

# Forest Lands Planning under GMA in Snohomish County

## CHRONOLOGY

- December 1992**
- Adoption of Interim Forest Land Conservation Plan
  - Adoption of Interim Regulations to Conserve Forest Lands
- May 1993** Adoption of Rural Cluster Subdivision Ordinance Applying to Interim Forest Reserve Lands
- October 1993** Adoption of Right to Practice Forestry Ordinance
- July 1994**
- Planning Commission Recommendation on Draft General Policy Plan
  - County Council Assigned Forest Advisory Committee to Review Forest Land Designations (Due to GMA Amendment)
- August 1994** Adoption of Amendments to Interim Forest Land Designations (Individual Landowner Deletion and Addition Requests)
- January 1995**
- Forest Advisory Committee Presents Recommendations to County Council incorporating Forest Transition Area (FTA)
  - Snohomish County GMA Comprehensive Plan Adopted by Council, including FTA policies and map
- January 1999-  
December 2002** Staff work intermittently to develop regulations to implement the FTA occurred but code was not adopted.
- January 2003-  
January 2006** During the Ten Year Update of the Comprehensive Plan, public discussion took place regarding the need for and viability of the FTA. Council deferred the decision to allow staff time for further analysis and consultation with stakeholders.
- August 2006-  
December 2006** Staff hired a consultant, Parametrix, to provide an assessment of effectiveness of the FTA. Parametrix's report, *Forest Transition Area Assessment* was submitted January 2006.
- May 2007 -  
present** Staff consults with FTA-area stakeholders, including the forest industry, to assess changed conditions and current concerns in the FTA; and to assist in the development of regulations to implement the partial development option, if practical.