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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE
METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL**

SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources and Parks file no. **E16CT023**
Proposed ordinance no. **2016-0562**
Parcel no. **1426079068**

ESTERA TAMAS

Open Space Taxation Application (Public Benefit Rating System)

Location: 348XX NE 147th Street, Duvall

Applicant: **Estera Tamas**
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King County: Department of Natural Resources and Parks
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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| Department's Recommendation: | Approve 19.23 acres for 20% of market value |
| Examiner's Recommendation: | Approve 19.23 acres for 20% of market value |

PRELIMINARY REPORT:

On December 28, 2016, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) submitted its report on file no. E16CT023 to the Examiner.

PUBLIC HEARING:

After reviewing the preliminary report and examining available information on file with the application, the Examiner conducted a public hearing on the application on January 10, 2017, in the Ginger Conference Room, 12th Floor, King County Courthouse, 516 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington. The Examiner received the affidavit of notice publication on January 3, 2017.

Participants at the public hearing and the exhibits offered and entered are listed in the attached minutes. A verbatim recording of the hearing is available in the Hearing Examiner's Office.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

1. General Information:

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| Owner: | Estera Tamas 2009 196th Street SE Unit B201 Bothell, WA 98012 |
| Location: | 348XX NE 147th Street, Duvall |
| STR: | SE 14-26-07 |
| Zoning: | F |
| Parcel no.: | 1426079068 |
| Total acreage: | 19.93 acres |

2. The Applicant timely filed an application to King County for PBRS program current use valuation of the property to begin in 2018. As required by law, notification of the application occurred.

3. A summary of relevant PBRS categories follows below. (Plain text represents a category an applicant requested an award for and that DNRP agrees is warranted. Any ~~striketrough~~ represents a category an applicant requested an award for but that DNRP disagrees is warranted. Any *italics* represents a category an applicant did not request an award for, but that DNRP nonetheless concludes is warranted. And any *asterisks* represent a category where DNRP finds an award is warranted, but only if certain contingencies or conditions are met.)

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| PBRS categories: | <u>Open Space Resources</u> Public recreation area Aquifer protection area <i>Buffer to public or current use classified land</i> 3 <u>Equestrian pedestrian bicycle trail linkage</u> |
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| Active trail linkage | |
| Farm and agricultural conservation land | |
| *Forest stewardship land* | * |
| <i>Rural open space</i> | 5 |
| Scenic resource, viewpoint or view corridor | |
| <i>Significant wildlife or salmonid habitat</i> | 5 |
| <i>Surface water quality buffer</i> | 5 |
| Watershed protection area | 5 |
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| <u>Bonus Categories</u> | |
| Resource restoration | 5 |
| Additional surface water quality buffer | |
| Easement and access | |
| | 28 |

The DNRP-recommended score of 28 points results in a current use valuation of 20% of market value for the enrolled portion of the property. Additional credit may be awarded administratively under the forest stewardship land category subject to submittal of a forest stewardship plan by **June 2, 2017**, and subsequent approval by **August 1, 2017**. Award of credit under this category would increase the point total by 5 points; such an increase would have no direct effect on the current use valuation for the enrolled portion of the property, but it could allow for permitting forestry activities in the enrolled portions of the property.

4. As to the land area recommended for PBRS enrollment, the Applicant requested 19.90 acres and DNRP recommends 19.23 acres. (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.)
5. Except as modified herein, the facts set forth in DNRP’s preliminary report and testimony at the January 10, 2017, public hearing are correct and incorporated herein by reference. Copies of this report and DNRP’s report will be provided to the Metropolitan King County Council for final approval.
6. Approval, pursuant to the Public Benefit Rating System adopted by Chapter 20.36 KCC, of 8 points and a current use valuation of 20% of market value for 19.23 acres of the property and conditional approval of 5 additional points, is consistent 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.
7. The subject property is currently enrolled in the Timber Land program. Any open space taxation participation agreement signed as a result of approval of this application should be worded to supersede any prior agreement for the parcel.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. APPROVE current use valuation of 20% of market value for the 19.23-acre enrolled portion of the property.
2. CONDITIONALLY APPROVE additional credit under the forest stewardship land category, to be awarded administratively, if the Applicants submit a forest stewardship plan by **June 2, 2017**, and that plan is approved by **August 1, 2017**; the current use valuation and enrolled acreage would not be impacted.

DATED January 23, 2017.



David Spohr
Hearing Examiner

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

A person appeals an Examiner recommendation by following the steps described in KCC 20.22.230, including filing with the Clerk of the Council a sufficient appeal statement and a \$250 appeal fee (check payable to the King County FBOD). Appeal statements may refer only to facts contained in the hearing record; new facts may not be presented on appeal. KCC 20.22.230 also requires that the appellant provide copies of the appeal statement to the Examiner and to any named parties listed on the front page of the Examiner's recommendation.

Prior to the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on *February 16, 2017*, an electronic copy of the appeal statement must be sent to Clerk.Council@kingcounty.gov and a paper copy of the appeal statement must be delivered to the Clerk of the Council's Office, Room 1200, King County Courthouse, 516 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98104. Prior mailing is not sufficient if actual receipt by the Clerk does not occur within the applicable time period. If the Office of the Clerk is not officially open on the specified closing date, delivery prior to the close of business on the next business day is sufficient to meet the filing requirement.

Unless both a timely and sufficient appeal statement and filing fee are filed by *February 16, 2017*, the Clerk of the Council shall place on the agenda of the next available Council meeting a proposed ordinance implementing the Examiner's recommended action. At that meeting the Council may adopt the Examiner's recommendation, defer action, refer the matter to a Council committee, or remand to the Examiner for further hearing or further consideration.

If a timely and sufficient appeal statement and filing fee are filed by *February 16, 2017*, the Examiner will notify all parties and interested persons and provide information about "next steps."

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2017, HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF ESTERA TAMAS, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND PARKS FILE NO. E16CT023.

David Spohr was the Hearing Examiner in this matter. Bill Bernstein participated in the hearing on behalf of the department.

The following exhibits were offered and entered into the hearing record:

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| Exhibit no. 1 | <i>Not submitted</i> |
| Exhibit no. 2 | <i>Not submitted</i> |
| Exhibit no. 3 | <i>Not submitted</i> |
| Exhibit no. 4 | DNRP report to the Hearing Examiner |
| Exhibit no. 5 | Affidavit of publication |
| Exhibit no. 6 | Notice of hearing from the Hearing Examiner's Office |
| Exhibit no. 7 | Notice of hearing from the PBRs program |
| Exhibit no. 8 | Legal notice and introductory ordinance to the King County Council |
| Exhibit no. 9 | Application signed/notarized |
| Exhibit no. 10 | <i>Reserved for: Legal description of area to be enrolled</i> |
| Exhibit no. 11 | Email to applicant regarding received application and approval schedule |
| Exhibit no. 12 | Arcview and orthophoto/aerial map |
| Exhibit no. 13 | <i>Reserved for: Forest stewardship plan</i> |

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