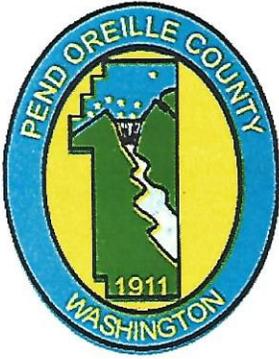


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Myron Johnson, General Manager
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Subject: Cusick/Usk Urban Growth Area Plan

Dear Myron,

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, I would like to thank you for agreeing to represent the Ponderay Newsprint Company and serve on the Steering Committee to guide the preparation of a sub-area plan for the Cusick/Usk Urban Growth Area. Through this planning process we hope to support existing home and business owners, as well as to identify and ready those areas that are most suitable for future development, while protecting those areas that are not suitable for development. The recent interest expressed by HiTest Sand in developing an industrial facility of statewide significance adjacent to the Ponderay Newsprint Company mill has highlighted the economic development potential of this area while underscoring the importance of protecting the environment and the quality of life on our community. As a result, the preparation of a more detailed plan to facilitate desired future development is of critical importance to our community.

The first meeting of the Steering Committee will be on Friday, January 27th from 10 am to noon at the Port of Pend Oreille Offices located at 1981 Black Road. At this first meeting, we will review the draft Work Program for this planning project, establish a schedule for future meetings, and review some of the key background information. Your knowledge and experience is key to the success of our endeavors, and I would greatly appreciate it if you would contact Gregg Dohrn at greggdohrn@comcast.net or at 206-679-7507 to confirm your attendance at this kick-off meeting.

Your interest and support of our community is greatly appreciated and I can't thank you enough for your commitment. I look forward to seeing you on the 27th!

Sincerely,


Mike Manus, Commissioner