

Snohomish County Executive
AARON REARDON



Priorities in Action



Latest News & Upcoming Events

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Community forums to update online performance measures

Here at Snohomish County, we strive to be innovators in government. We are always working to improve the way we do business. Now, we're asking for your help.

In 2004, we launched SnoStat to measure the effectiveness of Snohomish County services. Today, these performance measures guide County decisions and are the foundation of the county budget. We know that good performance measures increase government's accountability to you, the taxpayers.

In June, we will host two public feedback sessions designed to improve our performance measures.

Thursday, June 12th 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Light meal provided

Thursday, June 19th 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Light meal provided

Seats are limited so be sure to register early.

If you are interested in attending one of the sessions, please contact us at sno.stat@snoco.org and specify which session works best for you.



Reardon honored as Housing Hero

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon was honored by Housing Hope with its Housing Hero Award, which was given at the nonprofit's annual Stone Soup Dinner.

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Did you know that you can track how well the County is meeting its performance goals?

The SnoStat system tracks how well the County is delivering services, the costs of those services, and the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery.

Simply visit our [SnoStat website](http://www.snoco.org).

Recipients are selected by the Housing Hope board of directors.

Reardon was selected for his efforts to publicly and actively elevate the issue of affordable housing in public arenas since September 2007, Housing Hope officials said.

“Aaron Reardon has become a champion for affordable housing and has provided political leadership to address the significant needs of local residents with housing cost burdens,” reads Housing Hopes’ summary of why Reardon was selected.

Reardon has worked to preserve homes for mobile-home park residents in Lynnwood, has facilitated credit enhancement through the county for three housing developments in south Snohomish County and has recommended funding for the Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County to prepare a proposed 10-year affordable housing plan.

Most recently, he convened the Housing & Homelessness Policy Oversight Committee, which is charged with finding solutions to ending homelessness and increasing affordable housing in Snohomish County.

 **County recycling event to benefit local farmers, environment**

Local farmers can recycle their nursery containers, plastic baling twine, empty hay bale bags and more for free during upcoming agricultural-recycling events in Stanwood and Monroe.

“Offering farmers free recycling services to reduce waste means good business and helps the environment,” County Executive Aaron Reardon said.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 31, farmers can bring baling twine, nursery pots and trays as well as hay bale covers to the Skagit Farmers Supply – Country Store, 8815 272nd St., Stanwood, for recycling.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 1, Snohomish County farmers

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

can drop off the same recyclables at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 14405 179th Ave. S.E., Monroe.

Many agricultural plastics can be recycled into black plastic nursery items, drain pipe, truck bed liners or plastic lumber for benches, posts and pilings. Recycling these materials also reduces solid waste sent to landfills.

There is no charge for these special recycling collections, which are sponsored by Snohomish County, Snohomish Conservation District, RE Sources for Sustainable Communities, AVOCO and WSU Snohomish County Extension.

What does "rural" mean to you?

In June, Snohomish County will launch a project to update its policies and regulations for managing growth and development in rural areas.

The Rural Lands Planning Project will begin with a series of four public meetings throughout the county to gather a variety of citizens' views on how the county's rural lands should look, feel and function.

During the past several years, the county has listened to various concerns regarding changes in the rural landscape brought about by growth. Longtime rural residents have pointed to negative impacts such as increased road traffic, obtrusive night-lighting glow, lower water quality and quantity and stormwater runoff problems.

The open-house-style meetings will include a presentation by Craig Ladiser, director of Snohomish County's Planning and Development Services, on the county's rural development policies and regulations followed by open discussion and public comment.

The meetings will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. during the month of June. Below is the schedule:

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Wednesday, June 4
Maltby Community Club
8711 206th St. S.E., Snohomish

Wednesday, June 11
Pioneer Hall
20722 67th Ave. N.E., Arlington

Tuesday, June 17
Evergreen State Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg
14405 179th Ave. S.E., Monroe

Thursday, June 26
Snohomish County Campus
Robert J. Drewel Bldg., Meeting Room 1
3000 Rockefeller, Everett

This fall, planning officials will return with a second series of meetings to present proposed revisions to the county's rural-lands planning policies that better reflect citizens' wishes for preserving the county's rural character and way of life.

For more information on Snohomish County's Rural Lands Planning Project, go to www.snoco.org and search "Rural Lands Project," or contact Terri Strandberg at 425-388-3311 or terri.strandberg@snoco.org.

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