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Destruction Burnt Bridge Creek GMA Critical Area

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The City of Vancouver has multiple programs working for the Progression of Clean Water along 303d Burnt Bridge Creek.

[Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership for Clean Water](#)

TDML Alternate Restoration Plan for BBC

This Water Cleanup Plan will focus on best management practices and implementation actions to improve water quality.

[Stormwater Management Action Plan](#)

This Action Plan will help the City address pollution from urban runoff (stormwater) into our rivers and streams. Stormwater is the leading cause of water pollution in Washington.

[Water Resource Protection Program](#)

Water resource protection in the City of Vancouver is essential to the prosperity of our community. Water protection policies and ordinances are in place to protect surface waters (Burnt Bridge Creek, Columbia River and Vancouver Lake) and our drinking water resources. Most of the Land along BBC is owned by the COV and is in the GMA Critical Area.

We have years of continuous problems with the Unhoused along BBC.

What Law or Ordinance need to be created to STOP the Unhoused from Habitation in the GMA Critical areas of Burnt Bridge Creek

BPA also has High Power Transmission lines that run parallel along Western BBC

The result of habitation in Critical Areas contributed to our current Civil Emergency of Homelessness with Fire, illegal dump sites, Pollution of Water, Destruction of Trees and Shrubs.

We have lost the use of Land and Water designated for Public Recreation.

Do No Habitation Laws on Publicly Owned Critical Areas need to be going into the current update in process for Critical Areas?

Current City codes along BBC allows for Habitation in GMA Critical Areas that are Frequently Flooded

Please advise the City Manager to use his powers under the Civil Emergency and declare NO Habitation Along BBC

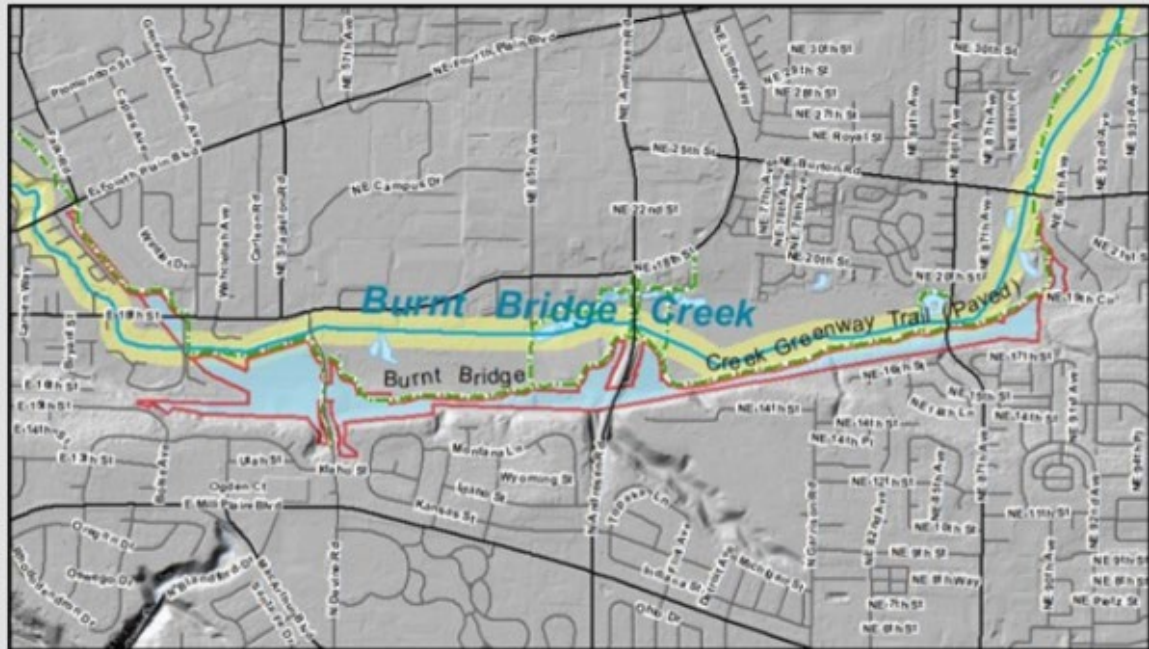
This would require Adding Protection to land of BBC that has not been protected by the Existing Code

[Unlawful camping and outside Habitation](#) 8.22.040

Here is an Example where there is Habitation is allowed in the Frequently Flooded Area

We Need to Add protection Between the Creek and Fire Zone

City laws only protect 200 feet from creek.



0 0.5 1 Miles

Fire Impact Area

## Camping and Outside Habitation

FIGURE 8.22-2



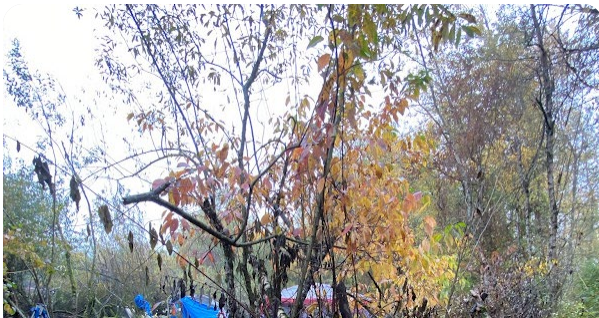
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Here is recent example of destruction and pollution of the GMA critical care area, burnt bridge Creek in Vancouver



Oil spill Devine Rd Burnt Bridge Creek Homeless  
illegal no permit developement  
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Sirs,

In reviewing the Equity definitions and power point presentations it is with confusion as the definition is not what one finds in a dictionary. It appears that simple English evades all within this process, or that some are pushing an agenda which is still not defined and has too much wiggle room as to what someone wants things to be or not.

A simple point might be we all follow the law, and all have an equal chance, not as it appears some wish to do with putting some groups ahead of others, and putting forth an agenda making up for perceived injustices.

In one area you say to ask why, but it is only listed once.... you should ask why 5 time at least to get to root cause, and for those who don't comprehend it goes something like this, why did Jake fall down, because he tripped, why did he trip, because of the side walk crack, why did the sidewalk crack, because of the tree roots, why do the tree roots crack the side walk, because the tree should not have been planted there.

When the quality of life is affected by misguided assumptions, non science based actions, and the all out have to have it now mentality the unintended consequences may not be pleasant.

**Example:**

When a city department head states that it does not matter that the study is false, or that it is allowed to plant a tree 3 feet from the property line yet that tree has a 35 foot spread, thus encroaching on the neighbors space than it may be better to fix what is wrong now instead of creating issue for the future as we may well have enough now.

When the tenant is given 60 days to move out, so the owner can get monies to renovate for free and then place lower income people in the building, but the current tenant well not qualify is that fairness, or as the current buzz word equity.

Maybe the format may help, but until one can define in basic simple English, then maybe it is not defined, and the question then becomes was it intentional.

TA  
Steven Silvey

Vancouver, WA