

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicant:** Arthur (William) and Susan Henry

**Address:** 11811 Sunrise Lane  
Burlington, WA 98233

**File No:** C/U O/S F&A Conservation App#08-2016

**Request:** To transfer 7.34 acres from Farm and Agriculture to Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation.

**Location:** Portion of Tract 2 Short Plat #37-82 and portion of Lot 2-A Revised Short Plat #23-82, within Sec. 35, T35N, R3E, W.M. (See Staff Report for Complete Description)

**Assessor's Nos:** Portion of P35380 and P108448

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on August 31, 2016.

**Recommendation:** Approval

## **FINDINGS**

1. Arthur (William) and Susan Henry seek to transfer property from Farm and Agriculture to Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation.
2. The property is located on Sunrise Lane within the SW1/4 of Section 35, T35N, R3E WM.
3. The request is to transfer 7.34 acres. The property is traditional farmland that at present does not meet the requirement for gross commercial agricultural income. It was being used as an alpaca farm and is now used as pasture for boarded horses.
4. The parcel has not been irrevocably devoted to a use inconsistent with agricultural uses and has a high potential for returning to commercial agriculture.
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 10, 2016

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor, County Commissioners: October 10, 2016