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To: Auburn Planning Board
From: John Blais, Deputy Director of Planning & Permitting
Re: Item #6 Map Amendment Related to Lake Auburn Stakeholders Group
Date: May 14, 2024

I. PROPOSAL: The Planning Board is to review Septic System Inspection Map in relation to Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay District as proposed by the Lake Auburn Stakeholder Group pursuant to order 04-01022024 and order 71-05062024. (See attached map)

II. DEPARTMENT REVIEW:

- Police - No Comments
- Auburn Water and Sewer – No Comments
- Fire Department/Code Enforcement – No Comments
- Engineering – No Comments
- Public Services - No Comments
- Airport – No Comments
- 911 - No Comments

III. SUGGESTED FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. The amendments are consistent with the growth pattern specified in the Future Land Use Plan in Auburn's Comprehensive Plan.
2. The proposed map and text amendments serve Goal A.1 in the Comprehensive Plan to maintain the exceptional water quality of Lake Auburn and existing waiver from filtration to avoid or delay the need for costly treatment (pages 4-9)
3. These proposed amendments are in service of Goal B.1 in the Comprehensive plan, to ensure sufficient clean water supplies to meet current and future needs (pages 20-21).
4. These amendments align with the Lake Auburn Study, 2021; and the report by FB Environmental: Lake Auburn Memo from August 2022.
5. These amendments are the result of several public meetings with the Lake Auburn Stakeholders Group as ordered by City Council.

IV. PLANNING BOARD ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

E.) Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay District Septic Systems Inspection Map: This item proposes adopting a map which lays out a timeline for a new septic system inspection program referenced in the amendments to Division 4 Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay District. Staff recommends this map amendment. This map will serve as a guide for the city to plan inspections in a timely way according to their proximity and risk to Lake Auburn.

POTENTIAL MOTION: I make a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council to adopt the Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay District Septic Systems Inspection Map in accordance with Chapter 60, Article XVII Division 2- Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance or Zoning Map.



