

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicants:** Barbara Jo Trask and Gerrit J. Van Den Engh

**Address:** 41219 Elysian Lane  
Concrete, WA 98237

**File No:** C/U Open Space Land App#8-2020

**Request:** To transfer 4.63 acres from Designated Forest Land to Current Use Open Space Land.

**Location:** Tract 4, Short Plat No. 32-89, being a portion of SW1/4 NW1/4 Sec. 23, T35N, R10E, W.M.

**Assessor's No:** 45488

**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. Barbara Jo Trask and Gerrit J. Van Den Engh seek to transfer 4.63 acres from Designated Forest Land to Current Use Open Space Land.
2. The property is Tract 4, Short Plat No. 32-89, being a portion of SW1/4NW1/4 Sec. 23, T35N, R10E, W.M. The Assessor's Account number is P45488.
3. The new classification would conserve natural resources, protect soil resources, enhance the value to the public of neighboring forests, and promote conservation principles by offering educational opportunities.
4. The hearing was held after due notice. Applicant testified that the parcel is too small for its prior designation and that the new classification would serve a conservation purpose.
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.

  
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Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: December 16, 2020

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

Attachment: Staff Report and Exhibits