

Notice of Application La Center Middle School Critical Areas Permit (File # 2019-033-CAR and 19-033-SEPA)

Description of proposal: The Applicant seeks critical areas permit approval to permit temporary and permanent wetland impacts associated with the previously approved conditional use permit application (file no. 2018-027-CUP) for a new middle school of 77,725 square feet. Permanent impacts to wetlands associated with proposed improvements also include landscaping, roads and pedestrian access, parking, utilities, and other required infrastructure. Temporary impacts will include removal of soil contaminated with Dieldren in wetland A-S on the south part of the site, placement of clean fill material, and replanting the wetland and associated buffer with native vegetation.

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: 2001 N.E. Lockwood Creek Road, La Center, Washington 98629. Tax Parcels: 209118000 and 209120000

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SEPA: The City of La Center has reviewed the proposed project for probable adverse environmental impacts and expects to issue a mitigated determination of nonsignificance (MDNS) for this project. The optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355 is being used. Since the Notice of Application is being combined with the SEPA determination, the comment periods are combined. Therefore, this may be the only opportunity on the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

Mitigation Measures: The proposal may include mitigation measures under applicable codes. The applicant is required to comply with La Center's critical areas code; La Center Municipal Code (LCMC) 18.300. A mitigation plan, monitoring and maintenance plan, and performance standards will be required for the proposed development. The applicant will be conditioned to implement best management practices (BMP) for grading and erosion control and a procedure will be in place for the inadvertent discovery of archeological resources. Additionally, one of the previously identified wetlands was found to be contaminated with Dieldrin, a commercial pesticide. The restoration of this wetland will require temporary impacts to remove contaminated soil and replace with new soil and work to completely restore the wetland including replanting.

Public Review: The file may be examined between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays) in the La Center Public Works Office, 305 NW Pacific Highway, La Center, WA; or http://www.ci.lacenter.wa.us/city departments/pw landuse.php - The City contact person and telephone number for any questions on this review is Sarah Dollar, Community Development Department, 360.263.7665, sdollar@ci.lacenter.wa.us

Comment Period: You may comment on this application within fourteen (14) days of this notice publication date; October 24, 2019. The lead agency will not act on this proposal until the close of the 14-day comment period, which ends December 17, 2019.

The public may submit written comments to:

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