

Lower White River
Biodiversity Management Area
Stewardship Planning Meeting
February 14, 2007

Auburn City Hall
Council Chambers
25 West Main
Auburn, WA 98002

Present: Michelle Tirhi – Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
Karen Dvornich – UW NatureMapping Program
Gretchen Muller – National Wildlife Federation (Backyard Sanctuary Program)
Linda Burgess – Puyallup River Watershed Council
Jeanne Fancher – citizen of Pacific
Tracy Engels – LWR BMA Conservation Coordinator
Bob - Trails

A list of projects that King or Pierce County, Auburn, Sumner, and Pacific are working on that fall within the BMA were presented. These projects can be inserted into the action steps of the Stewardship Plan.

The Conservation Targets were finalized after a great deal of discussion. They are:
Deciduous/Conifer Riparian Forest
Conifer Upland Forest
Lower White River
Streams, wetlands, and oxbows

A review of the process to identify stresses, stressors, and action steps was presented. The group decided that the Stewardship Plan should be written following the Crescent Valley's full plan and the Crescent Valley Alliance's working plan and presented to the different jurisdictions for comments. This document will contain the scientific rationale and data (e.g., GAP and bioblitz) for jurisdictions to use and to educate their constituents.

A bioblitz is scheduled April 21st for the Auburn Game Farm. The main focus is education for the local community and to present the Stewardship Plan in a very draft form. Mammal trackers will be asked to collect mammal data that will be added to the species lists within the Stewardship Plan.

No further community meetings are planned until after the bioblitz and feedback from the jurisdictions.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.