



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Public Works and Infrastructure

Analyst: Deb Evison Bell

ECAF: 2022-0789

Proposal: Motion 22-344

Date: September 6, 2022

Consideration:

The proposed Motion would approve the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement for the County's purchase of real property located west of Home Acres Road and east/south of Ebey Slough in unincorporated Snohomish County Washington, tax parcel number 28050300200600 for \$10,000.00. The motion would also authorize the Property Officer of the Department of Facilities and Fleet, Property Management Division to sign the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement on behalf of Snohomish County, including the ability to sign the Bargain and Sale Deed, escrow closing documents, and any and all other documents necessary to effectuate the transfer of the Real Property to the County in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement, in accordance with Snohomish County Charter 2.20(7).

Background:

Surface water management is the custodial department for approximately 360 acres of land within an area historically known as (former) Drainage District 6, also known as Chinook Marsh Restoration, in which Snohomish County owns or has a flood easement. Approximately 1.91 acres of real property has been identified for acquisition within the area of the Ebey Slough that is important to the design and development of the restoration work, providing more open space and to reduce flood risk in the area.

County Council passed amended [Ordinance No. 21-094](#), related to the 2021 budget, making a supplemental appropriation, on November 3, 2021, which allocated funding to the Surface Water Management Fund 415 for this appropriation. The Snohomish County Assessor records list John Spoelstra as the owner of the property on the secure tax rolls. Sharla Ann Spoelstra has voluntarily agreed to sell her right, title and interest in the real property to Snohomish County for \$10,000.00 (tax parcel number 28050300200600).

Current Proposal:

Scope: Approval of a real estate purchase and sale agreement between Sharla Ann Spoelstra (Sellers) and Snohomish County (Buyers) for real property identified by tax parcel numbers 20850030020060; to mitigate flood and ecology impacts to the Ebey Slough.

Duration: The property will transfer to the County by Statutory Warranty Deed.

Fiscal Implications: This is a land acquisition for the sum of \$10,000.00

2022 Budget: Yes, the 2022 Budget includes appropriation authority for the land purchase.

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: APPROVE

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE

Analysis: Snohomish County seeks to purchase a parcel of land in compliance with Surface Water Management Fund 415, pursuant to Snohomish County Charter 2.20(7).

Requests: The requested action is to move to GLS on September 14, 2022, for consideration.