



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Committee of the Whole

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ECAF: 2023-0880

Proposal: Ordinance 23-076

Date: August 8, 2023

Consideration

Proposed Ordinance 23-076 would approve and authorize the Snohomish County Executive to sign the Interlocal Agreement between Snohomish County and the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians for Wood Acquisition to Support Jim Creek Restoration Project.

Background and Analysis

The Jim Creek Restoration Project (the Project) is one of the projects in the approved 2023-2028 Surface Water Management (SWM) Six-Year Capital Improvement Program. This grant-funded project includes placement of Large Woody Debris (LWD) structures to form pool habitat, create cover and complex edge habitat, and plant native riparian plants to improve rearing habitat for juvenile salmonids. (See project area plan sheet next page.)

Ordinance 23-076 would approve purchase of materials for LWD structures from the Stillaguamish Tribe for use in the Project. The Tribe offered to sell the County 51 structural wood pilings (long, straight logs) at \$600 each (\$30,600 total) for use in the Project because they had not used them as originally planned. Costs to the County for similar wood pieces typically range from \$1,000 to \$1,500 each. The County and the Stillaguamish Tribe have negotiated the terms of the sale in the form of the interlocal agreement attached Ordinance 23-076 as Exhibit A.¹ The contract period for the ILA would start at execution and end on December 31, 2023. There would be no impact to general revenues (Fund 002) since the Project is part of the SWM capital improvement program Fund 415.

Current Proposal: Ordinance 23-076 would approve and authorize an ILA allowing the County Executive to purchase materials for LWD from the Stillaguamish Tribe for \$30,600.

Handling: Marked as urgent with a deadline date of August 17. Due to notice requirements for a public hearing on an ordinance, the earliest date for action would be August 23. Council staff confirmed with SWM staff that August 17 represents an aspirational deadline rather than a contractual or mandated date.

Finance: Approve

Risk Management: Approve

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Approved as to Form: Yes

Request: Set time and date for a public hearing.

¹ The Snohomish County Charter grants the County Council authority over contracts and budgets ([Charter 2.20](#)). Charter 2.20(7) requires an ordinance to approve contracts, which includes ILAs, unless Council has already approved a method for approval in another ordinance.

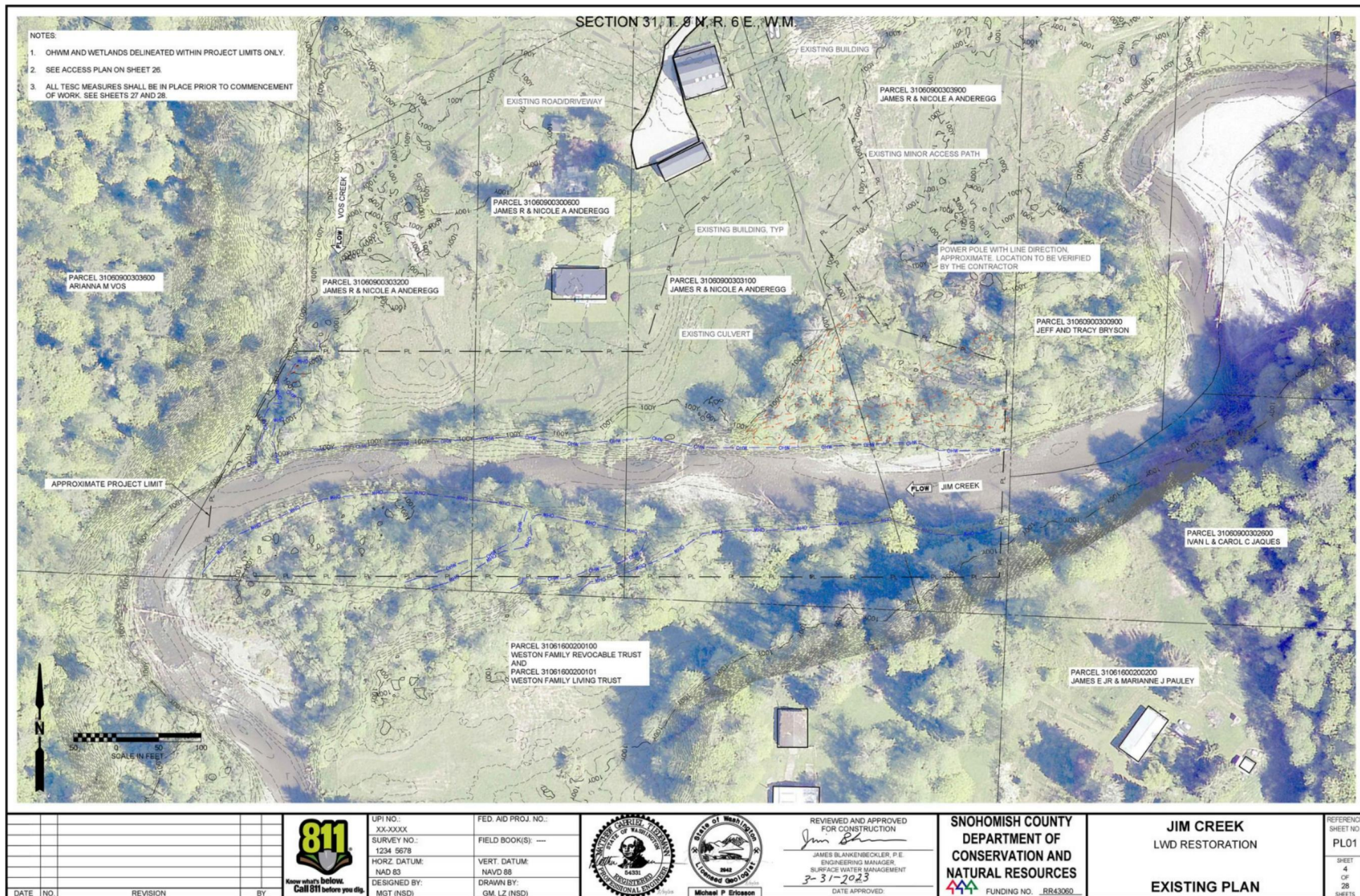


Figure 1 – Existing Conditions at Project Area