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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This project proposes the construction of a single-family residence on tax parcel 0321100185 at 8247 E Mercer Way, Mercer Island, Washington (Figure 1). Confluence Environmental Company (Confluence) prepared this report to assist with permitting the project. On December 8, 2021, Confluence conducted a field investigation on the property to determine the presence and extent of critical areas on and adjacent to the property. The effort focused on wetlands and streams. Critical areas such as erosion hazard areas, steep slopes, and landslide hazard areas were not evaluated in this study. This report discusses the results of the study.

The southern portion of the property is developed with a single-family residence, an asphalt driveway, and a gravel patio area. The northern portion of the property is on a slope and in an undeveloped condition (the area is periodically mowed, but otherwise undisturbed). The property is zoned R-8.4 (Residential, minimum 8,400 square feet lot) and is surrounded by other single-family residences.

Figure 1. Project Area

2.0 METHODS

Confluence conducted a critical areas study on the property. This section describes the methods used to confirm the presence or absence of critical areas.

2.1 Desktop Analysis

To develop a strategy for field investigation, Confluence reviewed relevant regulations and GIS databases.

Confluence reviewed Mercer Island City Code (MICC) to determine the standard buffer requirements for critical areas in the project vicinity.

Confluence reviewed the GIS databases listed below for the documented presence of wetlands, streams, lakes, or species listed under the Endangered Species Act as threatened or endangered on or within 110 ft of the project site. It was necessary to search within 110 ft to determine whether buffers for off-site critical areas encroach onto the site; 110 ft is the largest buffer identified in MICC.

- Mercer Island GIS Portal (Mercer Island 2022)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) (USFWS 2022)
- National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Soil Survey (NRCS 2022a)
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) SalmonScape (WDFW 2022a)
- WDFW Priority Habitats and Species (PHS) (WDFW 2022b)
- Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Water Type GIS (WDNR 2022a)
- WDNR Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WDNR 2022b)

Results of the GIS database searches are in Appendix A.

2.2 Field Investigation

2.2.1 Wetlands

Wetland Identification and Delineation

On December 8, 2021, Confluence delineated wetland boundaries using the methods described by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) in the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual (Corps 1987) and the Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region (Regional Supplement; Corps 2010). The Corps typically requires that the following 3 characteristics be present for an area to be identified as a wetland: (1) hydrophytic vegetation, (2) hydric soil, and (3) wetland hydrology. Each criterion has several indicators by which it can be determined to satisfy the

standard. The indicators were established so that if a wetland were present on-site, sufficient indicators would be observed at any time of the year, including the driest months, to identify a wetland. Since "normal circumstances," as defined by the Corps (1987), exist on the site, all 3 criteria must be present for an area to be determined a wetland. A more detailed description of delineation methodology is provided in Appendix B. Wetland delineation data forms completed during the site visit are provided in Appendix C.

To confirm the presence of a wetland, data were collected from representative test plots within and outside of potential wetlands. The locations of the test plots were based on the presence of visual wetland indicators (e.g., wetland vegetation, evidence of standing water) or were chosen to represent vegetative, topographic, or hydrologic features in the vicinity. Within these test plots vegetation, soils, and hydrology were examined to determine whether wetland characteristics were present (see Appendix B for details). Plots that met all 3 wetland criteria were determined to be wetland plots; plots that did not meet all 3 wetland criteria were determined to be upland plots.

Once the presence of a wetland was confirmed, visual wetland indicators, such as topographic and vegetative shifts, were used to delineate the remainder of the wetland boundary. In areas with a lack of visual wetland indicators (i.e., in areas with monoculture vegetation and no clear topographic boundary), Confluence used soil probes to determine the wetland boundary between test plots. Confluence evaluated the presence or absence of hydric soil and wetland hydrology indicators at soil probe locations to determine whether the area represented by the soil probe was wetland or upland. Because of recent heavy rains (as well as heavy rainfall at the time of the site visit), surface saturation was extensive throughout the hillside, which made it necessary to collect several soil probes to determine if the water was coming from a sub-surface source or if it was surface accumulation from the recent precipitation events. Soil probe locations and presence or absence of hydric soil and wetland hydrology indicators were recorded using GPS.

Confluence used the PLANTS Database (NRCS 2022b) to provide consistency in scientific naming and the 2020 National Wetland Plant List (Corps 2020) to determine the wetland indicator status of plants.

Off-Site Wetland Identification

To assess whether there are possible wetlands with buffers encroaching from adjacent properties, Confluence modified the methods described by the Corps (Corps 1987, 2010). The modified method identified the presence or absence of visual wetland indicators. If hydrophytic vegetation were dominant and visual indicators of wetland hydrology were observed, then hydric soils would have been assumed; however, no visual wetland indicators were observed in adjacent areas.

Wetland Rating

Confluence determined wetland ratings using the Washington State Wetland Rating System for Western Washington (Hruby 2014) to assess the resource value of the wetlands identified on the site. This rating system is based on the wetland functions and values, sensitivity to disturbance, rarity, and irreplaceability.

Wetland rating forms are in Appendix D.

2.2.2 Streams/Shorelines

No streams or shorelines were identified on the property, so no Ordinary High Water Mark delineation was needed.

3.0 RESULTS

3.1 Desktop Analysis

The NWI and Mercer Island GIS do not identify any wetlands on or within the vicinity of the property (USFWS 2022, Mercer Island 2022). No wetlands of high conservation value are mapped on or in the vicinity of the property (WDNR 2022b).

No streams are mapped on or in the vicinity of the property. Mercer Island maps 2 small, unnamed streams southwest of the property; one is approximately 364 feet away and the other approximately 980 feet away. The majority of the reaches within both unnamed streams are piped, and both discharge into Lake Washington (Mercer Island 2022). The Water Type and SalmonScape databases do not map the adjacent streams identified by Mercer Island (WDNR 2022a, WDFW 2022a). Lake Washington, a Type S (shoreline of the state) waterbody is located approximately 660 feet south of the property (WDNR 2022a). The PHS system does not identify any priority species or habitats in the vicinity of the property (WDFW 2022b).

Soils on the property are mapped as Kitsap silt loam (15-30% slopes), which is not identified as a hydric soil (NRCS 2022a).

Photographs of the site are in Appendix E.

3.2 Test Plots

During the field investigation, 3 test plots were established, 2 in upland and 1 in wetland. Soil probes were collected to rapidly assess the likelihood of an area being wetland. Test plot and soil probe locations are shown in Figure 2. Test plot characteristics are detailed below. Technical terms are explained in Appendix B.

Test Plot 1 (TP-1) was located in the central portion of the property in an area dominated by big-leaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*), red alder (*Alnus rubra*), Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*), Pacific rhododendron (*Rhododendron macrophyllum*), field horsetail (*Equisetum arvense*), and wall lettuce (*Lactuca muralis*). Vegetation within TP-1 did not pass the Dominance Test or the Prevalence Index; therefore, the wetland vegetation criterion was not met. Soil in the top layer (0-17 inches) was a black (10YR 2/1) sandy loam. Soil in the second layer (17-21 inches) was dual matrix dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) and dark gray (2.5Y 4/1) sand with 5% dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) redoximorphic concentrations in the matrix. The soils met the Thick Dark Surface (A12) hydric soil indicator; thus, the hydric soil criterion was met. Despite recent and heavy rains, no primary or secondary wetland hydrology indicators were observed; thus, the wetland hydrology criterion was not met. Since TP-1 did not meet all 3 criteria, the area represented by TP-1 is not a wetland.

Figure 2. Location of Delineated Wetland, Test Plots, and Soil Probes

TP-2 was located in the northeastern corner of the property in an area dominated by Himalayan blackberry and field horsetail. Vegetation within TP-2 passed the Dominance Test and therefore met the wetland vegetation criterion. Soil in the top layer (0-2 inches) was a dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) mucky loam. Soil in the second layer (2-16 inches) was a dark greenish gray (Gley 1 4/10Y) sand. The soils met the Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4) hydric soil indicator; thus, the hydric soil criterion was met. Two primary hydrology indicators – High Water Table (A2) and Saturation (A3) – were observed. The presence of at least 1 primary or 2 secondary indicators meets the wetland hydrology criterion. Since TP-2 met all 3 criteria, the area represented by TP-2 is a wetland, identified as Wetland A.

TP-3 was located west of TP-2 in the northern portion of the property, in an area dominated by red alder, cherry laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus*), and field horsetail. Vegetation within TP-3 passed the Dominance Test and therefore met the wetland vegetation criterion. Soil in the top layer (0-6 inches) was a very dark gray (10YR 3/1) silt loam. Soil in the second layer (6-16 inches) was a dark greenish gray (Gley 1 4/10Y) sand. The soils met the Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4) and the Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11) hydric soil indicators; thus, the hydric soil criterion was met. Despite recent and heavy rains, no primary or secondary wetland hydrology indicators were observed; thus, the wetland hydrology criterion was not met. Since TP-3 did not meet all 3 criteria, the area represented by TP-3 is not a wetland.

3.3 Wetland

TP-2 represented an area that met all 3 wetland criteria on the property. The wetland identified and delineated on-site is described in detail below, summarized in Table 1, and shown in Figure 2. No off-site wetlands were identified within 110 feet of the property.

Table 1. Wetland Summary

Wetland Name	Cowardin Classification[1]	Size (sq ft)	Wetland Rating				
			Water Quality	Hydrology	Habitat	Total	Category
Wetland A	PSS	184	5	3	3	11	IV

PSS = palustrine scrub-shrub
[1] FGDC 2013

Wetland A is located in the northeastern corner of the property (Figure 2) and is 184 square feet. TP-2, described above, represents Wetland A. The wetland is located on a slope and receives hydrologic inputs from groundwater, stormwater runoff from upslope properties, and precipitation. According to the Cowardin classification system (FGDC 2013), Wetland A is a scrub-shrub wetland, dominated by Himalayan blackberry and field horsetail. The boundary of Wetland A was determined by the presence of hydric soils and hydrology indicators (water table and sub-surface saturation). Because of recent heavy rains (as well as heavy rainfall at the

time of the site visit), surface saturation was extensive throughout the hillside, which made it necessary to collect several soil probes to determine if the water was coming from a sub-surface source or if it was from surface accumulation from the recent precipitation events. According to the 2014 Wetland Rating System (Hruby 2014), Wetland A was rated as a Category IV wetland, with a water quality score of 5, hydrology score of 3, and habitat score of 3.

4.0 REGULATORY IMPLICATIONS

According to MICC, the following standard buffers apply:

- Wetland A is a Category IV wetland with a low habitat score. Per MICC 19.07.190.D, all isolated Category IV wetlands under 4,000 square feet are exempt from buffer provisions if they meet the following criteria:
    - Are not associated with riparian areas or their associated buffers;
    - Are not associated with shorelines of the state or their associated buffers;
    - Are not part of a wetland mosaic;
    - Do not score 5 or more points for habitat function based on the 2014 update to the Washington State Wetland Rating System for Western Washington;
    - Do not contain a priority habitat or a priority area for a priority species identified by WDFW and do not contain federally listed species or their critical habitat, or species of local importance.
- Because Wetland A meets all of the above-listed criteria, the standard buffer of 40 feet for Category IV wetlands does not apply to Wetland A.
- Per MICC 19.07.190.C.7, buildings must be set back a minimum of 10 feet from the edge of a wetland buffer. Because Wetland A meets the criteria provided in MICC 19.07.190.C.7 (the wetland is hydrologically isolated, Category IV, less than 1,000 square feet, in an area not associated with riparian areas or buffers, not part of a wetland mosaic, and does not contain habitat for WDFW priority species) the distance can be reduced to 5 feet. Since Wetland A is not subject to a 40-ft buffer, the 5-ft building setback would be measured from the edge of the wetland unit itself (Figure 3).

Figure 3 shows Wetland A and the 5-ft building setback. Development within the critical area itself requires compliance with MICC 19.07 – Environment.

Figure 3. Wetland A and Building Setback Line

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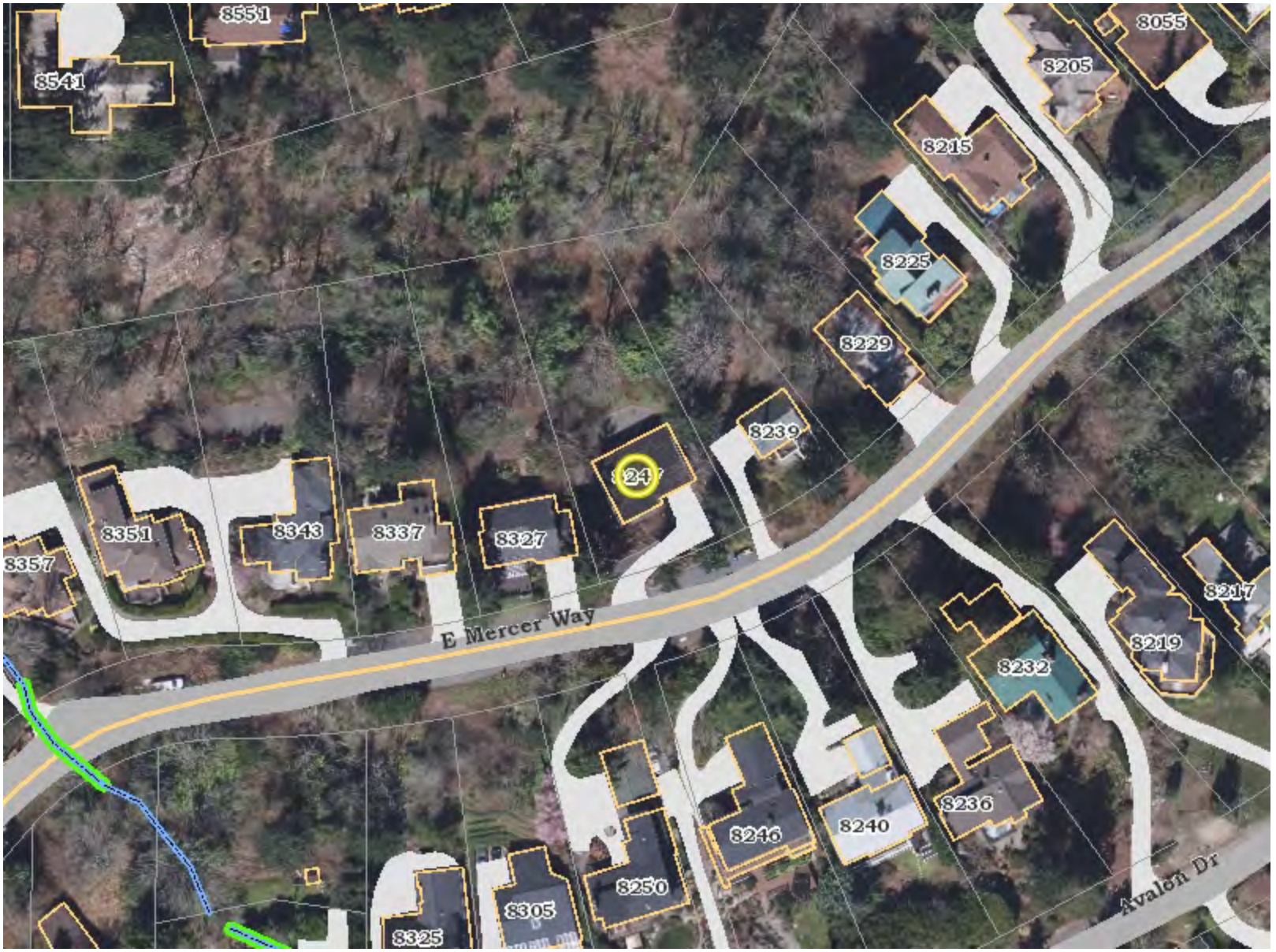
Appendix A
GIS Database Search Results

City of Mercer Island



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  - Type "F" = Fish
  - Type "Np" = Non-Fish
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- Piped Watercourse
- Address
- Building
- Property Line
- Docks
- Freeway
- Major Street
- Street
- Paved Driveway
- Paved Road
- Paved Parking Area
- Parks
- Lake Washington

March 2020

- Red: Band_1
- Green: Band_2
- Blue: Band_3

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1 inch = 194.923857833333 feet

Map Printed: November 23, 2021

Notes

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
National Wetlands Inventory

Wetlands

December 17, 2021

Wetlands

- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Estuarine and Marine Wetland
- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond
- Lake
- Other
- Riverine

Map Scale: 1:3,710 if printed on A landscape (11" x 8.5") sheet.

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Meters
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Feet
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Map projection: Web Mercator Corner coordinates: WGS84 Edge tics: UTM Zone 10N WGS84

MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)

- Area of Interest (AOI)

Soils

- Soil Map Unit Polygons
- Soil Map Unit Lines
- Soil Map Unit Points

Special Point Features

- Blowout
- Borrow Pit
- Clay Spot
- Closed Depression
- Gravel Pit
- Gravelly Spot
- Landfill
- Lava Flow
- Marsh or swamp
- Mine or Quarry
- Miscellaneous Water
- Perennial Water
- Rock Outcrop
- Saline Spot
- Sandy Spot
- Severely Eroded Spot
- Sinkhole
- Slide or Slip
- Sodic Spot
- Spoil Area
- Stony Spot
- Very Stony Spot
- Wet Spot
- Other
- Special Line Features

Water Features

- Streams and Canals

Transportation

- Rails
- Interstate Highways
- US Routes
- Major Roads
- Local Roads

Background

- Aerial Photography

MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service
Web Soil Survey URL:
Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: King County Area, Washington
Survey Area Data: Version 17, Aug 23, 2021

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jul 6, 2020—Jul 20, 2020

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
EwC	Everett-Alderwood gravelly sandy loams, 6 to 15 percent slopes	11.5	16.7%
KpB	Kitsap silt loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes	10.4	15.1%
KpD	Kitsap silt loam, 15 to 30 percent slopes	38.0	55.2%
Totals for Area of Interest		**68.8**	**100.0%**

SalmonScape

January 21, 2022

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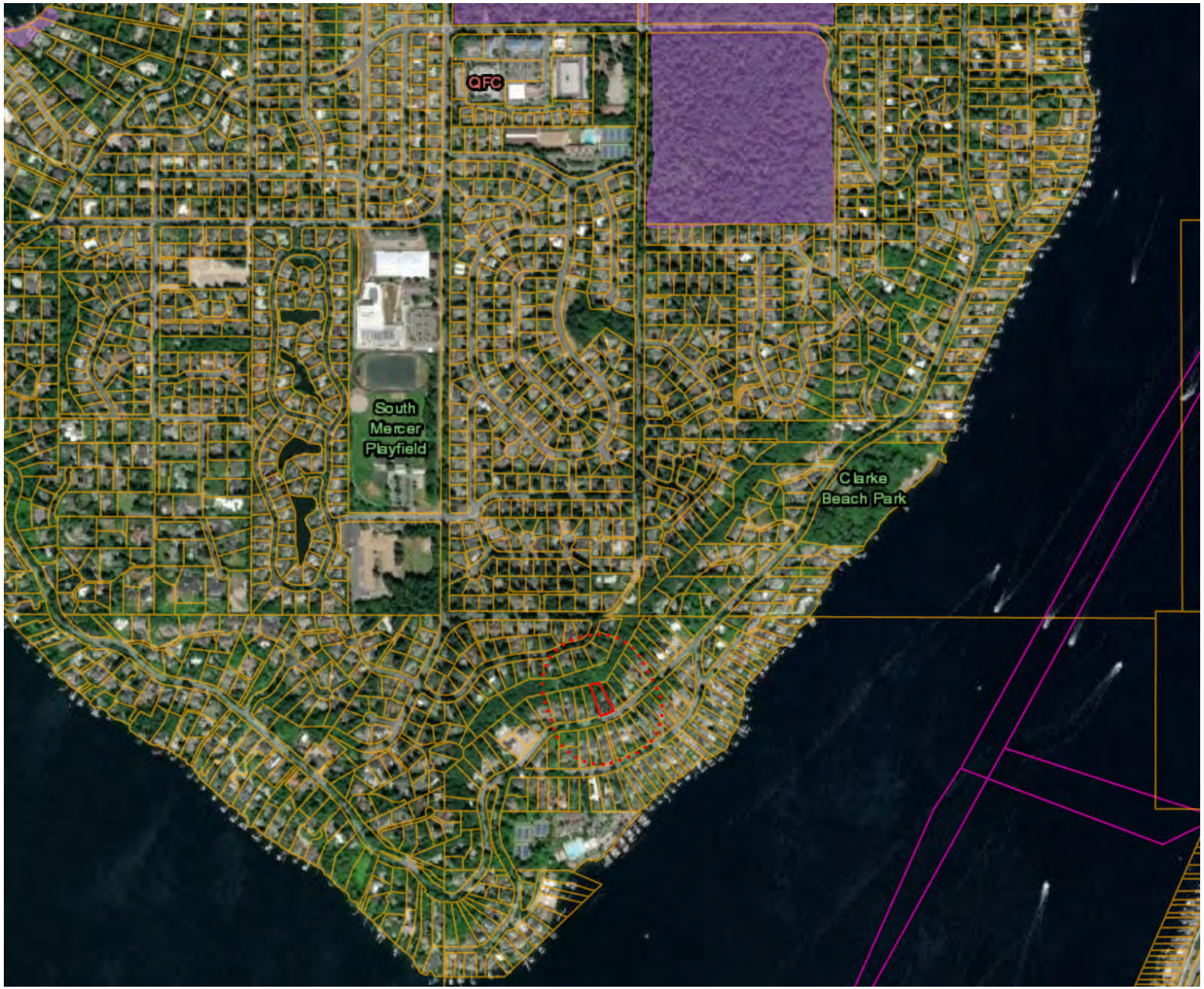
City of Renton, Bureau of Land Management, Esri Canada, Esri, HERE, Garmin, INCREMENT P, USGS, METI/NASA, EPA, USDA, USGS/NHD, Dale Gombert (WDFW)

Priority Habitats and Species on the Web



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Report Date: 12/16/2021, Parcel ID: 0321100185

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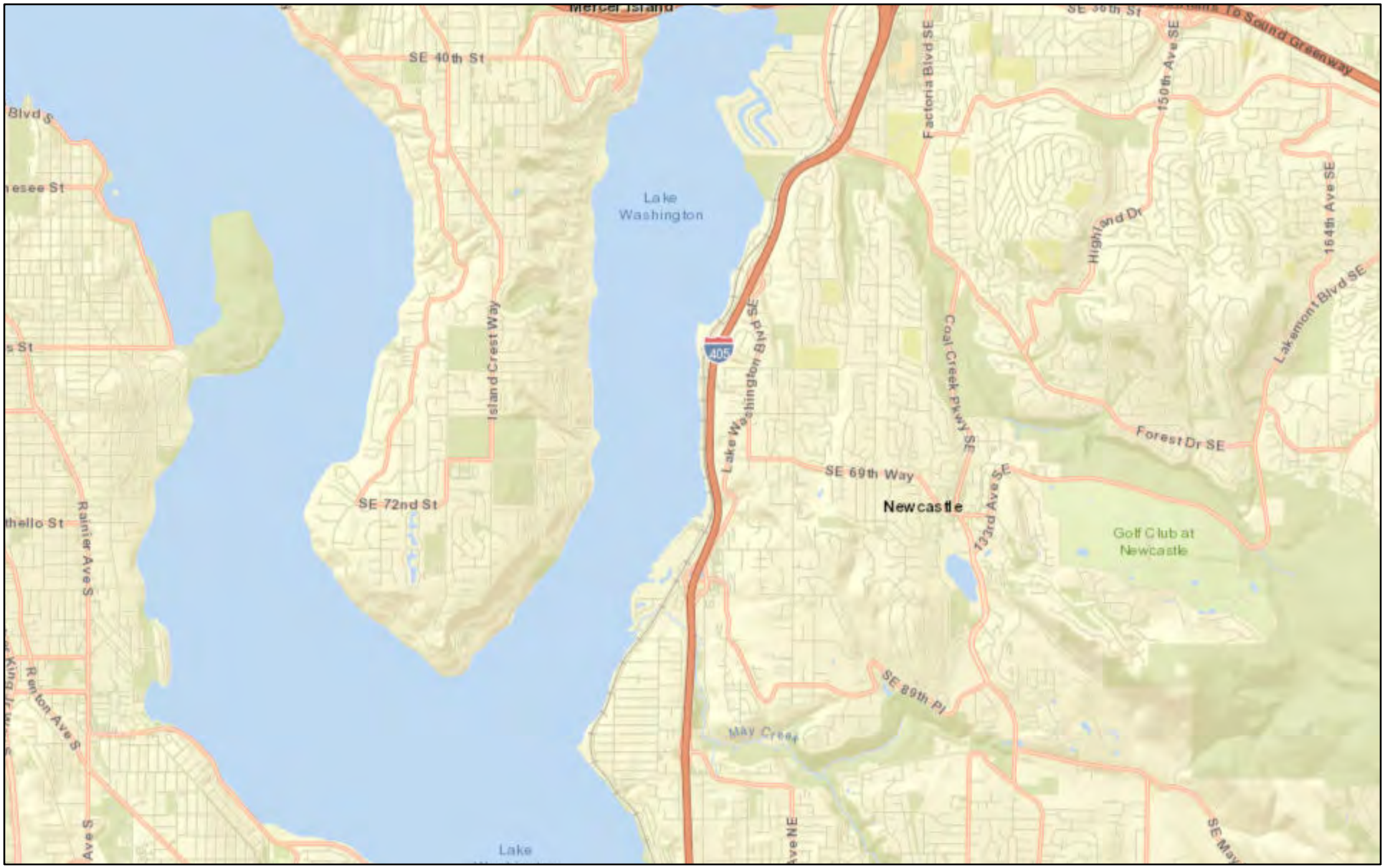
WA Wetlands of High Conservation Value



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Washington Natural Heritage Program

Forest Practices Activity Map - Application #_____

Map Symbols

- Harvest Boundary
- Road Construction
- Stream
- RMZ / WMZ Buffers
- Rock Pit
- Landing
- Waste Area
- Clumped WRTS/GRTS
- Existing Structure

Additional Information

Legal Description

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Appendix B
Wetland Delineation Methods

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This appendix describes the methods used to confirm the presence or absence of wetlands in a study area.

1.0 METHODOLOGIES

Confluence delineates the boundaries of wetlands using the "Routine Determinations for Areas Less Than 5 Acres in Size" method described by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) in the Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual (Delineation Manual; Corps 1987) and the Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region (Regional Supplement; Corps 2010). The Regional Supplement was part of a nationwide effort to address regional wetland characteristics and improve the accuracy and efficiency of wetland-delineation procedures. The Regional Supplement uses the best available science to address regional differences in climate, geology, soils, hydrology, and plant and animal communities that cannot be addressed in a single national document, such as the Delineation Manual. The Regional Supplement was designed for use with the 1987 Delineation Manual and all subsequent versions. Where differences in the 2 documents occur, the Regional Supplement takes precedence over the 1987 Delineation Manual (Corps 2010). The Regional Supplement was developed to clarify the indicators of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology found in the region (these indicators are discussed in detail in Section 2.0). It is important to note that areas that may have been determined to be wetlands under the 1987 Delineation Manual may not be determined to be wetlands under the Regional Supplement, and vice versa.

Confluence uses the PLANTS Database (NRCS 2022) for scientific names and the 2020 National Wetland Plant List (Corps 2020) to determine the wetland indicator status of plants. Wetlands are classified using the Cowardin Classification System (FGDC 2013). Confluence determines the wetland rating using Washington State Department of Ecology's Wetland Rating System for Western Washington (Hruby 2014). The National Wetland Inventory is also researched to determine if wetlands have previously been identified on the property (USFWS 2022).

The locations of test plots, soil cores, and wetland edges on a project property are recorded using a differential Global Positioning System with sub-meter accuracy. Delineated and surveyed wetland boundaries are subject to verification and approval by jurisdictional agencies.

2.0 WETLAND CRITERIA

There is specific technical language that applies to the study of wetlands. This section briefly explains the language Confluence uses in its wetland delineation reports.

The identification of wetlands is based on 3 criteria: hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and hydrology. Each criterion has a number of indicators that can be used to determine whether the criterion has been met. The Corps, which is the federal authority on the regulation of wetlands,

has developed the guidance and the Data Sheet that are the standards used in all wetland determinations. The information presented below is based on their Delineation Manual (Corps 1987) and Regional Supplement (Corps 2010).

In order to confirm the presence of a wetland, data are collected from representative test plots chosen within and outside of a potential wetland. The test plots are representative of particular vegetative, topographic, and hydrologic features in the vicinity. Within the test plots particular data (see sections below) about vegetation, soils, and hydrology are collected to determine whether wetland characteristics are present. Plots that meet all 3 wetland criteria are wetland plots; plots that do not meet all 3 wetland criteria are upland (i.e., non-wetland) plots. The test plots (along with topographic and vegetative shifts) then inform the delineation of wetland boundaries.

2.1 Hydrophytic Vegetation

Vegetation is often the first visual cue that an area is a wetland. Similarly, vegetation often also signals the shift from wetland to upland. The question regarding plants to be answered when performing a wetland delineation is: "Is the vegetation hydrophytic?" That is, is the vegetation of the variety that is adapted to live in wetter-than-average conditions? To determine the answer, there are a few resources and steps to follow. First, the indicator status for each plant present in the test plot is determined from the National Wetland Plant List (Corps 2020). The indicator status is a continuum from almost exclusively occurring in wetlands (obligate wetland plants, or OBL) to almost never found in wetlands (obligate upland plants, or UPL). The middle ground between those 2 extremes is known as a facultative plant (or FAC), which is found equally in wetland and upland environments. The FAC category has 2 further gradations: facultative upland plants (FACU), which are plants that are usually found in uplands, and facultative wetland plants (FACW), which are plants that are usually found in wetlands.

After the status of each plant species in the test plot has been determined, the hydrophytic vegetation indicators can be applied. The application of the indicators is performed sequentially, and once one is "passed," the box for hydrophytic vegetation is checked and the process continues to the next criterion. The first hydrophytic vegetation indicator is the "Rapid Test," which means with a quick visual survey, all the plants in the test plot are either OBL or FACW. The second test is the "Dominance Test." For the Dominance Test, the total number of dominant species in the test plot is divided by the number of species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC. The resulting percentage must be greater than 50 to pass this test. The third test is the "Prevalence Index." The Prevalence Index is a weighted average of the absolute cover of all the plant species present in the plot, regardless of dominance. There are also 2 other, less common, indicators: morphological adaptations (e.g., buttressed trunks) and nonvascular plant species (e.g., sphagnum moss).

2.2 Hydric Soils

The soils tell the story about the presence of water over time. The National Technical Committee defines a hydric soil as, "A soil that formed under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part" (USDA 1994). The question to be answered here is, "Has water been present long enough and recently enough to form hydric soils?" In order to examine the soil characteristics, a test pit must be dug, usually to about 18 inches. A sliver of soil from the test pit is extracted with a shovel (i.e., the soil profile) to examine the layers. The thickness, color, texture, redoximorphic features, and any other interesting information about each layer are observed and recorded. Those features are described more fully below.

- **Thickness.** Layers are measured to the nearest inch. Usually, each soil profile has at least 2 layers.
- **Color.** Color is determined by comparison to a color chart. The industry standard is the Munsell Soil-Color Chart, which assigns each color a designation for hue, value, and chroma (e.g., 10YR 3/2, where 10YR=hue, 3=value, and 2=chroma).
- **Texture.** The precision of texture description for the purpose of wetland delineation is at a general scale. The Washington State University texture chart (Cogger 2010) is often used, but the delineator just needs to determine if the soil is sandy or loamy/clayey.
- **Redoximorphic Features.** The most common redoximorphic features are concentrations or depletions of iron in the soil matrix. Concentrations occur as red or yellow deposits, and depletions occur as grayish deposits.

When the soil profile is fully described, it can be determined whether any of the layers meets a hydric soil indicator. The presence of any hydric soil indicator signifies a hydric soil, although a soil may be hydric and not meet any of these indicators. There are 19 hydric soil indicators in our region, 3 of which were observed at the site (Corps 2010). Additional hydric soil terminology definitions are in the sidebar.

More Hydric Soils Definitions
(adapted from Corps 2010)

Matrix: the dominant soil volume in a given soil layer

Depleted Matrix: the volume of a soil horizon in which soil processes have removed or transformed iron, creating colors of low chroma and high value, specifically:

- Value ≥5, chroma = 1, with or without redoximorphic features
- Value ≥6, chroma = 1 or 2, with or without redoximorphic features
- Value of 4 or 5, chroma =2, ≥2% distinct or prominent redoximorphic features
- Value of 4, chroma =1, ≥2% distinct or prominent redoximorphic features

Distinct: readily seen, but contrasting* moderately with comparison color

Prominent: readily seen and contrasting* greatly with comparison color

*See Corps 2010, Table A1, page 130 for full key on contrast determinations.

- **A11—Depleted Below Dark Surface.** A soil layer with a depleted matrix, with 60% or more chroma of ≤2, which starts within 12 inches of the surface and is at least 6 inches thick. Layers above the depleted layer must have a value ≤3, and a chroma ≤2.

- **A12—Thick Dark Surface.** A soil layer with a depleted matrix, with 60% or more chroma of ≤2, which starts 12 inches or more below the soil surface and is at least 6 inches thick. From 0-12 inches, layers must have a value ≤2.5, and a chroma ≤1. Any remaining layers above the depleted layer must have a value ≤3, and a chroma ≤1.

- **S4—Sandy Gleyed Matrix.** A gleyed matrix that occupies 60% or more of the layer starting within 6 inches of the soil surface. There is no thickness requirement for this indicator.

2.3 Hydrology

Wetland hydrology is the broadest criterion and has to do with signs of saturation and inundation in the test plot. While hydrophytic vegetation and hydric soils are the result of hydrology, they remain even during the dry season, whereas wetland hydrology can be less apparent or absent during the dry season. The hydrology indicators are broad enough to encompass characteristics that may be present even during the dry season. Hydrology indicators are in 4 groups:

- Group A is based on direct observation of surface or ground water.
- Group B consists of evidence that the site is subject to inundation.
- Group C consists of other evidence that soil is or was saturated.
- Group D consists of landscape, vegetation, and soil characteristics indicating contemporary wet conditions.

The indicators are further divided into 2 categories: primary and secondary. A test plot must have either 1 primary or 2 secondary indicators to pass the hydrology criterion. Primary and secondary indicators observed during this delineation are recorded on the wetland delineation data forms in Appendix C.

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Appendix C
Wetland Delineation Data Forms

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: 8247 E Mercer Way City/County: Mercer Island / King Sampling Date: 12/8/21
Applicant/Owner: Jeff Rudd State: WA Sampling Point: TP-1
Investigator(s): KAM / NAD Section, Township, Range: S31 T24N R5E
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): hillslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 20
Subregion (LRR): A Lat: 47.52968°N Long: 122.22281°W Datum: WGS84
Soil Map Unit Name: Kitsap silt loam (0-30% slopes) NWI classification: —
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ✓ No ____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)
Are Vegetation ____, Soil ____, or Hydrology ____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ✓ No ____
Are Vegetation ____, Soil ____, or Hydrology ____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes ____	No ✓	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes ____ No ✓
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes ✓	No ____	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ____	No ✓	

Remarks:

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30')	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Big leaf maple	60	✓	FACU
2. red alder	20	✓	FAC
3.			
4.			
	80	= Total Cover	

Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 10')			
1. rhodie	20	✓	FACU
2. ~~ebony locust~~	~~40~~		~~FAC~~
3. H. Blackberry	40	✓	FAC
4.			
5.			
	60	= Total Cover	

Herb Stratum (Plot size: 10')			
1. Soft rush	5		FACW
2. horsetail (E. arvens)	30	✓	FAC
3. Tutsan (Hypericum androsaemum)	15		NA
4. wall lettuce (Lactuca muralis)	30	✓	NA
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
11.			
	80	= Total Cover	

Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 10')			
1.			
2.			
	0	= Total Cover	

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 20

Dominance Test worksheet:
Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 3 (A)
Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 6 (B)
Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 50 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	5	x 2 =	10
FAC species	90	x 3 =	270
FACU species	80	x 4 =	320
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	175 (A)		600 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.4

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]
___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
___ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants[1]
___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)
[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ____ No ✓

Remarks:

SOIL

Sampling Point: TP-1

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	%	Redox Features Color (moist)	%	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-17	10YR 2/1	100					Sandy loam	
17+	10YR 4/2	70	10YR 4/6	5	C	M	Sandy	
	2.5Y 4/1	25						

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ✓ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (**except MLRA 1**)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ___ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 2 cm Muck (A10)
- ___ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✓ No _____

Remarks:

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- ___ High Water Table (A2)
- ___ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (**except MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B**)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)
- ___ Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) (**LRR A**)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (**MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B**)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ___ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ___ Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- ___ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ___ Raised Ant Mounds (D6) (**LRR A**)
- ___ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes _____ No 0 Depth (inches): _____

Water Table Present? Yes _____ No 0 Depth (inches): _____

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes _____ No 0 Depth (inches): _____

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No ✓

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

No indicators observed

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: 8247 E Mercer Way City/County: Mercer Island/King Sampling Date: 12/8/21
Applicant/Owner: Jeff Rudd State: WA Sampling Point: TP-2
Investigator(s): KAM/NAD Section, Township, Range: S31 T24N R5E
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): hillslope Local relief (concave, convex, none) none Slope (%): 3%
Subregion (LRR): A Lat: 47.52985°N Long: 122.22289°W Datum: WGS84
Soil Map Unit Name: Kitsap silt loam (15-20% slopes) NWI classification: PSS
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ✓ No ____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)
Are Vegetation ____, Soil ____, or Hydrology ____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ✓ No ____
Are Vegetation ____, Soil ____, or Hydrology ____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes ✓ No ____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?	Yes ✓ No ____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes ✓ No ____		
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ✓ No ____		

Remarks:

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 10')	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 10')			
1. holly	10		FACU
2. H. blackberry	40	✓	FAC
3. Salmonberry	10		FAC
4. Cherry laurel	10		FACU
5.			
	70 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 10')			
1. horsetail	50	✓	FAC
2. water parsley	3		OBL
3. slough sedge	1		OBL
4. wall lettuce	3		NA
5. watson willowherb	5		FAC
6. sword fern	1		FACU
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
11.			
	63 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 10')			
1.			
2.			
	____ = Total Cover		
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 0			

Dominance Test worksheet:
Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 2 (A)
Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)
Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:	Multiply by:
OBL species ____	x 1 = ____
FACW species ____	x 2 = ____
FAC species ____	x 3 = ____
FACU species ____	x 4 = ____
UPL species ____	x 5 = ____
Column Totals: ____ (A)	____ (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = ____

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
✓ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]
___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
___ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants[1]
___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)
[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✓ No ____

Remarks:

SOIL

Sampling Point TP-2

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	%	Redox Features Color (moist)	%	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-2	10YR 3/1	100					Mucky loam	
2-16	Gley1 4/10Y	100					Sand	

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ✓ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (**except MLRA 1**)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ___ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 2 cm Muck (A10)
- ___ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: ___

Depth (inches): ___

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✓ No ___

Remarks:

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- ✓ High Water Table (A2)
- ✓ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (**except MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B**)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)
- ___ Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) (**LRR A**)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (**MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B**)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ___ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ___ Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- ___ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ___ Raised Ant Mounds (D6) (**LRR A**)
- ___ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ___ No ✓ Depth (inches): ___

Water Table Present? Yes ✓ No ___ Depth (inches): 12"

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ✓ No ___ Depth (inches): 0"

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✓ No ___

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

- water in test plot coming in ~10" below surface

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: 8247 E Mercer Way City/County: Mercer Island/King Sampling Date: 12/8/21
Applicant/Owner: Jeff Rudd State: WA Sampling Point: TP-3
Investigator(s): KAM/NAD Section, Township, Range: S31 T24N R5E
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): hillslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 32
Subregion (LRR): A Lat: 47.52782 °N Long: 122.22302 °W Datum: WGS84
Soil Map Unit Name: Kitsap silt loam (15-30% slopes) NWI classification:
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ____ No ✓ (If no, explain in Remarks.)
Are Vegetation ____, Soil ____, or Hydrology ____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ✓ No ____
Are Vegetation ____, Soil ____, or Hydrology ____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes ✓	No ____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes ____ No ✓
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes ✓	No ____	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ____	No ✓	

Remarks: – observed hydrology indicators @ TP-3, but all sparse due to recent rainy yr. true wetland hydrology indicators recent heavy rains + atmospheric river events the last few weeks

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 10')	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. red alder	50	✓	FAC
2.			
3.			
4.			
	50	= Total Cover	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 10')			
1. cherry laurel	40	✓	FACU
2. salmonberry	10		FAC
3. H. blackberry	10		FAC
4. holly	3		FACU
5.			
	63	= Total Cover	
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 10')			
1. horsetail	20	✓	FAC
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
11.			
	20	= Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 10')			
1. E. ivy	3	✓	FACU
2.			
	3	= Total Cover	

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 80

Dominance Test worksheet:
Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 2 (A)
Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 3 (B)
Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 66 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:	Multiply by:	
OBL species	x 1 =	
FACW species	x 2 =	
FAC species	x 3 =	
FACU species	x 4 =	
UPL species	x 5 =	
Column Totals: (A)		(B)

Prevalence Index = B/A =

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
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___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
___ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants[1]
___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)
[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✓ No ____

Remarks:

SOIL

Sampling Point: TP-3

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	%	Redox Features Color (moist)	%	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-6	10YR3/1	100					silt loam	
6-16	Gley1 4/10Y	100					sand	

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

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- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ✓ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- X Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (**except MLRA 1**)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ___ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 2 cm Muck (A10)
- ___ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✓ No ___

Remarks:

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- ___ High Water Table (A2)
- ___ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (**except MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B**)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)
- ___ Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) (**LRR A**)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (**MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B**)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ___ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ___ Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- ___ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ___ Raised Ant Mounds (D6) (**LRR A**)
- ___ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ___ No ✓ Depth (inches): _____

Water Table Present? Yes ___ No ✓ Depth (inches): _____

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ___ No ✓ Depth (inches): _____

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ___ No ✓

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

No indicators observed

Appendix D
Wetland Rating Forms

Wetland name or number A

RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland A Date of site visit: 12/8/2021

Rated by Kerrie McArthur Trained by Ecology? ☑ Yes ☐ No Date of training June of 2021

HGM Class used for rating Slope Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ☐ Yes ☑ No

NOTE: Form is not complete with out the figures requested (*figures can be combined*).
Source of base aerial photo/map ESRI world imagery 2020

OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY IV (based on functions ☑ or special characteristics ☐)

1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

_____ **Category I** - Total score = 23 - 27
_____ **Category II** - Total score = 20 - 22
_____ **Category III** - Total score = 16 - 19
X **Category IV** - Total score = 9 - 15

FUNCTION	Improving Water Quality	Hydrologic	Habitat	
		List appropriate rating (H, M, L)		
Site Potential	L	L	L	
Landscape Potential	L	L	L	
Value	H	L	L	**Total**
Score Based on Ratings	5	3	3	**11**

Score for each function based on three ratings (*order of ratings is not important*)

9 = H, H, H
8 = H, H, M
7 = H, H, L
7 = H, M, M
6 = H, M, L
6 = M, M, M
5 = H, L, L
5 = M, M, L
4 = M, L, L
3 = L, L, L

2. Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS of wetland

CHARACTERISTIC	Category
Estuarine	
Wetland of High Conservation Value	
Bog	
Mature Forest	
Old Growth Forest	
Coastal Lagoon	
Interdunal	
None of the above	**X**

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Maps and Figures required to answer questions correctly for Western Washington

Depressional Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes	D 1.3, H 1.1, H 1.4	
Hydroperiods	D 1.4, H 1.2	
Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods*)	D 1.1, D 4.1	
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland (*can be added to another figure*)	D 2.2, D 5.2	
Map of the contributing basin	D 4.3, D 5.3	
1 km Polygon: Area that extends 1 km from entire wetland edge - including polygons for accessible habitat and undisturbed habitat	H 2.1, H 2.2, H 2.3	
Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website)	D 3.1, D 3.2	
Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web)	D 3.3	

Riverine Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes	H 1.1, H 1.4	
Hydroperiods	H 1.2	
Ponded depressions	R 1.1	
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland (*can be added to another figure*)	R 2.4	
Plant cover of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	R 1.2, R 4.2	
Width of unit vs. width of stream (*can be added to another figure*)	R 4.1	
Map of the contributing basin	R 2.2, R 2.3, R 5.2	
1 km Polygon: Area that extends 1 km from entire wetland edge - including polygons for accessible habitat and undisturbed habitat	H 2.1, H 2.2, H 2.3	
Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website)	R 3.1	
Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web)	R 3.2, R 3.3	

Lake Fringe Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes	L 1.1, L 4.1, H 1.1, H 1.4	
Plant cover of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	L 1.2	
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland (*can be added to another figure*)	L 2.2	
1 km Polygon: Area that extends 1 km from entire wetland edge - including polygons for accessible habitat and undisturbed habitat	H 2.1, H 2.2, H 2.3	
Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website)	L 3.1, L 3.2	
Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web)	L 3.3	

Slope Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes	H 1.1, H 1.4	1
Hydroperiods	H 1.2	1
Plant cover of **dense** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	S 1.3	1
Plant cover of **dense, rigid** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants (*can be added to another figure*)	S 4.1	1
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland (*can be added to another figure*)	S 2.1, S 5.1	2
1 km Polygon: Area that extends 1 km from entire wetland edge - including polygons for accessible habitat and undisturbed habitat	H 2.1, H 2.2, H 2.3	3
Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website)	S 3.1, S 3.2	4
Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web)	S 3.3	5

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HGM Classification of Wetland in Western Washington

For questions 1 -7, the criteria described must apply to the entire unit being rated.
If hydrologic criteria listed in each question do not apply to the entire unit being rated, you probably have a unit with multiple HGM classes. In this case, identify which hydrologic criteria in questions 1 - 7 apply, and go to Question 8.

1. Are the water levels in the entire unit usually controlled by tides except during floods?

☑ NO - go to 2 ☐ **YES** - the wetland class is **Tidal Fringe** - go to 1.1

1.1 Is the salinity of the water during periods of annual low flow below 0.5 ppt (parts per thousand)?

☐ **NO - Saltwater Tidal Fringe (Estuarine)** ☐ **YES - Freshwater Tidal Fringe**
*If your wetland can be classified as a Freshwater Tidal Fringe use the forms for **Riverine** wetlands. If it is Saltwater Tidal Fringe it is an **Estuarine** wetland and is not scored. This method **cannot** be used to score functions for estuarine wetlands.*

2. The entire wetland unit is flat and precipitation is the only source (>90%) of water to it. Groundwater and surface water runoff are NOT sources of water to the unit.

☑ NO - go to 3 ☐ **YES** - The wetland class is **Flats**
*If your wetland can be classified as a Flats wetland, use the form for **Depressional** wetlands.*

3. Does the entire wetland unit **meet all** of the following criteria?
- ☐ The vegetated part of the wetland is on the shores of a body of permanent open water (without any plants on the surface at any time of the year) at least 20 ac (8 ha) in size;
- ☐ At least 30% of the open water area is deeper than 6.6 ft (2 m).

☑ NO - go to 4 ☐ **YES** - The wetland class is **Lake Fringe** (Lacustrine Fringe)

4. Does the entire wetland unit **meet all** of the following criteria?
- ☑ The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
- ☑ The water flows through the wetland in one direction (unidirectional) and usually comes from seeps. It may flow subsurface, as sheetflow, or in a swale without distinct banks.
- ☑ The water leaves the wetland **without being impounded.**

☐ NO - go to 5 ☑ **YES** - The wetland class is **Slope**

NOTE: Surface water does not pond in these type of wetlands except occasionally in very small and shallow depressions or behind hummocks (depressions are usually <3 ft diameter and less than 1 ft deep).

5. Does the entire wetland unit **meet all** of the following criteria?
- ☐ The unit is in a valley, or stream channel, where it gets inundated by overbank flooding from that stream or river,
- ☐ The overbank flooding occurs at least once every 2 years.

☑ NO - go to 6 ☐ **YES** - The wetland class is **Riverine**

NOTE: The Riverine unit can contain depressions that are filled with water when the river is not flooding.

6. Is the entire wetland unit in a topographic depression in which water ponds, or is saturated to the surface, at some time during the year? *This means that any outlet, if present, is higher than the interior of the wetland.*

☑ NO - go to 7 ☐ **YES** - The wetland class is **Depressional**

7. Is the entire wetland unit located in a very flat area with no obvious depression and no overbank flooding? The unit does not pond surface water more than a few inches. The unit seems to be maintained by high groundwater in the area. The wetland may be ditched, but has no obvious natural outlet.

☑ NO - go to 8 ☐ **YES** - The wetland class is **Depressional**

8. Your wetland unit seems to be difficult to classify and probably contains several different HGM classes. For example, seeps at the base of a slope may grade into a riverine floodplain, or a small stream within a Depressional wetland has a zone of flooding along its sides. GO BACK AND IDENTIFY WHICH OF THE HYDROLOGIC REGIMES DESCRIBED IN QUESTIONS 1-7 APPLY TO DIFFERENT AREAS IN THE UNIT (make a rough sketch to help you decide). Use the following table to identify the appropriate class to use for the rating system if you have several HGM classes present within the wetland unit being scored.

NOTE: Use this table only if the class that is recommended in the second column represents 10% or more of the total area of the wetland unit being rated. If the area of the HGM class listed in column 2 is less than 10% of the unit; classify the wetland using the class that represents more than 90% of the total area.

HGM classes within the wetland unit being rated	HGM class to use in rating
Slope + Riverine	Riverine
Slope + Depressional	Depressional
Slope + Lake Fringe	Lake Fringe
Depressional + Riverine along stream within boundary of depression	Depressional
Depressional + Lake Fringe	Depressional
Riverine + Lake Fringe	Riverine
Salt Water Tidal Fringe and any other class of freshwater wetland	Treat as ESTUARINE

If you are still unable to determine which of the above criteria apply to your wetland, or if you have ***more than 2 HGM classes*** *within a wetland boundary, classify the wetland as Depressional for the rating.*

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SLOPE WETLANDS

Water Quality Functions - Indicators that the site functions to improve water quality

S 1.0. Does the site have the potential to improve water quality?	
S 1.1. Characteristics of the average slope of the wetland: (*a 1% slope has a 1 ft vertical drop in elevation for every 100 ft of horizontal distance*) Slope is 1% or less — points = 3 Slope is > 1% - 2% — points = 2 Slope is > 2% - 5% — points = 1 Slope is greater than 5% — points = 0	2
S 1.2. The soil 2 in below the surface (or duff layer) is true clay or true organic (*use NRCS definitions*): Yes = 3 No = 0	0
S 1.3. Characteristics of the plants in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants: Choose the points appropriate for the description that best fits the plants in the wetland. *Dense means you have trouble seeing the soil surface (>75% cover), and uncut means not grazed or mowed and plants are higher than 6 in.* Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > 90% of the wetland area — points = 6 Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ½ of area — points = 3 Dense, woody, plants > ½ of area — points = 2 Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ¼ of area — points = 1 Does not meet any of the criteria above for plants — points = 0	0
Total for S 1 — Add the points in the boxes above	**2**

Rating of Site Potential If score is: ☐ **12 = H** ☐ **6 - 11 = M** ☑ **0 - 5 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

S 2.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support the water quality function of the site?	
S 2.1. Is > 10% of the area within 150 ft on the uphill side of the wetland in land uses that generate pollutants? Yes = 1 No = 0	0
S 2.2. Are there other sources of pollutants coming into the wetland that are not listed in question S 2.1? Other Sources Yes = 1 No = 0	0
Total for S 2 — Add the points in the boxes above	**0**

Rating of Landscape Potential If score is: ☐ **1 - 2 = M** ☑ **0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

S 3.0. Is the water quality improvement provided by the site valuable to society?	
S 3.1. Does the wetland discharge directly (i.e., within 1 mi) to a stream, river, lake, or marine water that is on the 303(d) list? Yes = 1 No = 0	1
S 3.2. Is the wetland in a basin or sub-basin where water quality is an issue? *At least one aquatic resource in the basin is on the 303(d) list.* Yes = 1 No = 0	1
S 3.3. Has the site been identified in a watershed or local plan as important for maintaining water quality? A*nswer YES if there is a TMDL for the basin in which the unit is found*? Yes = 2 No = 0	0
Total for S 3 — Add the points in the boxes above	**2**

Rating of Value If score is: ☑ **2 - 4 = H** ☐ **1 = M** ☐ **0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

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SLOPE WETLANDS

Hydrologic Functions - Indicators that the site functions to reduce flooding and stream erosion

S 4.0. Does the site have the potential to reduce flooding and stream erosion?	
S 4.1. Characteristics of plants that reduce the velocity of surface flows during storms: Choose the points appropriate for the description that best fits conditions in the wetland. *Stems of plants should be thick enough (usually > 1/8 in), or dense enough, to remain erect during surface flows.* Dense, uncut, **rigid** plants cover > 90% of the area of the wetland — points = 1 All other conditions — points = 0	0

Rating of Site Potential If score is: ☐ **1 = M** ☑ **0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

S 5.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support hydrologic functions of the site?	
S 5.1. Is more than 25% of the area within 150 ft upslope of wetland in land uses or cover that generate excess surface runoff? Yes = 1 No = 0	0

Rating of Landscape Potential If score is: ☐ **1 = M** ☑ **0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

S 6.0. Are the hydrologic functions provided by the site valuable to society?	
S 6.1. Distance to the nearest areas downstream that have flooding problems: The sub-basin immediately down-gradient of site has flooding problems that result in damage to human or natural resources (e.g., houses or salmon redds) — points = 2 Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient — points = 1 No flooding problems anywhere downstream — points = 0	0
S 6.2. Has the site been identified as important for flood storage or flood conveyance in a regional flood control plan? Yes = 2 No = 0	0
Total for S 6 — Add the points in the boxes above	**0**

Rating of Value If score is: ☐ **2 - 4 = H** ☐ **1 = M** ☑ **0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

NOTES and FIELD OBSERVATIONS:

Wetland name or number A

These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes.

HABITAT FUNCTIONS - Indicators that site functions to provide important habitat

H 1.0. Does the site have the potential to provide habitat?

H 1.1. Structure of plant community: *Indicators are Cowardin classes and strata within the Forested class.* Check the Cowardin plant classes in the wetland. *Up to 10 patches may be combined for each class to meet the threshold of ¼ ac or more than 10% of the unit if it is smaller than 2.5 ac. Add the number of structures checked.*

☐ Aquatic bed	4 structures or more: points = 4
☐ Emergent	3 structures: points = 2
☑ Scrub-shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover)	2 structures: points - 1
☐ Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover)	1 structure: points = 0

If the unit has a Forested class, check if:

☐ The Forested class has 3 out of 5 strata (canopy, sub-canopy, shrubs, herbaceous, moss/ground-cover) that each cover 20% within the Forested polygon

H 1.2. Hydroperiods

Check the types of water regimes (hydroperiods) present within the wetland. The water regime has to cover more than 10% of the wetland or ¼ ac to count (*see text for descriptions of hydroperiods*).

☐ Permanently flooded or inundated	4 or more types present: points = 3
☐ Seasonally flooded or inundated	3 types present: points = 2
☐ Occasionally flooded or inundated	2 types present: points = 1
☑ Saturated only	1 types present: points = 0
☐ Permanently flowing stream or river in, or adjacent to, the wetland	
☐ Seasonally flowing stream in, or adjacent to, the wetland	
☐ **Lake Fringe wetland**	**2 points**
☐ **Freshwater tidal wetland**	**2 points**

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

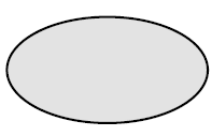
Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft^2.
Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species. ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

1

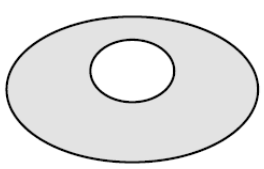
If you counted:	> 19 species	points = 2
	5 - 19 species	points = 1
	< 5 species	points = 0

H 1.4. Interspersion of habitats

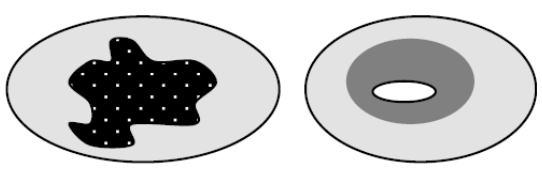
Decide from the diagrams below whether interspersion among Cowardin plants classes (described in H 1.1), or the classes and unvegetated areas (can include open water or mudflats) is high, moderate, low, or none. *If you have four or more plant classes or three classes and open water, the rating is always high.*



None = 0 points



Low = 1 point



Moderate = 2 points

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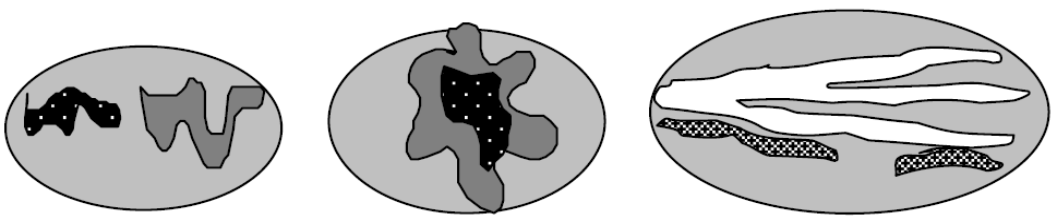
All three diagrams in this row are **HIGH** = 3 points



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H 1.5. Special habitat features: Check the habitat features that are present in the wetland. *The number of checks is the number of points.* ☐ Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (> 4 in diameter and 6 ft long) ☐ Standing snags (dbh > 4 in) within the wetland ☐ Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft (2 m) **and/or** overhanging plants extends at least 3.3 ft (1 m) over a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the wetland, for at least 33 ft (10 m) ☐ Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (> 30 degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present (*cut shrubs or trees that have not yet weathered where wood is exposed*) ☐ At least ¼ ac of thin-stemmed persistent plants or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated (*structures for egg-laying by amphibians*) ☐ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)	0
Total for H 1 Add the points in the boxes above	**1**

Rating of Site Potential If Score is: ☐ **15 - 18 = H** ☐ **7 - 14 = M** ☑ **0 - 6 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

H 2.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support the habitat function of the site?	
H 2.1 Accessible habitat (include *only habitat that directly abuts wetland unit*). *Calculate:* 0 % undisturbed habitat + (0.5 % moderate & low intensity land uses / 2) = 0.25% If total accessible habitat is: > 1/3 (33.3%) of 1 km Polygon points = 3 20 - 33% of 1 km Polygon points = 2 10 - 19% of 1 km Polygon points = 1 < 10 % of 1 km Polygon points = 0	0
H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland. *Calculate:* 0 % undisturbed habitat + (3 % moderate & low intensity land uses / 2) = 1.5% Undisturbed habitat > 50% of Polygon points = 3 Undisturbed habitat 10 - 50% and in 1-3 patches points = 2 Undisturbed habitat 10 - 50% and > 3 patches points = 1 Undisturbed habitat < 10% of 1 km Polygon points = 0	0
H 2.3 Land use intensity in 1 km Polygon: If > 50% of 1 km Polygon is high intensity land use points = (-2) ≤ 50% of 1km Polygon is high intensity points = 0	-2
Total for H 2 Add the points in the boxes above	**-2**

Rating of Landscape Potential If Score is: ☐ **4 - 6 = H** ☐ **1 - 3 = M** ☑ **< 1 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

H 3.0. Is the habitat provided by the site valuable to society?	
H 3.1. Does the site provide habitat for species valued in laws, regulations, or policies? *Choose only the highest score that applies to the wetland being rated*. Site meets ANY of the following criteria: points = 2 ☐ It has 3 or more priority habitats within 100 m (see next page) ☐ It provides habitat for Threatened or Endangered species (any plant or animal on the state or federal lists) ☐ It is mapped as a location for an individual WDFW priority species ☐ It is a Wetland of High Conservation Value as determined by the Department of Natural Resources ☐ It has been categorized as an important habitat site in a local or regional comprehensive plan, in a Shoreline Master Plan, or in a watershed plan Site has 1 or 2 priority habitats (listed on next page) with in 100m points = 1 Site does not meet any of the criteria above points = 0	0

Rating of Value If Score is: ☐ **2 = H** ☐ **1 = M** ☑ **0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

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WDFW Priority Habitats

Priority habitats listed by WDFW (see complete descriptions of WDFW priority habitats, and the counties in which they can be found, in: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. 2008. Priority Habitat and Species List. Olympia, Washington. 177 pp.
http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/00165/wdfw00165.pdf or access the list from here:
http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/phs/list/

Count how many of the following priority habitats are within 330 ft (100 m) of the wetland unit: ***NOTE**: This question is independent of the land use between the wetland unit and the priority habitat.*

- ☐ **Aspen Stands**: Pure or mixed stands of aspen greater than 1 ac (0.4 ha).
- ☐ **Biodiversity Areas and Corridors**: Areas of habitat that are relatively important to various species of native fish and wildlife (*full descriptions in WDFW PHS report*).
- ☐ **Herbaceous Balds**: Variable size patches of grass and forbs on shallow soils over bedrock.
- ☐ **Old-growth/Mature forests**: Old-growth west of Cascade crest – Stands of at least 2 tree species, forming a multi-layered canopy with occasional small openings; with at least 8 trees/ac (20 trees/ha) > 32 in (81 cm) dbh or > 200 years of age. Mature forests – Stands with average diameters exceeding 21 in (53 cm) dbh; crown cover may be less than 100%; decay, decadence, numbers of snags, and quantity of large downed material is generally less than that found in old-growth; 80-200 years old west of the Cascade crest.
- ☐ **Oregon White Oak**: Woodland stands of pure oak or oak/conifer associations where canopy coverage of the oak component is important (*full descriptions in WDFW PHS report p. 158 – see web link above*).
- ☐ **Riparian**: The area adjacent to aquatic systems with flowing water that contains elements of both aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which mutually influence each other.
- ☐ **Westside Prairies**: Herbaceous, non-forested plant communities that can either take the form of a dry prairie or a wet prairie (*full descriptions in WDFW PHS report p. 161 – see web link above*).
- ☐ **Instream**: The combination of physical, biological, and chemical processes and conditions that interact to provide functional life history requirements for instream fish and wildlife resources.
- ☐ **Nearshore**: Relatively undisturbed nearshore habitats. These include Coastal Nearshore, Open Coast Nearshore, and Puget Sound Nearshore. (*full descriptions of habitats and the definition of relatively undisturbed are in WDFW report – see web link on previous page*).
- ☐ **Caves**: A naturally occurring cavity, recess, void, or system of interconnected passages under the earth in soils, rock, ice, or other geological formations and is large enough to contain a human.
- ☐ **Cliffs**: Greater than 25 ft (7.6 m) high and occurring below 5000 ft elevation.
- ☐ **Talus**: Homogenous areas of rock rubble ranging in average size 0.5 - 6.5 ft (0.15 - 2.0 m), composed of basalt, andesite, and/or sedimentary rock, including riprap slides and mine tailings. May be associated with cliffs.
- ☐ **Snags and Logs**: Trees are considered snags if they are dead or dying and exhibit sufficient decay characteristics to enable cavity excavation/use by wildlife. Priority snags have a diameter at breast height of > 20 in (51 cm) in western Washington and are > 6.5 ft (2 m) in height. Priority logs are > 12 in (30 cm) in diameter at the largest end, and > 20 ft (6 m) long.

Note: All vegetated wetlands are by definition a priority habitat but are not included in this list because they are addressed elsewhere.

Wetland name or number A

CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Wetland Type *Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. List the category when the appropriate criteria are met.*	**Category**
SC 1.0. Estuarine Wetlands Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands? ☐ The dominant water regime is tidal, ☐ Vegetated, and ☐ With a salinity greater than 0.5 ppt ☐ Yes - Go to **SC 1.1** ☑ No = **Not an estuarine wetland**	
SC 1.1. Is the wetland within a National Wildlife Refuge, National Park, National Estuary Reserve, Natural Area Preserve, State Park or Educational, Environmental, or Scientific Reserve designated under WAC 332-30-151? ☐ Yes = **Category I** ☐ No - Go to **SC 1.2**	
SC 1.2. Is the wetland unit at least 1 ac in size and meets at least two of the following three conditions? ☐ The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing, and has less than 10% cover of non-native plant species. (If non-native species are *Spartina* , see page 25) ☐ At least ¾ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland. ☐ The wetland has at least two of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands. ☐ Yes = **Category I** ☐ No = **Category II**	
SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV) SC 2.1. Has the WA Department of Natural Resources updated their website to include the list of Wetlands of High Conservation Value? ☑ Yes - Go to **SC 2.2** ☐ No - Go to **SC 2.3** SC 2.2. Is the wetland listed on the WDNR database as a Wetland of High Conservation Value? ☐ Yes = **Category I** ☑ No = **Not WHCV** SC 2.3. Is the wetland in a Section/Township/Range that contains a Natural Heritage wetland? http://www1.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/datasearch/wnhpwetlands.pdf ☐ Yes - **Contact WNHP/WDNR and to SC 2.4** ☐ No = **Not WHCV** SC 2.4. Has WDNR identified the wetland within the S/T/R as a Wetland of High Conservation Value and listed it on their website? ☐ Yes = **Category I** ☐ No = **Not WHCV**	
SC 3.0. Bogs Does the wetland (or any part of the unit) meet both the criteria for soils and vegetation in bogs? *Use the key below.* ***If you answer YES you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions*** . SC 3.1. Does an area within the wetland unit have organic soil horizons, either peats or mucks, that compose 16 in or more of the first 32 in of the soil profile? ☐ Yes - Go to **SC 3.3** ☑ No - Go to **SC 3.2** SC 3.2. Does an area within the wetland unit have organic soils, either peats or mucks, that are less than 16 in deep over bedrock, or an impermeable hardpan such as clay or volcanic ash, or that are floating on top of a lake or pond? ☐ Yes - Go to **SC 3.3** ☑ No = **Is not a bog** SC 3.3. Does an area with peats or mucks have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level, AND at least a 30% cover of plant species listed in Table 4? ☐ Yes = **Is a Category I bog** ☐ No - Go to **SC 3.4** **NOTE**: If you are uncertain about the extent of mosses in the understory, you may substitute that criterion by measuring the pH of the water that seeps into a hole dug at least 16 in deep. If the pH is less than 5.0 and the plant species in Table 4 are present, the wetland is a bog. SC 3.4. Is an area with peats or mucks forested (> 30% cover) with Sitka spruce, subalpine fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, Engelmann spruce, or western white pine, AND any of the species (or combination of species) listed in Table 4 provide more than 30% of the cover under the canopy? ☐ Yes = **Is a Category I bog** ☐ No = **Is not a bog**	

SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands

Does the wetland have at least 1 contiguous acre of forest that meets one of these criteria for the WA Department of Fish and Wildlife's forests as priority habitats? ***If you answer YES you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.***

☐ **Old-growth forests** (west of Cascade crest): Stands of at least two tree species, forming a multi-layered canopy with occasional small openings; with at least 8 trees/ac (20 trees/ha) that are at least 200 years of age OR have a diameter at breast height (dbh) of 32 in (81 cm) or more.

☐ **Mature forests** (west of the Cascade Crest): Stands where the largest trees are 80-200 years old OR the species that make up the canopy have an average diameter (dbh) exceeding 21 in (53 cm).

☐ Yes = **Category I** ☑ No = **Not a forested wetland for this section**

SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons

Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?

☐ The wetland lies in a depression adjacent to marine waters that is wholly or partially separated from marine waters by sandbanks, gravel banks, shingle, or, less frequently, rocks

☐ The lagoon in which the wetland is located contains ponded water that is saline or brackish (> 0.5 ppt) during most of the year in at least a portion of the lagoon (*needs to be measured near the bottom*)

☐ Yes - Go to **SC 5.1** ☑ No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon**

SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?

☐ The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing), and has less than 20% cover of aggressive, opportunistic plant species (see list of species on p. 100).

☐ At least ¾ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland.

☐ The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 ft^2)

☐ Yes = **Category I** ☐ No = **Category II**

SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands

Is the wetland west of the 1889 line (also called the Western Boundary of Upland Ownership or WBUO)? ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its habitat functions.***

In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:

☐ Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103

☐ Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105

☐ Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109

☐ Yes - Go to **SC 6.1** ☑ No = **Not an interdunal wetland for rating**

SC 6.1. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger and scores an 8 or 9 for the habitat functions on the form (rates H,H,H or H,H,M for the three aspects of function)?

☐ Yes = **Category I** ☐ No - Go to **SC 6.2**

SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?

☐ Yes = **Category II** ☐ No - Go to **SC 6.3**

SC 6.3. Is the unit between 0.1 and 1 ac, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is between 0.1 and 1 ac?

☐ Yes = **Category III** ☐ No = **Category IV**

Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics

If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form

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N

0 10 20
Feet

0 3 6
Meters

Cowardin & Hydroperiods

Parcel
Wetland
150 ft Analysis

Entire weltand:
Cowardin classification = scrub-shrub
Hydroperiod = sastureated only
0% cover od dense vegetation
0% of dense & rigid vegetation

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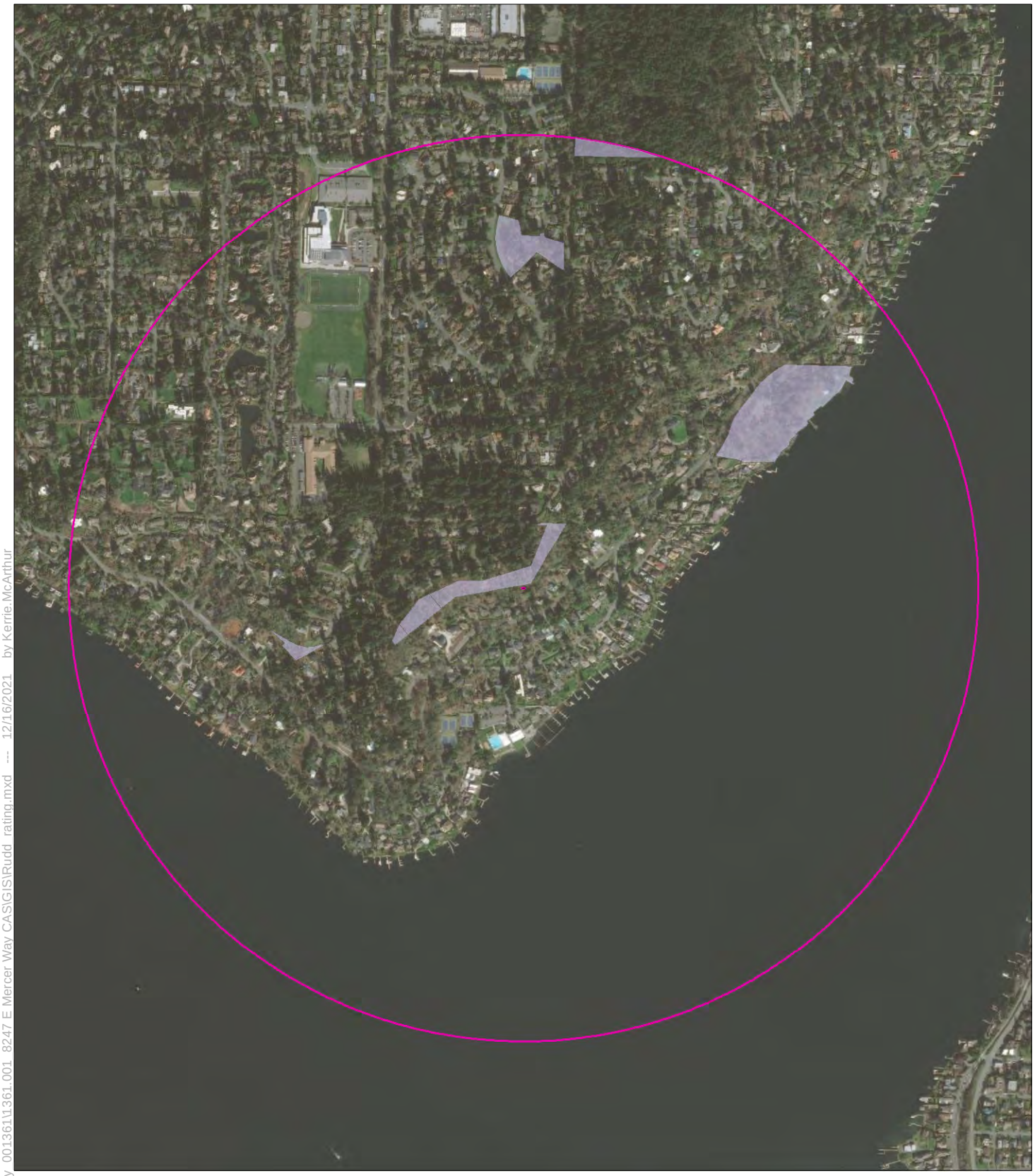

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N

0 620 1,240 Feet

0 140 280 Meters

Low/Moderate Land Use*

Wetland

1 km Analysis

* Reminder of analysis area is high intensity land use.
No undisturbed habitat within 1 km of wetland.

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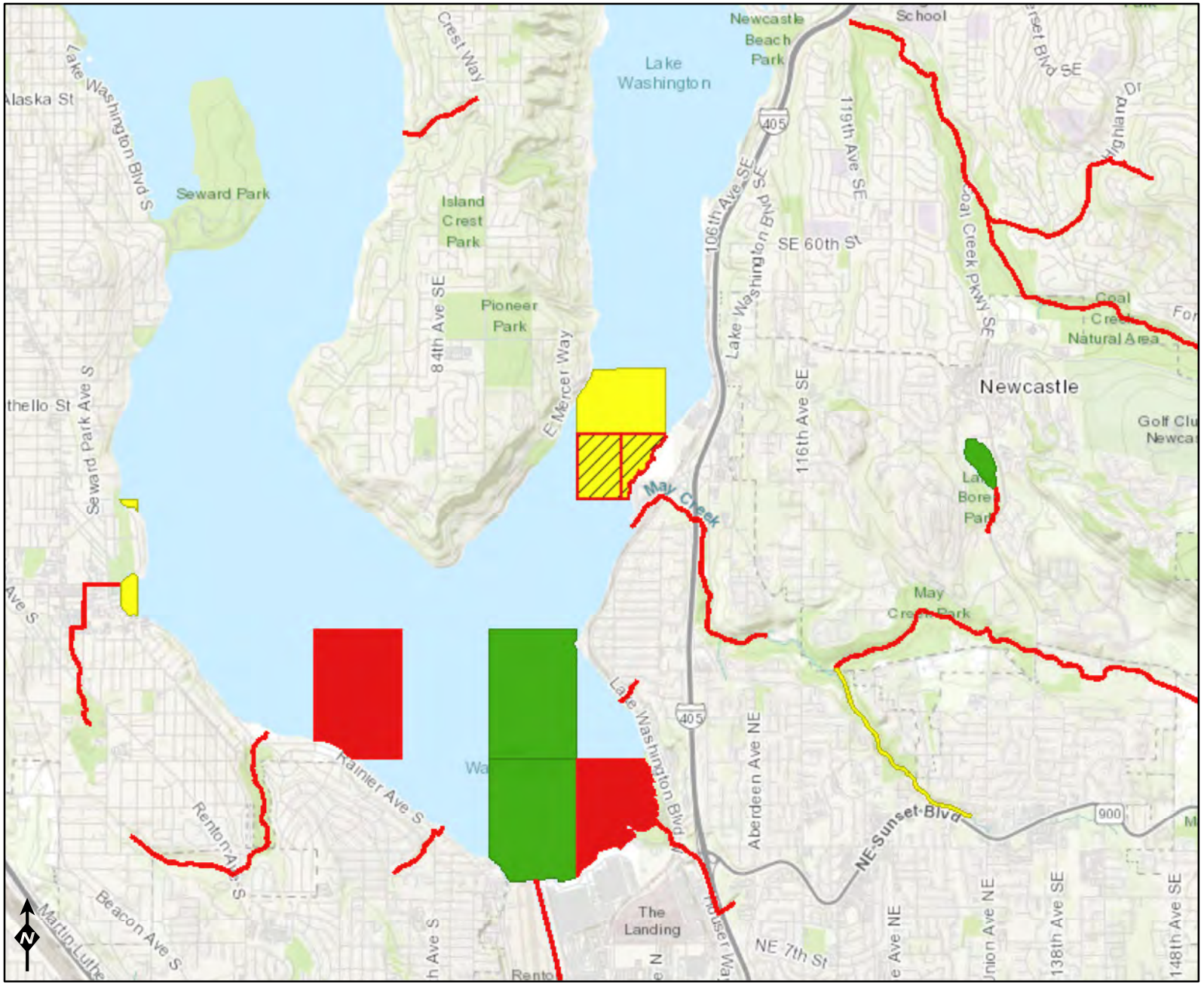

Assessed Water/Sediment

Water

- Category 5 - 303d
- Category 4C
- Category 4B
- Category 4A
- Category 2
- Category 1

Sediment

- Category 5 - 303d
- Category 4C
- Category 4B
- Category 4A
- Category 2
- Category 1

Miles
0 0.5 1 2

Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and

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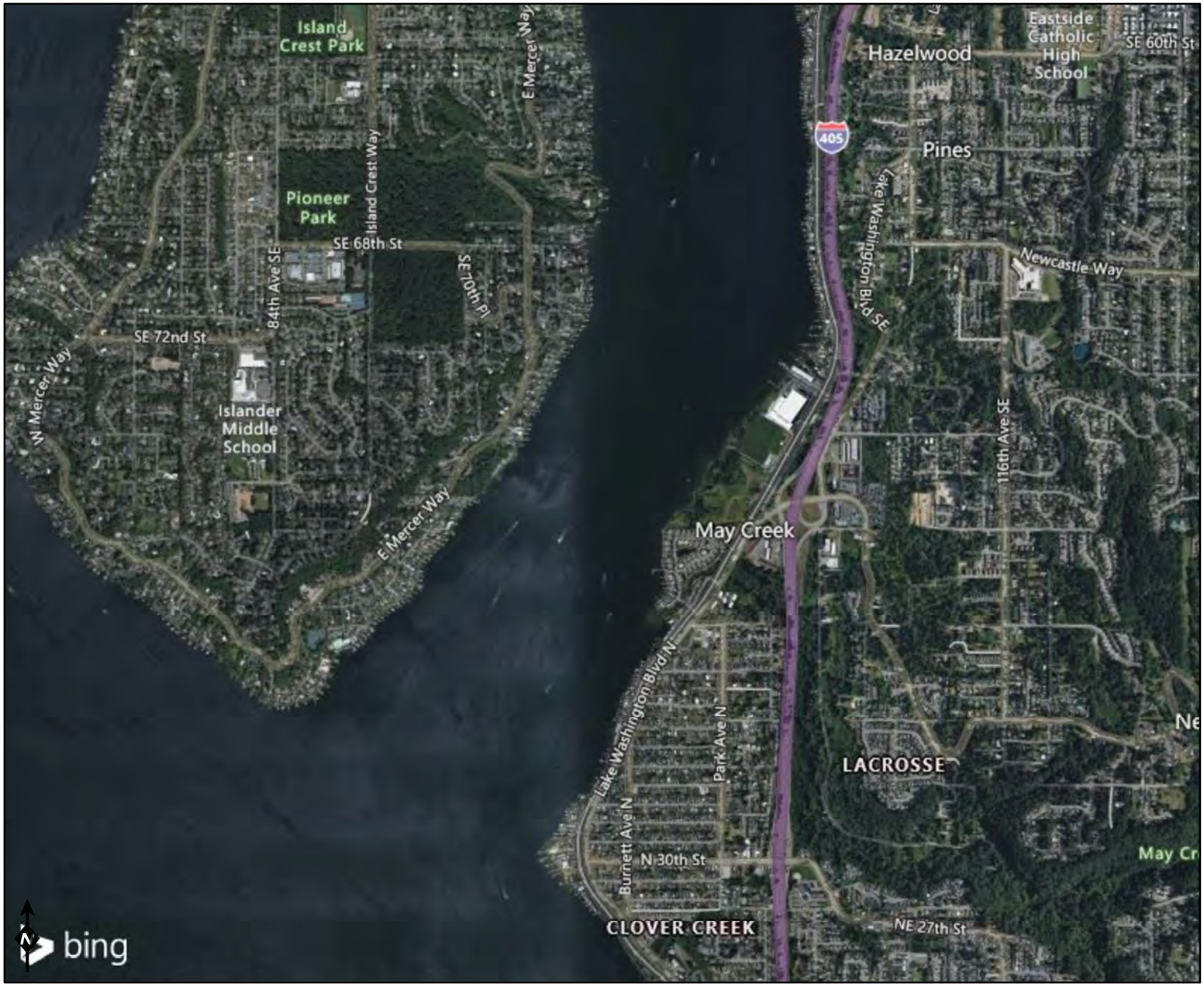

WQ Improvement Projects

- Approved
- In Development

Miles
0 0.25 0.5 1

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Appendix E
Site Photographs

Photo 1—Soil profile at TP-1.

Photo 2—View to west from TP-1.

Photo 3—View to north from TP-1.

Photo 4—View to east from TP-1.

Photo 5—View to south from TP-1.

Photo 6—Soil profile of TP-2.

Photo 7—View to north from TP-2.

Photo 8—View to west from TP-2.

Photo 9—View to south from TP-2.

Photo 10—View to east from TP-2.

Photo 11—Soil profile at TP-3.

Photo 12—View to south from TP-3.

Photo 13—View to west from TP-3.

Photo 14—View to north from TP-3.

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