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This is the very last minute, so I am sending a basic letter that I have not written on the spot. I agree with it.

LID is very important and long overdue. Members of the Chamber of Commerce appear to have been convinced by developers or by the general anti-regulation politics in some circles that regulations are always some hardship in the business world. On the contrary, the Chamber needs to recognize that the viability of Mason County depends on the shellfish industry, tourism, and quality of life that is based on our waters and our woods.
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I support the inclusion of new Low Impact Development (LID) requirements and expanded requirements to monitor discharges, and elimination of the 1 acre exemption for Phase II small municipality jurisdictions in the Draft Municipal Stormwater Permits.
These are essential elements of a successful program.

However, to address the pollution adequately the following changes need to be made:

1. Eliminate the very broad " feasibility" and " competing needs" exemptions. These loopholes and others will allow jurisdictions and developers to evade low impact development requirements.
2. Include specific requirements for developers to avoid destruction of native plants and reduce total paved surfaces on building sites. These core foundations of good LID approaches are necessary for the LID techniques to succeed.
3. Strengthen the requirements for " watershed/basin " planning to protect forested areas and green spaces.