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Mr. Reitenbach,

Please consider the comments herein as the official response from the Greater Maple Valley Area Council (GMVAC) regarding the King County Comprehensive Plan Update and Shoreline Master Plan (SMP) Update for 2009 (2009 update).

Our Growth Management Committee conducted a review of the Public Review Drafts of the 2009 update. Our comments are brief and are as follows:

King County Comprehensive Plan Update

Zoning Code (Title 21A)

SECTION 3, B. f. We believe further clarification is needed with regards to: "*In the RA zone, active recreation facilities shall be limited to a size and scale designed to serve areas outside the urban growth area.*"

SECTION 4, B. 13.b. [KCC 21A.08.050]--please note that there was a typographical error on the Proposed Amendments Summary showing this as KCC 21A.08.0050]. We believe social service agencies serving transitional or low-income housing should be located where there is the most need, opportunities for work are most prevalent, and ease of transportation most available. To that end, should the County find a need to locate such facilities, we recommend they be located in *urban* unincorporated areas.

SECTION 5, B, 32.c.2 [KCC 21A.08.060]. We believe this will allow off-street parking within 300 ft on an adjacent lot regardless of the assigned zoning. We do not want this to be interpreted that a social service agency can bring in additional cars to get past current parking regulations in the Rural Area (RA) zone. Because parking controls occupancy, we are concerned this proposed change would artificially increase the potential occupancy level, regardless of location.

Shoreline Master Plan (SMP) Update

Section 34--Aquaculture

Aquaculture: It appears this section is new and that DDES is attempting to provide an *initial* set of regulations. That being the case, we are concerned that these proposed new regulations will allow net pens in shoreline residential and rural environments, especially on lakes in the Rural Area.

Should you have any questions regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

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