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Written	9/26/2017	#1 I have a concern about putting this wet weather stream underground. It has value for everything from insects to larger wildlife and now support 100+ year old Douglas Firs. I expect a project where large equipment works thru the now semi wild ravine will meet with resistance from residents whose property adjoin the ravine (locally known as Kah Tai Creek).	
Written	9/26/2017	Pettygrove 43rd Street to 47th Street Area floods, pipe connection to storm pipe going to Chinese gardens #2 on CIP Map	
Written	9/26/2017	Generally, I favor diverting more fresh water runoff into the Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park. That is provided it is filtered through sufficient bio swales to remove oil and other containments. There seems to be a protentional site for expanded inflow at the east southeastern end where a small wetland already exist.	
Written	9/26/2017	The corner of 47th & Jackman is still flooding and Jackman road surface is showing the impact. We still get water run off. My crawl space is finally dry, but I pump the water down hill. There is still a storm water fee we pay every month and receive <u>no</u> benefit.	
Written	9/26/2017	Please see Comment Map #5: I would like the City to consider & discuss the potential negative impact of adopting the 2014 Storm water Regs (Vs. 2005) on the cost of housing. The 2014 Stormwater Manual was written for very high Density truly Urban areas such as Seattle/ Tacoma. Cities of the scale of Port Townsend are not required to adopt these regs because they are not written for this Cities small size & Relative Low Density.	
Written	9/26/2017	<p>I live at the Kearney St. Apts. And have observed the tremendous amount of storm water that flows down through the neighborhood carving out new channels in dirt roads (1) which is the one that accesses the Police Station from Gaines St (2) the one that is situated behind Crossroads Music Store (& ends at Kearney) and the (3) one between the apartments complex on Walker & Lawrence - and three houses to the NW.</p> <p>The water that flows down the "Police Station Road" carries so much dirt and it flows through the shrubs on the bank above the Kearney St Parking Lot. * *It takes out the stones in the stone wall on Kearney!</p> <p>Point is - All of that water, which carries a lot of grease, and oil from parking lots and streets, ends up... Where? in Kah Tai? In the Bay?</p> <p>I believe I was told on one occasion when I asked about this, that there is a "holding area" - under the sidewalk on Kearney to the East of Sims Way, but it can overflow and empty through that pipe which empties (more & more often) into the Bay. I would really like to understand how this storm water system works in our neighborhood.</p> <p>In connection with this -- we need to understand the "hydraulics" of Kah Tai Lagoon- Should the pipe that allows it, the tide, to moderate the level and water type in the lagoon is repaired more fresh or more salty? I think we have been ignoring that issue, yet it will greatly affect the ability of the lagoon to handle runoff in the future.</p>	

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E-mail	9/27/2017	<p>Hi Samantha,</p> <p>Please note that i am concerned that new and more restrictive Storm Water Management requirements will exacerbate the Affordable Housing Crisis in Port Townsend...</p> <p>Please send me the Draft SW Plan Narrative and Drawings that was shown at your workshop Yesterday...</p> <p>I was unable to attend... also, please add me to the Email list that will keep me informed Of the timeline of the process..</p> <p>I was unable to access the website referenced in the newspaper....</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Vern Garrison 360-301-2009</p>	<p>Hello Vern,</p> <p>Here is the link that I promised to send following our discussion this morning. https://stormwatermanagementplan.wordpress.com/</p> <p>Let me know if you have difficulty accessing from this link.</p> <p>Joanna Sanders, MMC City Clerk</p>
E-mail	9/28/2017	<p>I have just recently learned of plans to contain Kai Tai Creek in a pipe. I cannot remotely understand why the city would want to spend needed funds on a project that will totally disrupt the neighborhood ruin a very natural area, and to most of us in the area, serve absolutely no purpose. The city must have a secret fund salted away that it doesn't know what to do with. Please reconsider this.</p> <p>Thank you, Mark Henthorn, 1805 Wilson, Port Townsend</p>	
E-mail	9/27/2017	<p>This is to inform you that I am against putting Kah Tai Creek in a pipe.</p> <p>I've lived at 928 14th St since 2004 & greatly cherish the trees on Castle Hill. Many would have to fall to pipe that creek. It also would be a terrific mess and annoyance for those who live along the creek. In addition, there have been no visible problems with the creek since work was done a few years ago on the lower portion. Finally, it's a natural drainage that starts near my house & flows down the unused right of way for 16th St. Why not wait till the street is actually put in to do any drainage changes? The money would be much better spent on fixing the many, many potholes in this city, rather than tearing up natural vegetation that soaks up lots of pollutants before they hit the lagoon & its wildlife. I could go on - - -</p> <p>To my mind there are many arguments against this proposed project & I've seen nothing supporting it nor any need for it. Will there be a hearing on this?</p> <p>Your response will be appreciated.</p> <p>Mike Morrissey 928 14th St</p>	
E-mail	9/27/2017	<p>Dear city of P.T.</p> <p>I just heard about the city plan to place kai tai creek into a pipe instead of letting it be what it is....a really nice in town riparian corridor. I think rather then spend millions(no doubt) to channel the creek the city should save money by the simple expediency of making that drainage into a wildlife corridor. It strikes me as a vase of needless infrastructure. Got extra money? Spend it on maintance rather then development.</p> <p>Aron uchitelle 1435 gise</p>	

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E-mail	9/27/2017	<p>Hello Samantha.....please add my name to the list of people who want to participate in the review of the storm water regulations of the City of Port Townsend.</p> <p>The new regulations of the 2014 SWMMWW DOE Manual to not provide sufficient alternatives to areas like the City of PT which have no rivers or natural streams. And most of the wetlands are no more than periodic wet basins that very quickly dissipate into the upper soils of the area.</p> <p>Please put me on the notice list.</p> <p>Thanks for your help.</p> <p>Michael J. Anderson PE & PLS</p>	
E-mail	9/27/2017	<p>I just heard from neighbors that the city is planning to put Kah Tai Creek in a pipe so it isn't free-flowing anymore. I want to go on record that I am vehemently opposed to this plan.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Todd Jensen 1735 Wilson St. PT</p>	
E-mail	9/27/2017	<p>Samantha,</p> <p>My name is Nathan Land and I live at 1524 Sheridan Street.</p> <p>In response to the staff update to the storm water management plan discussed in the Port Townsend Planning Commission regular session on September 14, I would like to suggest that Kai Tai creek not be put into a drainage pipe between Gise Street and Hill Street. Instead, the city should not modify the flow of the creek, allowing it to remain a free-flowing creek.</p> <p>In PTMC 19.05.100, there is a proposed amendment to the code that would require surface drainage to be directed away from landslide and erosion areas when the surface drainage meets a set of drainage and geomorphological criteria consistent with SMP DR6.8.2. I claim that this amendment is unethical, because it is placing the property value of a small number of homes above the very rare existing natural surface aquifers in the area.</p> <p>Further, I claim that the area between Gise and Hill street should be protected by the very same part of the municipal code, 19.05.100.E.2.C, which states that existing vegetation in surface drainage areas should remain undisturbed. If this is a case where the vegetation has been disturbed or is insufficient, then I claim it is a reasonable argument to state that instead of installing a drainage pipe, revegetation with native species would be more appropriate.</p> <p>There are very few natural creeks on the quimper peninsula, and putting this creek into pipe will effectively kill the creek permanently. I understand that from a stormwater management engineering perspective, a pipe is an effective way to drain overflow water. However, from a biological perspective, the creek has more inherent value as a diffuse drainage method and provides enumerable benefits to wildlife and soil quality.</p> <p>We are stewards of this land, and we have a responsibility to ensure that we do not destroy natural processes in an attempt to anticipate a possible risk to property value of a small number of homes as a result of stormwater flooding. Please do not approve amendment 19.05.100.E.2.B.v to the PTMC.</p> <p>Thanks very much,</p> <p>Nathan Land.</p>	

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E-mail	9/27/2017	hi there city of port townsend, in regards to the pipe from gise to kah tai. i live on gise and 14th. i understand progress. i also know that the precious green belts in this town have incredible value to wild life and to making this town special. i would like more information on what swath of destruction is proposed and more about the issue as an impacted tax paying citizen. thanks, zo wohlhaupter	
E-mail	9/27/2017	Please reconsider the idea of piping the creek from Gise down. The development along that area has already minimized the wildlife corridor and this will definitely limit even further the movement of the deer in particular. There will be even more deer getting into people's gardens causing even more demand on the city government to do something about the problem. Limiting the availability of open water will probably result on more work for you guys in the end. Thanks for considering this concern. Laurette Gilbert	
E-mail	9/27/2017	<p>To: The City of Port Townsend From: Heida Diefenderfer, 1524 Sheridan St, PT Date: 26 Sept 2017</p> <p>The Quimper Peninsula has very few natural surface water sources. One of those is in our neighborhood: Kai Tai Creek. It should be protected, not put in a pipe. The source itself is degraded and would benefit from the establishment of native plants in the area.</p> <p>We are against the draft plan to put Kai Tai Creek into a pipe in the vicinity of Gise to Hill Streets in Port Townsend. I would appreciate receiving confirmation that my comment has been received in a timely manner. Please add me to the list for updates to the plan and let me know when the next version is due.</p> <p>Thank you very much. Heida</p>	
E-mail	9/27/2017	<p>Mr Sharper,</p> <p>I currently live on hill st and I'm on the receiving end of much of the downhill storm water from Gise. Even with that, I oppose the cities plan to pipe the water from Gise to Hill. For one thing, once you've paid for the installation (big bucks) then you have to maintain (big bucks) forever. Look at the 16th, Hill St drain. That is a quagmire of problems. The city has spent a fortune on this project over time. I know because I see your trucks there a lot, clearing out dirt in drains. It's also a huge liability. An alternative, how about having a series of rain gardens that would be cheaper to install; imagine, beauty and minimal maintenance costs. It would also keep a free flow of runoff that could be managed or changed if needed. I also think that the city could have done a better job in communicating with affected neighborhoods. I didn't get any info on this project for comment, or know about the deadline for comment. Do not put in pipe,please! Thanks,</p> <p>Dave Sterritt 1636 Hill St 360 821-8790</p>	
E-mail	9/27/2017	Please keep the creek free! I live near this creek. My son and neighborhood kids have grown up around it playing in it. I personally have lived in this neighborhood for twenty years and in the last couple years have watched every available lot be purchased and slated for development. I see no reason to bury this creek any more than out already is other than so land can be developed right up to it. As our town is transforming let's make choices that keep this not only a livable community but one that retains it's physical beauty of natural spaces. For is that not why so many people want to move here? SAVE KAH TAI CREEK!!	

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E-mail	9/27/2017	<p>I would request that the city of PT keep the stormwater from gise st. to hill st free flowing and NOT pipe it.</p> <p>Patrick Hinton 1805 Gise st.</p>	
E-mail	9/26/2017	<p>I am opposed to the unwise suggestion that Kah Tai Creek be run into a pipe underground from Gise to Hill streets. Ecologically the presence of the free flowing water maintains a wild natural space around it which acts as a green belt for wildlife and a sediment trap for runoff water. Aesthetically, it brings the sound and sight of flowing water to the surrounding area. It is a beauty and grace for the neighborhood.</p> <p>I suspect the city is being influenced by developers who see the building lots that would be created by destroying the creek. Resist this influence. Port Townsend is not that desperate for building lots.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this.</p> <p>Sincerely Kristin Smith 360 301 5128 1715 and 1708 Gise Street</p>	
E-mail	9/26/2017	<p>Dear Sir, I live on Gise and 18 th St and have lived here for 25 years. My children were raised here and played in that creek when they were young. I cant understand why you want to put the creek in a pipe. If you do leave it alone and let the plants and animals use it as it was intended to be used then some day down the road, some other small children will grow up knowing what a creek sounds like and the joy they can find in nature. For the sake of those children leave the creek alone it has been here far longer than you have!</p> <p>Thank you , Jay Pine 1723 Gise St.</p>	
E-mail	9/26/2017	<p>Hi, I live at 1607 Gise and just heard the city is planning on piping Kai tai creek. I'm really opposed to that, given the bird life especially that the flowing water supports, even storm water. Is there a way not to make that choice that would still work for city storm water management? So many cities are daylighting streams that it seems a shame and shortsighted for PT to go backwards. I hope the city will reconsider.</p> <p>Sincerely, Julie Van Pelt</p>	
E-mail	9/26/2017	<p>We live only one block from this intermitant creek, but we enjoy it when it flows and see no need to put it in a pipe, save our tax dollars for some other project! Jerry Gilbert, 935 18th Street, PT, ps we have owned our house here for over 40 years always at this same address.</p>	

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E-mail	9/26/2017	<p>Samantha: The City's Shoreline Management Program (SMP) is incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan. Both clearly require use of the Department of Ecology's Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (SWMMW). I think the pending functional plan, EDS, flood code, and Critical Areas Ordinance should do so as well, at least until DOE certifies the local plan as equivalent. As for specific stormwater projects, I would like the city to end all untreated stormwater discharges into those shoreline areas already identified in the SMP. Good luck with your important project. Nancy Dorgan</p>	
E-mail	9/26/2017	<p>My husband attended the public open house for the City of Port Townsend Stormwater Management Plan and came home with some very distressing news. He was told one of the top priorities is to put Kah Tai Creek in a pipe from Gise Street to Hill Street. Please don't do that. It is a wildlife corridor and has 100 year old trees growing. I do not know of any neighbors that have been flooded by Kah Tai Creek in recent history. We live at 1709 Gise Street, one block from Kah Tai Creek and often cross over Kah Tai Creek on Holcomb Street. Please don't destroy our neighborhood creek. Sincerely, Rosemary Sikes 1709 Gise Street 360-385-0307</p>	
E-mail	9/26/2017	<p>Hi Joanna, I didn't find the scoping notice posted with in the 2017 folder on-line. Would you email me a copy? Thanks. Nancy</p>	<p>Hello Nancy, I am not aware of any scoping notice at this point. Samantha Harper is the City engineer responsible for this project and might be able to answer specific questions and I am copying her on this message. There is information at the Stormwater Management Plan project page. https://stormwatermanagementplan.wordpress.com/ If you do not believe this satisfies your request, please let me know. Joanna Sanders, MMC City Clerk</p>