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TO: Bellingham City Council
Kim Lund, Mayor
RE: Silver Beach Neighborhood Rezone

The Whatcom Environmental Council is pleased to see that a Residential, Low-Density ordinance will be considered at your June 3rd meeting. We support adoption of this ordinance because it best meets the priority to first **protect** Lake Whatcom before relying on **treatment**.

To summarize our thoughts and position regarding this change:

- Addressing our housing needs shouldn't be within the Lake Whatcom Watershed.
- Engineered stormwater controls do not account for additional pollution from more cars and animals caused by over 300 new homes.
- Area 13 includes a large wetland complex and stream adjacent to Lake Whatcom (see clip from City IQ). This creates an opportunity for the City to work with the property owner to restore and enhance these significant resources.

We want to express our sincere appreciation that the City has determined to reconsider Residential, High Density in Lake Whatcom Watershed through this action.

Thank you.

Regards,
Whatcom
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