

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: John and Eileen Draper

Address: 56246 Inman Road
Darrington, WA 98241

File No: C/U O/S F&A Conservation Land App #1-2020

Request: To transfer 6.96 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation.

Location: Lot 2, Short Plat #96-105, previously a portion of Tract 2, Short Plat #36-87, within SE1/4SW1/4, Sec. 33, T33N, R10E, W.M. (except 1 acre for building).

Assessor's No: P111432

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on February 26, 2020.

Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

1. John and Eileen Draper seek to transfer 6.96 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation.
2. The property is Lot 2 of Short Plat #96-105, previously a portion of Tract 2 of Short Plat 36-87, within SE1/4SW1/4, Sec 33, T33N, R10E, W.M. (except 1 acre for building).
3. The property is traditional farmland that does not now meet the income requirements for the Farm and Agriculture classification.
4. The property was previously part of a dairy. It has recently been used to raise chickens for eggs, to grow berries and keep bees. It has a high potential for return to full farm and agricultural status. The land has not been irrevocably devoted to a use inconsistent with agriculture.
5. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and 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: March 9, 2020

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor's Office and County Commissioners,
March 9, 2020.

Attachment: Staff Report and Exhibits