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Good day, Monica,

Thank you for submitting these comments related to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update.

Unfortunately, as this was received after the comment period deadline of Sunday Nov. 30th at 5:00 PM, these cannot be included with the DEIS comments to be sent to the consultant for consideration for the Final EIS. I have included Oliver Orjiako, who is the Responsible SEPA Official, in case there are any further questions on this point.

These will, however, be included in the Comprehensive Plan Index of Record.



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I am so sorry that I didn't get my comments in by November 30th at 5 p.m.

I have been sick with pneumonia and I hope that you will allow my comments to be a part of the community comments received. Please.

1.

Bioregioning 101 | Reality Roundtable #14

<https://youtu.be/e08dWgk-TRo?si=4Z266NuDVq43zhBT>

Bioregionism is about living in a place, understanding that you are part of the natural systems there, and working with those systems. It's about a different way of seeing and being in a place, and reclaiming our agency and responsibility as humans of that place.

Bioregionism is not a new concept - it's how humans have organized themselves and lived in harmony with local ecosystems for most of our history. This pattern of living in right relationship with place has only changed within the last 5,000 to 10,000 years.

Bioregionism is presented as a response to the current "poly-crisis". The poly-crisis is the interrelated ecological, social, and economic challenges facing humanity. Bioregionism embraces and integrates these different facets, suggesting it is about fitting the human species back into the planet's living systems and returning to our evolutionary survival pattern of being regenerative expressions of place.

The video emphasizes that indigenous cultures and wisdom have much to teach us about bioregionism and living in right relationship with place. It states that bioregionism is about restoring that sense of belonging and identity that is rooted in place, which has been lost in modern times.

For Planning and Policies:

1. Devolve decision-making power to the bioregional/watershed scale to enable more

localized, context-specific planning.

2. Align policies and funding to support bioregional regeneration projects and the transition to regenerative economies.
3. Reform harmful subsidies and financial incentives that promote extractive, ecologically destructive activities.
4. Invest in building the capacity of community-based bioregional organizing teams and financing facilities.
5. Incorporate indigenous knowledge and traditional ecological management practices into environmental planning and policies. Hire indigenous humans in government positions. They need to be paid for their time. And there needs to be DEI teachings on why they need to be there because they deserve to be there.
6. Design governance structures that enable everyone to actively participate as stewards of their local bioregions.

The key is to emphasize the importance of place-based, community-led approaches to addressing environmental health disparities and building resilient, regenerative systems at the bioregional scale.

2.

Bioregional Financing Facilities: Reimagining Finance to Regenerate Our Planet -
Samantha Power

<https://youtu.be/tCMq-8sfK5Y?si=KZ95Ho3764JoQRKh>

"Bio-regional financing facilities" (BFFs) - a new model for decentralized, place-based financing to support regenerative projects and the transition to a more sustainable economy.

The main goals of BFFs are to:

- 1) Decentralize financial governance and empower local communities to direct resources.
- 2) Organize synergistic portfolios of regenerative projects within a bio-region.
- 3) Support the shift to more diverse, localized "bio-economies" connected to place.

The author, Samantha Power, explains that the current financial system often leads to the commodification and extraction of natural assets. BFFs aim to address this by putting financial decision-making in the hands of those connected to the land.

Four main types of BFF entities: 1) Bio-regional Trusts that provide catalytic grants, 2) Bio-regional Venture Studios to incubate entrepreneurs, 3) Bio-regional Investment Companies for thematic funds, and 4) Bio-regional Banks for low-interest loans and complementary currencies.

Key principles of BFFs include aligning with living systems, serving the bio-regional regeneration strategy, implementing participatory governance, and leveraging integrated capital structures that prioritize regenerative outcomes over pure financial returns.

Samantha sees BFFs as a way to reinvigorate local civic participation and decision-making around the stewardship of place. She believes this model can bring renewed energy and resources to the global regenerative movement.