FINAL PROJECT REPORT
1000 FRIENDS OF WASHINGTON
JULY 1992 – JULY 1993

OBJECTIVES FOR 1992-1993

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A. Networking

* Membership We have achieved a membership of 250 as of July 1993 based on mailings to citizens involved in the growth management initiative, active labor supporters and the League of Women Voters. With our August 1993 mailing, we will approach our natural constituents, particularly activist citizens, planners and attorneys.

* Constituent Organizations Made 35 presentations to constituent groups on growth management. Have contacts with local citizen and environmental groups in virtually all of the planning counties and are developing such contacts in the non-planning counties.

* Media Campaign We are conducting a successful media campaign and have met with the editorial boards of the Spokane Spokesman-Review, Seattle Times, Tacoma Morning News Tribune, and the major papers in Ellensburg and Vancouver. These meetings have resulted in numerous mentions of 1000 Friends in articles related to growth management. In December the Washington Journal featured us on the front page as the opposing force to the property rights legal organization. The Tacoma paper wrote a front page article about us in the Sunday July 18 edition. We have been called for quotes on GMA issues by newspapers in Bellingham, Wenatchee and Spokane.

* Networking with Government Organizations Regularly meet and work with the Associations of Washington Cities and Counties, Department of Community Development (DCD), Department of Wildlife, the Department of Ecology, and the Department of Natural Resources. Serve on numerous task forces at state, regional and local level. Work diligently to influence the policies of DCD and to strengthen state oversight of GMA.

B. Administration

* Board Development Seven board members have joined the organization in the past year, giving the board greater geographic and gender diversity. Five full board meetings and five executive committee meetings have been held. A Board training on Board responsibilities, the development of non-profit organizations and fundraising was given at the June board meeting by a professional in the field of board training. This resulted in a restructuring of the nominating and development committee efforts.
* Staffing and Volunteers Have hired an executive director, planning director, and executive assistant. We are benefitting from 2 volunteers who are assisting us in plan review and data base development. We are developing a program to expand our use of interns and volunteers this fall.

* Organizational Planning. Have adopted annual goals and a general annual work program. Have identified our priorities in reviewing plans and regulations. Updated strategic plan.

II. Monitoring, Evaluation and Research

* Work with UW Clearinghouse and other organizations to establish and fund monitoring and evaluations. Met with Clearinghouse representatives regularly. Working with citizen and environmental groups to develop their capacity to monitor local plans. Assisted Wetnet in training programs and in monitoring a matrix related to the GMA requirements for protecting wetlands. Working Audubon and various groups concerned with forest and agricultural conservation, fish and wildlife, and open space.

II. Promoting Growth Management

A. Assistance in Implementing the Growth Management Act

* Develop A Policy Paper Developed 4 policy papers on forest resource lands, wetlands, urban growth areas and comprehensive plan review. Each paper is accompanied by a brochure and two page checklist for citizens to use to evaluate their city's or county's policies in these areas. In addition, these policy papers are the basis for our education programs on these topics, for plan review, for advocacy and for legal proceedings.

* Assess the status of county-wide and multi-county planning process and provide assistance when needed. Participating as amicus curiae in an appeal to Snohomish County's county-wide planning policies. Testified on Pierce and King County urban-rural line. King County improved its SEPA process for the urban rural line as a result of our testimony. Assisted Kittitas citizens to write a citizen vision statement that is being considered as the frame work for the county-wide planning policies.

* Promote and participate in timely development of procedural criteria. Submitted extensive written comments on proposals for procedural criteria for both comprehensive plans and development regulations. Succeeded in getting considerably changes to the drafts, including fundamental changes to rules affecting critical areas, concurrency and review procedures.

* Investigate state agency compliance Closely monitored DCD's review of plans and approach to jurisdictions that have not met GMA deadlines. We have discussed the problems that we see with DCD, have sent a letter to Governor Lowry, and will continue to work to improve these processes.
* Review selected plans and development regulations. Have submitted written comments and testified on proposed plans and development regulations in King, Pierce, Kitsap, Jefferson, Kittitas and Snohomish Counties. Our testimony helped block a major expansion of the King County urban growth area and persuaded King County to adopt better SEPA procedures for proposed amendments to the line. Adopted priorities and criteria for plan review.

* Initiate appeals in selected cases Appealing the adoption of agricultural lands and critical areas policies in Columbia County. Participated in SEPA appeal of expansion to King County urban growth area. Participated as amicus curiae in a county wide planning policy case in Snohomish County. Joining the appeal of the Clark County wetlands regulations. Working with the Olympic Environmental Council in Jefferson County to develop a strong legal basis for challenging their proposed critical areas ordinance, if it is adopted in its current form.