

ORDINANCE NO. 51 - 03

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE MASON COUNTY OPEN SPACE MAPS
AS ESTABLISHED IN ORDINANCE NO. 09-03.**

WHEREAS, the Mason County Comprehensive Plan contains certain goals and policies that implement the goals of the Growth Management Act to retain open space and recreational opportunities and to conserve fish and wildlife habitat and natural resource lands;

WHEREAS, Mason County established planning policies on Parks and Trails that set forth how recreational facilities, trails, parks, and open space should be established in the county to conserve cultural resources and areas of natural beauty and serve the growing population of the county;

WHEREAS, the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board found in its order of August 14, 2002 that the open space mapping between Allyn and Shelton was incomplete;

WHEREAS, Mason County adopts these open space maps in response to the order of the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board;

WHEREAS, Mason County also included policies to provide open space corridors and pedestrian / bicycle trails along railroad and road easements and along gas and electrical transmission right-of-ways, as well as open space corridors linking Belfair and Allyn and Grapeview on Case Inlet with the Twanoh area on Hood Canal;

WHEREAS, the Mason County Planning Advisory Commission reviewed the proposed revisions to Mason County Comprehensive Plan policies on open space in their public meetings in November and December 2002 and January 2003, and Planning Advisory Commission members approved a recommendation to establish open space corridors along railroad, gas, and electrical transmission right-of-ways and an area between Case Inlet and Hood Canal;

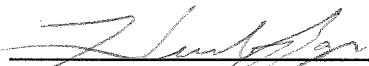
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners held public hearings in February 2003 to receive public comments and to review the proposed revisions to these Comprehensive Plan policies as recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission and modifications of that recommendation from the Department of Community Development, and adopted through Ordinance No. 09-03 these policies and other revisions to the Comprehensive Plan, Development Regulations, and Resource Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed in their public meeting on May 13, 2003 the adopted polices on a 200-foot wide open space corridor along each side of the railroad and utility easements and the two maps that show those open space areas in a county-wide scale and a northeast area from Belfair to Shelton.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby approves and adopts the two open space maps dated February 11, 2003, as shown on ATTACHMENT B1 and B2.

DATED this 13th day of May, 2003.

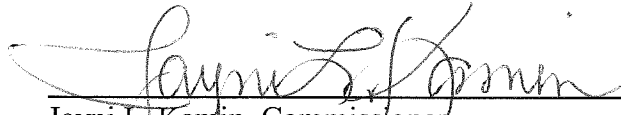
Board of County Commissioners
Mason County, Washington



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Jayni L. Kamin, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Deputy Prosecuting Attorney