

**To:** WRIA 8 Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Committee

**From:** Stephanie Potts, Washington Department of Ecology, chair of the WRIA 8 Committee

**Date:** November 19, 2020

**Re:** Review of WRIA 8 Final Draft Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Plan

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Thank you for all of your hard work over the last two years to develop the WRIA 8 Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Plan (watershed plan). At our WRIA 8 Committee meeting on November 18, we reached interim agreement on the final draft watershed plan. We are distributing the final draft watershed plan for entities to complete their review based on the process and schedule provided to the chair. It is at the discretion of each entity to determine their local review process.

The watershed plan, appendices, and associated materials are available on the [WRIA 8 Committee's website](#). In addition, the website includes links the WRIA 8 Committee Overview handout and a template presentation to support your review.

**The WRIA 8 Committee will meet on February 25, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via WebEx to vote on final plan approval.**

RCW 90.94 (3) states that "... all members of a watershed restoration and enhancement committee must approve the plan prior to adoption." Per the [Operating Principles](#), Committee representatives, with the exception of cities caucus members, must be present at the meeting to provide their vote on behalf of their entity. Cities caucus members (Bellevue, Bothell, Issaquah, Kenmore, Sammamish) may provide their vote directly to the chair, through the cities caucus representative, or in person at the meeting. The plan will not be submitted to Ecology for review, net ecological benefit determination, or consideration for adoption until all Committee representatives have approved the plan.

If you have any questions or needs during your review, you can reach me at 425-466-5358 or [Stephanie.Potts@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Potts@ecy.wa.gov).