

Date: July 15, 2006
To: Distribution
Subject: New Benzie County Draft Ordinance Article XII, Overlay Districts
Re: Water Bodies Overlay District

The purpose of this letter is to invite your review of a draft of a proposed new overlay district, "Water Bodies Overlay District".

As part of the project to rewrite the Benzie County Zoning Ordinances, Article XII of the ordinance has been designated as the article within which all of the current Benzie County overlay districts and any adopted in the future shall be maintained. Article XXIV "Crystal Lake Watershed Overlay District" and Article XXVII "Betsie Valley Trail Overlay District" are the two current overlay districts that will move over, as is, to the new Article XII.

The draft of the new "Water Bodies Overlay District" appears in the entire section 12.2 of the enclosed draft. This letter is being sent to all known persons and organizations considered as stake holders involved in the protection of water resources within Benzie County. If you are aware of any names that have inadvertently been excluded from the list, I would appreciate being informed of the appropriate mailing address.

Your review of section 12.2 and feedback prior to September 14, 2006 would be much appreciated. Following this step, an ad-hoc committee will be formed to collate feedback and findings, followed by a rewrite of the draft. Ideally, the next draft will be in sufficient shape to consider scheduling a public hearing for formal adoption.

Sincerely yours,

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