WHY ARE WE HERE?

Critical areas are crucial to the health of humans and wildlife alike. That’s why the State Growth Management Act requires local governments to thoroughly review/update Critical Areas Ordinances to make sure these areas are adequately protected.

Updating the Critical Areas Ordinance is also a way to ensure that our regulations stay local. If Thurston County fails to protect critical areas – especially habitats and species – the state and federal governments may step in and enact stricter requirements.

Protect our health ➔ Protect their health ➔ Keep it local