

Local government

Please indicate main role.

Other: Please Describe

Biologist

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)

Tacoma

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

Somewhat Familiar

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](#).

The Critical Area code in Tacoma includes Aquifer Recharge Areas, however; standards for development in aquifer recharge areas are contained within TMC 13.09, South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District. In general, Tacoma Water maps wells and aquifer areas, and the health department provides review under 13.09 that requires paving when industrial or potential contaminants are associated with development.

The preservation of natural hydrologic processes are managed under the City's stormwater management manual and the critical area code which requires pre and post development flows to be unchanged to receiving wetlands and streams. these documents both also require water quality for any development flows.

The requirement for paving to protect aquifer areas and the requirement for infiltration under the stormwater management manual seem to conflict. Additional guidance to meet both protection requirements and hydrology maintenance requirements would be helpful.