

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: Richard Hoffman

Address: 13123 Marihugh Road
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

File No: C/U Open Space Land App#09-2016

Request: To transfer 7.37 acres from Farm and Agricultural Land to Current Use Open Space.

Location: Portion of W1/2SE1/4, Sec. 28, T35N, R3E, W.M.

Assessor's No: Portion of P34909

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on August 31, 2016.

Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

1. Richard Hoffman seeks to include 7.37 acres in the Current Use Open Space Land Program.
2. The property is located within a portion of W1/2SE1/4, Sec. 28, T35N, R3E, W.M. It is a portion of Parcel #34909
3. The classification would protect wetlands and soil resources.
4. The property was formerly traditional farmland but has become very wet over the years and is now unfarmable.
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: October 10, 2016

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor, County Commissioners: October 10, 2016