



Public Infrastructure and Conservation

Deb Bell

Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2025-3229

Motion: 25-470

Type:

☐ Contract

☐ Board Appt.

☐ Code Amendment

☐ Budget Action

☒ Other - Surplus

Requested Handling:

☒ Normal

☐ Expedite

☐ Urgent

Fund Source:

☐ General Fund

☐ Other

☒ N/A

Executive Rec:

☒ Approve

☐ Do Not Approve

☐ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

Subject: Authorize the termination of an easement.

Scope: The County entered into a grant of easement across real property in 1947 under Auditor's File No. 841561. The County never developed or used the easement for the intended purpose and County staff recommend the easement be relinquished and terminated.

Duration: N/A

Fiscal Impact: ☐ Current Year ☐ Multi-Year ☒ N/A

Authority Granted: Snohomish County Council hereby finds it is in the public interest to relinquish the easement granted in Auditor's File No. 841561 and approves the Property Officer of Snohomish County working in the Property Management Division of Facilities and Fleet to prepare and sign all documents required to complete the relinquishment of the same. All parties and departments involved in this matter have been conferred with and agree with the proposed Council action as described herein, in accordance with SCC 4.46.

Background: In February 1947, Snohomish County was granted a 40-foot road easement under Auditor's File 841561 across the southern portion of Spencer Island. (This easement has never been included in the Snohomish County Department of Public Works right-of-way inventory.)

Currently, the County is working with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to remove failing dikes and repair boardwalks and bridges on Spencer Island at Union Slough. As part of the funding conditions by USACE, any and all easements crossing the island are to be relinquished by all parties who have an easement interest. The Department of Public Works, Right of Way Division, recommend relinquishing the easement.

Requested Action: For Council to move the motion to GLS on November 12, 2025, for consideration.