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Keith Dearborn is a lawyer and planner with more than thirty years of experience in land use and environmental law. Throughout his career, he has been an active force in environmental and planning issues in the Pacific Northwest. Keith speaks frequently on land use issues and has authored numerous articles including the Bar Association Real Property Desk book chapters on Development rights and on the Growth Management Act (GMA).

After 10 years of university teaching and work for local government, Keith Dearborn entered private practice in 1979. His projects have ranged from working for citizen environmental groups; to advising local, state and federal agencies; to representing private applicants in the land development process. Keith helped establish King County's award winning farmland preservation program; established Island County's land use regulatory system; and is currently involved in the first transfer of development credits from King County to Seattle. In the mid-80's, Keith prevailed in an appeal that helped pave the way for the Columbia Gorge Scenic Area and worked on the State's first master planned community.

In 1990 and 1991, he was the lead attorney on the GMA for a business coalition sponsored by the Association of Washington Business and has been involved in the review and adoption of GMA amendments in each of the subsequent legislative sessions. Twice Mr. Dearborn's work has won the American Planning Association Outstanding Merit Award. He has served as special counsel to Island, Kitsap and Jefferson Counties on GMA Compliance, served as special counsel to Snohomish County and the Cities of Winlock and Napavine and served a two-year term on the Land Use Study Commission.

Mr. Dearborn received a BS in Building Construction in 1966, a Masters in Urban Planning in 1969 and a law degree in 1977, all from the University of Washington.