Hi Joanna,

I have found the part of the Gorge 20/20 plan that states, "If the Gorge Commission has not completed its evaluation of appropriate stream buffer protections by one year after adoption of the revisions to the Management Plan, the Gorge Commission will implement the following interim stream buffer protection standard: apply the existing SMA buffer width (200 feet) to cold water refuge streams within the GMA."

How is this possible without allowing the general public to comment on the issue? This would prohibit us from building a house on our property. This will prevent any homes currently legally set back 100’ in the GMA from doing any additional development on their property. Even allowed uses and activities in the GMA will be prohibited. This will destroy the land values of the properties in the GMA that legally did not have to meet the standards of the SMA.

I will need to seek legal representation on how to prevent this paragraph from becoming part of the final plan. No notifications have gone out to the affected land owners correct? Shouldn’t affected land owners be given the opportunity to fight this paragraph within the Gorge 20/20 plan? Can you please include this email as part of the public comments for the Gorge 20/20 plan with the request that the Gorge Commission allow additional time for public comments regarding this particular paragraph of the newly added Climate Change chapter to the Gorge 20/20 plan?

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Bradford Perron