

Update on Progress and Results to be

Accomplished by July 1, 2009

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In January, the San Juan Initiative Policy Group directed staff to develop detailed actions necessary to implement the recommendations in "Protecting Our Place for Nature and People". The actions are consistent with the five objectives developed by the Policy Group. Within each objective the staff has listed the deliverables for completion by July 1, 2009 and their current status.

1. Tailor regulations, technical assistance and incentives to match the level of ecological sensitivity of a specific property.
2. Increase consistency and certainty in requirements when buying land, building homes and applying for permits.

Deliverables:

- a. Draft regulatory language for County's Critical Areas Ordinance process that has been vetted through a community process. *Status: The draft language is in development and will be vetted with the community the beginning of May.*
 - b. Shoreline type maps delivered to the County GIS team. *Status: The maps will be available from PSNRP in the coming weeks.*
 - c. Develop monitoring process to check effectiveness of SJI recommendations at 6 months and 18 months post implementation. *Status: Monitoring process will be available for review at May Policy Group meeting.*
3. Foster a collaborative approach involving government regulators, program managers, builders, real estate agencies, homeowners and others.

Deliverable:

Create community support for recommendations with trade group professionals. Create new conversations between trade professionals and County staff. *Status: Staff held several meetings with the Trades Group work team and with the County Staff. There will be several joint problem-solving sessions before July 1, 2009.*

4. Provide information in an accessible, relevant and timely manner.

Deliverables:

- a. Support the County for the next three years in obtaining EPA funds for implementing regulatory and educational recommendations, providing technical assistance, and improving the website.. *Status: Proposal has been submitted and reflects priorities of San Juan Initiative.*
 - b. Public Works Polaris GIS tool updated with shoreline information and shoreline types. *Status: Once the maps are available from PSNRP, staff will package them for the County's GIS team.*
 - c. Draft language for updated Community Development and Planning Department's website that connects to GIS tool. *Status: Draft language is ready for review by County staff.*
 - d. Draft process for enhanced Residential Pre- Application will be site visit tested with builders and property owners. *Status: A field trip to test new process will be scheduled for early May.*
 - e. Work with the Conservation District to ensure their Natural Resource Inventory site visit contains shoreline ecological features. *Status: The District will be part of the field test mentioned above.*
5. Reward actions that protect ecosystems and discourage actions that are damaging or not in compliance.

Deliverables:

- a. Fee for post construction inspection approved by County Council. *Status: Community Development and Planning Director expects a proposal in front of the Council by the middle of May.*
- b. Proposed Code Enforcement Ordinance reflecting Policy Group priorities adopted by County Council. *Status: The Policy Group will submit a letter to the Planning Commission for their meeting on April 17th where the ordinance will be discussed. It is not yet on the County Council's agenda for approval.*
- c. Identify funding sources and apply for funding to map feeder bluffs, ensure completion of changes to the Assessor's website, provide free technical assistance to property owners, create a pilot for acquiring smaller parcels with SJPT and Land Bank, create incentive program for moving homes and soft shore approaches. *Status: Draft funding strategy will be reviewed at May Policy Group meeting.*