

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: Brett and Lisa Powers

Address: 13698 Bay View Road
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

File No: Current Use Open Space #03-2012

Request: To transfer 6.10 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to the Current Use Open Space Program.

Location: Portion of NW1/4NE1/4 Sec 5, T34N, R3E, W.M.; Lot 2 Short Plat #96-49, south of Bay View Road.

Assessor's No: P109580.

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on October 24, 2012.

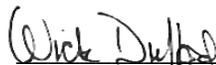
Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

1. On August 15, 2012, Brett and Lisa Powers filed an application for the inclusion of approximately 6.10 acres in the Current Use Open Space Program. The applicants are the owners of the property.
2. The property is located south of Bay View Road and west of Farm to Market Road, within a portion of NW1/4NE1/4 Sec. 5, T34N, R3E, W.M. It is Lot 2 of Short Plat #96-49. The Assessor's parcel number is P109580.
3. The property is currently forested with a stream running through it. There is a trail for access to the creek. The owners wish to keep the parcel wild as habitat.
4. The preservation of this land would serve the open space objectives of conserving and enhancing natural resources, protecting streams and stream corridors, and protecting wildlife habitat.
5. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.
6. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
7. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.



Wick Dufford

Dated: November 5, 2012

Copies transmitted to Applicants, Assessor's Office and County Commissioners

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A CURRENT USE OPEN SPACE APPLICATION
OF BRETT and LISA POWERS
CUOS #3-2012

WHEREAS, the Skagit County Hearing Examiner held a public hearing on October 24, 2012 to review the Current Use Open Space transfer application of BRETT and LISA POWERS, and adopted Findings of Fact and a Recommendation which were submitted to the Board of Skagit County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, in open session, the Skagit County Board of Commissioners has reviewed the application and Findings and Recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Skagit County Commissioners hereby adopts the attached Findings and Recommendation of the Hearing Examiner and approves the Current Use Open Space transfer application of BRETT and LISA POWERS, subject to any conditions listed in the Hearing Examiner Recommendation.

WITNESS our hands and official seal this _____ day of _____, 2012.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

KENNETH A. DAHLSTEDT, Chairman

ATTEST:

SHARON D. DILLON, Commissioner

Linda Hammons
Clerk of the Board

RON WESEN, Commissioner

Approved as to form:

Civil Deputy