

**SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND SEPA COMMENT PERIOD**

For
Skagit River System Cooperative
File # **PL18-0091**

Notice is hereby given that on February 26, 2018, Steve Hinton, on behalf of Skagit River System Cooperative, filed an independent State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist #PL18-0091 for the Hansen Creek Reach 5 Restoration project. The goal of this project is to restore the Hansen Creek channel into a more complex and geomorphically sustainable configuration that allows for the natural process, such as sediment and flow routing, to improve in-channel habitat, hydraulic connectivity, and floodplain function. This will be accomplished by: 1) channel relocation to improve floodplain function, surface water and groundwater connectivity by constructing approximately 3,600 feet of new channel for Hansen Creek with a designated floodplain; 2) improve in-channel complexity through the design, placement, and construction of 74 LWD and in-channel features; 3) improve riparian condition and function to the reach by installing over 40 acres of riparian forest and wetland plantings; and 4) increase landscape scale floodplain function while minimizing flood impacts to the surrounding community by constructing a new 70-foot bridge crossing at Minkler Road to replace a hydraulically undersized culvert and the grading and shaping of adjoining channel floodplains. The total project area is approximately 80 acres. The proposed project is located within the Agricultural-Natural Resource Lands (Ag-NRL) zoning/comprehensive plan designated area as indicated in the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan and associated maps adopted July 5, 2016 and as thereafter amended. A letter of completeness was not issued and the application was determined to be complete for review purposes on March 12, 2018.

The project is located east of Fruitdale Road in Sedro-Woolley, along Hansen Creek between State Rout 20 and Minkler Road, Sedro-Woolley, within a portion of Section 20, Township 35N, Range 5E W.M., situated within Skagit County, Washington. (P19984).

A completed Environmental Checklist, site plan, and other application materials are on file with Skagit County Planning and Development Services. This information is available to the public on request. Other governmental approvals or permits may be required for this proposal from Skagit County Planning and Development Services include: Shoreline permit(s), Grading permit, Special Use permit, Floodplain Development permit.

A decision on the application will be made within 120 days of the date the application was determined complete, which was 3-12-18. A public hearing before the Skagit County Hearing Examiner is not required for this project. Any person desiring to express his or her views or to be notified of the action taken the application should notify Brandon Black in writing of his or her interest within Fifteen (15) days of the date of publication of this notice which is 3-15-18. Failure to respond within the comment period could result in loss of the right to appeal. The file can be viewed at Planning and Development Services which is located at the Continental Place address listed below.

Written comments must be received no later than 4:30 pm on: **March 30, 2018**
Email correspondence **will not be accepted**, however, comments may be submitted via the PDS website under the “current legal notices” tab. (www.skagitcounty.net/pdscomments)

The Lead Agency expects to issue a DNS for this proposal and the Optional DNS process is being used (WAC 197-11-355). **This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal.**

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Transmitted to the Skagit Valley Herald and Mailed to applicant 3-13-18

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