



June 15, 2023

Attn: Linda Walker
NewTowerLinda@outlook.com

RE: Irish RUE Project 2022106177 (22- 116564X1)

Dear Ms. Walker

Below is a response to your letter about the IRISH RUE proposed single-family residence on the .56 - acre Parcel #12913140200 at 7125 LIBBY RD NE, Olympia, WA 98506 with the legal description of Section 13 Township 19 Range 2W SE-SE-NE LESS S 315F LESS N 30F LESS CO RD in Thurston County, Washington (**Figure 1**)

My intention here is to address any concerns that you may have regarding the project.

Your email alleges that the property is under water. There is a small creek that runs through the property, and there is a portion of the property that is subject to seasonal inundation.

I conducted a wetland and stream delineation for the client to provide a map of what areas may or may not be available due to seasonal flooding .

Of course, there was some inadvertent clearing on the property that was conducted without the benefit of permits. Mr. Irish plans to maintain the functions and values of the wetlands on his site. My study was in response to the Notice of Violation Mr. Irish received, and he has set about to rectify the situation in conformance with the requirements set in code. He has retained me to make a mitigation plan to replant most of the cleared areas except for a portion in which he plans to build the single-family residence and standard appurtenances.

You mention that you are concerned with the harm this will cause to the properties. As you may know that the applicant Mr. Irish has applied for a Reasonable Use Exception which requires that the development not harm the property or adjacent properties in the public interest and according to the best available science developed at the time of the Thurston County Critical Areas Codes ratification.

Since the impacts have already occurred to the property, I have been working on an after-the-fact mitigation plan that will mitigate impacts that have occurred on site to wetlands, streams and their buffers. The RUE process is a rigorous review process that is conducted to ensure that we maintain the

functions and values of the wetlands, streams and other critical areas that may be present. The mitigation plan will replant much of the disturbed area with native trees, shrubs and emergent plants, and I have had a great success record of reestablishing wetland and stream buffer functions and values as a practitioner of Wetland Management 20 years. After he is done, the wetland will have better screening, diversity, screening, roughness and aesthetics to name a few of the improvements.

Mr. Irish has installed a new silt fence to prevent discharge of sediment to Waters of the State. The building site will utilized Thurston County approved septic and Thurston County BMP's for stormwater management among other things.

I hope you will welcome him to his new home that he is trying to build.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alex Callender".

Alex Callender MS PWS
Land Services Northwest
360-481-4208



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Attn: Stephen Conner
stephenmconnor@earthlink.net

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Your email alleges that the property has had a stream bulldozed. I am a Wetland professional, and I have conducted a study on the site. I did not find any evidence of this while onsite. The portions of the stream I have observed are somewhat well vegetated as presented in my report and the areas that you have photographed also contain slough sedge which is a native obligate wetland plant common to the area.

Of course there was some inadvertent clearing that was conducted without the benefit of permits that occurred on the property. This plan I have developed will rectify the clearing violation once approved. Mr. Irish plans to maintain the functions of the streams and wetlands as an avid outdoorsman.

My study was in response to the Notice of Violation Mr. Irish received, and he has set about to rectify the situation in conformance with the requirements set in code. He has retained me to make a mitigation plan to replant most of the cleared areas except for a portion in which he plans to build a new single-family residence and standard appurtenances.

The after-the-fact mitigation plan that I have created will mitigate vegetation impacts that have occurred on site to wetland and stream buffers. The RUE process is a rigorous review process that is conducted to ensure that we maintain the functions and values of the wetlands, streams and other critical areas that may be present. The mitigation plan will replant much of the disturbed area with

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