the region and its inter-connectivity will result in a sustainable high quality of life for those who live in the four-County region.

There are two separate but related areas addressed by The Cascade Agenda—Rural areas and Urban areas. The focus on urban areas occurs through the Cascade Agenda Cities Program.

In his presentation to the Council, Mr. Duvernoy will discuss this Program, its goals, and the measures cities can take to support it. In many of Shoreline's recent actions, such as investment in infrastructure (i.e., the Aurora project and acquisition of new parks and open spaces) and streamlining regulations, Shoreline is acting in concert with many of the ideas of the Cascade Agenda. In addition, several of the 2007-2008 Council Goals support the concepts embedded in the Program. Mr. Duvernoy will invite Shoreline to consider taking additional actions and become identified as a "Cascade Agenda City".

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