

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicants:** Greg and Amy Cleave

**Address:** 3607 216<sup>th</sup> Drive SW  
Brier, WA 98036

**File No:** C/UTROS #5-2005

**Request:** To include approximately 9.75 acres to the Current Use Open Space Program.

**Location:** Samish River Acreage Plat north of Bradley Road, within Sec. 23, T35N, R3E, W.M.

**Assessor's Account Nos:** P106665 and P106330

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on January 25, 2006.

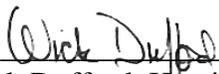
**Recommendation:** Approval

## **FINDINGS**

1. Gregg and Amy Cleave have filed an application for inclusion of approximately 9.75 acres in the Current Use Open Space Program under the Farm and Agricultural Conservation land category. They are the owners of the property
2. The property is in the Samish River Acreage Plat north of Bradley Road within Sec. 23, T35N, R3E, W.M.
3. The property has been farmed in the past, but cannot be farmed at present because of ill health. The land is being passed to younger family members that are living out of the area. They plan eventually to return and actively farm the property again. For the interim this Farm and Agricultural Conservation land category is sought.
4. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are attached hereto and incorporated herein.
5. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony. There were no written comments.
6. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought. See RCW 84.34.020.
7. The Staff recommends approval.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.

  
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Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: February 9, 2006

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