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Cc: Perry Barrett; Ken Dewitt
Subject: Attn: Ryan Ericson -- Comments on Recreational Development portion of Regs on New and Existing Development

Hi, Ryan --

Here are the comments I would have made at last night's meeting if there had been time to get through the whole agenda.

Page 4, No. 6, dealing with trails for motorized vehicles. I suggest you make an exception for motorized wheel chairs, of which we're seeing more and more. Otherwise, you are limiting these vehicles to trails that are, at a minimum, 100 feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark.

Page 4, No. 7, dealing with the removal of on-site native vegetation. Does this limitation on removing on-site native vegetation apply to the entire property, or just the buffer zone? It's not clear how maintaining native vegetation in uplands more than 150 feet from the OWHM contributes to the health of the marine and shoreline environment, assuming that provision is made to control stormwater runoff. This could be a concern at Fort Ward, which has a large upland area suitable for non-water related purposes, such as tennis courts, and where there might be a need for some limited removal of native vegetation. If you have to keep this restriction for an entire property, at least make some provision for an exception or variance for public parks with large upland areas.

Page 5, No.11.b. This is just a question that you may have already answered. Are there definitions somewhere in the updated SMP for Best Management Practices and Low Impact Development?

Finally, the Park District appreciates the incorporation of the Park District's Comp Plan into these regulations.

Cheers -- Lee Cross

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