



CITY OF KENT DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

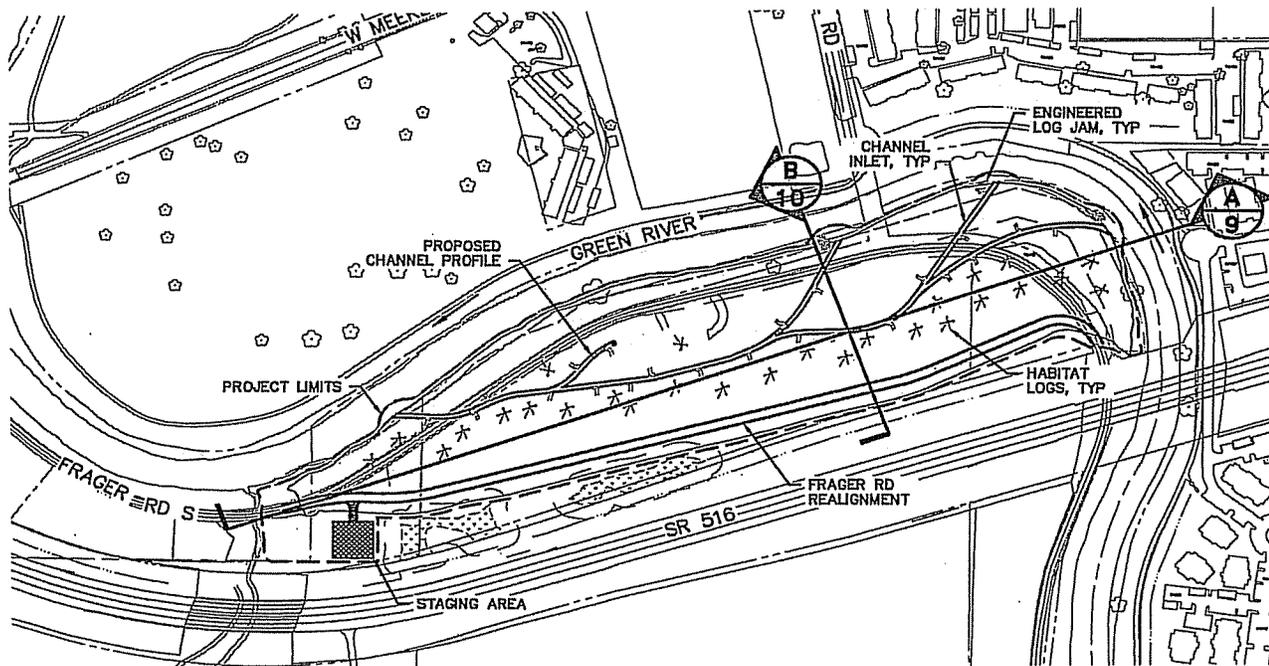
Environmental Checklist No. #ENV-2013-2
#RPSW-2130459

Project: Downey Farmstead
Restoration

Description: The applicant proposes to construct 1,875 linear feet of side channel and 11 acres of intermittently inundated aquatic habitat on a 21.81 acre site adjacent to the Green River. This project will create off-channel rearing and refuge area for juvenile salmonids that inhabit the Green River. A total of 50 large-wood structures will be placed as well as thousands of native shrubs, trees and groundcover plantings. To maximize available floodplain habitat, Frager Road will be relocated away from the river's edge. The site is located within King County's A-10-Agricultural, one DU per 10 acres zoning district.

The applicant is considering a future project to add parking near the Old Fishing Hole Park (on City property) to replace some of the parking located along Frager Road that will be lost as a result of this project. However, this work is not within the scope of the current proposal, and will be evaluated at a later date.

The secondary purpose of this project is to create additional flood storage capacity. The removal of 210,000 cubic yards (CY) of material from the floodplain for creation of the side channel network will provide 130 acre-feet of additional floodplain storage and decrease peak flood levels by approximately six inches.



Proposed site plan. Downey Farmstead Restoration (sheet 5 of 15, not to scale).

For the purpose of environmental review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), the City of Kent is the Lead Agency. However, this project is located in unincorporated King County, just outside of Kent's city limits. The project will be reviewed by the County's Department of Permitting and Environmental Review (DPER) for compliance with the County's

Shoreline Master Program and other development regulations. DPER may provide additional public notice related to other permits. Questions or comments regarding County review should be directed to Steve Bottheim of DPER at 206-296-6600, reference permit application GRDE13-0018.

Applicant Matt Knox, City of Kent Engineering

Lead Agency CITY OF KENT

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

There is no comment period for this DNS pursuant to WAC 197-11-355 Optional DNS process.

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This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of this decision; this constitutes a 14-day comment period. Comments must be submitted by _____. This DNS is subject to appeal pursuant to Kent City Code section 11.03.520.

Responsible Official Charlene Anderson, AICP

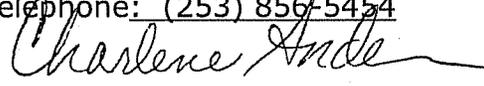
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Dated December 13, 2013

Signature



APPEAL PROCESS: AN APPEAL OF A DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) MUST BE MADE TO THE KENT HEARING EXAMINER WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF THIS DECISION PER KENT CITY CODE 11.03.520.

CONDITIONS/MITIGATING MEASURES: NONE

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