

Upper Teanaway

Subarea Planning Process

Draft plan text for “Environmental Stewardship” element:

The Upper Teanaway Valley is an area with uniquely valuable ecological, scenic, and natural resources. The Valley contains farms, homes, and forest lands and provides a gateway to recreational opportunities in public and private lands within and beyond the boundaries of the subarea. The Teanaway River flows out of the subarea and meets the Yakima River to the south. The Upper Teanaway Subarea Plan shall support Environmental Stewardship in the Valley by setting goals and policies that prioritize land uses and County investments that protect ecological functions, scenic areas, and natural resources.

GOAL-ES-1: Establish long-term preservation of open space in the Teanaway Valley for wildlife protection, recreation, and natural resource use.

Policy-ES-1.1: Work with land owners and conservation groups to establish conservation easements over high valued lands in the Upper Teanaway Valley Subarea in order to protect wildlife corridors, priority habitats, and sensitive ecological areas.

GOAL-ES-2: The Teanaway River in the “heart and soul” of the Teanaway Valley. Protect the long-term viability of the Teanaway River and its floodplain as a habitat and water source by ensuring future development does not degrade water quality or water flow levels of the Teanaway River.

Policy ES-2.1: Maintain stream flows and protect water rights for downstream irrigators and ranches.

Policy ES-2.2: Ensure that all future development will be served by an approved water source with adjudicated water rights.

These draft goals and policies are provided for public review and comment and are examples of subarea plan content. The goals and policies reflect comments received during open houses and public meetings, as well as initial data collection.

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