

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicants: Ruby Lee Cleave

Address: 16974 Dunbar Road
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

File No: C/UTROS #2-2005

Request: To transfer approximately 9.72 acres to the Current Use
Open Space Farm Conservation Program

Location: North of Bradley Road in the plat of Samish River
Acres, within a portion of SE1/4NW1/4 Sec. 23, T35N,
R3E, W.M.

Assessor's Account Nos: P106665, P106337

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office,
the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing
on October 26, 2005.

Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

1. Ruby Lee Cleave has filed an application to transfer approximately 9.72 acres to the Current Use Open Space Farm Conservation Program. She is the owner of the property.
2. The property is located north of Bradley Road in the plat of Samish River Acres, within a portion of SE1/4NW1/4 Sec. 23, T35N, R3E, W.M. The property consists of contiguous parcels P106664 and P106337.
3. The parcels were formerly part of a larger family farm. They were inherited by the applicant and used by her brother for grazing cattle until his recent death. She is unable to farm the land herself. The property could, however, be returned to an active farm in the future.
4. The property meets the definition of farm and agricultural conservation land as defined in RCW 84.34.020(8)
5. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are attached hereto and incorporated herein.
6. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony. There were no written comments.
7. The Examiner finds that the property qualifies for the classification sought.
8. The Staff recommends approval.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: January 5, 2006

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