CRITICAL AREAS MONITORING AND ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT TRAININGS

Local governments need a feedback loop to help determine whether the goals of critical areas protection are being met, and if not, how to improve the process.

What we’re doing

We are providing technical assistance and resources to cities and counties to develop or enhance monitoring and adaptive management of critical areas permit implementation and effectiveness.

How we’re doing it

- 6 regionally focused 2-day workshops with hands-on technical and peer consultation trainings
- Working with a professional facilitator, Ecology, and WDFW to develop curricula, agendas, and facilitate trainings
- Providing a summary of results and recommendations

WHY IS THIS ISSUE IMPORTANT

All counties and cities in the state have adopted critical areas regulations and permitting procedures under the GMA and the SMA. However, they have no way of knowing if they are actually achieving protection of critical areas without looking at the permit process and the on-the-ground results of critical areas regulation.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

If you work in critical areas planning or permitting, you can implement a permit monitoring program. For guidance and examples, visit one of our upcoming workshops or read Chapter 7 in our Critical Areas Handbook, available online at our website.

ABOUT COMMERCE’S GROWTH MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Growth Management Services assists and guides local governments, state agencies, and others to manage growth and development consistent with the GMA. We provide direct assistance, grants, training and education, guidebooks, review of proposed actions, and state coordination.

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