

Introduction

This document provides both public comments on the Stewardship Council's Draft Land Conservation Plan (LCP) Volumes I and II, and the responses to those comments. The Draft LCP was circulated for public review from June 18 to August 21, 2007. The Stewardship Council hosted 10 community meetings across the Watershed Lands during the months of June and July. The purpose of the meetings was to orient the public to the LCP and how best to comment on the document. More than 220 individuals attended the meetings.

The Stewardship Council received a total of 1,312 comments, which were submitted via email, Excel spreadsheet, the website, and hardcopy letters received by mail. The vast majority of comments (1,098) were in regard to Volume II - Planning Unit Concepts (and Supporting Analysis for Recommendations), while Volume I - The Land Conservation Framework received 153 comments, and 61 comments were general in nature and not specific to either Volume I or II.

Comments received on the Draft LCP were compiled into tables, reviewed, and responded to individually. In some cases, commenters provided such lengthy comments that they were condensed for readability. Such an action is noted in the comment text (e.g., condensed from letter) and indicates that the word-for-word comment is not shown. In other instances, commenters provided a singular comment that actually consisted of multiple issues or statements on various topics. These were split into multiple comments in order to provide more readable, concise responses. If a comment warranted a change in a LCP volume, the change was made to the text (or map) and noted in the comment response. If a comment did not induce a change to the LCP, an explanatory response is provided.

How to Use this Document

This document is organized by LCP volume. The first section presents public comments and associated responses that were general in nature and were not specific to either LCP volume. The second section of this document presents public comments and responses that relate to Volume I of the LCP. The comments in this section are organized by Volume I chapter (Chapters 1 through 6 and Appendices 3 and 5 through 9). The third section of this document presents public comments and responses that relate to Volume II of the LCP. The comments in this section are organized by watershed and planning unit. Comments were also received on the introduction to Volume II.

In the second and third sections, if a chapter or planning unit is not shown, then there were no relevant comments received. To find a particular comment, please refer to the appropriate section, and then look for a particular name in the alphabetized "Commenter" column (alphabetized by first name).

Numerous comments were made regarding the Kennedy Meadows Planning Unit within LCP Volume II. Many of these comments consisted of either mailed form letters or electronic form letters (Appendices 1 and 2). For the form letters that were received by mail, the comment text states "Form letter - see comment from Matt Bloom" and is followed by any additional comment text provided at the end of the form letter. The response to the form letter states "See response to Matt Bloom form letter comment." Please reference the response to the comment by Matt Bloom. If additional text was provided within the form letter, it is included within the comment text and an appropriate response is provided. For the form letters received electronically, the comment text states "Electronic form letter - see 10 comments from Norie Fraser" and is follow

by any additional comment text provided at the end of the electronic form letter. This approach was taken because the electronic form letter consisted of comments relating to 10 different topics and it would have been too lengthy to include all 10 comments for each of the approximately 100 people that submitted the electronic form letter. The response to the electronic form letters states “See responses to Norie Fraser electronic form letter comments.” Please reference responses to the ten comments by Norie Fraser that begin with “Electronic form letter comment.” If additional text was provided within the electronic form letter, it is included within the comment text and an appropriate response is provided.