



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20230419-006

Date: April 19, 2023

Subject: Watershed Protection Ordinance (WPO) Part 81 Amendment

Motion by: Perry Bedford

Seconded by: Kevin Ramberg-Chair

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS, the Watershed Protection Department has provided clarification in a presentation to the Environmental Commission on language establishing the Riparian Zone Mitigation Fund (Ordinance No 20131017-046);

WHEREAS, the intent of the code is to protect and/or restore floodplain health;

WHEREAS, the language of the ordinance establishing the Riparian Zone Mitigation Fund explicitly mentions a protection mechanism through acquisition of land through direct purchase or conservation easements;

WHEREAS, the current code fails to explicitly mention its use to help fund active restoration projects for currently degraded floodplains and doesn't provide clarity in the use of the Riparian Zone Mitigation Fund as an instrument supporting the intent of the Floodplain Modification provisions in code and criteria, and does not clarify its use for programs and projects to restore floodplain health by including it explicitly in the description of its applications;

THEREFORE, the Environmental Commission recommends approving the amendment to Part 81 of Ordinance 20131017-046, also known as the Watershed Protection Ordinance (WPO) as presented by staff and in the backup material and with the following Environmental Commission condition:

1. The Prioritization Plan comes before the Environmental Commission for review and comment when finalized.

VOTE 8-0

For: Qureshi, Scott, Bedford, Ramberg, Schiera, Cofer, Nickells, Sullivan

Against: None

Recuse: Brimer

Absent: Bristol, Thompson

Approved By:

Kevin Ramberg, Chair