



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Public Works and Infrastructure

Analyst: Deb Evison Bell

ECAF: 2022-0281

Proposal: Motion 22-129

Date: April 5, 2022

Consideration:

The proposed Motion would approve and authorize the County Executive to sign a Critical Area Site Plan for the 228th St SE and 180th St SE & Interurban Blvd Intersection Road Improvement project, under Snohomish County Charter 2.20.

Background:

In June 2010 Snohomish County Council approved the Right of Plan for 228th St SE (39th Ave SE to SR9) Brightwater Project (RC 1534) and the 180th St SE & Interurban Blvd Intersection Road Improvement Project (RC 1559).

As part of the regulatory permitting process, a critical area study and habitat management plan was conducted in accordance with the conditions of the Army Corps of Engineers Permit NWS 2010-1345 in connection with 228th St SE Brightwater Project (Snohomish County Survey #4141) and the conditions of the Army Corps of Engineers Permit NWS 2010-986 in connection with 189th St SE & Interurban Blvd Intersection project (Snohomish County Survey #4236), which determined protected areas that shall be left permanently undisturbed in a substantially natural state, under SCC 30.62A¹.

The projects were completed in April 2013 and May 2015. Two parcels (Tax ID 27052700200100 and 27052700200700) containing Little Bear Creek and associated wetland areas (commonly referred to as the "Paige Site") have been chosen as the compensatory mitigation site to meet the project's impacts to critical areas. Permanent protection of the site requires approval of the Snohomish County Council and the recording of a Critical Area Site Plan with the County Auditor, effectively restricting the area in perpetuity.

Current Proposal:

Scope: Approval by motion is sought from Council to authorize the County Executive to execute the critical area site plan for the 228th St SE and 180th St SE & Interurban Blvd Intersection Road improvements project.

Duration: The property will remain undisturbed in a substantially natural state in perpetuity.

Fiscal Implications: No fiscal impact associated with this action.

¹ [ch. 30.62A Wetlands and Fish & Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas | Snohomish County Code](#)

2022 Budget: NA

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: NA

Risk Management: NA

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE

Requests: Move to GLS on April 13, 2022, for consideration.