November 20, 2015

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## REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources and Parks file no. **E15CT010** 

Proposed ordinance no. **2015-0424** Parcel nos. **0723039105, 8887001845** 

### MARK AND WANDA KANJORSKI

Open Space Taxation Application (Public Benefit Rating System)

Location: 11915 105th Avenue SW, Vashon Island

Applicants: Mark and Wanda Kanjorski

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King County: Department of Natural Resources and Parks

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#### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Department's Recommendation: Approve 6.10 acres for 20% of market value Examiner's Recommendation: Approve 6.10 acres for 20% of market value

### PRELIMINARY REPORT:

On November 6, 2015, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) submitted its report on file no. E15CT010 to the Examiner.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

After reviewing the preliminary report and examining available information on file with the application, the Examiner conducted a public hearing on the application on November 18, 2015, in the Ginger Conference Room, 12th Floor, King County Courthouse, 516 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington. The Examiner received the affidavit of notice publication on November 13, 2015.

Participants at the public hearing and the exhibits offered and entered are listed in the attached minutes. A verbatim recording of the hearing is available in the Hearing Examiner's Office.

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION: Having reviewed the record in this matter, the Examiner now makes and enters the following:

#### FINDINGS:

1 General Information:

> Owners: Mark and Wanda Kanjorski

> > 11915 105th Avenue SW

Vashon, WA 98070

Location: 11915 105th Avenue SW, Vashon Island

STR: SE and NE 07-23-03

Zoning: RA-2.5

Parcel nos.: 0723039105, 8887001845

Total acreage: 6.94 acres

- 2. The Applicants timely filed an application to King County for PBRS program current use valuation of the property to begin in 2017. As required by law, notification of the application occurred.
- 3. A summary of relevant PBRS categories follows below. (Plain text represents a category an applicant requested an award for and that DNRP agrees is warranted. Any strikethrough represents a category an applicant requested an award for but that DNRP disagrees is warranted. Any *italics* represents a category an applicant did not request an award for, but that DNRP nonetheless concludes is warranted. And any \*asterisks\* represent a category where DNRP finds an award is warranted, but only if certain contingencies or conditions are met.)

PBRS categories:	Open Space Resources	
-	Aquifer protection area	5
	Buffer to public or current use classified land	3
	*Forest stewardship land*	*
	Significant wildlife or salmonid habitat	5
	Surface water quality buffer	5
	Watershed protection area	5
	Bonus Categories	
	Additional surface water quality buffer	5
		28

The DNRP-recommended score of 28 points results in a current use valuation of 20% of market value for the enrolled portion of the property. Additional credit may be awarded administratively under the forest stewardship land category subject to submittal of a forest stewardship plan by **May 31, 2016**, and subsequent approval by **July 29, 2016**. Award of credit under this category would increase the point total by 5 points, with no effect on the current use valuation for the enrolled portion of the property. But if the forest plan includes native revegetation of a 0.04 acre area, the enrolled acreage will increase by that amount.

- 4. As to the land area recommended for PBRS enrollment, the Applicant requested 6.20 acres and DNRP recommends 6.10 acres. (Enrollment acreage is the combined, total area of both parcels, less the excluded area, as calculated by DNRP. In the event the County Assessor's official parcel size of either parcel is revised, the PBRS acreage shall be administratively adjusted to reflect that change.)
- 5. Except as modified herein, the facts set forth in the DNRP preliminary report and testimony at the November 18, 2015, public hearing are correct and incorporated herein by reference. Copies of this report and the department report will be provided to the Metropolitan King County Council for final approval.
- 6. Award under all categories must be conditioned upon the control and removal of invasive plant species on the property within a three-year period. Such control and removal is mandatory for the property to qualify as credited open space. Failure to meet this condition will cause disenrollment of the property from the PBRS program.

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. Approval, pursuant to the Public Benefit Rating System adopted by Chapter 20.36 KCC, of 28 points and a current use valuation of 20% of market value for 6.10 acres of the property and conditional approval of 5 additional points (which would bring the total to 33 points and 20% of market value for, potentially, 6.14 acres of the property), is consistent with the purposes and intent of King County to maintain, preserve, conserve, and otherwise continue in existence adequate open space lands and to assure the use and

- enjoyment of natural resources and scenic beauty for the economic and social well-being of King County and its citizens.
- 2. The subject property is currently enrolled in the Timber Land program. Any open space taxation participation agreement signed as a result of approval of this application should be worded to supersede any prior agreement for the parcel.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. APPROVE current use valuation of 20% of market value for the 6.10-acre enrolled portion of the property.
- 2. CONDITIONALLY APPROVE additional credit under the forest stewardship land category, to be awarded administratively, if the Applicants submit a forest stewardship plan by May 31, 2016, and that plan is approved by July 29, 2016. This would result in an increase the point total by 5 points, with no effect on the current use valuation for the enrolled portion of the property. But if the forest plan includes native revegetation of a 0.04 acre area, then an increase in the enrolled acreage by that amount.

DATED November 20, 2015.

David Spohr Hearing Examiner

### NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

In order to appeal the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, written notice of appeal must be filed with the Clerk of the King County Council with a fee of \$250 (check payable to King County Office of Finance) on or before *December 4, 2015*. If a notice of appeal is filed, the original and two copies of a written appeal statement specifying the basis for the appeal and argument in support of the appeal must be filed with the Clerk of the King County Council on or before *December 11, 2015*.

Filing requires actual delivery to the Clerk of the Council's Office, Room 1200, King County Courthouse, 516 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98104, prior to the close of business (4:30) p.m. on the date due. Prior mailing is not sufficient if actual receipt by the Clerk does not occur within the applicable time period. If the Office of the Clerk is not officially open on the specified closing date, delivery prior to the close of business on the next business day is sufficient to meet the filing requirement.

If a written notice of appeal and filing fee are not filed within 14 calendar days of the date of this report, or if a written appeal statement and argument are not filed within 21 calendar days of the date of this report, the Clerk of the Council shall place a proposed ordinance that implements the Examiner's recommended action on the agenda of the next available Council meeting. At that meeting the Council may adopt the Examiner's recommendation, defer action, refer the matter to a Council committee, or remand to the Examiner for further hearing or further consideration.

Action of the Council Final. The action of the Council on a recommendation of the Examiner shall be final and conclusive unless within 21 days from the date of the action an aggrieved party or person applies for a writ of certiorari from Superior Court for the purpose of review of the action taken.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2015, HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF MARK AND WANDA KANJORSKI, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND PARKS FILE NO. E15CT010.

David Spohr was the Hearing Examiner in this matter. Bill Bernstein participated in the hearing on behalf of the department.

The following exhibits were offered and entered into the hearing record:

Exhibit no. 1	Not submitted
Exhibit no. 2	Not submitted
Exhibit no. 3	Not submitted
Exhibit no. 4	DNRP report to the Hearing Examiner
Exhibit no. 5	Affidavit of publication
Exhibit no. 6	Notice of hearing from the Hearing Examiner's Office
Exhibit no. 7	Notice of hearing from the PBRS/Timber program
Exhibit no. 8	Legal notice and introductory ordinance to the King County Council
Exhibit no. 9	Application signed/notarized
Exhibit no. 10	Legal description of area to be enrolled
Exhibit no. 11	Email to applicant regarding received application and approval schedule
Exhibit no. 12	Arcview and orthophoto/aerial map
Exhibit no. 13	Reserved for future submission of forest stewardship plan

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, Vonetta Mangaoang, certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that I transmitted the **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL** to those listed on the attached page as follows:

- ⊠ EMAILED to all County staff listed as parties of record/interested persons and primary parties with e-mail addresses on record.
- acaused to be placed with the United States Postal Service, with sufficient postage, as FIRST CLASS MAIL in an envelope addressed to the non-County employee parties of record/interested persons at the addresses indicated on the list attached to the original Certificate of Service.

DATED November 20, 2015.

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Clerk/Manager

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