

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#7-2020

Request: To transfer 27.0 acres from Designated Forest Land to
Current Use Open Space Land

Location: Portion of Government Lot 14, Sec 27, T35N, R5E, W.M.
(complete description in Staff Report)

Assessor's No: P40275

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing
Examiner conducted a public hearing on December 9, 2020.

Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

1. The Skagit Land Trust seeks to transfer 27.0 acres from Designated Forest Land to Current Use Open Space Land.
2. The property is a portion Government Lot 14, Sec. 27, T35N, R5E, W.M. The Staff Report contains a complete description. The southwest corner of the property touches the Skagit River. The Assessor's Account number is P40275.
3. The new classification would conserve natural resources, protect streams, protect soil resources, and enhance the value to the public of neighboring forests.
4. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony. There were no written comments.
5. The Examiner admitted the exhibits submitted by Staff.
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, Hearing Examiner

Date: December 16, 2020

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor's Office and County Commissioners,
December 16, 2020

Attachment: Staff Report and Exhibits