



Thurston County
HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN



Oregon Spotted Frog

A Covered Species

- The Thurston County Habitat Conservation Plan is not just about the Mazama pocket gopher. It will cover a suite of threatened or endangered species which have overlap with development (permitting and capital projects).
- This includes the Oregon spotted frog.
- Changes coming to project reviews and mitigation

Mazama pocket gopher



Oregon spotted frog

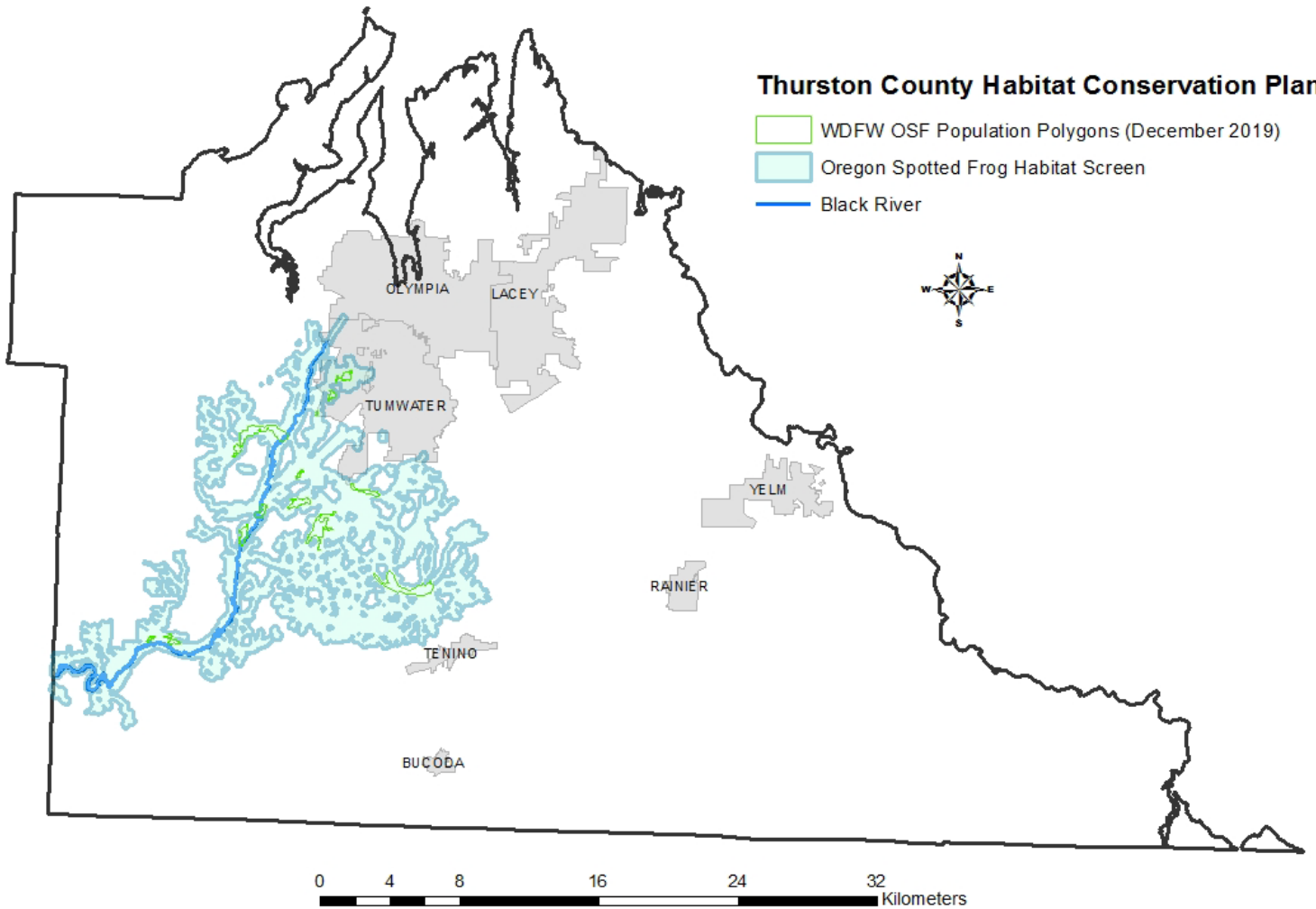


Taylor's checkerspot butterfly

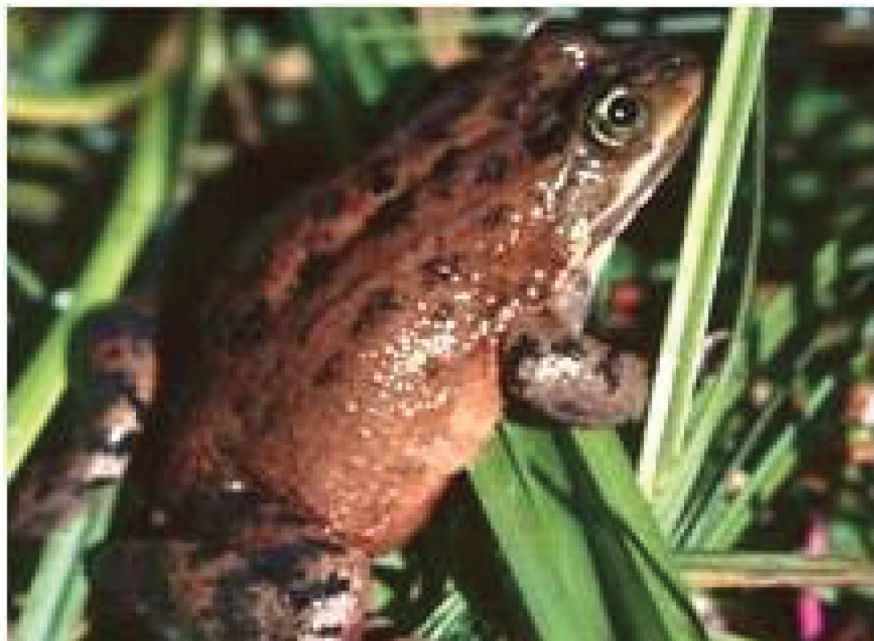


Oregon vesper sparrow





Habitat
Screen



Geodata Viewer – Interactive Map

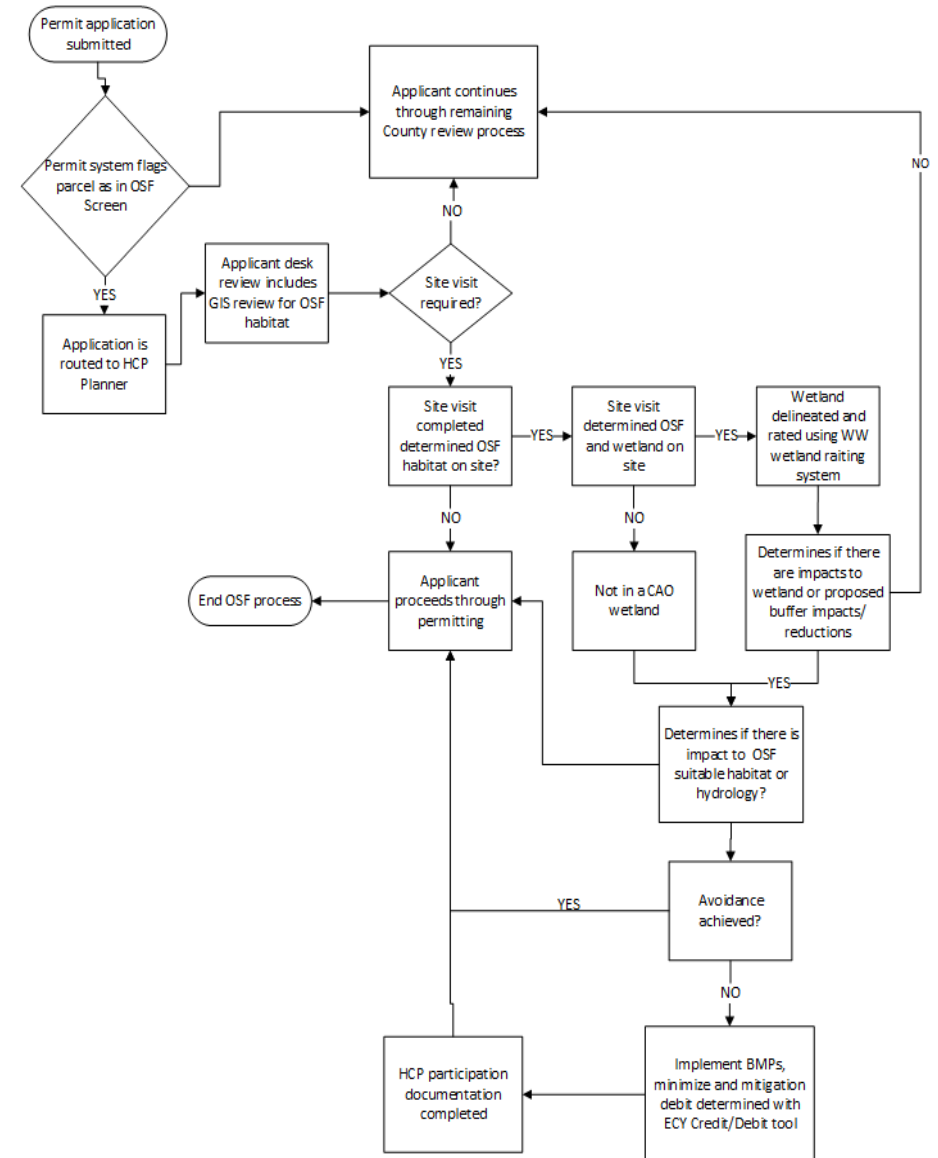
<https://mapping.co.thurston.wa.us/hvw/Index.html?viewer=std#>

Changes in Project Reviews

Projects which fall in the OSF Habitat Screen will need to complete the Habitat Survey Protocol

- On site survey between Jan 1-April 15 to determine if OSF habitat on site
- Follow field evaluation criteria questions (HCP Appendix F)
- Delineate the on-site habitat/wetland
- Score impact area using Ecy Credit-Debit Tool to determine credits needed

Applies to all projects the county has control/ or jurisdiction of including fish passage projects.





Mitigation Options

- Project proponent may secure a Certificate of Inclusion by:
 - paying a Mitigation Fee,
 - dedicating land, or
 - purchasing credits from an independent mitigation bank
- Alternatively a project proponent may obtain a project specific Incidental Take Permit (ITP) from USFWS by developing their own project HCP



For More Information

Website:

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/planning/Pages/hcp.aspx>

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