

Appendix A

PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY					
Description	Type of Change	Current Status/Concern	Proposed Improvement	Advantage	Disadvantage
25-8-341 Cut Requirements and 25-8-341 Fill Requirements	Policy	Cut and fill for a trail located in a suburban watershed is currently limited to 4 ft or an administrative variance is required. While administrative variances are typically granted, construction of roadways in public right-of-way has no cut or fill limit.	Allow cut and fill of up to 8 ft for a public trail if the cut or fill is not located on a slope of more than 15% or within 100 ft of a classified waterway and the trail is designed in accordance with the Environmental Criteria Manual.	Streamlines review process.	None
25-8-261 Criteria for hard surfaced trails located within the critical water quality zone	Clarify	A hard surface trail within the critical water quality zone is limited to 12 feet in width, unless a wider trail is designated in a Council adopted plan. Current language does not make clear if that is surface width or if it includes the sub-grade shoulders that extend beyond the usable width of the trail. Current interpretation is that the 12 ft width refers to the usable width of the trail.	Clarify the language to formalize current interpretation making clear that a trail within the critical water quality zone is limited to 12 feet plus one foot compacted sub grade shoulders on each side.	Formalizes internal policy.	None