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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE KING
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR CURRENT USE
ASSESSMENT APPLICATION**

SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources and Parks file no. **E25CT018**
Proposed ordinance no. **2026-0074**
Parcel no. **192006-9044**

DEREK AND MIZUHO KING

Application for Current Use Assessment under the Public Benefit Rating System

Location: 43205 196th Avenue, Enumclaw

Applicants: **Derek and Mizuho King**
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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Department's Recommendation: Approve 6.5 acres for 50% reduction in appraised value.

Examiner's Recommendation: Approve 6.5 acres for 50% reduction in appraised value.

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND:

Per Ch. 20.36 KCC, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) transmitted the subject application along with its Report for Property Enrollment in the Public Benefit Rating System (PBRs) File No. E25CT018, to the Examiner.

The Examiner conducted a remote public hearing on the application on May 14, 2026. Megan Kim, representing DNRP, presented the application and DNRP's recommendation. Applicants Derek and Mizuho did not participate.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

1. Except as modified herein, the facts set forth in DNRP's staff report and testimony at the May 14, 2026, public hearing are correct and incorporated here by reference. We will provide copies of this report and DNRP's staff report to the King County Council for final action.
2. The property at issue is at 43205 196th Avenue, Enumclaw, Parcel No. 192006-9044, owned by the Applicants Derek and Mizuho King.
3. The Applicants timely filed an application with King County for current use assessment of the above identified property under the PBRs to begin in 2026.
4. Timely and proper legal notice of the public hearing on the application was provided.
5. A list of the PBRs Open Space Resource categories identified by DNRP as relevant to the property are provided below. Categories that DNRP determined were eligible (or eligible with contingencies) for credit are assigned the applicable number of points.

PBRs categories:	Farm and agricultural conservation land	5
	Total points awarded	5

The DNRP-recommended score of 5 points results in a 50% reduction in the appraised value of the enrolled portion of the property. Each category where points are recommended is discussed below.

6. **Farm and agricultural conservation land - 5 points.** The property contains more than six acres of traditional farmland that is being managed according to an approved King Conservation District farm management plan. Award of this category also requires an annual progress report from the landowner (see below, Section B. 12.), which should be sent to PBRs staff by either email or other agreed-to method.
7. **Contingencies, Conditions, and Requirements.**

The Examiner incorporates all conditions and requirements identified in the PBRs Staff Report. Ex. 1.

8. **Enrollment Acreage.** The Applicants requested 6.28 acres and DNRP recommends 6.50 acres of the subject property be enrolled in the PBRs program. (Enrollment acreage is the entire parcel less the excluded area, as calculated by DNRP. In the event the County Assessor's official parcel size is revised, the PBRs acreage shall be administratively adjusted to reflect that change.)
9. Approval of 5 points for 50% reduction in appraised value of the enrolled portion of the property is consistent with Ch. 20.36 KCC and 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE credit for the farm and agricultural conservation land category on 6.5 acres of parcel 192006-9044 for a 50% reduction in appraised value of the enrolled portion of the property. Approval should be subject to any conditions and requirements listed herein or incorporated from the DNRP staff report.

DATED May 18, 2026.



Devon Shannon
Hearing Examiner

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

A party may appeal an Examiner report and recommendation by following the steps described in KCC 20.22.230. By **4:30 p.m.** on **June 11, 2026**, an electronic appeal statement must be sent to Clerk.Council@kingcounty.gov, to hearingexaminer@kingcounty.gov, and to the party email addresses on the front page of this report and recommendation. Please consult KCC 20.22.230 for the exact filing requirements.

If a party fails to timely file an appeal, the Council does not have jurisdiction to consider that appeal. Conversely, if the appeal requirements of KCC 20.22.230 are met, the Examiner will notify parties and interested persons and will provide information about next steps in the appeal process.

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2026, HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF
DEREK AND MIZUHO KING, FILE NO. E25CT018**

Devon Shannon was the Hearing Examiner in this matter. A verbatim recording of the hearing is available in the Hearing Examiner's Office.

The following exhibits were offered by DNRP and entered into the record:

Exhibit no. 1	DNRP staff report
Exhibit no. 2	<i>Reserved for future submission of the affidavit of hearing publication</i>
Exhibit no. 3	Legal notice and introductory ordinance to the King County Council
Exhibit no. 4	Arcview/orthophotograph and aerial map
Exhibit no. 5	Application signed and notarized
Exhibit no. 6	Farm Management Plan