

Lake Samish

Affected Area: 436 Acres

Current Land Use Designation: Suburban Enclave, Rural

Proposed Land Use Designation: Rural

Current Zoning: Rural- 1 unit/2 acres (R-2A), Rural Residential 2 units/acre (RR-2)

Proposed Zoning: Rural- 1 unit/10 acres (R-10A), Rural Residential- 1 unit/10 acres (RR-10A)

Description: The Lake Samish affected area is located around the shores of Lake Samish. The area is about 435 acres zoned RR-2 and R-2A with no nonresidential zoning. While most of the area is served by a sewer system, development is restricted because of water availability issues.

Evaluation per LAMIRD Criteria: Lake Samish affected area does not meet the Whatcom County Criteria for any LAMIRD. Specifically, the area does not meet proposed Comprehensive Plan Policy 2HH-1(B) (1), because the area does not serve as a hub of public and commercial services for the surrounding areas. The area also does not meet proposed Comprehensive Plan Policy 2HH-1(B) (4) because the area has environmental constraints and water availability issues that restrict development.

