

Appendix C

Vashon - Maury Island Groundwater Protection Committee, Annual Status Report

**VASHON-MAURY ISLAND GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
ANNUAL STATUS REPORT
2001**

Section 11 of the Ordinance creating the King County Groundwater Protection Program (Ordinance 14214), and establishing the Vashon-Maury Island Groundwater Protection Committee (Committee), requires each of the Groundwater Protection Committees to provide an annual status report on the following:

- Implementation of groundwater protection services in King County;
- Implementation of the certified groundwater management plan, including groundwater protection activities of cities, special purpose districts, sewer and water utilities and associations, and water purveyors within the groundwater management area;
- Efforts to develop interlocal or other agreements relative to implementation of regional groundwater protection services; and
- Trends in groundwater issues.

The Committee was not formally established until November 2001. It held its initial meeting on December 12, 2001. At that meeting, the Committee:

- Discussed the objectives that each member had for the Committee during the coming year, or longer;
- Established an initial schedule of monthly meetings through April, 2002;
- Chose an interim Chair (John Gerstle);
- Discussed the availability and use of Rural Drainage Program funds on VMI during 2001, and the DNR work plan and budget that had been implemented on the island during the year, and requested further information at the Committee's next meeting;
- Reviewed the groundwater activities on VMI during 2001, including a new round of water sampling and testing;
- Discussed the work plan laid out in the certified Groundwater Management Plan, and the need to prioritize the items in it; and
- Agreed to begin addressing specific priority topics by convening subcommittees on substantive areas in early 2002.

The major accomplishment for the Committee in 2001 was participating in the development and enactment of the ordinance that established the King County program, and created groundwater protection committees for each King County groundwater management area with a certified Plan. Because the Committee met only once in 2001, and that meeting focused on organizational issues, it had no opportunity to prepare more substantive information for VMI as part of the Annual Report. The Annual Report does, however, provide information from King County on a variety of educational and data collection activities on VMI during 2001, and an initial analysis of the data from the sampling done during the year. The Committee fully expects to have a high level of activity during its first full year of existence in 2002, and next year's report will have a more complete status report on groundwater and groundwater issues for the island.