2014 ANNUAL AMENDMENTS:
OPEN SPACE ELEMENT UPDATE

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Proposed work this year:

- Reaffirm vision, goals and policies
- Improve and update inventories
- Incorporate recent plans
- Reflect implementation progress
- Enhance guidance on implementation
- Organization

Outcomes:

- Ensure Element serves its purpose
- Prepare for 2015
- Maintain grant eligibility
Proposed this year:
Reflect recent policy and plans

- Shoreline Master Program
- Downtown Subarea Plans
- Transportation Element
- Urban Forest Policy Element
- Metro Parks Green Vision 2030
- Port’s Public Access Plan
- GTP Restoration Action Plan

INCORPORATE:
- Policy direction
- Inventory
- Project lists
Reflect progress and transitions

- Open Space and surface water
- Open Space management plans
- Green Tacoma Partnership
- Community Gardens Program
- Code updates: CAPO and TDR
- Active transportation projects
Enhance Implementation Guidance

- Framework for collaboration
- Consider setting benchmarking
- Project lists
- Framework for management plans

EXAMPLES:
- First Creek
- Julia’s Gulch
- Point Defiance
- Wapato Hills
- Schuster Slope
TDR Code refinements

• Adopted as pilot code in 2012

• Tacoma’s first potential Sending Area

• Identified opportunity to refine Tacoma Habitat Area definition
  • Current code: areas designated Habitat Corridor
  • Proposed change: areas providing high value within or adjacent to Habitat Corridors, or providing exceptional value elsewhere
Outreach

- City Environmental Services & Public Works Depts
- Metro Parks Tacoma
- Port of Tacoma
- Green Tacoma Partnership
- Tacoma School District
- Sustainability Commission
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