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## PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Planning Commission  
**FROM:** Lara Thomas, Planning Director  
**HEARING DATE:** August 19, 2015  
**PROJECT:** Duvall Watershed Plan



### I. INTRODUCTION

Proponent /Property Owner: City of Duvall, PO Box 1300, Duvall, WA 98019

Project Description: 2015 Duvall Watershed Plan (Watershed Plan)

Requested Action: Hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to City Council

Review Process: Type IV, City Council decision

Exhibits:

1. Staff Report
2. Watershed Plan
3. Duvall Watershed Plan – list of meetings
4. SEPA Determination
5. Public Hearing Notice
6. Department of Commerce – submittal

### II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Duvall is considering a new Watershed Plan for adoption, with the Planning Commission public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Visitor Center. The City Council public hearing is scheduled for September 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Educational Service Center. Planning Commission is expected to make a recommendation to City Council on September 2, and City Council is scheduled to make a final decision on September 15.

Like many communities on the urban fringe, the City of Duvall is striving to promote economic growth and development without sacrificing its rural character and environmental assets that are at the heart of the community's "small town – real life" identity. To help the city in achieving this goal, Duvall completed analysis and prepared a Watershed Plan that: (1) informs the ongoing 2015 Comprehensive Plan update; (2) focuses future development based on an understanding of watershed processes; (3) protects and improves forest cover and open space; and (4) strengthens sensitive area and stormwater management to maintain water flow pathways and provide enhanced protection for important resources.