

## Nicole Stickney

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**From:** Laurie Ness <pennifurs.mom@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Pasco UGA Exp. comments\_Laurie Ness  
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Nicole, Please see attached comments for tonight's meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to publically participate on the City of Pasco's Proposed UGA Expansion.

For reference, below are Washington state's Countywide Planning Policies for Comprehensive Plans (*in italics*)— Part 1. of the Countywide Planning Policies for Franklin County's Comprehensive Plan, to implement UGAs re; RCW 36.70A.110 (*in blue text*). My comments and concerns are focused on whether external consistency is being met in Pasco's UGA expansion proposal with regards to Franklin County and the GMA.

***RCW 36.70A.100 Comprehensive plans—Must be coordinated.***

*The comprehensive plan of each county or city that is adopted pursuant to RCW 36.70A.040 shall be coordinated with, and consistent with, the comprehensive plans adopted pursuant to RCW 36.70A.040 of other counties or cities with which the county or city has, in part, common borders or related regional issues.*

***RCW 36.70A.210 --Countywide Planning Policies (Required)***

*(3) A countywide planning policy shall at a minimum, address the following:*

*(a) Policies to implement RCW 36.70A.110; (UGAs)*

*...*

*(f) Policies for joint county and city planning within urban growth areas;*

*...*

*(h) An analysis of the fiscal impact.*

## Franklin County CP (Draft) Countywide Planning Policies.

### 1. Policies to Implement RCW 36.70A.020

(selected Planning Goals)

I. Open Space and Recreation: Encourage the retention of Retain useful open space and enhance development of recreational opportunities, conserve critical fish and wildlife habitat, increase public access to natural resource lands and water, and develop parks and recreation facilities.

J. Environment: Protect the environment and enhance the region's high quality of life, including air and water quality, and the availability of water for all uses, including potable domestic requirements. Consideration of the rising cost of services, particularly fire suppression services.

L. Public Facilities and Services: Ensure that those public facilities and services necessary to support development shall be adequate to serve development at the time the development is available for occupancy and use without decreasing current service levels below locally established minimum standards.

Comments referencing I & J: Only one type of critical area (Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Area) was shown in the proposal for the UGA expansion area. Its presence on a map in only two places is neither accurate nor informed. There are five types of critical areas and local governments are required to designate and protect them at the local level. The importance of critical areas from protection of the public to the role they have in making an area livable has gone unstated. Our critical areas are required

to overlay all other land uses in the GMA. They are required to be represented and thus planned for in the UGA public process. It is imperative to any UGA expansion to accurately identify each type of critical area and delineate them on your maps, and inform the public how they will be protected with the build out in the proposed UGA.

Comments referring to J & L: The facility and service costs for fire suppression and preventative measures need to be accounted for monetarily in this UGA expansion. I can't find any information of that kind in this proposal. Extending fire suppression services as the UGA expands is costly but it is needed to prevent the wildfire tragedies we've seen so close to home and throughout the western states. You have proposed that more people move into or are currently living in the urban wildland interface in the proposed UGA expansion. Much hotter and drier lands than of my childhood.

Finally, I don't see efforts made on infilling and reducing sprawl. Infilling and higher density has been an ongoing comment from Futurewise and now from me.

***RCW 36.70A.020 Planning Goals***

*(2) Reduce sprawl. Reduce the inappropriate conversion of undeveloped land into sprawling, low-density development.*

**Note to Franklin County Planning Commissioners:** Your CP needs to designate Ag Lands of Significance so Pasco's UGA has the info they need and we all can eat local and have our economy too!

The Pasco UGA expansion does not meet requirements of the Growth Management Act. Pasco's should be denied until they can show their work using the appropriate tools to account for the size and contents of this UGA expansion.

Thanks for your attention.

Sincerely, Laurie Ness  
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