

**SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
And NOTICE OF DECISION**

For
Skagit County Public Works
File # **PL19-0451**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Notice is hereby given that on September 9, 2019, Skagit County Planning and Development Services approved the independent State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist (#PL19-0451) for the County Property Boundary Maintenance Project. The project will reestablish a historic ditch around the perimeter of the County property. This will convey water off the property directly to Red Creek. Skagit County has a 20-acre parcel north of a private parcel on Helmick Road. This parcel has been used as mitigation for the 2007 widening of Helmick Road. As the County has enhanced the wetlands and allowed beaver activity to thrive on the parcel it has caused additional flooding and water retention on the private property to the south. This has negatively impacted the adjacent property's farming capabilities. Reestablishment of the historic perimeter ditch will allow natural process to exist on the County property while not impacting agricultural viability of the neighboring properties. The perimeter ditch is about 1,600 linear feet. The project work will involve approximately 1,100 linear feet and remove no more than 125 cubic yards. The proposed project is located within the Urban Reserve Public-Open Space (URP-OS) zoning/comprehensive plan designated area as indicated in the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan and associated maps adopted July 5, 2016 and as thereafter amended.

PROPONENT: Skagit County Public Works, c/o Emily Derenne, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located north of 25588 Helmick Road, Sedro-Woolley, within a portion of Section 17, Township 35N, Range 5E W.M., situated within Skagit County, Washington. (P39252)

LEAD AGENCY: Skagit County Planning and Development Services.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(C). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist, critical areas checklist, and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

The Lead Agency previously issued a comment period for this proposal under the Optional DNS process outlined under WAC 197-11-355.

You may appeal this threshold determination by addressing those criteria as set forth in Skagit County Code 14.06 and 16.12 and then by filing such with the Skagit County Planning and Development Services for service to the SEPA responsible official within fourteen (14) calendar days after the publication date of this threshold determination.

Appeals must be submitted by: **September 26, 2019.**

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Director of Planning and Development Services

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Planning and Development Services Director

cc: WDOE, Public Works, NW Clean Air Agency, Fire Marshal, WSDF&W, Skagit River Systems
Coop, DAHP, Army Corps., Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, Samish Indian Nation, WSDOT, City of
Sedro-Woolley, Applicant, Parties of record

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