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Good day, Heather,

Thank you for your comments regarding the Comprehensive Growth Plan. I have forwarded to staff, and will add these to the Index of Record.

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Comprehensive Plan Needs to Consider Ecosystem Needs

Comments

For the last four years, I have been converting my home landscaping into PNW native plants alongside educating myself on the environmental impacts of growth and climate change. I am deeply concerned about the impact that economic growth (housing, business, transportation) is having on our local ecosystems. One straightforward and constructive way to help mitigate impacts from our county's growth is to require ecological landscaping. I would ask that our comprehensive plan include requirements to landscape using native and native-friendly plants at a rate of 80% (allow 20% ornamental/non-native plants). This form of landscaping requires less maintenance, uses little to no water once established, and provides ecosystem services (pollination, air filtering, watershed support) at a much, much higher rate than our conventional landscaping practices. I ask that our comprehensive plan be forward-looking when it comes to the "side impacts" of growth.

We can encourage/require housing and business developments to shift away from the almost automatic use of lawn -- even when lawn is not needed for a specific use -- and towards evergreen and deciduous native plants and shrubs. We can start planting more densely as we landscape and stop relying on rock and thick layers of bark dust that make our "green spaces" into sterile spaces that can't host pollinators and important wildlife. If we move to ecological landscaping models, we will provide our community with environmental benefits that can help offset the impacts we keep having as we grow. Thank you.

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