



Snohomish County

Public Works

Transportation & Environmental Services

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RE: Mann Road and Ben Howard Road Improvements Project (RC1726)

Dear Reviewer:

Dave Somers
County Executive

Snohomish County has identified several locations susceptible to flooding at or less than a two-year recurrence interval: two locations are on Ben Howard Road, and the third is on Mann Road, south of the City of Sultan and State Route 2. Sections 5, 7 and 8, Township 27 North, Range 8 East, W.M. Site A is the westernmost site located at a bend in Ben Howard Road east of McCoy Creek. An existing driveway culvert will be replaced, the culvert under the road will be replaced with a 7-foot wide culvert, and the road raised by 2 feet for 400 linear feet. Site B is west of the intersection of Ben Howard Road and 311th Avenue SE. An existing driveway culvert will be replaced, a new 48-inch culvert will be installed under Ben Howard Road, and the road raised 4.8 feet for 600 linear feet. Site C is the easternmost site located at Devil's Elbow on Mann Road. A driveway culvert will be replaced, and the culvert under the road will be replaced with a new 17-foot concrete box culvert. Two additional 48-inch drainage culverts will be installed side by side further to the east. The road will be raised 6 feet for 700 linear feet. Guardrail will be installed. Construction is scheduled for 2021.

This letter is to let you know about the project and that an environmental review of the project has been completed. A State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Environmental Checklist has been prepared, and a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) was signed on February 8, 2019 and has been issued. The DNS states that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated from construction of this project.

Comments on this project must be submitted by **Monday, March 18, 2019**. To provide comments, write to:

Julie Highton, Senior Planner
Snohomish County Public Works
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Sincerely,

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Transportation and Environmental Services—Environmental Services Section
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Enclosures: Determination of Non-significance (DNS)
SEPA Environmental Checklist
Vicinity Map and Photographs
Plan Set and Critical Area Impacts Sheets

Cc: Max Phan, P.E., Manager, Program Planning and Environmental Services
Chun Wen, P.E., Project Manager, Engineering Services Division



Snohomish County Public Works

**PUBLIC NOTICE
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
and LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITY PERMIT**

PROJECT NAME: Mann Road and Ben Howard Road Improvements, RC1726

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

Snohomish County has identified three locations susceptible to frequent flooding at or less than a two-year recurrence interval. Two sites are located on Ben Howard Road, and the third is located on Mann Road, south of the City of Sultan and US 2.

Site A is the westernmost site located at a bend in Ben Howard Road east of McCoy Creek. An existing driveway culvert will be replaced, the culvert under the road will be replaced with a 7-foot wide culvert, and the roadway elevation raised by 2 feet for 400 linear feet. Site B is located west of the intersection of Ben Howard Road and 311th Avenue SE. An existing driveway culvert will be replaced, a new 48-inch culvert will be installed under Ben Howard Road, and the roadway elevation raised 4.8 feet for 600 linear feet. Site C is the easternmost site located at Devil's Elbow on Mann Road. A driveway culvert will be replaced, and the culvert under the road will be replaced with a new 17-foot concrete box culvert. Two additional 48-inch drainage culverts will be installed side by side further to the east. The road elevation will be raised 6 feet for 700 linear feet. Guardrail will be installed. Construction is scheduled for 2021.

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL:

The project sites are located in Sections 5, 7 and 8, Township 27 North, Range 8 East, W.M.

APPLICANT AND LEAD AGENCY: Snohomish County Public Works

SHORELINE SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT: This project will require a shoreline substantial development permit pursuant to Snohomish County Code (SCC) Chapter 30.44. The permit application will be submitted to the Snohomish County Planning and Development Services Department (PDS). A notice of application will be issued by PDS with information and instructions containing a public and agency comment period of 30 days for the shoreline permit application.

LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITY (LDA) PERMIT: This project will require a land disturbing activity (LDA) permit. The permit application will be submitted to PDS. There will be an estimated 390 cubic yards of excavation, and 6,400 cubic yards of fill. The excavated material will be disposed of at an off-site facility permitted to receive the material.

THRESHOLD DETERMINATION: The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made

after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request.

The lead agency has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the County's development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under RCW Chapter 36.70A, and in other applicable local, state, or federal laws and rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240 and WAC 197-11-158. Our agency will not require any additional mitigation measures under SCC Chapter 30.61.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: This DNS and LDA notice is subject to a 21-day comment period. Written comments may be submitted by mail or e-mail to the lead agency's contact person. See name and address below. Comments must be received by 5 p.m., Monday, March 18, 2019.

APPEALS: There is no opportunity for appeal at this time. Pursuant to SCC 30.61.300(10), SEPA appeals related to a shoreline substantial development permit, a Type 1 decision, shall be submitted to the state shorelines hearings board together with appeal of the underlying permit.

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RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Steven E. Thomsen, P.E., Director
Snohomish County Public Works

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Signature:  **Date:** 2/28/19

DISCLAIMER:

The determination that an environmental impact statement does not have to be filed does not mean there will be no adverse environmental impacts. Snohomish County codes governing noise control, land use performance standards, construction, improvement of county roads, drainage control and building practices will provide substantial mitigation of the aforementioned impacts.

The issuance of this Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) should not be interpreted as acceptance or approval of this proposal as presented. Snohomish County reserves the right to deny or approve said proposal subject to conditions if it is determined to be in the best interest of the County and/or necessary to the general health, safety, and welfare of the public to do so.

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Snohomish County Planning & Development Services
Snohomish County Public Works, Engineering Services Division
Snohomish County Sheriff

Attachments: SEPA Checklist, Vicinity Map, Project Plans