

# Public Participation Plan Country Corner LAMIRD

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This *Public Participation Plan* is intended to inform the public and to guide the public process so that the process is a success.

This *Public Participation Plan* provides for:

- ◆ The broad and effective dissemination of notice;
- ◆ Amendments to the County Comprehensive Plan and policy adoption process;
- ◆ Opportunities for early and continuous public participation;
- ◆ Timely information to the public; and
- ◆ Opportunities to review and comment on decisions before they are made.

This plan is intended to supplement the San Juan County public participation requirements for plan and regulation amendments. San Juan County faces important choices about how to pursue Growth Management Act compliance. These choices are tied to policy issues and questions of practical management of the County's resources. The plan and the level of effort committed to this endeavor indicates willingness on the County's part to "do it right" and to fully involve the public early and regularly to the extent reasonable to complete this effort.

## 2.0 WORK PROGRAM

To create and review the Country Corner Village regulations and policies that will need review by all concerned parties or their representative stakeholders, as necessary for a variety of reasons including:

- ◆ To evaluate the success of the Comprehensive Plan and the Growth Management Act in regards to the Country Corner Village;
- ◆ To gain Growth Management Act compliance;
- ◆ To ensure that code changes meet with current and local needs;
- ◆ To incorporate new information, changes in law, correction of errors, and clarification of intent for existing concerns related the Country Corner Village.

## 3.0 SCHEDULE

The schedule for developing the Country Corner Village Plan includes an indeterminate number of public meetings, although Community Development and Planning are expecting to sponsor not less than 6 public meetings prior to public hearings, action steps include;

**3.1.** Amending the County's Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element to include the Country Corner Village.

**3.2.** A professional assessment of the existing land uses and potential for future development.

**3.3** Amending the County's Comprehensive plan to show the Country Corner Village boundaries.

**3.4** Publication of an EIS or DNS according to State Environmental Protection Act protocols.

#### **4.0 PUBLIC OUTREACH**

**4.1** Direct Mail Out to Property owners in the Country Corner Village.

**4.2** Display ads in Sounder and with legal ads for public hearing notices in the Journal.

**4.3** Preliminary meeting with interested parties on the evening of December 8, 2008 during the first Eastsound Plan Review Committee open house. Subsequent meetings with interested parties.

#### **5.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Opportunities for public involvement will be provided through a review and update process to encourage early and continuous public participation. The following steps will be taken to provide information to the public and to encourage citizen involvement:

##### **5.1 Public Meetings**

There will be Public Information meetings in Eastsound the first of which is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2009.

##### **5.2 Number of Meetings**

There shall be at least 4 public meetings to discuss the regulations appropriate for the Country Corner LAMIRD,

##### **5.3 Public Hearings and the Public Record**

There shall be one Planning Commission Public Hearing, and one County Council Public Hearing that will include opportunities for oral and written testimony. All oral testimony will be recorded. All written testimony will be responded to and kept on record in official files.

##### **5.4 Written Comments and Appeals**

Written comments are welcome throughout the evaluation and update process for the Country Corner LAMIRD. Written comments will be kept in official files and responded to when part of an environmental review or public hearing comment periods. Appeals will be responded to through the process as defined according to the Unified Development Code of San Juan County.

Written comments may be submitted for public hearings to Colin Maycock, Community Development and Planning Department, Long Range Division, PO Box 947, 135 Rhone Street, Friday Harbor, WA 98250, fax (360) 378-3922, phone (360) 370-7573, or [colinm@co.san-juan.wa.us](mailto:colinm@co.san-juan.wa.us)