WHEREAS, The Washington State Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58) was passed by the State Legislature in 1971 “to prevent the inherent harm in an uncoordinated and piecemeal development of the state’s shorelines” and to provide for appropriate shoreline use by encouraging land uses that enhance and conserve shoreline functions and values; and

WHEREAS, The Shoreline Management Act requires all local governments that include Shorelines of the State (Puget Sound) to prepare Shoreline Master Programs (SMPs) to protect shoreline resources by regulating development and to provide for appropriate shoreline uses; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Woodway adopted its first SMP in April 2001 and pursuant to RCW 90.58.080, the SMP is required to be updated by December 1, 2011 to address emerging shoreline issues and revisions of State guidelines; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Woodway received a $50,000 grant from the Department of Ecology to conduct an update of the 2001 SMP consistent with the guidelines set forth in WAC 173.26; and

WHEREAS, the Town has engaged ESA, a qualified environmental consulting firm experienced in the preparation of shoreline master programs to assist with the preparation of the Town’s SMP Update; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Administrative Code establishes the basic elements of the process to prepare the Program that include a public participation plan; a shoreline inventory and characterization; the delineation of environmental designations; goals, policies and regulations; and supplemental documents including a Cumulative Impact Analysis and Restoration Plan; and
WHEREAS, The Woodway Planning Commission was designated in the Public Participation Plan as the primary advisory body responsible for the preparation of the SMP and in so doing conducted public open houses in March and April 2010 and subsequently adopted a “vision” of which the goals, policies, regulations and administrative sections of the Program are based upon; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission conducted site tours to understand the natural processes and existing conditions of the shoreline area and reviewed and approved the Inventory and Characterization Report prepared by ESA in December 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission established new shoreline environmental designations (SEDs) from the existing 2001 SMP to better serve as the foundation from which general and specific policies and regulations would be developed and thus defined the new SEDS as “Urban Conservancy”, “Aquatic”, and “Point Wells Urban”; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission discussed the appropriate policies and use regulations applicable to each of the SEDs during a set of regular Commission workshops conducted over seven months from January 2011 through September 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Management Act also requires the SMP to include a Restoration Plan that includes goals and policies for the restoration of ecological functions that have been historically impaired or degraded and a Cumulative Impact Analysis to ensure that when implemented over time, the SMP will achieve no net loss of shoreline ecological functions from the current baseline conditions; and

WHEREAS, ESA has prepared, and the Planning Commission has reviewed, the Cumulative Impact Assessment and the Restoration Plan as supplemental documents to the draft SMP and on October 5, 2011 passed a motion authorizing the SMP to be forwarded to a public hearing before the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, a Declaration of Non-Significance was issued on October 25, 2011 and no appeals were received; and
WHEREAS, a notice of public hearing was advertised in the Everett Herald newspaper on November 22, 2011, posted in the Town on November 22, 2011 and a courtesy copy was sent to the shoreline land owners in the Town limits and Municipal Urban Growth Area on November 23, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing on the Woodway Shoreline Master Program Update 2011 was conducted before the Planning Commission on December 7, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF WOODWAY

Section 1: The Planning Commission recommends to the Woodway Town Council that the 2001 Woodway Shoreline Master Program be repealed, and that the Town of Woodway Shoreline Master Program Update 2011 be adopted as set forth in Exhibit A as attached hereto.

Section 2: The Planning Commission hereby adopts the staff report set forth below as Exhibit B.

Section 3: The Planning Commission further recommends that, following review of Exhibit A and B, the Town Council approve by motion, a Resolution of Intent approving the Woodway Shoreline Master Program Update 2011 and forward a copy of the Program together with the Restoration Plan and Cumulative Impact Analysis to the Washington State Department of Ecology for review and approval.

Passed by a vote of _______ in favor and _______ opposed this 7th day of December 2011.

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Robert Allen, Chairman                                     Date

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Heidi K. S. Napolitino, Planning Commission Secretary        Date

Attachments:
Exhibit A- Town of Woodway Shoreline Master Program Update 2011

Exhibit B- Staff Report to the Town Planning Commission Regarding Consideration of the Woodway