

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

Applicant: Skagit Land Trust

Address: P. O. Box 1017
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

File No: C/U Open Space Land App#1-2021

Request: To transfer 4.90 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Land.

Location: Portion of SW1/4NW1/4 Sec. 3, T35N, R4E, W.M. (for detailed description see Staff Report)

Assessor's No. 135411

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on April 14, 2021.

Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

1. The Skagit Land Trust seeks to transfer 4.90 acres from the Farm Agricultural Land classification to Current Use Open Space Land.

2. The property is a portion of S/W1/4NW1/4 Sec. 3, T35N, R4E, W.M. (detailed description in Staff Report). The Assessor's account number is P135411.

3. The property does not now meet the income requirements for the Farm and Agriculture Classification.

4. The new classification would protect stream corridors wetlands, wildlife and native plant habitat.

5. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony. There were no written comments.

6. The Examiner admitted the exhibits submitted by Staff.

7. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.

8. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: April 28, 2021

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor's Office and County Commissioners
April 28, 2021

Attachment: Staff Report and Exhibits