

Monday, September 16th, 2019

Metro Planning Commission Members,

The South Floyds Fork Vision (SFFV) area plan is urgently needed to guide the future of the most rapidly developing portion of Jefferson County. In fact, the Planning Commission has approved over 1,300 units/lots since work on this study began two years ago.

I support the current proposal; however, 4 modifications are still needed to help fulfill the Plan's Vision Statement. Please consider adjusting the following Recommendations, as noted by strikethrough and italics:

4.B. ~~Wherever possible~~ Roadways should be buffered from tree clearing. Rather than prohibit logging practices entirely in the area, this recommendation would maintain a buffer of trees and vegetation between public roadways and logging operations. This would reduce the visual impact of tree clearing on roadways and other scenic areas.

5. A. ~~Consider Establishing "common sense" buffer standards between when a 50-foot natural/vegetative buffer in new development is proposed adjacent to permanently protected land. active agricultural uses. Property owners should work together to develop adequate buffers in these cases.~~

21.A. ~~Maintaining and protecting a minimum of 50% tree canopy within the planning area. protects the numerous benefits that trees provide.~~

27.A. ~~Encourage~~ *Require* dark-sky-compliant lighting on all new public and private development throughout the area.

The South Floyds Fork Vision Plan will have a significant impact on the study area. It is essential that the plan allows sustainable growth that protects Floyds Fork and the surrounding area for future generations.

As stated in the SFFV Background, the study area is "one of the more significant natural and rural parts of the county remaining." To help protect these features, I respectfully request that you include the recommended revisions in the proposed plan, which is also supported by a majority of the SFFV Advisory Group.

Sincerely,
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