

November 23, 2021

Andrew Boughan Associate Planner Thurston County

In future correspondence please refer to: Project Tracking Code: 2021-11-08076

Property: Thurston County #2019105986 Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment 222nd Ave

SW Industrial Park

Re: Archaeology - Survey Requested

Dear Mr. Boughan:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and providing documentation regarding the above referenced project. As a result of our review, our professional opinion is that the project area has the potential to contain archaeological resources. The proposed rezone is located in an area determined to be at high to very high risk of containing archaeology according to the DAHP predictive model. In addition, the proposed transition from agricultural to industrial would significantly change the land use, and would destroy any archaeological resources present. Therefore, we recommend a professional archaeological survey of the project area be conducted prior to ground disturbing activities. Ideally this survey will be conducted during the EIS process so that it can inform the decision making. If this is not feasible, then we recommend a survey requirement be placed on the properties as a condition if the rezone is granted.

We also recommend consultation with the concerned Tribes' cultural committees and staff regarding cultural resource issues.

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the SHPO in conformance with Washington State law. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project and we look forward to receiving the survey report and/or updates on the EIS process. Please ensure that the DAHP Project Number (a.k.a. Project Tracking Code) is shared with any hired cultural resource consultants and is attached to any communications or submitted reports. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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