



## Regional Open Space Conservation Plan Advisory Committee

### *Action Items and Summary Notes*

Monday, June 4, 2018, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

#### Participants

Hilary Aten, PCC Farmland Trust  
Ryan Dicks, Pierce County (phone)  
Jackie Hackett, Forterra  
Drew Hanson, PSRC  
Erika Harris, PSRC  
Sono Hashisaki, Tulalip Tribes  
Brett Holt, FEMA

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Ikuno Masterson, Snohomish Co.  
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(phone)  
Susan Meyer, EPA  
Michael Murphy, King County  
John Owen, Makers

Steven Randolph, FEMA  
Nancy Rottle, UW (phone)  
Maria Sandercock, PSRC  
Stephen Stanley, Ecology  
Tracy Stanton, Emerald Alliance  
Amy Waterman, Futurewise  
Terry Williams, Tulalip Tribes

#### Action Items

- PSRC will post meeting materials here: <https://www.psrc.org/ros-meetings>.
- PSRC will finalize the open space plan and send it out to the committee and others. Committee members are asked to share the plan and information on the Emerald Alliance with their networks.
- Committee members will send ideas to Erika for forums for presenting the open space plan.

#### Summary Notes

- 1) **Introductions.** The participants listed above introduced themselves. Erika thanked the committee for their participation and valuable contributions.
- 2) **Hazard mitigation and open space planning and funding.** Brett Holt, FEMA, discussed planning for risk reduction, hazard mitigation, and community resiliency. Brett's [presentation](#) is available on the PSRC's website. Steven Randolph, FEMA, discussed FEMA funding sources for open space and green infrastructure. Steven's [presentation](#) is also available.
- 3) **Regional Open Space Conservation Plan update.** Maria reviewed comments on the draft plan and the changes made to update the plan. Maria's [presentation](#) is available and a link to the final plan will be emailed to the committee. The committee had the following comments and suggestions:
  - Make sure you coordinate with non-profits and tribes in addition to government organizations.
  - It would be helpful to link the conservation needs to the strategies.
  - Keep water supply issues in mind, as well as other impacts from climate change. The Sustainable Lands Strategy is identifying which lands need to be prioritized for conservation given future conditions. We need to plan for future population growth while conserving the regional open space network identified in the plan.
  - Integrate an equity lens into VISION 2050, similar to what was done for the urban open space access analysis.

4) **VISION 2050 and plan implementation.** Erika discussed how the plan will be publicized, integration into VISION 2050, and other work to implement the plan. Slides for that discussion are at the end of Maria's presentation. Amy Waterman of Futurewise told the group about information on innovative conservation finance tools that will be available later this year. The committee had the following comments and suggestions:

- Incorporate climate data into future growth planning.
- It is helpful to local governments if the region provides direction and policy on open space conservation.
- Water management is important for fisheries, agriculture and growth. It needs to be better incorporated into planning.
- Made sure that the importance of open space conservation to economic benefits and human health is clear.
- Consider a policy that encourages using an ecosystem services approach to planning. This would help tie needs to funding.
- Work with Tribes on VISION 2050.
- Look at whether changes need to be made at the state level to support the plan.
- The "treating water as a resource" policy may need to be more specific.
- Need to talk about growth, land use, water supply, and conservation with Puget Sound Partnership, counties, cities and others.
- This plan is a valuable tool. The Regional Open Space Network should be a map in VISION 2050 and include a policy to conserve those lands identified.
- Consider giving open space its own chapter.
- We are continuing to lose connectivity for habitat because of development practices such as clearcutting.

5) **Emerald Alliance update.** Tracy Stanton, the Executive Director of the Emerald Alliance, discussed the Alliance and the work it is taking on, including developing a funding strategy for the open space plan. The [presentation](#) is available on PSRC's website. The committee had the following comments:

- Funding for conservation could come from the carbon tax initiative if it passes this fall.
- The Alliance needs to include government partners. Getting the plan into government policy is important.

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