

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicant:** Kenneth and Laurie Lassesen

**Address:** 892 Lake Samish Road  
Bellingham, WA 98229

**File No:** C/U Open Space Land App#12-2016

**Request:** To place 23.73 acres in Current Use Open Space.

**Location:** Portion of S1/2SE1/4SW1/4 and S1/2SW1/4SE1/4 Sec. 1, T36N,  
R3E, W.M.

**Assessor's No:** Portion of P47569 and P47557

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on September 28, 2016.

**Recommendation:** Approval

## FINDINGS

1. Kenneth and Laurie Lassenen seek to include 23.73 acres of land in the Current Use Open Space Land Program.

2. The property is located west of the Lake Samish Road within a portion of S1/2SE1/4SW1/4 and S1/2SW1/4SE1/4, Sec. 1, T36N, R3E. The parcel numbers are P47569 and P47557.

3. The property was originally planned to be developed as a Christmas tree farm, but health issues have intervened. A 900 square foot house and an outbuilding are on a portion of P47569.

4. The application would conserve natural and scenic resources and preserve visual quality along roads.

5. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.


6. The Examiner admitted the exhibits submitted by Staff.

7. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.

8. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

## RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.

  
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Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: October 6, 2016

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor, County Commissioners: October 6, 2016