

RESOLUTION NO. 08 - Ole

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ENHANCED COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Asotin County has a population with diverse interests and perspectives; and,

WHEREAS, Asotin County intends to develop and implement an enhanced municipal stormwater management program to serve our citizens, protect our waterways from pollution, and comply with state and federal regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the County's stormwater management program will be most successful if a broad level of community interests and perspectives are actively and collaboratively engaged throughout its formation and implementation; and,

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners intend to create opportunities for broad-based collaborative participation of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the county commissioners do hereby adopt a Public Participation Policy as follows:

Section 1. Public Participation Goals. Asotin County's public participation goals during development, implementation, and updates of the County's enhanced stormwater program are to:

1. Engage the public early in the process;
2. Ensure that the diversity of public interests and perspectives are involved;
3. Communicate regularly with the public during the process;
4. Provide access to complete information about the stormwater program;
5. Create ongoing opportunities for citizens to participate in decision making;
6. Seek and address public comments on new stormwater regulations and ordinances;
7. Comply with all applicable state and local public notice requirements;

Section 2. Meeting Public Participation Goals. In order to meet the goals in Section 1, the County shall facilitate public participation in the following ways:


1. The County shall periodically post the most current stormwater program information on the County's website along with contact information for submittal of comments;
2. The County will evaluate ways to formally involve the public through methods such as advisory panels, workshops, public hearings, stakeholder meetings, and other methods, and will implement the method or methods determined most suitable by the County Commissioners;
3. The County will determine the most appropriate times to seek public comments during the development, implementation, and updates of the County's enhanced stormwater program, and will seek comments at those times.
4. The County will provide adequate notice of public hearings required to adopt new stormwater standards and ordinances, and will provide access to related information and documents so the public can provide meaningful comments during hearings;
5. The County shall respond to stormwater comments received through the County's website and public hearings, and will maintain a publicly available record of comments and how they were addressed.

Adopted this 4 day of February, 2008.

ATTEST:


Vivian Bly
Clerk of the Board

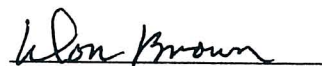
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