

October 2011 Meeting

Community Service Areas

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On Monday, October 3, the Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC) held its regular monthly meeting. Major topics discussed were: Community Service Areas and Urban Facilities in Rural Areas.

Community Service Areas

Julia Larson, King County's Rural Economic Strategy Coordinator, discussed the new Public Engagement process to be used in developing Community Service Areas (CSAs) and their boundaries in unincorporated King County. Ms. Larson is soliciting input from UACs and other local Community groups throughout the County to help develop a Work Plan. Such inputs from Community groups will result in a proposal to be provided to the King County Council next Spring. Once finalized, the plan will be put into place later in 2012.

The intent of the CSAs is to encompass all of unincorporated King County, thus allowing for greater participation and direct interaction with County departments. Over the next several months Community meetings will be held to obtain feedback to aid in developing CSA Work Plans and discuss issues of interest to Rural Area citizens.

Urban Facilities in Rural Areas

The Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) is updating the Countywide planning policies which serve as the overarching framework for all jurisdictional (County and City) Comprehensive Plans. This is the first update since their original passage in the early 1990's in response to the State's Growth Management Act.

Much discussion centers around continuing existing policy that allows tightline (i.e., no other connections allowed) sewers to serve new urban-serving schools in the Rural Area. Fifteen such School-District-owned sites exist in King County. The Tahoma School District owns one of these sites near Tahoma Junior High School in Ravensdale.

At the GMPC's September 21 meeting the three Rural Area UACs jointly testified on the suitability of placement of Schools in the Rural Area that primarily serve adjacent Urban Development and the related impacts on local residents. The GMPC decided to create a Task Force representing a broad array of interests to provide recommendations by February 2012.

The Area Council remains concerned that urban-serving schools sited in the Rural Area put pressure on rural infrastructure, such as roads, due to increased bus and car traffic. See:
<http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/permits/codes/growth/GMPC.aspx>.

14th Annual Model Train Show

This year's Annual Model Train Show that will be held Saturday, October 15, and Sunday, October 16, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Gracie Hansen Community Center, located at 27132 SE Ravensdale Way in Ravensdale. [Click here for more information.](#)

The next Area Council Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, 2011, from 7:00 - 9:30 PM at the Fire Station at 231st St & SR-169.