



Notice of Availability and SEPA Comment Period

Description of Proposal: Notice of Availability of the Draft Update to the Critical Area Ordinance and associated SEPA Environmental Checklist for review and comments. The proposed non-project legislative action is to amend the Critical Area regulations in accordance with the Growth Management Act requirements. The critical areas ordinance regulates certain activities and development in and near wetlands, streams, fish & wildlife habitat conservation areas, geologically hazardous areas, frequently flooded areas, and critical aquifer recharge areas. The draft includes updates in accordance with state law and best available science, reorganization, and functional changes to certain requirements.

Project File: PLN-2019-0010

Proponent: City of Anacortes 904 6th Street, P.O. Box 547, Anacortes, WA 98221-0547

Lead Agency: City of Anacortes, Planning, Community, & Economic Development Department

SEPA Review: The City of Anacortes will not act on this proposal for 21 days from the date of this notice. Once a determination is made a copy of the subsequent SEPA threshold determination for the proposal may be obtained upon request. **Written comments must be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m., November 20, 2019** to the project contact listed below.

Existing Environmental Documents: SEPA Environmental Checklist, Best Available Science Report for Wetlands and FWHCA's (ATSI, 11/1/16), Best Available Science Report for GHAs, CARAs, and FFAs (GeoEngineers, 7/26/17), City of Anacortes Stream Buffer BAS Review (GeoEngineers, 10/21/17).

To View Documents: Documents associated with this proposal can be viewed on the City of Anacortes website, at: <https://www.anacorteswa.gov/201/Critical-Areas-Regulations-Update> or may be reviewed at the City of Anacortes Planning Department.

Public Hearing: Date to be determined.

Contact Person: Please direct any comments to: Tess Cooper, Associate Planner; Planning, Community, & Economic Development Department; P.O. Box 547, Anacortes, WA 98221; 360-588-8234; tessc@cityofanacortes.org.

SEPA Responsible Official: Don Measamer, Director, Planning, Community & Economic Development Department

Date of Notice: October 30, 2019