

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: Patsy Welton

Address: 13572 Bayview-Edison Road
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

File No: C/U Open Space Land App #11-2017

Request: To include 4.20 acres in the Current Use Open Space Land Program.

Location: Portion of Tract 1, Short Plat #33-87; being a portion of Gov't Lots 8 & 9, Sec. 7, T 34N, R3E, W.M.

Assessor's Nos: Portion of P21177

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on May 24, 2017.

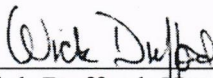
Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

1. Patsy Welton requests the inclusion 4.20 acres of land in the Current Use Open Space Land program. The applicant is the owner of the property.
2. The property is located at 13572 Bayview Edison Road. It is within Tract 1 of Short Plat 33-87, a portion of Gov't Lots 8 & 9, Sec. 7, T334N, R3E, W.M. The property is a portion of P21177.
3. The open space classification sought would protect streams and wetlands, protect critical habitat, and enhance the value to the public of abutting open spaces
4. The plan is to foster wildfowl habitat by seeding the property with Japanese millet as feed. Potatoes will also be planted as feed and for personal use.
5. A comparison of fungicides for late blight control on the potatoes will be conducted in the fall.
6. The Examiner admitted the Exhibits submitted by Staff.
7. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.
8. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
9. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: June 6, 2017

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor, County Commissioners: June 6, 2017