



*IWRMP TARGETED WATERSHED PROTECTIONS & ENHANCEMENT
LAND USE AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS PROJECT*

**KITTITAS COUNTY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING No. 3**

Swauk Teanaway Grange
November 14, 2011

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- **Welcome & Thank you!**
- **Citizens Advisory Committee Members** *(Introductions)*
- **Kittitas County Participants**
 - Paul Jewell, County Commissioner, District #1
 - Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director *(Project Manager)*
- **Consultant Participants**
 - John Knutson, PE, URS Corporation *(Meeting Leader)*
 - Amy Danberg, PRR Inc. *(Meeting Facilitator)*
 - Will Guyton, URS Corporation
 - Julie Blakeslee, URS Corporation *(Land Use Planner)*
 - Michael Taylor, Cascade Economics *(Economist)*

AGENDA

- ✓ Welcome & Introductions
- Land Use and Economic Analyses Example Approaches
- Wild and Scenic River Designation Discussion
- Recreational Benefits and Impacts Discussion
- Review, Revise, and Append Potential Land Use and Economic Considerations Table
- Next Meeting Dates & Topics

LAND USE ANALYSIS EXAMPLE APPROACH

Heading:	Current Land Use/Zoning	Post IWRMP Land Use/Zoning	Estimated Acreage	Potential Use Considerations	Anticipated Change to Use Considerations
Description:	<i>(the existing zoning designation for the property to be purchased or protected)</i>	<i>(what the property is proposed to designated after implementation of the Plan)</i>	<i>(how many acres proposed to be changed from one designation to another. Tool to be used: GIS)</i>	<i>(a list provided by the CAC of use considerations or concerns)</i>	<i>(a qualitative analysis of how potential uses may change)</i>
Example (Teanaway):	Residential	Conservation	X.X acres converted	Public access (overall) Recreation access Environmental protection Wind energy production Utility access Grazing opportunities	↓ ↑ ↑ - or ↓ - ↑

Notes:

↑ = improves or increases

↓ = degrades or decreases

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ECONOMIC ANALYSIS EXAMPLE APPROACH

Heading:	Current Use	Post IWRMP Use/Zoning	Affected Entities	Units of Measure for Impact	Anticipated Change to Use Considerations
Description:	<i>(the existing use for the property to be purchased or protected)</i>	<i>(what the proposed use for designated property after implementation of the Plan)</i>	<i>(Socioeconomic group(s) that would experience an impact)</i>	<i>(the manner in which impacts to affected entity can be measured)</i>	<i>(a qualitative analysis of how potential uses may change)</i>
Example (Teanaway):	Timber production Mining Fishing access Hunting access	Conservation	Landowners Landowners and miners Fishers Hunters	Timber revenues, \$/ year Mining activity or \$/year Accessibility or restriction Accessibility or restriction	↓ ↓ ↑ ↑ ↑ or –

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WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATIONS

- Under this designation, rivers are classified as:
 - Wild River Areas
 - Scenic River Areas
 - Recreational River Areas
- Development not prohibited
- Government not given control over private property
- Continuation of recreation, agricultural practices, residential development, and other uses
- River protection is provided through voluntary stewardship
- Three WA rivers currently under this designation:
 - Klickitat River: recreation (10.8m total)
 - Skagit River: scenic (100m) and recreation (58.5m)
 - White Salmon River: wild (6.7m) and scenic (21m)

<http://www.rivers.gov/>

RECREATIONAL BENEFITS AND IMPACTS

Examples on Analyzing Recreation:

- Measure changes in participation from the base condition (visitor hours, days, trips, etc.)
- Effect of the proposed alternative/project on both supply and demand (quantity and quality) of recreation
- Estimate possible benefits from current non-users beginning to recreate in the region
- Benefits from the restoration of natural river recreation
- Determine or "measure" the value that people (residents and non-residents, and users and non-users) place on the existence of natural river conditions

RECREATIONAL BENEFITS AND IMPACTS

Examples on Analyzing Recreation:

- Availability of natural resources, focusing upon factors that invite outdoor recreational users
- identify key stakeholders in the business of recreation and tourism, including values and positions each hold toward outdoor recreation and natural resources.
- Describe the interconnectedness between socio-economic and ecological aspects of recreation
- Identify factors that attract recreation/tourism to an area, including proximity/access to travel, quality of destination site, amenities, suitability for intended purpose, and safety
- Analyze values and attitudes toward tourism from the perspective of various stakeholders: local residents, local businesses, local and regional land managers, state agencies, federal agencies

LAND USE AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS AND CONCERNS



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Principles for Forest Land Acquisitions:

- Maintain economic uses where lands have historically been used as working lands, where this is consistent with protection of key watershed functions and aquatic habitat. This will help to foster local community support and assist with ongoing funding for property management.
- Maintain and, where possible, improve access to lands and enhance opportunities for a variety of recreational uses, where this is consistent with protection of key watershed functions and aquatic habitat. This will help to foster local community support.
- Support of restoration and management activities, including long-term funding sources.



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Principles for Shrub-Steppe Land Acquisitions:

- Land acquisitions will help to offset impacts of inundating shrub-steppe habitat from lowland reservoir projects such as Wymer Reservoir, and will complement ongoing efforts to protect shrub-steppe lands in Central Washington
- Access and opportunities for recreation will be enhanced.
- A working lands outcome will be considered, where consistent with protection of habitat and sensitive wildlife species.



LAND USE AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS AND CONCERNS

Principles for New Designations on Existing Public Lands:


- New designations will enhance watershed and fish habitat protection and preserve or improve recreational opportunities.
- New designations will avoid negative effects on existing or reasonably foreseeable economic uses of the affected public lands that are consistent with protection of watershed functions and fish habitat.
- Public land designations will directly complement other actions in the Integrated Plan, including (but not limited to) fish passage and habitat restoration, land acquisitions, and public land designations.

LAND USE AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS AND CONCERNS

Principles for River Corridor Designations:

- New river corridor designations and associated management plans will be developed cooperatively with public and private landowners and the county having jurisdiction over local land use regulations.
- New river corridor designations will complement other actions in the Integrated Plan, particularly fish passage, habitat restoration, land acquisitions, and public land designations.

CAC MEETINGS

Meeting & Topic	Approximate Meeting Dates
 CAC Meeting 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue identifying potential direct and indirect benefits and concerns to Kittitas County land uses and economy from the TWPEC Proposal• Identify key land use and economic issues for detailed analysis by Consultant	<i>November 14, 2011</i> Cle Elum
CAC Meeting 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review consultant team land use and economic impact analyses results• Obtain CAC feedback• Discuss possible economic compensation strategies	<i>mid-December</i> <i>(Ellensburg)</i>

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Meeting & Topic	Approximate Meeting Dates
CAC Meeting 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review and evaluate an array of economic compensation alternativesObtain CAC recommendations on the preferred compensation approaches (preferred alternative)	late January 2012 (Cle Elum)
Public Open House Meetings (2) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Present process and recommendations to public at an informational open house and allow for comments and questionsCommittee members on hand to field questions in an informal format	early February 2012 Ellensburg & Cle Elum
CAC Meeting 6 (if needed) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Adjust recommendations if any significant or trending comments are received from the public open house	Late February 2012 (Ellensburg)

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