

**City of Bremerton**  
**Draft Gorst Creek Watershed Characterization & Framework Plan**  
**Draft Gorst Subarea Plan, and**  
**Draft Gorst Planned Action Environmental Impact Statement**  
**Notice of Availability and Public Meetings**

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Notice is hereby given under WAC 197-11-455 and 510 that the City of Bremerton is issuing a Draft Planned Action Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the proposed adoption of the Draft Gorst Creek Watershed Characterization & Framework Plan and Draft Gorst Subarea Plan.

The Draft EIS describes the existing conditions and identifies probable significant environmental impacts, mitigation measures to mitigate these impacts, and any significant unavoidable adverse impacts from the proposal, in accordance with RCW 43.21C.031. The Draft EIS is also intended to fulfill the SEPA requirements for Planned Action environmental review consistent with (WAC 197-11-164 to 172).

**Description of the Proposal:** The City of Bremerton, in partnership with Kitsap County and other state, federal, and tribal agencies, is planning the future of the Gorst Creek Watershed and Gorst UGA. These coordinated efforts are intended to: A) make Gorst a place where people want to live, shop and recreate; b) protect water quality, habitat and fish while fostering economic development; c) identify areas for development, restoration and protection based on science; d) adopt a land use plan for Gorst; and e) implement a long-range capital improvement plan to provide for future utility services, public services and transportation needs.

Products of the planning effort to date include a Draft Gorst Creek Watershed Characterization & Framework Plan for the 6,000-acre watershed as a whole and a Draft Gorst Subarea Plan for the Gorst UGA which is approximately 335 gross acres.

The Draft Gorst Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) is an informational document that provides the City of Bremerton, Kitsap County, members of the public, and other agencies with environmental information, an evaluation of the proposed plans and alternatives, and potential mitigation measures to minimize environmental impacts. The Draft EIS analyzes the *No Action Alternative (Alternative 1)*, e.g. continuation of the City's and County's current Comprehensive Plans and development regulations applicable to the Gorst Creek Watershed and Gorst UGA. The Draft EIS also addresses two *Action Alternatives (Alternatives 2 and 3)* that vary land use patterns, particularly in the Gorst UGA; these alternatives consider increasing residential development and enhancing commercial development while promoting environmental restoration and protection.

The Draft EIS allows the City of Bremerton and Kitsap County to consider designating a planned action for some or all of the Gorst UGA. Designating a planned action streamlines environmental review for development proposals consistent with EIS mitigation measures that are adopted in a planned action ordinance.

**Proponent:** The City of Bremerton and Kitsap County

**Location:** The study area includes the 6,000-acre Gorst Creek Watershed in southeast Kitsap County and the 335-acre Gorst UGA along Sinclair Inlet. Major highways in the study area include SR 3 and SR 16.

**Comment and Review:** The City of Bremerton is requesting comments from citizens, agencies, tribes, and all interested parties on the Draft EIS from **June 10, 2013 to July 24, 2013, by 5:00 PM**. All written comments should be directed to:

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City of Bremerton  
Community Development Department  
345 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 600, Bremerton, WA 98337  
[Allison.Daniels@ci.bremerton.wa.us](mailto:Allison.Daniels@ci.bremerton.wa.us)  
360-473-5845

**Public Meetings:** The City of Bremerton and Kitsap County will also hold the following meetings during the comment period at which comments may be submitted.

**Gorst Draft Plans & EIS Introduction**

Kitsap County Planning Commission  
Date: June 18, 2013  
Location: Kitsap County Administration Building,  
Commissioner's Chambers, 619 Division Street  
Port Orchard, WA 98366  
Time: 9:00 am

**Gorst Draft Plans & EIS Introduction**

City of Bremerton Planning Commission  
Date: June 18, 2013  
Location: First Floor Chambers  
Norm Dicks Government Center  
345 6th Street, Bremerton, WA 98337  
Time: 5:30 pm

**Gorst Preferred Alternative Community Workshop**

Date: June 20, 2013  
Location: Family Worship Center at 3649 W. Frontage Road, Port Orchard, WA 98367 (in Gorst)  
Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 pm

**Preferred Alternative Direction**

Kitsap County Planning Commission  
Date: July 16, 2013  
Location: Kitsap County Administration Building,  
Commissioner's Chambers, 619 Division Street  
Port Orchard, WA 98366  
Time: 9:00 am

**Preferred Alternative Direction**

City of Bremerton Planning Commission  
Date: July 16, 2013  
Location: First Floor Chambers  
Norm Dicks Government Center  
345 6th Street, Bremerton, WA 98337  
Time: 5:30 pm

**Document Availability:** The Draft Gorst Planned Action EIS, Draft Gorst Creek Watershed Characterization & Framework Plan and Draft Gorst Subarea Plan, are available for review at Bremerton City Hall: 345 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 600, Bremerton, WA 98337. The Draft EIS and plan documents are posted on the City of Bremerton's website at [www.gorstwatershed.com](http://www.gorstwatershed.com). Compact Disks are available for purchase at Bremerton City Hall. Cost at the time of this writing is \$2.00.

**SEPA Responsible Official:**

Responsible Official: Andrea L. Spencer, AICP  
Position/Title: Director, Department of Community Development  
See "Comment and Review Above" for contact person and method to provide comments.

Date: JUNE 10, 2013

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

