

RESOLUTION NO. 52-90

WHEREAS, members of the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Council of Mason County have been designated by the Mason County Board of Commissioners as the Overall Economic Development Program Committee for Mason County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Overall Economic Development Plan for Mason County was adopted on January 4, 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Overall Economic Development Program Committee has written and accepted an Overall Economic Development Plan (OEDP) Update for Mason County, Washington; and


WHEREAS, this OEDP shall be updated each year; and

WHEREAS, this OEDP Update is required before U.S. Department of Commerce funding for infrastructure projects in Mason County can be considered;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason County Board of Commissioners does hereby endorse the Overall Economic Development Plan Update for Mason County, Washington, and request that the document be forwarded to the Region 10 Office of the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

DATED this 3 day of July, 1990.

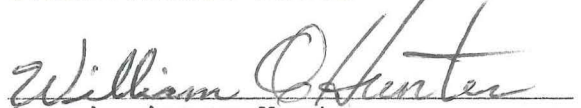
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Chairperson Gibson



Commissioner McGee



Commissioner Hunter

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board

OEDP UPDATE ADOPTION RESOLUTION

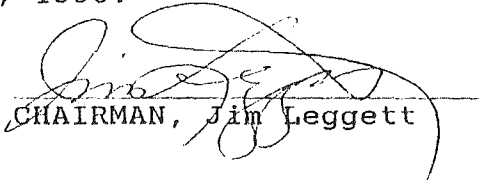
WHEREAS, the Economic Development Council of Mason County is the Overall Economic Development Program Committee responsible for planning and coordination of economic development activities to stimulate new private and public investments to provide employment and growth opportunities; and


WHEREAS, the Committee is organized in accordance with Federal requirements of the Economic Development Administration to broadly represent the area including representation of local government, business, and other community interests; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has prepared an Overall Economic Development Program as a guide for economic development activities; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mason County Overall Economic Development Program Committee does hereby adopt the Overall Economic Development Program update for Mason County, Washington.

ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF JUNE, 1990.


CHAIRMAN, Jim Leggett


ATTEST, Harvey Warnaca
Sec./Treas.

UPDATE
OVERALL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PLAN
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON
1990

THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL OF
MASON COUNTY

OVERALL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PLAN COMMITTEE
FOR MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

<u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF MASON COUNTY</u>	<u>BUSINESS</u>	<u>LOCAL GOVERNMENT</u>
Tim Sheldon Director	Terry Shaw, Manager Land Title Co.	Chuck Ruhl, Commissioner City of Shelton
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	Tom Spikes, VP Centennial Bank	M.M. Lyon, Commissioner Port of Shelton
Keith Chamberlain Owner Ornamental Stone Manufacturing	Jim Leggett, Owner Retail Office Supply	Mike Gibson Commissioner Mason County
Ward Forrer Controller Simpson Timber Co.	Jay Hupp, Owner D & J Publishing	Harvey Warnaca Commissioner Mason County
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<u>PROFESSIONAL</u>	Norma Taylor Financial Officer Taylor United	<u>EDUCATION</u> Sandy Miller Board Member Shelton School District
Mary Penney Registered Nurse	<u>COMMUNITY AFFAIRS</u>	
<u>SKOKOMISH INDIAN TRIBE</u>	Carol Wentlandt Mgr, Mary E. Theler Community Center	
Edward H. Binder Economic Development Planner	Harry Martin Private Industry Council	

The OEDP Committee meets on the fourth Tuesday each month at the office of the Economic Development Council of Mason County. The authority to undertake the OEDP project was granted to the EDC of Mason County by the commissioners of Mason County, the Port of Shelton, and the City of Shelton.

The 1988 OEDP document for Mason County was developed and written by John Hill, 6912 Hillgrove Ln. SW, Tacoma, WA 98499, Phone: (206) 582-4466 under the direction and authority of the Economic Development Council of Mason County. The 1990 update was developed by EDC staff.

MINORITY REPRESENTATION ON OEDP COMMITTEE

Date: June 30, 1990

State: Washington
County: Mason

1. Minority in Area or District:	Number	%
Total Population:	35,985	100%
Black Population:	56	.001%
Female Population:	17,426	50%
Spanish Origin:	456(a)	1.3%
Native American:	1,238	3.4%
Asian Population:	337(a)	1%
Other:	383	.01%

(a) includes migratory seasonal workers.

2. Executive Committee of the OEDP:

Jim Leggett, Chairman
Tim Sheldon, Director
Economic Development Council
of Mason County
Michael Gibson, Membership Committee
Sandra Miller, Education Committee

3. OEDP Committee Members:

See OEDP Committee for Mason County Washington, next page.

4. Summary:

<u>OEDP Committee</u>		<u>Executive Committee</u>
Total Members:	19	3
Caucasian Members:	19	3
Minority Members:	5	1

5. Method by which Minority Representatives were Selected:

There are few minority representatives available to work in economic development in the Mason County region. Black representatives are non-existent due mainly to the low residency rate. The Indian Tribes are well represented through their own tribal offices and have established individual OEDP documents to meet their specific community and economic development needs. There are few representatives from the Asian and Spanish residents because they are typically migratory seasonal workers that do not establish year-round residency.

Therefore the minority members of the OEDP Committee are year-round residents who have expressed their desire and interest in enhancing the quality of life for their community. They have been selected for their active leadership in community affairs and their willingness to work for sustained community and economic development for the benefit of the Mason County community as a whole. All are respected members of the community, all have the power derived through self-determination and equality, and all have demonstrated their abilities through their community involvement.

Mr. Edward Binder, Tribal Manager for the Skokomish Indian Tribe, speaks for the efforts and concerns of the Native American and American Indian Community within the boundaries of Mason County. There are two reservations, one is represented by the Skokomish Indian Tribe, the second, The Squaxin Island Indian Tribe. Each is included in the Overall Development Plan of Mason County with data provided through their Tribal Economic Development Offices; Skokomish Tribe, Edward Binder, Squaxin Island Tribe, Val McCreavy.

Ms. Carol Wentlandt is one of two representing the N/NE Mason County Region. She is a retired reporter for the Belfair Herald/Shelton Journal and is active in local community affairs, e.g. Theler Community Center in Belfair and the EDC of Mason County.

Ms. Sandy Miller is a school board member for the Shelton School District in addition to serving on the education committee for the EDC of Mason County.

Ms. Mary Penney, R.N., is a highly respected member of the medical community in Mason County. Her ties with local physicians and Mason General Hospital are essential in maintaining a strong health care delivery system in Mason County.

Michael Gibson is a Mason County Commissioner and very active in the DARE program and other community activities.

With the exception of the EDC Director the balance of the OEDP Committee for Mason County are representatives of local government and the commercial/industrial/retail business community.

Jim Leggett, owner of the Office Supply Store, serves as the OEDP Chairman and is an active community leader in Mason County.

Historical Assessment of Past Development Efforts

Since the initial OEDP document was developed in January of 1988, several development efforts have been successfully accomplished.

1. Two manufacturing buildings with 30,000 sq. ft. of leasable space have been built and leased by the Port of Shelton.

2. A multi-jurisdictional funding package for \$5.75 million is under consideration for construction of Wallace Blvd.

3. An LID, State and City of Shelton project to widen Olympic Highway North with the City limits is nearly completed.

4. Additional property has been cleared and leased at Johns Prairie Industrial Park.

5. One-quarter mile of rail at Johns Prairie has been realigned and lengthened to provide additional rail service for tenants.

6. FAA grant application for update of Sanderson Field Master Plan calling for lengthening the runway from 5,000 to 7,500 feet in length is being developed.

IV. Potentials for Economic Development

1. Aquaculture. Many miles of salt water shoreline on Hood Canal and Puget Sound and relatively clean water present potential opportunities for shellfish and fin fish aquaculture. Mason County already produces nearly one-half of Washington's oysters and clams.

Mussel culture has begun on a small scale and one large net pen project is run by the Squaxin Island Tribe. Another, by Swecker Seafarms, has gained permit approval for raising up to 800,000 of salmon per year.

2. Value-added wood products. Several new firms engaged in bevel siding production, pole peeling and furniture component manufacturing have emerged lately to augment the traditional sawmills in Mason County. Adequate supplies of second growth Douglas fir and hardwoods are available.

3. Aerospace. Several aerospace contractors have expanded their operations here. Lower wage levels have expanded employment at several local firms.

4. Tourism. Accessibility to the fast growing Puget Sound Basin has attracted more visitors to Mason County and the Olympic Peninsula. The popularity of hiking, boating and other outdoor activities provides many opportunities for new visitors to Mason County. A new salt-water boat ramp is being constructed at Triton Cove.

5. Light manufacturing. Lower wage rates have attracted new employers engaged in electronic assembly and other assembly operations.

6. Service economy. Opportunities exist for an expanding retail trade and expanding medical services because of the county's fast growing population and passage of the Hospital bond.

V. Development Strategy

1. Identify opportunities for new and expanded businesses. Concentrate on wood products, aerospace, light manufacturing, aquaculture and tourism.
2. Assist local businesses in marketing and establishing new markets.
3. Continue to plan for and promote opportunities in higher education within reach of place-bound Mason County residents. Emphasize education as infrastructure.
4. Coordinate local efforts for developing a permanent campus for Olympic College in Shelton offering degree programs.
5. Identify training opportunities for local employers.

- Continue to promote a machinist training program for Mason County schools.
6. Update and maintain a County-wide industrial site inventory.
 7. Support a transportation system for Mason County that meets the needs of the citizens and promotes business growth within the County.
 8. Explore opportunities for State and Federal funding to improve and develop infrastructure necessary for industrial expansion.
 9. Increase EDC membership and develop a broader base of local businesses committed to growth of Mason County's economy.
 10. Identify financial programs available for expansions of local businesses.
 11. In partnership with the Pacific Mountain Private Industry Council, develop and implement an effective government procurement assistance program for eligible Mason County businesses.
 12. In cooperation with social service agencies and the private sector, assist in developing adequate child care facilities to broaden the available work force.
 13. Support growth management.
 14. Support Mason General Hospital's efforts in obtaining the same reimbursement from the government for medical procedures that urban hospitals receive.

VI. Plan for Implementation

1. Skill levels for Mason County workers are being addressed through efforts with the Mason County Literacy Project, Olympic College and area secondary schools. Emphasis and new course offerings in manufacturing technologies, math, English and blueprint reading have been established recently.

Mason County's largest private employer, Simpson Timber Company, has implemented a new literacy program for its employees.

2. Adequate industrial infrastructure is being addressed by the City, County, Port and State through upgraded roads and proposed roads (Wallace Blvd. and new SR 101 Interchange) to facilitate increased industrial traffic.

The Port of Shelton is seeking to upgrade their water system to serve more industrial area and improve fire flows.

The City's sewer collection system is being upgraded.

The Port of Shelton is upgrading their Airport Master Plan to facilitate lengthening and strengthening their 5,000 foot runway. This upgrade will provide opportunities for location of aircraft repair and modification firms.

3. Water quality is being addressed through several community and governmental agencies in order to maintain the highest levels of clean water to accommodate aquaculture and tourism.

4. Assistance and coordination of assistance from private and government agencies is being provided by the EDC to expanding and struggling businesses in order to increase and retain local jobs. Such assistance often involves export assistance financing, conventional financing, marketing, business planning and general business advice.

5. An inventory of available industrial sites and a network of local banks, realtors and suppliers is maintained in order to facilitate new business recruitment in Mason County.

6. Coordination between governmental agencies such as the PUD's, County, City, Ports and schools and good working relationships with the private sector helps to facilitate cooperation in job creation.