

Only those portions of Chapter 19D.170 that are proposed to be amended are shown. Remainder of text, tables, and/or figures is unchanged.

19D.170.030 Definitions

K. "Prairie Land" means open areas predominated by native, drought-resistant grasses, forbs (flowering non-woody plants), and herbs. In Pierce County, prairies are an unusual vegetation regime found in areas of extremely well-drained soils.

KL. "Private Open Space Passive Recreation Areas" means open space areas where public use and access is desired and improvements will enhance public accessibility to the natural resources available at the site. County open space parks as found in the County's Capital Facilities Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan are included.

LM. "Private Parks and Private Golf Courses with Developed Facilities" means a private park or golf course designed for organized activities and sports, although individual and family activities are also encouraged.

MN. "Private Trails and Corridors" means private trails and corridors that are used for hiking, biking, walking, horseback riding, and jogging. The trails may vary in scale and surfacing and may also be used as a means of non-motorized transportation connecting one destination point to another. Potentially, trails may include areas providing linkages between trails, abandoned rail lines, utility corridors, vacant rights-of-way, and road endings.

NO. "Privately Owned and Operated Recreational Facilities" means profit or non-profit recreation which is open for recreational sporting activities.

OP. "Scenic Corridors" means an area of adjoining parcels which individually may be less than one acre but which, when combined, total at least one acre and create a view corridor critical to maintaining a view of a scenic resource visible from a federally- or state-designated scenic highway which is visually significant to the aesthetic character of the County.

PQ. "Scenic View Point" means property adjacent to a federally- or state-designated scenic highway or other officially designated view point that provides a view of an area which is visually significant to the aesthetic character of the County and which provides unlimited public access identified by a permanent sign readily visible from the road. View points may be officially designated by the State of Washington, Pierce County, or a city or town.

QR. "Seismic Hazard Areas" means those areas subject to severe risk of damage as a result of earthquake induced ground shaking, slope failure, settlement, or soil liquefaction.

RS. "Streams" means a flow of water conveyed in a channel or course either continuously or intermittently, and the water's associated buffer.

ST. "Volcanic Hazard Areas" means those areas subject to pyroclastic flows, lava flows, and inundation by debris flows, mudflows, or related flooding resulting from geologic or volcanic events on Mount Rainier.



1 **IV. "Wetlands, Estuaries, and Tidal Marshes"** means areas that are inundated or
2 saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency sufficient to support vegetation
3 typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions, and associated buffer areas.
4 Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.

5 **V. "Wooded Areas"** means a lot over one acre in size in the urban area or over five acres
6 in size in a rural area with a minimum width of 300 feet on which is found a mature
7 stand of coniferous or deciduous trees and native plant understory. The wooded area
8 must serve a demonstrated functional purpose in climate, noise, light, habitat, or
9 pollution control.

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11 **19D.170.040 Open Space Priorities.**

12 The County considers all of the open space resources identified in this Chapter important to
13 the health, safety, and welfare of Pierce County citizens. However, to more efficiently use
14 County open space preservation tools, the following priorities are hereby established:
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<u>High Priority</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Critical Salmon Habitat· Agricultural Lands· Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas· Private Parks and Private Golf Courses with Developed Facilities· Streams· Wetlands, Estuaries, and Tidal Marshes· Wooded Areas· Prairie Land
<u>Medium Priority</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Aquifer Recharge Areas· Flood Hazard Areas· Lakes· Marine Waters· Private Open Space Passive Recreation Areas· Privately Owned and Operated Recreational Facilities· Private Trails and Corridors
<u>Low Priority</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Archaeological Sites· Historic Landmark Sites· Landslide Hazard Areas (Steep Slopes)· Scenic View Points and Corridors· Seismic Hazard Areas· Volcanic Hazard Areas

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