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UNINCORPORATED SNOHOMISH COUNTY NEEDS TO JOIN FORCES NOW!!!

The Conservation & Preservation Society (CAPS) Proposes Legal Action

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South SnoCo faces a huge problem! Advocates for the Conservation & Preservations Society (CAPS), a non-profit corporation, have personally invested thousands of dollars and thousands of volunteer hours to advocate for county residents, opposing over-development in this south part of the county. SnoCo is proposing to grant permits to build numerous large developments (see p. ___), and infrastructure for roads, schools, and emergency services is increasingly inadequate to meet the growing needs of residents who will move into high-density developments in rental apartments, town homes, and complexes. This is being done with permitting by the Snohomish County Planning & Development Services (PDS) and the County Council.

It is time to file a lawsuit. Recently volunteer advocates were provided official documentation that evidences county staff and officials have engaged in activities which may be illegal and will have the effect of using taxpayer funds to undercut residents' interests to fund the interests of developers. These documents indicate there is sufficient proof to file a lawsuit against the county, which will require legal representation by an attorney. For example, certain recently passed county ordinances are in direct conflict with the State Environmental Protections Act (SEPA.) New ordinances have the potential to allow developers to be exempt from the impacts of large residential developments. Such exemptions are proposed for Eastview Village (Cathcart West) near SR 9 and a residential development on Paradise Lake Road, known as Snohomish Garden Townhomes (formerly called Paradise Lake Garden Apts.) near SR 522. Given this information and our 2022 property tax increases, it can be assumed that our tax dollars have been used to grant developers' permits that will denigrate fragile ecosystems and do not address adequate infrastructures, like roads and schools, essential to support new residents. It is time to act!

TO STOP MANY OF THESE PROJECTS WILL REQUIRE FILING A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE COUNTY.

BUT WE NEED EVERYONE TO COME TOGETHER NOW!

Donate! Funding a lawsuit will requiring attorney fees. If everyone contributes at least \$50.00, the funds will be available to pay attorney and expert fees for the lawsuit.

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