

# City of Tacoma

**Please indicate main role.**

Local Planner

**Do you work in Eastern or Western Washington?**

Western Washington

**Is your work primarily in an urban or a rural area?**

Urban

**Are you interested in the guidance from a:**

City/Town Perspective (city/town name)

**How familiar are you with the groundwater protection requirements of the Growth Management Act?**

Neutral

**Does your county or city employ a hydrogeologist or other groundwater professional?**

Yes

**Does your county or city map Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas?**

Yes

**Please share any concerns or opinions about the Guidance revision - What would you like to see changed or added? To provide more detailed answers, please use this excel [spreadsheet](#).**

While I'm not familiar with the current guidance, I do have several questions about CARA protections:

1. While CARAs are designated as critical areas, the approach is not consistent with how most CA's are treated. Does mitigation sequencing apply? Are there best practices for integrating CARA review into a critical areas regulatory framework?
2. With the scale of CARA's being large, how should individual development actions be regulated - since one of the main concerns is cumulative impacts? I get regulating single point sources, but what about pervious surface or non-point source pollution over a large

area? What about depletion of aquifers due to development that prevents recharge?