

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-25

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, relating to the Comprehensive Plan; and adding Goal 4 and Policies EN 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 to the Environmental Element of the Comprehensive Plan, relating to biodiversity.

WHEREAS, the City of Bainbridge Island (the "City") adopted a Comprehensive Plan on September 1, 1994, which establishes the long range vision for the Island and identifies the important characteristics that the community desires to retain, promote and foster; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted an updated Comprehensive Plan on December 8, 2004 (the "Comprehensive Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the City's Comprehensive Plan, required by the Growth Management Act, includes an optional Environmental Element, which addresses the natural environment of Bainbridge Island; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Element of the Comprehensive Plan includes policies intended to preserve and enhance Bainbridge Island's natural systems and environmental quality; and

WHEREAS the City supports sustainable development and the preservation of biological diversity of Bainbridge Island's ecosystems; now, therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The following goal and policies are added to the Goals and Policies section of the Environmental Element of the City of Bainbridge Island Comprehensive Plan:

"GOAL 4

Encourage sustainable development that maintains diversity of healthy, functioning ecosystems that are essential for maintaining our quality of life and economic viability into the future.

EN 4.1

Encourage planning and land development using conservation design methods and principles such as, low impact development techniques, green building materials and mitigation that offsets impacts to biodiversity.

EN 4.2

Create a program with effective mechanisms intended to offset development impacts to biodiversity, including developing a priority lands map that identifies areas with a high level of biodiversity and considering establishing a habitat bank on the Island.

EN 4.3

Provide incentives for developments to offset unavoidable impacts to biodiversity in areas where high-quality natural habitats exist."

Section 2. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.


Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect on and be in force five (5) days from and after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

PASSED by the City Council this 28th day of November 2007.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 30th day of November 2007.


Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:


Rosalind D. Lassoff, CMC, City Clerk

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