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### OPTIONAL DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) NOTICE MATERIALS

The attached materials are being sent to you pursuant to the requirements for the Optional DNS Process (WAC 197-11-355). A DNS on the attached proposal is likely. This may be the only opportunity to comment on environmental impacts of the proposal. Mitigation measures from standard codes will apply. Project review may require mitigation regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. A copy of the subsequent threshold determination for this proposal may be obtained upon request.

File No. 11-113752-LO  
Project Name/Address: Ng Critical Areas Modification  
13612 SE 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
Planner: Reilly Pittman  
Phone Number: 425-452-4350  
**Minimum Comment Period: June 16, 2011**

Materials included in this Notice:

- Blue Bulletin
- Checklist
- Vicinity Map
- Plans
- Other: Narrative Description  
Critical Areas Report: Wetland and Stream Study by J.S. Jones and Associates  
Wetland Rating and Data Forms – In File  
Habitat Assessment – In File  
Geotech Report – In File

**Figure 1 - Vicinity Map**



## City of Bellevue ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

If you need assistance in completing the checklist or have any questions regarding the environmental review process, please visit or call the Permit Center (425-452-6864) between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (Wednesday, 10 to 4). Our TTY number is 425-452-4636.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Property Owner: Eric Ng  
Proponent: Eric Ng  
Contact Person: Eric Ng A  
(If different from the owner. All questions and correspondence will be directed to the individual listed.)  
Address: 14828 12<sup>th</sup> Drive S.E.  
Mill Creek, WA 98012  
Phone: 206-321-8983

Proposal Title: Single-Family Residence Construction in a Stream Buffer and BSBL  
Proposal Location: 13612 S.E. 7th St.  
Bellevue, WA 98005  
(Street address and nearest cross street or intersection) Provide a legal description if available. LOT 2 BELLEVUE SP #03-132377-LF REC #20041129900017 SD SP DAF W 260 FT OF N 1/2 OF S 1/2 OF SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 LESS CO RD STR 34-25-05.

Give an accurate, brief description of the proposal's scope and nature:

1. General description: The applicant proposes to average a stream buffer and BSBL for the purposes of constructing a single-family residence under a building permit. The site was short-platted in 2004 with two NGPA containing steep slopes, and wetlands and streams.

**reduction of 25-foot structure setback from stream buffer and buffer averaging to build new SFR.**

2. Acreage of site: 0.5 acres

3. Number of dwelling units/buildings to be demolished: None

4. Number of dwelling units/buildings to be constructed: One

5. Square footage of buildings to be demolished: N/A

6. Square footage of buildings to be constructed: Approximately 3,000 s.f (final design not ready)

7. Quantity of earth movement (in cubic yards): Not known

8. Proposed land use: Single-family residence

9. Design features, including building height, number of stories and proposed exterior materials: Three bedrooms, two floors, two-car garage, wood frame structure with wood, stucco and other exterior materials, design not completed at this time

10. Other

Estimated date of completion of the proposal or timing of phasing:

Permitting Process: Starting May 2011

Construction Phase: Estimated September 2011, pending permit approval

Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain No

List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

A Critical Area Report: Wetland and Stream Study is accompanying the Critical Area Land Use Permit (see attached reports)

Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. List dates applied for and file numbers, if known.

None

List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. If permits have been applied for, list application date and file numbers, if known.

Critical Areas Land Use Permit

Building Permit

Clearing and Grading

Please provide one or more of the following exhibits, if applicable to your proposal. (Please check appropriate box(es) for exhibits submitted with your proposal):

Land Use Reclassification (rezone) Map of existing and proposed zoning

Preliminary Plat or Planned Unit Development  
Preliminary plat map

Clearing & Grading Permit  
Plan of existing and proposed grading  
Development plans

Building Permit (or Design Review)  
Site plan  
Clearing & grading plan

Shoreline Management Permit  
Site plan



## A. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

### 1. Earth

a. General description of the site:  Flat  Rolling  Hilly  Steep slopes  Mountains  Other

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

40%

**slopes contained within Native Growth Protection Area easement.**

c. What general types of soil are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, and muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

Gravelly sandy loam

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

Not to our knowledge

e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

None known

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

No. best management practices (BMPs) will be used to limit erosion (i.e. silt fence, mulching, vegetative buffer for construction site, sediment basin/trap).

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

20%

**impervious surface coverage limits in LUC 20.20.010**

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

Implement a Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control (TESC) Plan.  
Use of filter fence, straw mulch, clearing and grading during dry periods

### 2. AIR

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e. dust, automobile odors, and industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

During Construction: dust, emission from equipment, vehicles

Post Construction: automobile exhaust

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

No

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c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to the air, if any:

Implement standard measures to control emission during construction. May include use of dust control measures, alternative fuels and clean equipment, use of electricity.

### 3. WATER

#### a. Surface

(1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

There is a Category IV wetland and a Type N stream on the subject property, see submitted Critical Area Report. The stream and wetland are unnamed. The wetland and stream are tributary to Kelsey Creek.

**wetland contained within existing Native Growth Protection Area easement.**

(2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If Yes, please describe and attach available plans.

Yes, removal of invasive Himalayan blackberry and planting of native plant species, see submitted Mitigation Plan.

(3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

None.

(4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No

(5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

No

(6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

No

#### b. Ground

(1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description.

No

(2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.) Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

None

c. Water Runoff (Including storm water)

(1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Roof drains to be connected to the city's storm system.

**drainage will be reviewed under construction permits**

(2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

Fertilizers and pesticides from residential landscape use may enter ground water.

**The City's BMPs would be applicable**

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

Limiting use of inorganic fertilizer and pesticides.

Use of environmentally safe organic fertilizer and pesticides.

**4. Plants**

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

shrubs

grass

pasture

crop or grain

wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other

water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Invasive such as blackberry

c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

Split rail fencing to be placed at the edge of the proposed buffer.

Removal of invasive species.

Avoiding or minimizing disturbance of vegetation during construction.

**signage will be placed as well as mitigation planting installed**

**5. ANIMALS**

a. Check or circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

No

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

A buffer restoration plan will be implemented on the property. This will include establishment of native trees, shrubs, and groundcovers.

## 6. Energy and Natural Resources

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy need? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

Electricity and natural gas for heating.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

No

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of the proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

None

## 7. Environmental Health

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

None

(1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

Does not apply

(2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.

Does not apply

b. Noise

(1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example, traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

Residential traffic

(2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or long-term basis (for example, traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Short Term: Construction traffic (grading, hauling trucks, other vehicles)

Long Term: Vehicular traffic (passenger car)

**Noise regulated by BCC 9.18**

- (3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:  
None

## 8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?  
Residential - single family homes
- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.  
No
- c. Describe any structures on the site.  
A private road easement has been installed.
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?  
No.
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?  
R 1.8
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?  
Residential single-family low density
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?  
None
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an “environmentally sensitive” area? If so, specify.  
Yes, there are two recorded NGPA’s associated with the property.  
NGPAs contain wetland and steep slopes
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?  
Approximately four (4) people will occupy the completed residence.
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?  
None
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:  
None
- i. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:  
Compliance to the City of Bellevue’ Land Use Code.

**9. Housing**

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

One unit of moderate income, single-family residence.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

Does not apply

**10. Aesthetics**

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

Thirty five (35) feet. Exterior materials will be Cement Board, Wood, Stucco or other materials.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

Does not apply

**11. Light and Glare**

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

Indoor and outdoor lighting fixtures during nighttime use.

**required to be directed away or shielded from wetland and stream by LUC 20.25H**

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

No

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

None

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light or glare impacts, if any:

None

**12. Recreation**

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

None

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:  
Does not apply

### 13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.  
None
- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.  
Does not apply.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:  
Does not apply.

### 14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.  
S.E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street will serve as the short plat's access (see site plan).
- b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? 140th Ave Se & Se 7th St  
  
Bus stop at 168<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE and SE 19<sup>th</sup> St is 0.21 miles from the site.
- c. How many parking spaces would be completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?  
Completed = 3  
Eliminated = None
- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).  
No
- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.  
No
- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.  
Daily passenger vehicle traffic of 10 vehicle trips or more is anticipated
- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:  
None

**15. Public Services**

a. Would the project result in an increased need for the public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

No

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

No

**16. Utilities**

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:

Electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, other (TV).

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

Electricity (PSE)      underground connection to existing lines

Water - connect to existing stub

Sewer – connect to existing sewage disposal

Telephone (Qwest)    connect to existing box

Cable (Comcast)      connect to existing lines

**Signature**

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature:



Date Submitted: 05-04-2011

## **NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION**

TAX PARCEL NO. 342505-9285  
13612 SE 7<sup>th</sup> St., Lot 2  
Bellevue, WA

To comply with the decision criteria in Section 20.30P.140 of the City of Bellevue Code, the proponent will submit application documents for the Critical Areas Land Use Permit. The proponent hired a consulting firm to conduct a Critical Area Report (Wetland and Stream Study), a Fish and Wildlife Habitat Study. The Geotechnical Study for the Anspach 4-Lot Short Plat was submitted.

The applicant proposes to construct a single-family home residence on Lot 2 of the Anspach Short Plat No. 2. The Anspach Short Plat was recorded November 29, 2004. The Critical Area Report was conducted to determine the presence and/or extent of critical areas in the subject property. The Habitat Study was conducted to evaluate the impacts of the proposed development on fish and wildlife habitat. The Geotechnical Study was conducted to evaluate the subsurface conditions at the project site and to provide geotechnical engineering recommendations for developing the site. The results of these studies were used in the development of the site plan and to comply with all applicable land use requirements for development for the City of Bellevue.

The proposed site for the construction of a single-family residence is encumbered by a Category IV wetland and a Type N stream (see Wetland and Stream Assessment Report). No impacts to wetland and stream are proposed.

The applicant is requesting relief from the 25-foot building setback line (BSBL) from stream buffer. The lot was legally created in 2004 subject to the critical area setbacks and a small BSBL in the prior code. The current building setback was increased to 25 feet. In addition, the wetland boundary and stream ordinary high water (OHWM) in the original short plat was incorrectly located. The 25-foot stream buffer extends beyond the recorded NGPA. The proposed site plan accurately depicts the location of the wetland and stream and stream buffer. The proposed area of impact within the BSBL is 1,125 square feet. The proposed BSBL is 6 to 25 feet with a small buffer averaging area. To improve and protect the functions of the stream and wetland, 1,125 square feet of the wetland and stream buffer will be improved by removing the existing invasive vegetation and replanted with native vegetation.

The site will not accommodate any single-family residence without relief from the full BSBL. There is no other use of the property than for a single-family residence. The proposed residence is of similar size to other residences in the neighborhood. The choice and design of the residence was determined by the applicant. The proposed house is located at the minimum side and front setbacks in the corner of the lot with the most area outside of the BSBL. There are no locations with less reduction to the BSBL. The

development of the lot will not adversely impact the wetlands and stream, but rather provides an opportunity for removal of invasives and establishment of a native plant community in the buffer.

The code may allow buffer averaging when certain criteria are met. The proposed development can not reasonable be accommodated without buffer averaging. Without buffer averaging there would not be access around the building for maintenance of the structure, fire protection and reasonable movement around the building. Buffer averaging will not impact buffer function, because the buffer is down slope from the stream and the buffer will be enhanced with native vegetation. The total buffer area is not reduced. The buffer is contiguous and on the same side of the wetland. Averaging does not affect slope stability or increase the likelihood of erosion. Averaging will not adversely impact habitat or species of local importance. At no point is the averaging less than 75% of the full buffer width.

The mitigation plan provides for enhancement of 1,125 square feet of buffer, which is equal to the area of reduced BSBL. The mitigation plan includes discuss of mitigation requirements, maintenance, monitoring and performance standards for the planting. The discussion of the functions and values is provided in the critical area report. Under the current conditions of the NGPE, buffer are functions at a low level. Although the on-site area of buffer tiny in comparison the size of the stream system, the opportunity for requiring enhancement exists as a condition of granting a reduced BSBL. The functional improvement to the buffer is significant for this property. The developed area is downslope from the stream buffer, so water quality will not be impacted. Stormwater will not be discharged to the on-site stream.

**Decision Criteria**

1. The proposal includes a plan for restoration of a portion of the critical area buffer.
2. There will be a net gain of 1,125 square feet of restored buffer by removing invasives and replanting with natives. Invasives will be removed from the entire on-site buffer.
3. Stormwater functions will not affect the on-site stream or buffer.
4. The applicant will post a performance, maintenance and monitoring bond for the mitigation.
5. Mitigation with performance standards will improve the functions of the buffer.
6. The resulting development is consistent with the use of other lots in the Anspach Short Plat and SE 7<sup>th</sup> Street.



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J. S. Jones and Associates, Inc.

**CRITICAL AREA REPORT:  
WETLAND AND STREAM STUDY**

*of the*

**Ng Property**  
13612 S.E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
Bellevue, WA 98005

Tax Parcel Number: 342505-9285  
Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 25N, Range 05E

Prepared for:

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Date: May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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### Attachments

Wetland Determination Data Forms-Western Mountains, Valleys and Coast Region  
DOE Wetland Rating Form  
Wetland/Stream Map

## **1.0 Project Description**

The applicant proposes to construct a single-family home residence on Lot 2 of the Anspach Short Plat No. 2. The Anspach Short Plat was recorded November 29, 2004. The purpose of this study is to identify and rate wetlands and streams on or near the site.

## **2.0 Parcel Identification and Directions**

The tax parcel number is 342505-9285 (see Figure 1). The parcel is located in the southwest Section 34, Township 25 North, Range 5 East, of the Willamette Meridian.

Directions from Bellevue City Hall are as follows head north on 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.E. toward N.E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street and travel 0.2 miles; take the 2nd right onto N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street and travel 0.3 miles; keep right at the fork and travel 1.6 miles; turn right at 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.E. and travel 0.9 miles; turn right at S.E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street and travel 0.2 miles and arrive at 13612 S.E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **3.0 Methodology**

The wetland assessment and delineation were performed using the Interim Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region (USACOE, 2008). The 1997 Washington State Wetlands Identification and Delineation Manual was not used because it was replaced by the COE methodologies March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

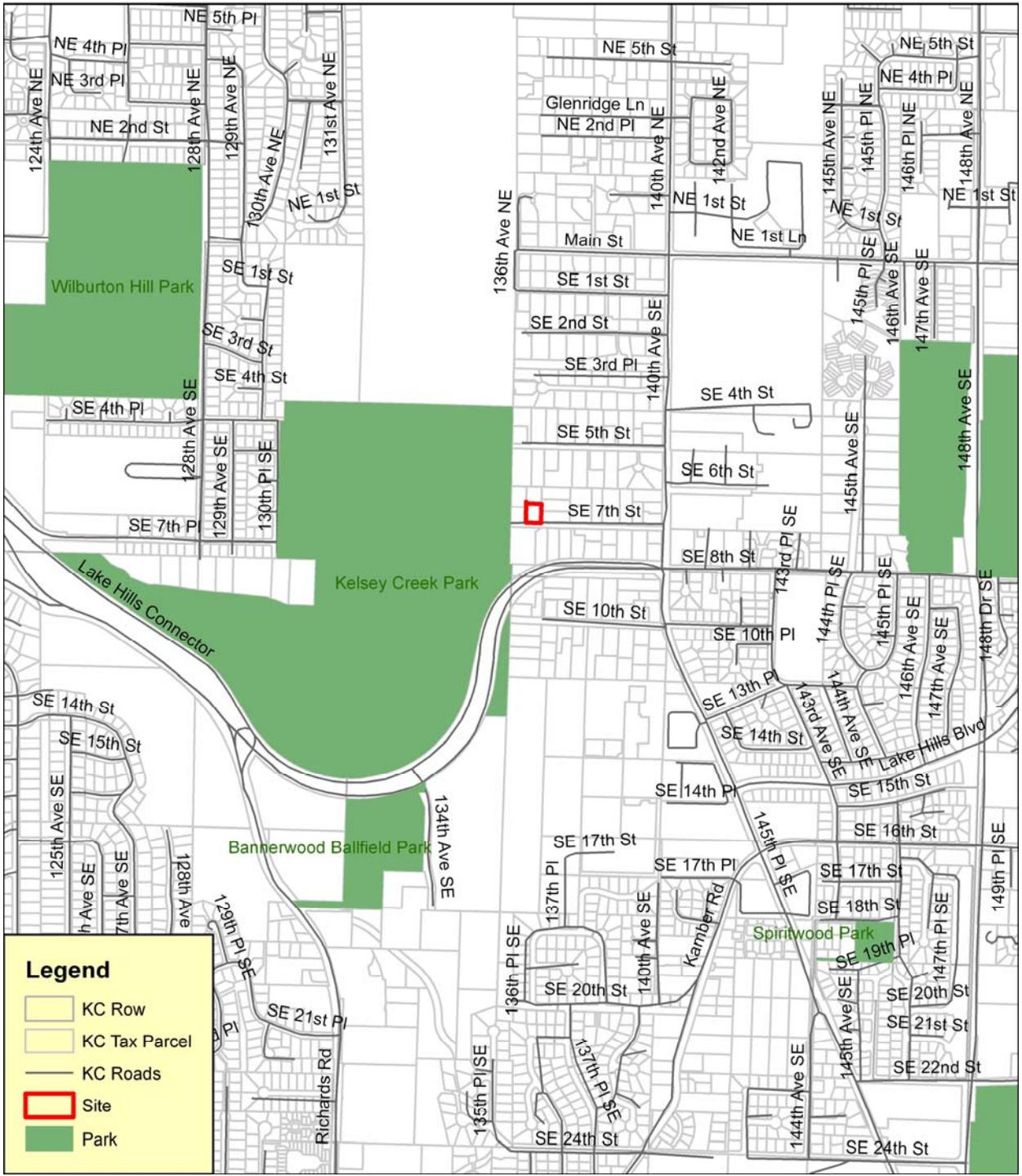
The Routine Determination method was used with considerations for “Problem Areas”. The Routine Determination methodology is “used when the project area is small, plant communities are homogeneous, plant community boundaries are abrupt, and the project is not controversial.” The Atypical Method was not used because the alteration of the site was permitted and the wetland determination for these areas is not controversial. At the time the lot was legally created, a NGPE for critical areas was established. Clearing and grading outside of the NGPE occurred in preparation of site development.

The assessment included a review of the King County GIS Database, the current Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) GIS Data and the USDA Soil Conservation Service’s, Soil Survey of the King County Area, Washington (Snyder, 1973). Wetland boundary and Ordinary High Water Mark flags and sample location were placed by *J. S. Jones and Associates, Inc.* staff. Flag locations were surveyed by a Group Four, Inc., licensed civil engineers and licensed professional land surveyors.

**Figure 1 - Vicinity Map**



0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles 1 inch equals 0.25 miles



#### 4.0 General Site Description

According to aerial photos, sometime between 2005 and 2007, the private street was constructed and most of the subject lot was cleared and graded. The recorded NGPA was not fenced or signed or cleared. The current plant community of the NGPA is red alder and Himalayan blackberry. The NGPA has an excavated channel with a berm to the west of the channel. The channel intercepts and directs runoff from the lots above to the stream south of the private street. The stream is intermittent, non-fish bearing and tributary to Kelsey Creek. The remainder of the site has been graded to less than a 5% slope and is currently vegetated with grasses and weeds.

There is a new existing house on the lot to the north. The private street is to the west and south. The lots to the east have existing single-family residence with large lawns. Drainage pipes from these residences outflow onto the subject property.

#### 5.0 Vegetation

##### 5.1 Vegetation Methodology

Hydrophytic vegetation has adaptations that allow these species to survive in saturated or inundated environments. These environments are classified according to the *Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States* (Cowardin, 1979). The probability of species being found in wetland environments has been determined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the *National List of Vascular Species that Occur in Wetlands: 1996 National Summary* (USFWS, 1996). An indicator status was applied to each species according to its probability of occurring in wetlands (see Table 1).

**Table 1. Plant Indicator Status**

Indicator Category	Symbol	Occurrence in Wetlands
Obligate Wetland	OBL	> 99%
Facultative Wetland	FACW	67-99%
Facultative	FAC	34-67%
Facultative Upland	FACU	1-33%
Upland	UPL	< 1%

Vegetation data was recorded at two sample locations. At each sample location, the dominant species were assessed by indicator status to determine if the plant community was predominantly hydrophytic. Rules for determining dominant species are from the Interim Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region (USACOE, 2008). Dominants were determined using the 50/20 rule. Using this rule, percent cover for each stratum was added by order of descending cover until 50% cover was reached. These species were considered dominants. The next most common species was also included as a dominant if it had over 20% cover.

##### 5.2 Vegetation Results

At sample location 1 (SL-1), the plant community is dominated by red alder (*Alnus rubra*, FAC), unidentified grasses, (*Gramineae*, spp., FAC), skunk cabbage (*Lysichiton americanum*, OBL), lady fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*, FAC) and Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*, FACU). The plant community is hydrophytic because more than 50% of the dominant species are OBL, FACW, or FAC.

At SL-2, the plant community is dominated by unidentified grasses and weeds. The plant community is non-hydrophytic because more than 50% of the dominant species are OBL, FACW, or FAC.

## **6.0 Hydrology**

### **6.1 Hydrology Methodology**

The *Interim Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys and Coast Region*, requires the presence of hydrology indicators which are broken into four groups: Group A – direct observation of surface or groundwater; Group B – evidence of flooding or ponding; Group C – evidence of soil current or recent soil saturation; Group D – landscape characteristics and vegetation and soil features that indicate existing wet conditions. Indicators are further divided in primary and secondary categories. Wetland hydrology indicators can be found in Table 9 of the COE Interim Regional Supplement (COE, 2008). To meet the hydrology criteria, one primary or two secondary indicators must be present for 14 or more consecutive days of flooding or ponding, or a water table within 12 inches or less below the soil surface, during the growing season 5 out of 10 years. The growing season can either determined by above-ground growth and soil temperature.

### **6.2 Hydrology Results**

SL-1 meets the criteria for wetland hydrology. A water table at the soil surface and saturated soils were present along the wetland boundary.

SL-2 does not have wetland hydrology. The soils profile was not saturated at or above 12 inches. A water table within 20 inches of the soil surface was not present. Although the soils profile is gleyed and mottled, mottling and gleyed soils are remnant of the original soils profile and did develop under the current hydrologic conditions. The upper soils horizons has been removed.

## **7.0 Soils**

### **7.1 Soils Methodology**

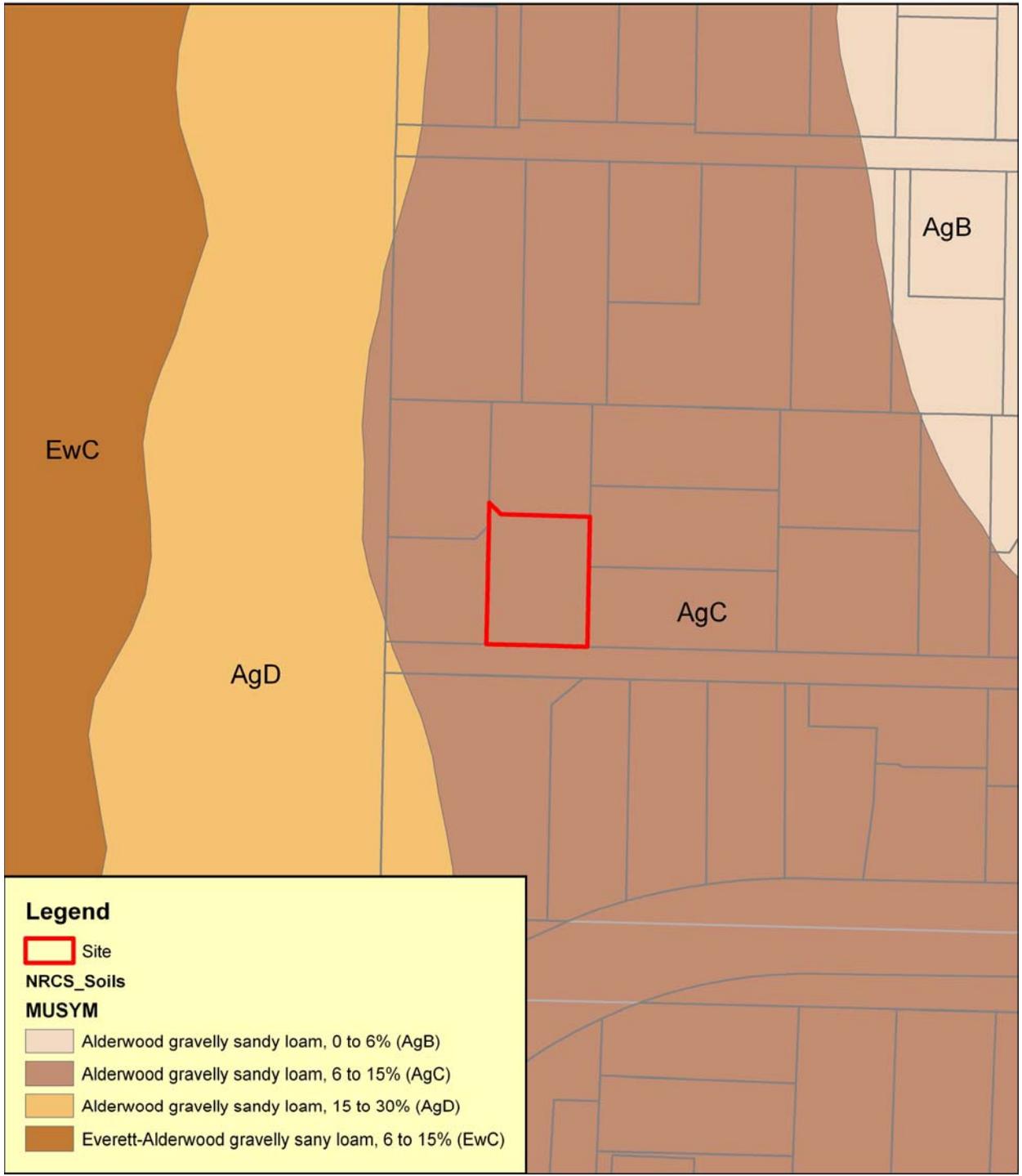
The procedures for soil sampling are provided in the *Interim Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region* (USACOE, 2008).

Hydric soils are soils that are “saturated, flooded, or ponded long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part (USACOE, 2008)”. They are either organic soils (peats and mucks), or are mineral soils that are saturated long enough to produce soil properties associated with a reducing environment. These soils have hydric characteristics such as a reduced matrix (a matrix that changes color when exposed to air), redox depletions (gleying), or redox concentrations (mottles). Detailed information regarding soils indicators can be found in the NTCHS, *Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States* (Natural Resources Conservation Service, 2010).

Figure 2 - NRCS Soils Map



0 100 200 400 Feet 1 inch equals 200 feet



## 7.2 Soil Series

The USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS) mapped the on-site soils as Alderwood gravelly sandy loam, 6 to 15 percent slopes (AgC) (see Figure 2). On-site investigation concurs that the soils profile was Alderwood prior to recent grading.

Alderwood gravelly sandy loam is a “moderately well drained that formed under conifers in glacial deposits. In a typical profile, the surface layer and subsoil are very dark brown, dark-brown, and grayish-brown gravelly sand loam about 27 inches thick. The substratum is grayish-brown, weakly consolidated to strongly consolidated glacial till that extends to a depth of 60 inches or more. Included with this soil in mapping are small areas Indianola loamy sand, Norma sandy loam or Dupont Muck.” (Snyder, 1973).

Norma fine sandy loam is a “poorly drained” soil that formed in alluvium under sedges, grasses, conifers and hardwoods. This soil is on long, narrow, stream bottoms and in depressions and on alluvial fans throughout uplands. In a typical profile the surface layer is very dark brown loamy sand to a depth of 9 inches deep. The lower part to a depth of 30 inches is distinctly mottled, dark grayish brown fine sandy loam. The substrate, to a depth of 71 inches, is mottled, grayish brown sandy loam. (Snyder, 1973).

## 7.3 Soils Results

The soil at SL-1 is Norma sandy loam. From 0 to 6 inches the soil is a black gravelly sandy loam (10YR 2/1) (MacBeth, 2000). From 6+ inches, there is a restrictive layer. The soil is hydric since it has a one chroma and a restrictive layer.

The soil at SL-2 is the substratum of Alderwood gravelly sandy loam. From 0 to 18+ inches the soil is a dark greenish gray (Gley 2 4/1) with prominent mottling (10YR 5/8). The soil is non-hydric since grading deposited till material to the surface.

## 8.0 Wetland and Stream Determination, Ratings, and Buffers

The King County, National Wetland and DNR wetland inventories do not show wetlands within 225 feet of the property’s boundary (see Figure 3). The King County Stream inventory shows an on-site stream traversing the property that is tributary to Kelsey Creek. There is another off-site stream located approximately 150 feet to the north that is also tributary to Kelsey Creek.

On-site field investigation found one wetland (Wetland A) and excavated stream occupying the recorded NGPA. The stream is an excavated channel that intercepts runoff from Wetland A and lots to the east. Wetland A is rated as a sloped wetland using the hydrogeomorphic method. Water flows through the wetland in one direction without being impounded. There is no overbank during heavy storm events. The buffers of Wetland A are disturbed by residential development and there is an absence of habitat structures. Overall, Wetland A scores 23 points which includes 15 habitat points and is rated a Category IV Wetland (see attached rating form).

According to the City of Bellevue’s Land Use Code (CBLUC) Section 20.25H.095.C.1.a.ii states:

Developed Site. A developed site is any site where the wetland and wetland buffer have been included within an NGPE or NGPA approved and recorded prior to August 1, 2006, or any site abutting an NGPA approved and recorded prior to August 1,

2006, containing the wetland and wetland buffer where such site does not also contain a wetland. Wetlands on developed sites shall be governed by the buffer established within the approved and recorded NGPA or NGPE, no additional wetland buffer shall apply.

Since the property was created in a short plat and recorded in 2004, the buffer of the wetland A does not extend beyond the boundary of the recorded NGPA.

The on-site stream is tributary to Kelsey Creek and was rated as Type O on the short plat. However, the stream meets the definition of a Type “N” water per CBLUC 20.25H.075.B.3 since it has a surface connection to Kelsey Creek. The NGPA south of the private street has a steep slope designation and is a natural barrier to fish passage. Type N Waters have a 25-foot buffer and a 25-foot (BSBL) structure setback.

### **9.0 Functional Assessment**

The NGPE is currently functioning at a low level because the plant community is dominated by dense Himalayan blackberry. The presence of Himalayan blackberry indicates that the area was previously cleared. Two small diameter drainage pipes discharge into the wetland. The sources of water for these pipes are neighboring properties. Water quality may be poor. The wetland and stream are sloping and do not retain water for downstream flood control. Large black cottonwood and red alder lack large stick nests or other critical habitat features.

### **10.0 Impacts To The Building Setback Boundary Line (BSBL)**

The applicant is requesting relief from the 25-foot BSBL from critical areas of the NGPA's. The lot was legally created in 2004 subject to the critical area setbacks in the prior code. The present building setback was increased to 25 feet. In addition, the wetland boundary and stream ordinary high water (OHWM) in the original short plat was incorrect. The 25-foot stream buffer extends beyond the recorded NGPE. The proposed site plan accurately depicts the location of the wetland and stream and stream buffer. The proposed area of impact within the BSBL is 1,125 square feet. The proposed BSBL is between 6 and 25 feet.

To improve and protect the functions of the stream and wetland, 1,125 square feet of the wetland and stream buffer will be improved by removing the existing invasive vegetation and replanted with native vegetation.

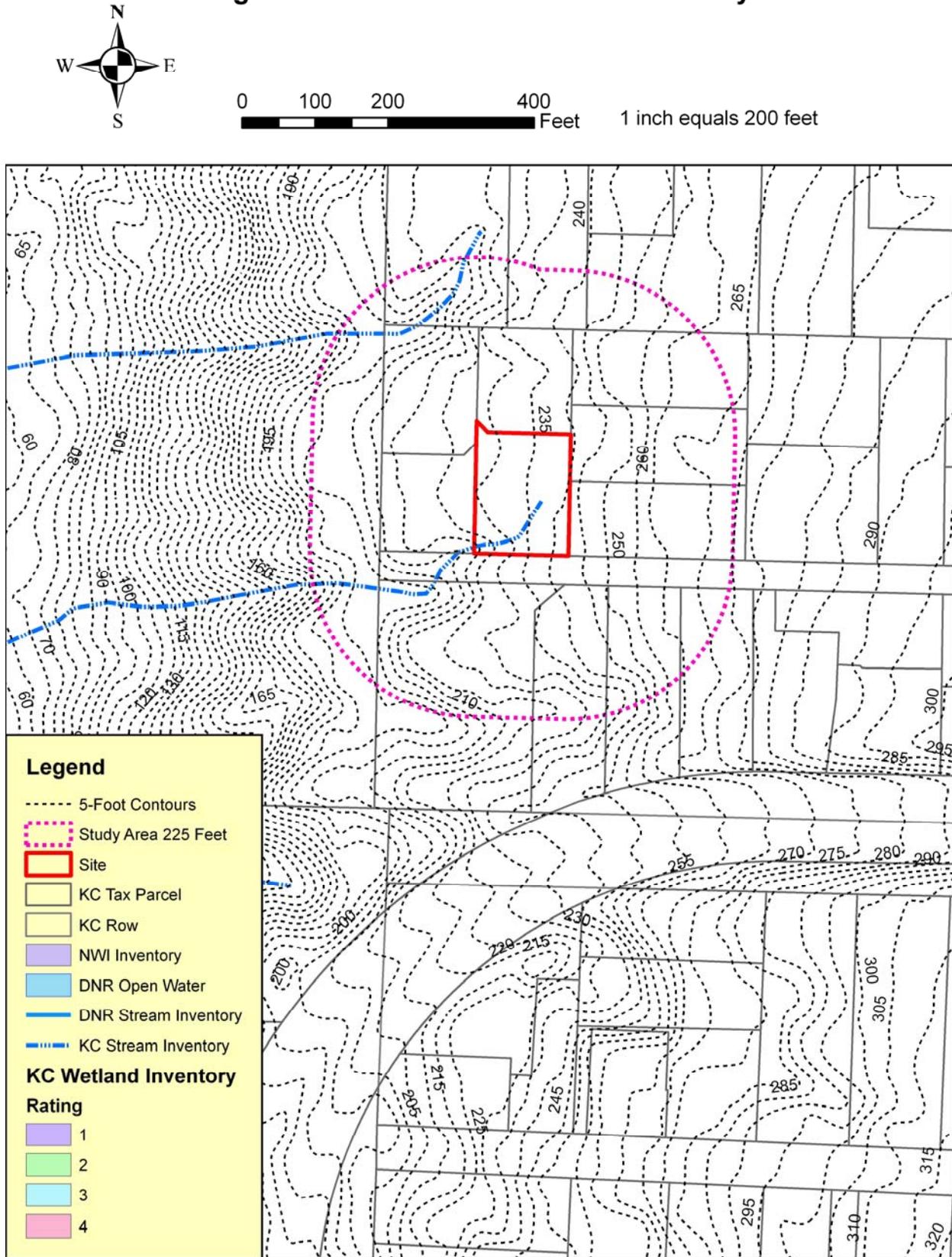
### **11.0 Authority**

This wetland and stream determination is in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Wetlands are “areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas” (Federal Register, 1980) (Federal Register, 1982).

### **12.0 Limitations**

Wetland determinations and delineations are not final until approved by regulatory agencies and/or local jurisdictions. *J. S. Jones and Associates, Inc.* does not guarantee acceptance or approval by regulatory agencies, or that any intended use will be achieved.

**Figure 3 - Wetland and Stream Inventory**



### **13.0 References**

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## **Attachments**



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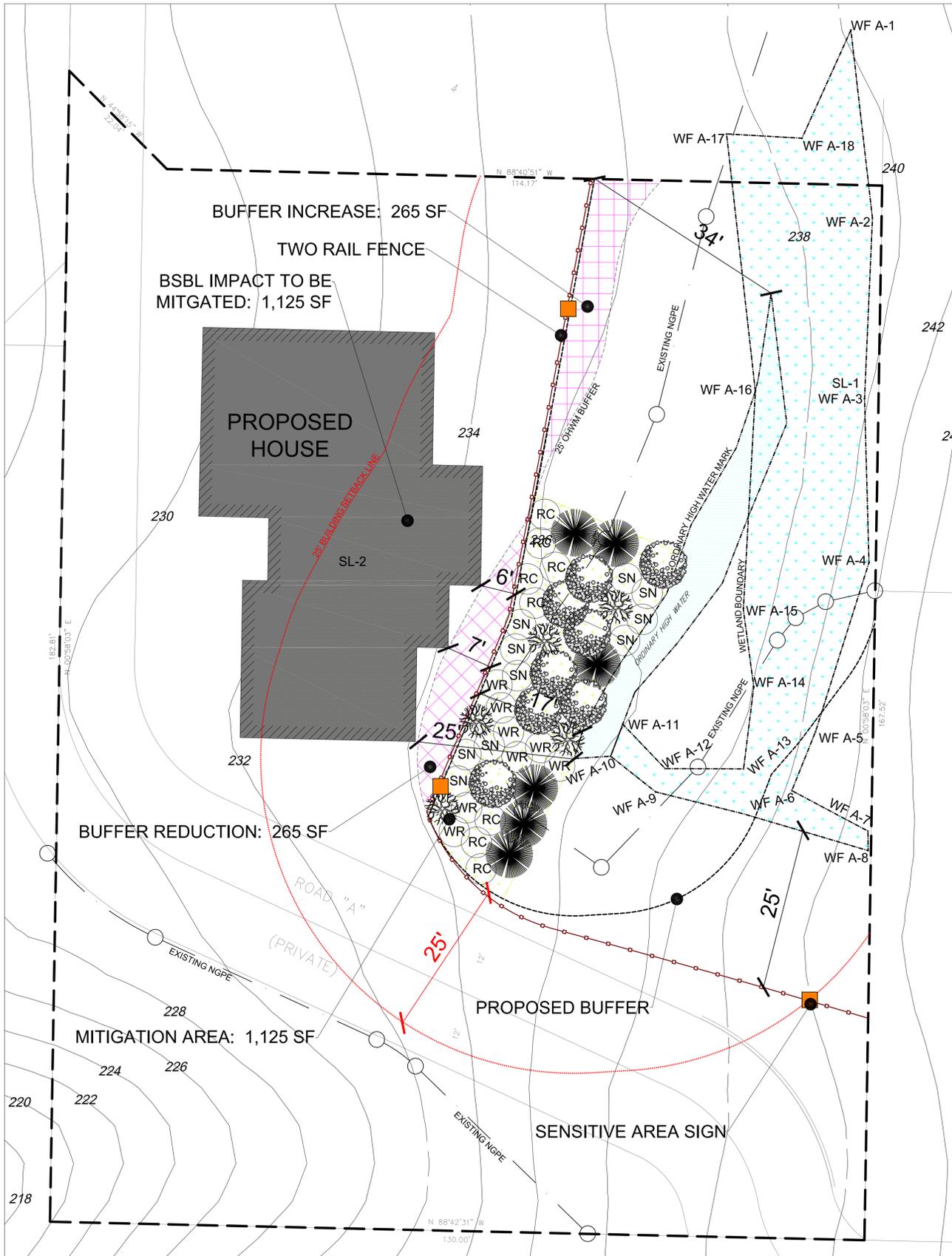
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# NG PROPERTY - MITIGATION PLAN

SW 1/4 OF SEC. 34, TWP. 25 N, RGE. 05 E, W.M.

TAX PARCEL ID NO.: 342505-9285



## PLANT SCHEDULE

SYMBOL	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	QTY.	SIZE
	BIG-LEAF MAPLE	ACER MACROPHYLLUM	8	5 GAL
	DOUGLAS FIR	PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII	6	5 GAL
	VINE MAPLE	ACER CIRCINATUM	5	2 GAL
	RED-FLOWERING CURRANT	RIBES SANGUINEUM	8	1 GAL
	WOOD ROSE	ROSA GYMNOCARPA	8	1 GAL
	SNOWBERRY	SYMPHORICARPOS ALBUS	10	1 GAL

## SENSITIVE AREA SIGN DETAIL

NOTE: THIS DETAIL IS TYPICAL FOR MOST JURISDICTIONS IN WESTERN WASHINGTON. PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF SIGNS, CHECK WITH THE CITY OF BELLEVUE TO SEE IF THIS SIGN IS APPROPRIATE OR IF THE CITY USES ITS OWN SPECIFIC SIGN.



ATTACH SIGN TO POST WITH TWO 5/16" GALVANIZED LAG BOLTS WITH WASHERS, WOOD SCREWS, OR NAILS WITH RUBBER WASHERS.

### WETLAND/STREAM SIGN INSTALLATION DETAIL

THE WETLAND SIGN SHALL BE POSTED AT THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE SENSITIVE AREA BUFFER, SETBACK AREA OR SETBACK TRACT AND THE BUILDING SETBACK AREA.

ONE SIGN SHALL BE POSTED PER LOT FOR EVERY 100 FEET OF SENSITIVE AREA BUFFER AND SHALL BE STATIONED IN A PROMINENT LOCATION, I.E.: AT THE CLOSEST POINT TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. SIGNS MAY ALSO BE ATTACHED TO FENCES.

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## LEGAL DESCRIPTION

342505 285 LOT 2 BELLEVUE SP #03-132377-LF REC #20041129900017 SD SP DAF W 260 FT OF N 1/2 OF S 1/2 OF SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 LESS CO RD STR 34-25-05.

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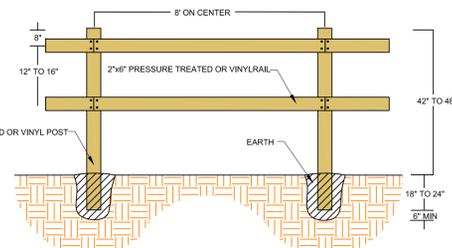
- WETLAND BOUNDARY
- ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK (OHWM)
- 25' ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK BUFFER
- 25' BUILDING SETBACK LINE (BSBL)
- EXISTING NGPE
- PROPOSED OHWM BUFFER
- SPLIT RAIL FENCE
- BUFFER REDUCTION: 265 SF
- BUFFER INCREASE: 265 SF
- BSBL IMPACT TO BE MITGATED: 1,125 SF
- OHWM BUFFER TO BE ENHANCED: 1,125 SF

## NOTES

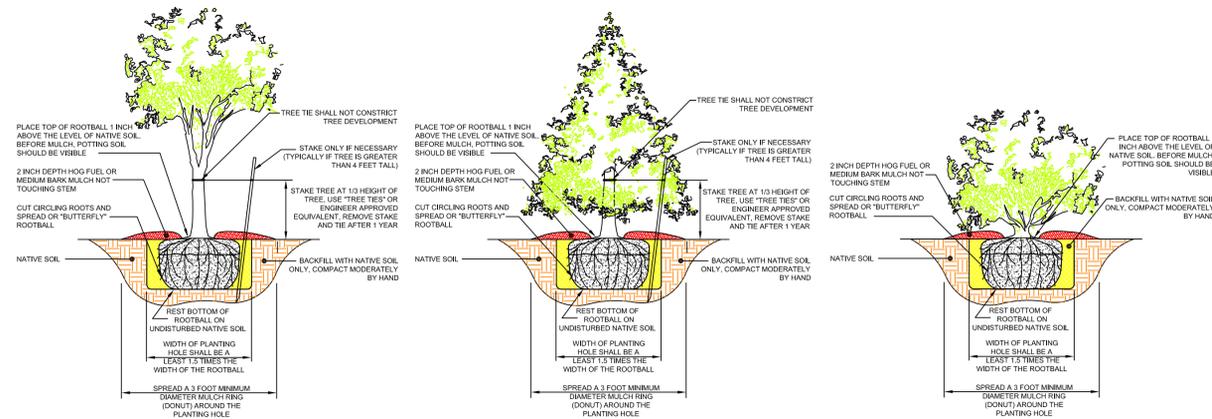
- THE BUFFER FOR THE ON-SITE WETLAND IS NOT SHOWN BECAUSE OF THE ESTABLISHED NGPE.

## TWO RAIL FENCE DETAIL

NOTE: TWO RAIL FENCE MUST BE WILDLIFE PASSIBLE. FENCE MAY BE CONSTRUCTED OF WOOD OR VINYL COATED PLASTIC.



## TREE AND SHRUB PLANTING AND STAKING DETAIL



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