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Subject: Fwd: Regarding rural designation for the Lake Padden watershed

>>> Mike Sato <msato@pugetsound.org> 11/2/2009 10:23 AM >>>
Dear Carl, Seth, Bob, and Laurie--

Amy Nelson and I moved to 772 Mahonia Dr. last March and over the months have come to know the lay of the land and some of the issues that face us if we are to keep Lake Padden and its drainage to Bellingham Bay and the Sound clean and healthy. Watching the amount of water rushing down over the current amount of impervious surfaces raises serious concerns about zoning that will increase the amount of impervious surfaces in the as-yet undeveloped acreages north of the Wildflower and South Hills developments. We support the county executive's recommendation that these sectors be held in rural designation until the city and the county can establish and enforce no- and low-impact development standards for stormwater and until it can be demonstrated that the city of Bellingham and Whatcom county require additional housing that cannot be accommodated by in-fill in established urban areas.

Thank you.

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