

August 30, 2024 Via Email

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Re: Comment Letter on Shaw Island Public Works Property Redesignation
and SEPA 202403563 DNS issued on August 15, 2024

Dear Mr. Tomkins and Ms. Cassam,

Please consider this comment letter in your review of the request of Public Works to redesignate a Rural Farm Forest parcel on Shaw Island to Rural Industrial. I own property near 1427 Neck Point Road and would be directly affected by the redesignation.

I am requesting that the Determination of Nonsignificance be withdrawn so that an accurate and informative Environmental Checklist could be provided to me as an affected landowner and neighbor. The environmental checklist provided with the application simply states that there are no impacts known because the application is only for a change on the official map. However, the purpose of the redesignation is to create an industrial site in our residential neighborhood, something that would have significant impacts on our daily lives.

As a simple example, the applicant's answer to the question "What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?" is "The proposal is for Land Use Redesignation, which will not cause the removal or alteration of vegetation. "Since the application includes a map showing a "Material Disposal Area" of .75 acres where there is now a standing forest and an "Equipment Storage" site which is densely forested, this answer is plainly wrong.

A second simple example is the applicant's answer to the question "What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed?" The applicant's answer is "none," yet the attached map of the project shows a "Burn Area" where materials would be burned, producing increased emissions. It also does not mention increased diesel emissions due to

increased heavy equipment traffic, or the fact that additional clearing will be needed for safe burning.

Similar errors occur in the sections on Earth, Transportation, Water, Plants, and Environmental Hazards. The county has not met its obligations under SEPA and should not be allowed to proceed without doing the work required to ensure that the proposed activities are allowed. This embarrassing attempt to hand wave past the requirements should not stand.

I would like to comment more fully, but I am unable to do so in a relevant and factual manner without the information that SEPA requires to be disclosed. I request that a new, informed, and complete environmental checklist be prepared for me and my community. I request that this be done immediately to avoid the \$600 filing fee for an appeal that I should not have to pay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ray Glaze", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Ray Glaze
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