

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicants:** Leonard Parks and Susan Ferrel

**Address:** 7389 Chestnut Lane  
Anacortes, WA 98221

**File No:** C/U OS#2-2007

**Request:** To include approximately 5.16 acres in the Current Use Open Space Program.

**Location:** On Chestnut Lane, Guemes Island, described as West 500 feet of the East 830 feet of SE1/4NE1/4 Sec. 12, T35N, R1E, W.M.

**Assessor's No:** P31439

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on February 27, 2008.

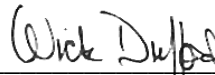
**Recommendation:** Approval

## FINDINGS

1. Leonard Parks And Susan Ferrel have filed an application for inclusion of approximately 5.16 acres in the Current Use Open Space Program. They are the owners of the property.
2. The property is on Chestnut Lane on Guemes Island. The parcel number is P31439. The property is described as West 500 feet of the East 830 feet of SE1/4NE1/4, Sec. 12, T35N, R1E., W.M.
3. The property is a wetland and groundwater recharge area. The Open Space classification is sought to protect the water supply and for the conservation of wetlands. The owners are planting cedars to supplement the natural vegetation.
4. The proposed open space use appears to comply with RCW 84.34.020.
6. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are incorporated herein.
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.



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Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: March 14, 2008

Copies transmitted to Applicant March 14, 2008