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**CITY OF BELLINGHAM**  
 LAKE WHATCOM LAND PRESERVATION  
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**Property Identification: NEW RANKING FORM**

**Joint Lake Whatcom Land Preservation Criteria**

The following table describes criteria scores for proximity to water bodies, potential land use, degree of slope, and current land use. These criteria will be used to identify high priority parcels or land areas in the watershed based on potential benefit to water quality.

Category	Criteria	Weight	Score
Proximity to Water bodies	Less than 200 ft from Water bodies	100	100
	200-400 ft from Water bodies	50	
	Greater than 400 ft from Water bodies	10	
Zoning Designation	City Zoning	90	90
	Commercial or URM12 Zoning	81	
	UR3 or RR2 Zoning	76	
	RR1 Zoning	63	
	R2A Zoning	54	
	R5A Zoning	45	
	Rural Forestry Zoning	36	
	Commercial Forestry or Recreational Open Space	18	
Slope	Greater than 35%	70	70
	15-35%	35	
	Less than 15%	7	
Current Land Use	Ag, Timber, Forestry, or Vacant Land Use	60	60
	Residential, Mobile Home, or Industrial Land Use	12	
	Utilities, Commercial, or Public Land Use	6	

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**City of Bellingham Overlay Criteria**

In addition to the criteria listed above, or as further clarification, the following Overlay Criteria may be used when evaluating properties for purchase or preservation under the City of Bellingham's Lake Whatcom Land Preservation program. In addition, consideration may be given to other possible City uses of the property, size of the parcel, connectivity to other preserved areas, or cost/benefit issues.

Category	Criteria	Weight	Score
<b>REPLACES</b> Lake Buffer	Lake Whatcom waterfront property (Less than 200 feet)	50	50
	200 to 400 feet	40	40
	Greater than 400 feet	20	20
<b>REPLACES</b> <b>DENSITY</b>	Parcel Size	(# acres)	Enter Data
	Land Use - Potential	(# units)	Enter Data
<b>NEW:</b> Proximity and/or Adjacency to other properties	Contiguous w/ ≥2 acquired properties, easements, etc	50	50
	Contiguous with 1 acquired property	30	
	Not contiguous, proximity within 5 acres of acquired property	20	
Physical Features	Mature Coniferous Forest (more than 80% conifers)	60	60
	Mature Mixed Forest (at least 50% conifers, 70% canopy)	50	
	Immature Forest (<50 yrs), or <50% conifers	40	
	Onsite wetlands, ponds	20	20
	Soils, excess fines, clays	10	10
Management Considerations <b>2 NEW ADDITIONS</b>	Provides access to other acquired properties	20	20
	Property would use near-shore arterial	40	40
	If developed would require off-site road widening	60	60
	Other: Land steward, has forest plan, watershed master, etc	50	50