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Short Family Farm Jefferson County, Washington

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RE: Short Family Farm
Chimacum, Washington Port Townsend, Washington 98368

Ladies and Gentlemen:
In fulfilment of our agreement we are pleased to transmit herewith our summary appraisal report, covering the before and after easement values of the Short Family Farm.

The most reasonable estimate of the market value of the subject property, as of the effective date of this appraisal, January 29, 2015, before the conservation easement, is $\$ 1,590,000$. The value of the 265 acres after the easement is $\$ 740,000$. Therefore, the value of the easement is $\$ 850,000$.

The date of value is January 29, 2015.
Our market value opinions are qualified by certain definitions, limiting conditions, assumptions, and certifications, which are set forth on pages 1 and 24 of the appraisal report.

We inspected and photographed the subject property with the land owner on October 10, 2014. We took aerial photographs of the subject and comparable sale properties on November 17, 2014.

This report was prepared for and our professional fee billed to the Jefferson Land Trust.
This appraisal is intended for use by the client, Jefferson Land Trust; Jefferson County; Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office; and the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource and Conservation Service.

The intended use of this appraisal is to assist Jefferson Land Trust; Jefferson County; Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office; and the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource and Conservation Service in their determination of the effect on market value of the property rights acquired via a proposed conservation easement. This report is not intended for any other use.

It may not be distributed to or relied upon by others without our written permission.
If you have any questions regarding this appraisal report, please contact us at (360) 928-3341.
Sincerely,
goon V. Heller
John V. Halberg, MAI


Greg V. Halberg

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## Certificate of Appraisal:

The undersigned does hereby certify that, except as otherwise noted in this appraisal report:

1. The statements of fact contained in this report are true and correct.
2. The reported analyses, opinions and conclusions are limited only by the reported assumptions and limiting conditions, and are our personal, unbiased, professional analyses, opinions and conclusions.
3. The appraisers have no present or prospective interest in the property that is the subject of this report, and no personal interest or bias with respect to the parties involved.
4. Compensation is not contingent upon the reporting of a predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client, the amount of the value estimate, the attainment of a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event. - TLT only have \$850,000
5. Our analyses, opinions and conclusions were developed, and this report has been prepared, in conformity with the Appraisal Foundation's Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. This appraisal was made and conclusions were developed in conformity with the requirements of the Code of Professional Ethics and the Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice of the Appraisal Institute.
6. There is 2 other
7. No one provided significant professional assistance to the persons signing this report. appraisers. after month
8. This report is subject to the requirements of the Appraisal Institute relating to review by its duly authorized cp w, th representatives.
9. As of the date of this report, John V. Halberg, MAI, has completed the requirements of the continuing education program of the Appraisal Institute.
10. Disclosure of the contents of this appraisal report is governed by the By-laws and regulations of the Appraisal Institute.
11. Neither all nor any part of the contents of this report (especially any conclusions as to value, the identity of the appraiser or the firm with which he is connected, or any reference to the Appraisal Institute or to the MAI designation) shall be disseminated to the public through advertising media, public relations media, news media, sales media or any other public means of communication without the prior written consent and approval of the undersigned.
12. As of the date of this report, Greg V. Halberg has completed the Standards and Ethics Education Requirement of the Appraisal Institute for Associate Members.
13. Greg Halberg and John Halberg made a personal inspection of the appraised property which is the subject of this report and all comparable sales used in developing the opinion of value. The date of inspection was October 10, 2014, and the method of inspection was personal observation. The property owner was present during our initial inspection.
14. In our opinion, as of January 29, 2015, the market value of the subject before conveyance of the partial interest was $\$ 1,590,000$ and the market value of the remainder after conveyance of the partial interest was $\$ 740,000$.

Dated: January 29, 2015


John V. Halberg, MAI
Washington State Certification \#1100640

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Greg V. Halberg Washington State Certification \#1102178

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## Summary of Salient Facts and Conclusions.

- The Short Family Farm consists of approximately $\mathbf{2 6 5}$ acres of land in eight separate parcels within Sections 8, 23, and 24, Township 28 North, Range 2 West, W.M., Jefferson County, Washington.
- Before the easement is in place, there are eight contiguous parcels that could be sold separately.
- Before the conservation easement, the highest and most profitable use for which the property is adaptable and needed or likely to be needed in the reasonably near future is for sale as eight separate residential parcels with supplemental agricultural use consistent with the intent of Jefferson County Prime Agricultural zoning.
- The contributory value of the improvements is the same before and after the conservation easement.
- The market value of the $\mathbf{2 6 5}$ acres of land being appraised before the conservation easement is \$1,590,000.
- The proposed conservation easement has the effect of combining the eight agriculturally zoned parcels, including the improvements, into one $\mathbf{2 6 5}$ acre parcel.
- The market value of the $\mathbf{2 6 5}$ acres of land being appraised after the conservation easement is \$740,000.
- The effective date of this appraisal is January 29, 2015.
- We have placed primary reliance on the sales comparison approach.
- The income capitalization approach is not directly applicable in this appraisal report. Income from leases for agricultural use and rental of the homes is not the highest and best use. Any farm income that a potential buyer would achieve would not be the primary reason for the purchase of the property. Derivatives of the income approach have been considered to test the reasonableness of the market value indication found in the sales comparison approach.
- The cost approach is not applicable to this appraisal report.
- The value of the easement is $\$ 850,000$.


## Photographs of Subject Property.

Oblique aerial photos were taken by John Halberg on November 17, 2014. Ground photos were taken by Greg Halberg or John Halberg on October 10, 2014. Vertical aerial photos were taken in 2013 and were copied from the Jefferson County website.




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Picture location reference


Looking north at the Short Farm, approximate outline in yellow.


## Looking westerly at Short Farm.



Looking northeasterly.


Picture 1: Looking northwesterly from Center Road


Picture 2: Looking southwesterly from Center Road.


Picture 3 and 4: Looking northwesterly (above) and west (below) from the southeast corner of the Short Farm.



Pictures 5 and 6: Looking easterly (above) and northeasterly (below) from southwest corner of subject property.



Pictures 7 and 8: Looking northeasterly from the western portion of the subject.



Picture 9: Looking westerly across Chimacum Creek at the primary agricultural improvements area of the Subject Property.


Picture 10: One of several man-made ponds on the subject property.


Picture 11 and 12: Looking southeasterly from the northwest corner of the subject property with access from West Valley Road.


Picture 13: Mountain view looking west from subject.


Picture 14: Looking westerly at gravel and sand mining area.


Figure 1 Jefferson County critical areas map, showing the majority of the property would be within critical areas or buffer.

The following pages are from Olympic Wetland Resources with a more detailed analysis of wetland critical areas.





## Statement of Assumptions and Limiting Conditions

## Hypothetical Condition:

- The "after condition" value is based on the hypothetical condition that the conservation easement is in place and the effects on value that may be created.
- The value of the improvements will remain the same before and after the imposition of the easement.


## Extraordinary Assumptions:

- This appraisal is using the extraordinary assumption based on Olympic Wetland Resources' work that will allow more development potential than the current Jefferson County maps.
- We assume that there will be no material changes in the stipulations and conditions of the proposed conservation easement between the draft document and the recorded document.


## Underlying Assumptions and Contingent Conditions:

The appraiser assumes:
That any legal descriptions furnished are correct.
That the title of the property is good.
That the property will be managed efficiently and maintained properly.
That any plans furnished are correct.
That a use permit will be issued consistent with the highest and best use of the property.
This appraisal report is submitted subject to the following contingent conditions:
That no guarantee is made, nor liability assumed for inaccuracies or errors in estimates or opinions identified in this report as being furnished by others.
That no survey of the property has been made by your appraiser and no liability is assumed on matters of a legal character affecting the property, such as title defects, overlapping boundaries, etc.
Any sketches in this report are included to assist the reader in visualizing the property.
Testimony or attendance in court is not required by reason of this appraisal, with reference to the property in question, unless arrangements have previously been made therefore.
This report, or any parts thereof, may not be reproduced in any form without permission of the appraiser.

## Hazardous Materials:

Unless otherwise stated in this report, the existence of hazardous material, which may or may not be present on or in the subject property, was not observed by the appraiser. The appraiser has no knowledge of the existence of such materials on or in the property. The appraiser, however, is not qualified to detect such substances. The presence of substances such as asbestos, urea-formaldehyde foam insulation or other potentially hazardous materials may affect the value of the property.

Our market value estimate is predicated on the assumption that there is no such material on or in the property that would cause a loss in value. No responsibility is assumed for any such conditions, or for any expertise or engineering knowledge required to discover them. The client is urged to retain an expert in this field, if desired.

## Scope of the Appraisal

The scope of work for this partial acquisition appraisal assignment included a personal inspection of the subject, and an analysis of the highest and best use of the subject property, before and after the proposed easement. The principle difference between the before and after condition is the extinction of development rights on the agricultural 265 acres.
John Halberg and Greg Halberg inspected the property on October 10, 2014. Roger Short accompanied us on our inspection. Greg Halberg inspected the property with Dixie Llewellin on October 27, 2014.
Greg Halberg and John Halberg conducted an aerial reconnaissance of the subject and comparable sales on November 17, 2014.
We conducted an analysis of comparable sales of similar properties in Jefferson County over the past six years.
Market data was researched using Real Market Data, a database of sales for Jefferson and Clallam counties, and conversations with Realtors and others active in the residential market in the market area. Comparable sale properties of similar land in eastern Jefferson County have been weighted more heavily in our analysis. Comparable sale properties in other parts of Clallam and Jefferson Counties and western Washington have also been considered.

Comparable sales selected were confirmed to the extent possible with one or more parties to the transaction. All comparable sales used in our analysis were inspected by the appraisers.

The cost approach has not been applied because the contributory value of the improvements is the same before and after the easement.
We researched various agricultural leases in the Chimacum area, particularly as they relate to the after easement condition of the subject.

The report format is intended to satisfy requirements of the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP). Therefore, the appraisal report complies with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP).

## Purpose of This Appraisal:

The purpose of this appraisal is to provide an opinion of the market value, as defined below, of the subject property, as of January 29, 2015, before acquisition of a conservation easement (before value), and an opinion of market value of the subject property remaining after the proposed conservation easement has been placed (after value) as of the current date in a report format that complies with the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP).

## Intended Users Of This Appraisal:

This appraisal is intended for use by the client, Jefferson Land Trust; Jefferson County; the State of Washington, acting through and by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO); and by the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource and Conservation Service.

## Intended Use Of This Appraisal:

The intended use of this appraisal is to assist Jefferson Land Trust; Jefferson County; and the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource and Conservation Service in their determination of the effect on market value of the property rights acquired via a proposed conservation easement. This appraisal is not intended for any other use.

## Personal Property:

The valuation of the subject property involves the value of real property only and includes no personal property, trade fixtures, or intangible items.

## Property Rights Appraised:

This appraisal is made with the understanding that the present ownership of the property includes all the rights that may be lawfully owned and is, therefore, title in fee simple. The rights include surface rights, including improvements such as homes, barns, hay sheds and fencing, timber, orchards or other permanent plantings, and any irrigation water rights.
After the conservation easement is in place, various rights will be vested in the Jefferson Land Trust as described in a later section of this appraisal report.

## Definition of Market Value:

Market Value is defined in the Specifications for Real Property for the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program, as follows:
"Market Value means the most probable price which a property should bring in a competitive and open market under all condition requisite to a fair sale, the buyer and seller each acting prudently and knowledgably, and assuming the price is not affected by undue stimulus. Implicit in this definition is the consummation of a sale as of a specified date and the passing of title from seller to buyer under conditions whereby-

- Buyer and seller are typically motivated.
- Both parties are well informed or well advised and acting in what they consider their own best interests.
- A reasonable time is allowed for exposure to the open market.
- Payment is made in terms of cash in U.S. dollars or in terms of financial arrangement comparable thereto.
- The price represents the normal considerations for the property sold unaffected by special or creative financing or sales concessions granted by anyone associated with the sale."


## Summary of Appraisal Problems:

The purpose of this appraisal is to estimate the market value of the 265 acre subject property before and after the imposition of a conservation easement. This appraisal assignment presented several unique problems.

- The exact number of possible development rights cannot be determined without a specific proposal presented to Jefferson County planners. There are currently eight legally separate parcels. The current (AP20) zoning allows thirteen homesites. Using a cluster development option could allow up to 19 with two $20 \%$ density bonuses.
- Although the property is zoned for agricultural use, income from farming does not generally provide enough income to support the current market prices for agricultural land. Thus, most agriculturally zoned land has a highest and best use as residential.
- Relatively few properties with similar characteristics as the subject have sold in the market area. Specifically, there have been no sales of similar size agricultural land. Other properties of similar size are primarily timberland, with a completely separate set of economic characteristics, including less likely that the highest and best use is residential.
- The most recent sales of large tracts of land in the area involved conservation entities. Although appraisals based on market value were required for those purchases, they may not reflect typical motivation.
- Very few properties with existing conservation easements have sold, and those that have sold have significant differences with the subject.
- The subject has historically supplemented the farm income by selling peat, sand, and manure. The conservation easement will prohibit this activity in the future. Because this is a unique feature of this property and its historic use, accurately valuing this contribution to the total farm operation cannot be based on any comparable sale data.


## Legal Description:

The property being appraised is included in the conservation easement included in the addenda.

## Area, City, and Neighborhood Data:

The Short Family Farm is located in eastern Jefferson County, on the North Olympic Peninsula, in the State of Washington. The market area comprises primarily agricultural areas south from Port Townsend to Quilcene. The east boundary of the market area is Hood Canal and Puget Sound. The west boundary is the Olympic Mountains, but could include agricultural areas of eastern Clallam County.

The area enjoys mild weather, little rainfall due to the Olympic rain shadow, views of the Olympic Mountains, and easy access to mountains, rivers, and saltwater.

Land use in the market area includes residences generally on lots of five acres or larger, some agricultural land, and timber land.


In our opinion, other agricultural areas in northwest Washington such as Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, and Island counties have significantly different physical, economic, and transportation characteristics and do not compare well with the subject.
The 2014 population of Jefferson County was 30,700 , an increase of $1.4 \%$ from 2013. This area has experienced $15.1 \%$ growth in population from 2000 to 2010 , greater than the state as a whole. This trend is expected to continue. Medical facilities, churches and shopping are found about eight miles north of the subject property in the town of Port Townsend, population 9,355.

The general neighborhood includes an unincorporated area of Jefferson County surrounding Chimacum. The subject is located 1.7 miles south of Chimacum.

Center Road is a major county road connecting Chimacum with Quilcene and Highway 101.
Highway 101 is a major US highway connecting the Olympic Peninsula to Olympia and the southern Puget Sound region. However, as it winds around Hood Canal, it is a slow road.

The unincorporated town of Chimacum consists of Chimacum K-12 Schools, and some neighborhood convenience stores and gas stations, including a recently opened local farm store.

Within the market area there are several areas where agriculture has been an historic use.
The Olympic Peninsula has seen a resurgence of agricultural production, particularly in the Dungeness and Chimacum areas. The local food movement has provided a market for locally grown organic agricultural products as well as regional export to the greater Puget Sound area. In the Chimacum area several organic farms are in existence. Some examples are the 160 acre Glendale Farm, which raises organic Black Angus beef; the Red Dog Farm, which began operation in the spring of 2008 as an organic row crop farm on 23.10 acres; the Sunfield Farm School, a private school on a working farm located between Port Townsend and Chimacum; Finn River Farm, an organic blueberry and fruit operation adjacent to the south of the subject, as well as several other farms operating on 5 to 160 acres.

The majority of the agricultural land is centered near Chimacum, but other areas also have working farms. The area has a history of agricultural use and much of the valley is designated prime farmland by Natural Resources Conservation Service's Soil Survey of Jefferson County, Washington.

In our opinion, the market for agricultural land is local. The geographic isolation, transportation costs, high residential land values, and lack of agricultural infrastructure make development of industrial scale agriculture very unlikely. Most agricultural parcels are purchased by individuals who first decide they want to live on the Olympic Peninsula, and then find the right property, which almost always includes the right to build a home.
The aerial photographs show the relationship between the subject property and other neighborhood land uses.

## Economic Impact on property being appraised:

Market Conditions: The period from 2008 to 2010 was tumultuous in the national, regional, and local real estate market. Much of the population growth in the market area is driven by retirees, and national trends have made retiring more difficult. The number of sales of residential land has diminished over the past year. Overall, according to a recent article in the Peninsula Daily News, the local market is recovering from a significant slump. However, certain scarce properties, with characteristics such as view and waterfront, appear to have held their value during that time. Agricultural properties also appear to have held value, although the relative lack of sales makes positive conclusions difficult.

As the national economy continues to recover, we expect sales to increase and prices to remain stable.
Analyzing recent sales similar to the subject indicates that large agricultural properties in eastern Jefferson County have maintained a consistent value over the past five years. This is due to the general scarcity of similar properties, and the fact that relatively few sales have occurred. Generally buyers who purchase similar properties anticipate a long term commitment.
In our opinion, the available data does not support an adjustment for market conditions, and agricultural land prices appear to be relatively stable from late 2006 to the present.

## Site Description:

In the before condition the subject consists of 265 acres in eight parcels.
The parcels are summarized in the following table:

| Parcel | Size | Zoning | Homesites | Mapped Critical Areas |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 901224001 | 61.52 | AP | 3 |  |
| 901233011 | 30.31 | AP | 1.5 | All wetland |
| 901233008 | 3.24 | AP | 1 |  |
| 901233005 | 4.74 | AP | 1 |  |
| 901233002 | 41.71 | AP | 2 | $80 \%$ wetland |
| 901233010 | 16.63 | AP | 1 |  |
| 901262002 | 51.27 | AP | 2.5 | Almost all wetland |
| 901262003 | 59.01 | AL | 3 |  |
| total | 265 |  | $14(10)$ |  |

Access to the property is from Center Road. Access is also available from West Valley Road which forms a portion of the west boundary of the property.
Topography is best described as a low, flat valley. The ridge on the east side is about 190 feet elevation. The west ridge varies from a high of 210 feet in the northern corner to about 185 feet in the southern corner. The center of the valley is 120 feet.
The topography allows for a view of the Olympic Mountains from the eastern portion of the property, and a pastoral view of the Chimacum Valley and farmland from the western portion of the property.
The property is divided by Chimacum Creek, a Class II salmon bearing stream that flows from south to north through the property.
Most of the property is designated critical areas by Jefferson County. Wetlands comprise the majority of the valley floor, mostly along Chimacum Creek and the northwestern portion. This portion of the property is often seasonally flooded during the winter.

Seismic soils are contained on nearly the remaining portion of the property. Only a portion of parcel 901-224-001 is free of critical area restrictions.
Power and telephone are available along Center Road and West Valley Road and is connected to the property.
Water is available from two private wells. Rights to the water are established since April 27, 1956. The water right usage "shall not exceed 550 gallons per minute, 600 acre feet per year for the irrigation of 200 acres and for domestic supply." The water right certificate is attached in the appendix.
According to Roger Short, there are currently enough homes using the water from the wells that a water system should be required, although there is not one in place at this time. The latest thinking is that the most effective solution is to dig more wells. The water quantity is more than adequate for the existing domestic and irrigation use, and could reasonably be expected to provide for additional homesites as allowed by current zoning.
There are three existing man made ponds on the property that were previously used as manure ponds when the property was used as a dairy. The ponds now provide an attractive visual amenity as well as habitat for waterfowl. The Washington Fish and Wildlife has an agreement with the Shorts to provide hunting access, including disabled access and hunting opportunities.
Sewage is treated by septic systems.
The soils on the property are as follows:
$\mathrm{Se}=$ Semiahmoo muck (predominant) prime farmland if drained
$\mathrm{Sh}=$ Semiahmoo muck, moderately shallow variant prime farmland if drained
So= Snohomish silty clay loam prime farmland if drained
EvC= Everett gravelly sandy loam
$\mathrm{SnC}=$ Sinclair gravelly sandy loam farmland of statewide importance
$\mathrm{KsD}=$ Kitsap gravelly loam (west side of Center Rd.) farmland of statewide importance
$\mathrm{StB}=$ Swantown gravelly sandy loam
$\mathrm{AlC}=$ Alderwood gravelly sandy loam farmland of statewide importance
$\mathrm{CfC}=$ Cassolary sandy loam farmland of statewide importance
The farm has historically combined sandy soils, cow manure, and peat to create "Magic Dirt" for sale, primarily within Jefferson County. The "Magic Dirt" is a mix of $45 \%$ compost, $45 \%$ peat, and $10 \%$ sand, although different ratios are available. Income from this has been an important aspect of the total farm revenue.

Total sales of "Magic Soil" are about 3,300 yards per year at $\$ 21.10$ which is $\$ 69,630$ gross sales, according to Roger Short. The expenses involved from the peat mining are very difficult to separate from the larger operation of the farm.

According to Ryan Skov (360-902-1433) at the Washington DNR, disturbances less than 3 acres do not require any permit process for peat mining. Roger Short reports that the disturbed area for peat mining is less than two acres, with about 1,500 yards harvested per year with a value of $\$ 10$ per yard before processing and mixing with compost.

Using a $7 \%$ rate for the $\$ 15,000$ annual value of peat indicates a value of $\$ 214,268$. Ultimately, the highest and best use of the property as eight or more individual parcels would limit or curtail the active combined "Magic Dirt" production. Therefore, we have given the value of the peat operation very little weight in our analysis.

901224001 "VALLEY VIEW N\&L FAM TRUST ET AL" 3 possible residential parcels SE $1 / 4$ S22 T29N R1W
$\mathrm{O} / \mathrm{S} \mathrm{Ag}$ [incl. bldgs.]
$\mathrm{AV}=\$ 186,560$
2010 tax $=\$ 125$
61 ac
901233002 VALLEY VIEW N\&L FAM TRUST ET AL 2 possible residential parcels ( $\mathbf{8 0 \%}$ wetland on map)
$\mathrm{O} / \mathrm{S} \mathrm{Ag}$ [incl. house, barn]
$\mathrm{AV}=\$ 338,485$, incl. $\$ 148,855$ of improvements $+\$ 26,500$ of imp. land
2010 tax $=\$ 1406$
40 ac
901233005 VALLEY VIEW N\&L FAM TRUST ET AL 1 possible residential parcel
SW 1/4 S23 T29N R1W
$\mathrm{O} / \mathrm{S} \mathrm{Ag}$
$\mathrm{AV}=\$ 16,745$
2010 tax $=\$ 54$
4.9 ac

901233008 VALLEY VIEW N\&L FAM TRUST ET AL 1 possible residential parcel? (all wetland on map)
S23 T29 R1W
$\mathrm{O} / \mathrm{S} \mathrm{Ag}$
$\mathrm{AV}=\$ 9720$
$2010 \operatorname{tax}=\$ 10$
3.2 ac

901233010 Roger Short 1 possible residential parcel
SW $1 / 4$ S23 T29N R1W
$\mathrm{O} / \mathrm{S} \mathrm{Ag}$ [includes house(s?) \& barn]
$\mathrm{AV}=\$ 205,255$
2010 tax $=\$ 825$
16 ac
901233011 Roger Short 1.5 possible residential parcels (all wetland on map)
SW $1 / 4$ S23 T29N R1W
O/S Ag
$\mathrm{AV}=\$ 68,200$
2010 tax $=\$ 57$
30.3 ac

901262002 Roger Short 2.5 possible residential parcels (almost all wetland on map)
NW1/4 S26 T29N R1W
$\mathrm{O} / \mathrm{S} \mathrm{Ag}$ [has barns]
AV=\$203,625
2010 tax $=\$ 514$
50.5 ac
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901262003 Roger Short 3 possible residential parcels
NW 1/4 S26 T29N R1W
O/S Ag
$\mathrm{AV}=\$ 227,385$
2010 tax $=\$ 81$
59 ac
8 parcels, 265 acres total
Short: 155.8 ac
VVFT: 109.1 ac
264.9 total


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Parcel \#901 262003 S 26 T29RIW 59.01 Acres


Approximate Wetland Edge Findings During Assessment


## Description of Improvements:

The subject is improved with three houses and several agricultural outbuildings, as shown in the photographs in Section 6.

The value of the improvements will remain the same before and after the imposition of the easement. Some of the agricultural improvements may be more than necessary for a smaller farm if developed, but that is often the case with such agricultural properties in the market area, and does not affect the value. Therefore we have not included the improvements in our value conclusion. This is a hypothetical condition that the improvements do not exist.

Power and telephone is available to the residential as well as the agricultural buildings.
Water is provided through two private wells. Water from the existing well is used for the existing agricultural and residential uses, including residences outside of the appraisal area. The water volume has been adequate for the existing uses. Servicing more residences would require upgrades and treatment, or new wells.
According to Roger Short a public water purification system is already required for the existing uses. ? Such a system is in the planning stages, but not yet operational. Alternatively, new wells could be dug to accommodate future water use.

## Fixtures:

The valuation of the subject property involves the value of real property only and includes no personal property, trade fixtures, or intangible items.

## Use History:

The subject property has historically been used for agricultural purposes.

## Sales History:

The subject property is currently owned by Roger and Sandy Short, husband and wife, and the Valley View Trust, the principle members are the Short family. The property was purchased in the 1930'

## Rental History:

The subject property has not been rented to our knowledge.


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Sale 6 from Highway 101


Looking westerly at a portion of Sale 6.


Sale 6 from Cemetery Road looking east.


Looking North from Cemetery Road.

## COMPARABLE LAND SALE 7:

Summary of Location:
Proximity to Subject Property: Within one mile north.
Legal Description:

Assessor's Parcel:
Center Road. retained in appraiser's files.

Portions of the R.S. Robinson Donation Land Claim No. 40 situated in the West half of Section 14, Township 29 North, Range 1 West, W.M., Jefferson County, Washington. Complete legal description is being

## SALE DATA:

| Sale Date | September 27, 2011. | Sale Price | $\$ 296,889$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Instrument | Warranty Deed. | Auditor's File No. | 562517 |
| Sellers | JLT Resources, LLC |  |  |
| Purchaser | Karyn L. Williams, an unmarried person. |  |  |
| Confirmation | Sarah Spaeth at JLT Resources, LLC. |  |  |

## SITE DATA:

Land Area 23.10 acres. Utilities Water, phone, electricity.
Access Center Road.

Description Agricultural land parcel with frontage along Center Road.
Zoning
Analysis Land is encumbered by a conservation easement. $\$ 296,889$ for 23.10 acres or $\$ 12,852$ per acre. The price included some improvements; the land value was $\$ 275,000$, indicating a land value of $\$ 11,905$. This property has an excellent location, 589 feet frontage along Center Road, about 800 feet frontage along Chimacum Creek, and a potential building envelope of about two acres. The purchaser has since constructed a home and various agricultural buildings.
Previous purchase September 2007 for $\$ 275,000$.





## COMPARABLE LAND SALE 4:

Summary of Location:
Proximity to Subject Property:
Legal Description:

Legal Description:

## Assessor's Parcel:

Coyle Peninsula.
About 15 miles south.
Portions of the R.S. Robinson Donation Land Claim No. 40 situated in the West half of Section 14, Township 29 North, Range 1 West, W.M., Jefferson County, Washington. Complete legal description is being retained in appraiser's files.

701-201-003 and 701-291-001.

## SALE DATA:

| Sale Date | December 20, 2012. | Sale Price | \$1,300,000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Instrument | Warranty Deed. | Auditor's File No. | 572317 |
| Sellers | The Nature Conservancy. |  |  |
| Purchaser | State of Washington DNR. |  |  |
| Confirmation | Glen Cole, appraiser for the DNR. |  |  |
| SITE DATA: |  |  |  |
| Land Area | 263.32 acres. | Utilities Along R | Along Road. |
| Access | Lindsay Hill Road. |  |  |
| Description | Timberland being conserved for salmon restoration. |  |  |
| Zoning | Commercial Forest 1:80. |  |  |
| Analysis | \$1,300,000 for 263.32 acres or \$4,937 per acre. |  |  |



## COMPARABLE LAND SALE 5:

Summary of Location: Center Road, Chimacum.
Proximity to Subject Property: Within one mile north.
Legal Description:
Assessor's Parcel:
SALE DATA:

| Sale Date | May 7, 2012. | Sale Price | $\$ 365,000$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Instrument | Warranty Deed. | Auditor's File No. | 567106 |
| Sellers | Terry L Persun |  |  |
| Purchaser | 3035 Chippewa LLC. |  |  |
| Confirmation | Public records. |  |  |

## SITE DATA:

Land Area 20.87 acres Utilities Water, phone, electricity.

Description Agricultural land parcel.
Zoning AR 20.
Analysis $\quad \$ 365,000$ for 20.87 acres. The property is improved with a 1,464 square foot house with a full sized basement. In total the house includes 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, and 2,928 square feet. It was built in 1977. The Jefferson County assessor valued the improvements at $\$ 264,892$, $(\$ 90.47$ per square foot) and the land at $\$ 169,415$, for a total of $\$ 434,307$, which was $\$ 69,307$ more than the sales price. Marshall and Swift replacement cost new adjusted for Jefferson County indicates $\$ 90.95$ per square foot and $\$ 41.92$ for the basement for a total of $\$ 194,525$. Assuming 25\% depreciation indicates a value of $\$ 145,894$, and a land value therefore of $\$ 219,106$ for 20.87 acres which is $\$ 10,498$ per acre.

## Assessed Value and Annual Tax Load:

The 2013 assessed value and taxes are enumerated in the table below:

| Parcel | Size | Improvement <br> Value | Improv <br> ed land | Unimprov <br> ed land | Total <br> Value | Taxable <br> Value | Tax <br> Amount |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 901224001 | 61.52 | $\$ 2000$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 184,560$ | $\$ 139,595$ | $\$ 15,842$ | $\$ 168.76$ |
| 901233011 | 30.31 | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 68,198$ | $\$ 68,198$ | $\$ 6,820$ | $\$ 75.50$ |
| 901233008 | 3.24 | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 9,720$ | $\$ 9,720$ | $\$ 729$ | $\$ 12.55$ |
| 901233005 | 4.74 | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 4,675$ | $\$ 11,222$ | $\$ 15,895$ | $\$ 5,517$ | $\$ 62,02$ |
| 901233002 | 41.71 | $\$ 109,281$ | $\$ 25,500$ | $\$ 25,500$ | $\$ 282,911$ | $\$ 143,491$ | $\$ 1,488$ |
| 901233010 | 16.63 | $\$ 77,887$ | $\$ 10,000$ | $\$ 83,015$ | $\$ 170,902$ | $\$ 91,404$ | $\$ 949.90$ |
| 901262002 | 51.27 | $\$ 4,065$ | $\$ 36,250$ | $\$ 98,584$ | $\$ 138,855$ | $\$ 51,401$ | $\$ 536.35$ |
| 901262003 | 59.01 | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 168,375$ | $\$ 168,375$ | $\$ 7,588$ | $\$ 101.31$ |
| total | 268.43 | $\$ 193,233$ | $\$ 76,425$ | $\$ 649,174$ | $\$ 826,076$ | $\$ 322,792$ | $\$ 3,396.37$ |

## Zoning and Other Land Use Regulations:

The subject property is zoned Prime Agricultural Lands (AP-20) which allows one home per twenty acres. The AP designation is described extensively below.
Prime Agricultural Lands (AP-20). The purpose of the prime agricultural lands district is to protect and preserve areas of prime agricultural soils for the continued production of commercial crops, livestock, or other agricultural products requiring relatively large tracts of agricultural land. It is intended to preserve and protect the land environment, economy, and lifestyle of agriculture in Jefferson County. These lands must be protected as "agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance." Land designated as Prime Agricultural Land shall meet the following criteria:

- Consist, in substantial proportion, of land with prime agricultural soils as defined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Soil Survey of Jefferson County, Washington; and
- Be in regions of the county where commercial agriculture is the current and historically predominant use including but not limited to the following areas
- Quimper Peninsula
- Beaver Valley
- Chimacum Valley
- Discovery Bay Valley
- Quilcene River Valley
- Tarboo Valley
- Dosewallips Valley
- West Jefferson County Valleys; and;
- Is not currently served by "urban governmental services"; and
- Is in an area characterized by a substantial proportion of undeveloped parcels of land 20 acres or greater in size; and
- Is outside of any area designated as Master Planned Resort (MPR) or Urban Growth Area (UGA); and
- Is in an area where no existing land uses are present, which will seriously interfere with the successful long term practice of a range of agricultural activities; and
- Does not include land currently designated Rural Forest (RF-40) presently in a parcel size 40 acres or larger, or Commercial Forest (CF-80) or Inholding Forest (IF).
The Prime Agricultural zoning designation allows a variety of agricultural and closely related uses. It restricts most non-agricultural uses. A complete list of Permitted, Conditional, and Prohibited uses is outlined below.


## Permitted

## Residential Uses:

Accessory dwellings units; co-housing/intentional communities (subject to PRRD overlay in RR districts); single-family residences; transient rental of residence or accessory dwelling unit; and duplexes (subject to meeting underlying density requirements).

## Accessory Uses:

Home businesses; cottage industry; hobby kennel.

## Commercial Uses:

Bed and breakfast inn ( 4 to 6 rooms); bed and breakfast residence ( 1 to 3 rooms); mineral extraction activities (without MRL overlay); mineral extraction activities (with MRL overlay)
(10-acre min. lot size); mineral processing accessory to extraction operations (with MRL overlay).

## Conditional Uses

Cottage industry; commercial day care; mineral processing accessory to extraction operations (without MRL overlay); animal shelter; emergency services (police, fire, EMS); parks and playfields; public works maintenance/equipment storage shops; recreational facilities; permanent cultural festival and historic sites; equestrian centers; public display gardens; park and ride lots/transit facilities; major and minor utility developments.

## Prohibited

## Residential Uses

Caretaker residence (public parks); manufactured/mobile home parks (subject to PRRD overlay in RR districts); multifamily residential units (3+ units); residential care facilities with up to 5 persons; residential care facilities with 6 to 20 persons; nursing/convalescent/assisted living facilities; unnamed residential uses.

## Commercial uses:

Automotive service and repair; automotive service and repair (with subordinate auto sales); boat storage, commercial (outside of SMP); boat building and repair; commercial clinics (medical, dental, and vision); convenience and video stores; drinking establishment; eating establishment; small equipment repair; sales and rental services (non agriculture related); construction contractor; commercial food and beverage stands; gas stations; golf courses and driving ranges; grocery stores and gift shops; hotel/motel; indoor entertainment or recreational facility; liquor stores; lumber yards/building supply and materials; mini-storage facilities; personal and professional services; resorts, master planned (new); retail sales and services; vehicle sales; new and used retail (auto and RV); veterinary clinics and hospitals; unnamed commercial uses.

## Industrial Uses

Bulk plant or terminal facilities; asphalt and concrete batch plants; heavy equipment sales and rental services; heavy industrial, resource-based; light industrial/manufacturing; food or beverage bottling and/or packaging; outdoor storage yards; recycling center (automobile); wrecking yards and junk (or salvage) yards; unnamed industrial uses.

## Essential Public Facilities

Airports (w/o airport EPF overlay); educational facilities (state owned); large-scale regional transportation facilities (state owned); (e.g., freeways, ferry terminals); correctional facilities; solid waste handling and disposal facilities; inpatient substance abuse and mental health facilities; unnamed essential public facilities.

## Public Purpose Facilities

Government offices; library; museum; post office; visitor/interpretive center; water/wastewater treatment facilities; cemeteries; religious assembly facilities; unnamed institutional uses.

## Small-Scale Recreation and Tourist Uses

Aerial recreational activities (e.g., balloon rides, gliders); animal preserves and game farms with dangerous wild animals; outdoor archery ranges; recreational vehicle parks; outdoor
shooting ranges; recreational off-road vehicle (ORV) and all-terrain vehicle (ATV) parks and recreational areas.

## Residential Density and Planned Rural Residential Development

The underlying residential density is one home per twenty acres. Planned rural residential developments (PRRD) are allowed within the AP-20 zoning. A twenty percent density bonus is allowed for cluster developments with density bonuses possible for preservation of Natural, Historical and Cultural Features; Public Service and Facility Availability; Energy Efficiency; Public Recreation Facilities; Environmental Design; Affordable Housing; and other items believed to be suitable by the county.
Where a density bonus is requested under Jefferson County Code (CC 18.15.520), the average density allowed in the underlying district may be exceeded by up to 20 percent of the allowed density for that district and an additional 20 percent for the area in the reserve tract that are designated critical areas. An additional bonus may be granted for the buffer area(s) associated with environmentally sensitive or critical areas that are included within the reserve tract, the bonus shall not exceed 20 percent of the allowed density in the buffer area; and provided further, that the area of land contained in access easements, access panhandles or pipe-stem configurations shall not be included in the area computations.

## OTHER LAND USE RESTRICTIONS

Chimacum Creek, a Class 2 stream, bisects the subject property. Standard land use restrictions require a 150 foot buffer zone away from Class 2 streams such as Chimacum Creek.
Certain portions of the subject are classified wetlands. A class I wetland requires a 225 foot buffer zone. Class II wetlands require a 120-180 foot buffer zone.

The regulations to protect fish and wildlife habitat and wetland areas create special problems for some existing farms. Application of standard buffers would place major restrictions on a high proportion of the growing or grazing acreage of many small farmers. Effective, alternative protection to critical areas can be achieved by agricultural "Best Management Practices" (BMPs). Jefferson County has provided special exemptions from buffer requirements for cultivating crops and grazing livestock on existing and ongoing agriculture, as long as best management practices are followed.

The Short Family Farm is currently in compliance with best management practices in place for the Chimacum Creek watershed.

Alternate use, such as residential, would require adherence to the standard stream and wetland protection.

## The appraisers are not experts in wetland and stream delineation. Formal delineation of wetlands and streams is beyond the scope of work of this appraisal assignment.

Preliminary work by Olympic Wetland Resources indicates that the county records significantly overstate the extent of the wetlands. This work is summarized in Section A6, and the complete report is included in the appendix. This appraisal is using the extraordinary assumption based on Olympic Wetland Resources' work that will allow more development potential than the current Jefferson County maps.

## Data Analysis and Conclusions

## Analysis of Highest and Best Use:

In this section of the appraisal process the market is analyzed to determine the highest and best use of the subject property. The conclusions reached here will have a direct impact on the valuation analysis.

## Highest and best use

 is defined as:The highest and most profitable use for which the property is adaptable and needed or likely to be needed in the reasonably near future.

To estimate highest and best use, four elements are considered:

| Possible use: | What uses of the site are physically possible? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Permissible legal use: | What uses of the site are permitted by zoning and deed restrictions? |
| Feasible use: | Which possible and permissible uses will produce a net return to the <br> owner of the site? |
| Highest and best use: | Among the feasible uses, which use will produce the highest net return <br> or the highest present worth? |

Possible use: The primarily flat topography of the property being appraised does not restrict possible uses. Although a large portion of the subject is wetlands and poor quality building soils, there appears to be enough buildable land to support the current residential development and agricultural buildings. Possible uses are restricted only by land use regulations, and by terrain features such as creeks, wetlands, and soils incompatible for building.
Permissible use: There are no known deed restrictions. Jefferson County zoning and land use regulations permit a wide range of agricultural related activities, including timber harvesting, home based industries, cottage industries, and bed and breakfast inns.
Permitted Residential uses include single family dwellings and duplexes at a density of one dwelling unit per twenty acres. Maximum residential density without consideration of critical areas would be thirteen, with more possible using the cluster development option in the AP 20 zone.

Non-agricultural use would require compliance with fish, wildlife, stream, and wetland buffers.
Feasible use: The subject's size, shape, topography, access, permissible uses and location as well as current land use in the neighborhood indicate that agricultural and residential uses are feasible for the subject land.

The current market on the Olympic Peninsula indicates a fairly strong demand for large acre residential parcels suitable for small scale agriculture or gentleman's farm type estates. With a few notable exceptions particularly in the Chimacum area, most of these large agricultural estates are not purchased with agricultural income as the primary motivation. Over the past few decades, land values in the subject area have increased to a level that for the most part precludes the feasibility of purchase for strictly agricultural use.

For the subject, feasible uses include sale of the entire 265 acres to a single owner; subdivision into as many as thirteen separate twenty acre residential parcels; a potential cluster development; or subdivision into a smaller number of 40 to 60 acre parcels. Residential development would require adequate potable water, and septic systems. The exact nature and costs of an extensive residential development are unknown without a specific proposal submitted to Jefferson County planners. Each of these possible scenarios provides a different proportion of risk and reward.

In general, the more extensive development has a higher potential return, but has increased regulatory risk as well as development and holding time costs. It is beyond the scope of this appraisal assignment to determine the exact feasibility of the various options, and such an exercise would be highly speculative as well, especially considering the various critical area restrictions on the property. Given the current volume of sales in eastern Jefferson County, in our opinion, maximum development is not the highest and best use at this time.
Highest and best use: The highest and best use of the subject property before the conservation easement takes effect is for sale as eight separate residential parcels with supplemental agricultural use consistent with the intent of Jefferson County Prime Agricultural zoning. Development at that density would require the least regulatory hurdles, particularly since the property is currently divided into eight existing tax parcels. A boundary line adjustment may be necessary to insure that each parcel contains enough land suitable for residential buildings. The parcels along the eastern bank of the valley would not require additional access road construction. Several parcels along the west boundary could be accessed via an access road from West Valley Road.
Water from the existing well should be adequate to provide domestic water to the potential residences. A public water system would be needed, but according to Roger Short it is already required for the existing uses. Alternatively, additional wells could be constructed for additional residences.
Any farm income that a potential buyer would achieve would not be the primary reason for the purchase of the property.

## Land Valuation:

The relative location of the subject property and the comparable sales is shown below.


## COMPARABLE LAND SALE 1:

Summary of Location:
Proximity to Subject Property:
Legal Description:
Assessor's Parcel:

West Valley Road, Chimacum.
Within about one mile north.
Portions of the SE $1 / 4$ and the SW $1 / 4$ of T29/01W/S15.
901154003.

SALE DATA:

| Sale Date | October 16, 2014. | Sale Price | $\$ 250,000$. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Instrument | Warranty Deed. | Auditor's File No. | 586840. |
| Sellers | John Nisbet. |  |  |
| Purchaser | Robert I. Hauptfuher. |  |  |
| Confirmation | Public records; sellers. |  |  |

## SITE DATA:

Land Area 22.63 acres. Utilities Water, phone, electricity.

| Access | West Valley Road. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Description | Agricultural land parcel. |
| Zoning | AP-20. |
| Analysis | $\$ 250,000$ for 22.63 acres or $\$ 11,047$ per acre. Assessed value of improvements ( 1,248 square |
|  | foot mobile home built in 1972 ) is $\$ 6,784$; allowing $\$ 10,000$ for improvements indicates |
|  | $\$ 240,000$ land value, which is $\$ 10,605$ per acre. |



## COMPARABLE LAND SALE 2:

Summary of Location:
Proximity to Subject Property:
Legal Description:
Assessor's Parcel:

Marrowstone Island.
About 7 miles northeast.
Three parcels, Portions of the southeast $1 / 420-30-1 \mathrm{E}$.
021204003 and 021204008 and 021204009 .

## SALE DATA:

| Sale Date | June 5, 2013. | Sale Price | $\$ 425,000$. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Instrument | Warranty Deed. | Auditor's File No. | 576581. |
| Sellers | Merle W. Barclay. |  |  |
| Purchaser | Esther Trueblood, dba Kilisut Farm Properties, LLC. |  |  |
| Confirmation | Purchaser's partner on property. |  |  |

## SITE DATA:

Land Area $\quad 40.10$ acres. Utilities Power and municipal water, as well as a separate well.
Access Flagler Road.
Description Former Golf Course. Current owner is to be converting to agricultural use, primarily small livestock farming. The purchasers own a home nearby, so residential use is not the primary reason for the purchase. Property was a short sale.
Listing points out extensive underground irrigation system in place for the golf course use. According to purchaser, the well on the property used by the golf course occasionally dried up the surrounding wells. The current use of small animal husbandry will probably use less water, according to purchaser.
Zoning $\quad$ Rural Residential 1:10.
Analysis
$\$ 425,000$ for 40.10 acres or $\$ 10,600$ per acre.



Looking southeasterly across Fort Flagler Road at Sale 2.


Looking easterly from northwest corner of Sale 2.

## COMPARABLE LAND SALE 3:

Summary of Location:
Proximity to Subject Property:
Legal Description:

## Assessor's Parcel:

Center Road, Chimacum.
Within one mile south.
The southeast $1 / 4$ of the northeast $1 / 4$; The northeast $1 / 4$ of the southwest $1 / 4$; the north $1 / 2$ of the southeast $1 / 4$, all in Section 34; also the southwest $1 / 4$ of the northwest $1 / 4$ in Section 35; all in Township 29 North, Range 1 West, W.M., Jefferson County, Washington.

901352004; 901341005; 901344001; and 901343001.

## SALE DATA:

| Sale Date | July 18, 2012. | Sale Price |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Instrument | Quitclaim Deed. $\quad$ Auditor's File No. 540,000 for a $1 / 16$ interest |  |
| Sellers | Patricia A. McClellan and David M. McClellan. |  |
| Purchaser | Thomas/Janice Neudorfer. |  |
| Confirmation | Public records. Attempts to contact parties to this sale were not successful. We were able to <br> confirm that this was an intra-family transaction. |  |

## SITE DATA:

Land Area 195.29 acres Utilities Along Road.

Access Center Road.
Description Active farm.
Zoning AP 1:20
Analysis $\quad \$ 40,000$ for a $1 / 16^{\text {th }}$ interest is $\$ 640,000$ for 195.29 acres or $\$ 3,277$ per acre.




Western section of Sale 3.


Eastern section of Sale 3.


Sale 7 January 2008 photo. Note wet area to the west.


## COMPARABLE LAND SALE 8:

Summary of Location: Proximity to Subject Property: Legal Description:

Dabob Road
About eight miles south.
The Southeast $1 / 4$ of the Southeast $1 / 4$, Section 29 and the Northeast $1 / 4$ of the Northeast $1 / 4$, Section 32 Excepting therefrom Old Tarboo Lake Road and Dabob Road, All in Township 28 North Range 1 West, W.M., Jefferson County, Washington.

Assessor's Parcel:

## SALE DATA:

| Sale Date | September 15, 2011. | Sale Price | $\$ 550,000$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Instrument | Bargain and Sale Deed. | Auditor's File No. | 562289 |
| Sellers | Ane Forests Of Puget Sound Inc. |  |  |
| Purchaser | NW Watershed Institute. |  |  |
| Confirmation | Public Records, Peter Bahls, Northwest |  |  |

## SITE DATA:

| Land Area | 78.3 acres. $\quad$ Utilities Water, phone, electricity. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Access | Dabob Road. |  |
| Description | Timberland overlooking Dabob Creek and Valley. |  |
| Zoning | Rural Forest 1:40. |  |

Analysis $\quad \$ 550,000$ for 78.3 acres is $\$ 7,024$ per acre. Purchased by the Northwest Watershed Institute as part of an ongoing project in Tarboo Creek. Included timber value discounted for a primarily residential highest and best use.



## COMPARABLE LAND SALE 9:

Summary of Location:<br>Proximity to Subject Property:<br>Legal Description:

Coyle
About 15 miles south.
Jefferson County, Washington. Complete legal description is retained in appraiser's files.
701202001.

## SALE DATA:

| Sale Date | April 12, 2011. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Instrument | Bargain and Sale Deed. |
| Sellers | Terrapoint LLC. |
| Purchaser | Neal and Ann Koblitz |
| Confirmation | Public Records. |


| Sale Price | $\$ 300,000$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Auditor's File No. | 562289 |

SITE DATA:

| Land Area | 96.87 acres | Utilities |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |$\quad$ Water, phone, electricity.





## COMPARABLE LAND SALE 10:

Summary of Location:
Proximity to Subject Property:
Legal Description:

Chimacum
About two miles north.
Jefferson County, Washington. Complete legal description is retained in appraiser's files.

Assessor's Parcel:
SALE DATA:

| Sale Date | July 18, 2011. | Sale Price | $\$ 112,000$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Instrument | Warranty Deed. | Auditor's File No. | 561127 |
| Sellers | Scott Turner Road LLC. |  |  |
| Purchaser | Gregory and Dara Darlington, husband and wife |  |  |
| Confirmation | Public Records. |  |  |

## SITE DATA:

| Land Area | 23.32 acres |
| :--- | :--- |
| Access <br> Description <br> Zoning | Kennedy Road. <br>  <br> Cleared timberland ready for residential use. <br> Rural Residential $1: 20$. |
| Analysis | Water, phone, electricity. <br>  |
|  | Development |




## COMPARABLE LAND SALE 11:

Summary of Location: Proximity to Subject Property:
Legal Description:

Coyle.
About fifteen miles south.
Jefferson County, Washington. Complete legal description is retained in appraiser's files.
701053006, 701201003, 701291001.

Assessor's Parcel:

Sale Price $\quad \$ 1,955,000$
Instrument Bargain and Sale Deed. Auditor's File No. 560734
Sellers Pope Resources, a Delaware limited partnership.
Purchaser The Nature Conservancy, a District of Columbia non-profit corporation.
Confirmation Public Records; Peter Schols NC (206) 343-4344, Ed Greer, appraiser.
SITE DATA:
Land Area 383.15 acres Utilities Water, phone, electricity.
Access
Description
Zoning
Lindsay Hill Road.
Timberland.
Commercial Forest 1:80.
Analysis $\quad 383.15$ acres for $\$ 1,955,000$ is $\$ 5,102$ per acre.




## COMPARABLE LAND SALE 12:

Summary of Location: Proximity to Subject Property: Legal Description:

9913 Center Road, Quilcene
About eight miles south.
Lot 2, Philip Boling Trust Short Plat, according to the Plat thereof filed in Volume 4 of Short Plats at Pages 62 and 63, records of Jefferson County, State of Washington.

Assessor's Parcel:
SALE DATA:

| Sale Date | April 27, 2011. | Sale Price | $\$ 130,000$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Instrument | Warranty Deed. | Auditor's File No. | 559582 |
| Sellers | David S Elkins and Kathleen R. Elkins, husband and wife. |  |  |$]$

## SITE DATA:

| Land Area | 20.52 acres | Utilities $\quad$ Shared well water; phone; electricity. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Access Center Road. <br> Description Timberland. <br> Zoning Rural Forest. <br>   <br> Analysis $\$ 130,000$ for 20.52 acres is $\$ 6,335$ per acre.. |  |  |





Plat map of Sale 12.

## COMPARABLE LAND SALE 13:

## Summary of Location: Proximity to Subject Property: Legal Description:

820 Old Hadlock Road, one mile north of Chimacum.
About two miles north.
Portions of the northwest quarter of Section 11, Township 29 North, Range 1 West, W.M., Jefferson County, Washington. Complete legal description is retained in appraiser's files.

Assessor's Parcel:
901-112-040.
SALE DATA:

| Sale Date | September 10, 2008. | Sale Price | $\$ 210,000$, plus \$50,000 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Instrument | Warranty Deed. | Auditor's File No. | 537082 |
| Sellers | Estate of Jessie L. Covington, deceased. |  |  |
| Purchaser | John G. Bellow and Roxanne Hudson, husband and wife. |  |  |
| Confirmation | Public Records, John Hansen, Realtor for the seller. |  |  |

SITE DATA:

| Land Area | 21.15 acres <br> Access <br> Description <br> Zoning |
| :--- | :--- |
| Old Hadlock Road, a paved one lane road parallel to Chimacum Road. <br> Agricultural land parcel with visibility from Center Road. <br> AP 20. |  |
| Analysis | The buyer incurred $\$ 50,000$ additional cost of survey and other management issues. $\$ 260,000$ <br> for 21.15 acres or $\$ 12,293$ per acre. The purchasers have placed a conservation easement on <br> the property that extinguishes all development rights. After the conservation easement closed, <br> they were able to acquire an adjacent 5 acre parcel with an existing modular home that provides <br> a residence. Purchaser intends to continue open space agriculture designation and named the <br> farm Spring Rain Farm. |




## COMPARABLE LAND SALE 14:

Summary of Location:
Proximity to Subject Property:
Legal Description:

Near the junction of Center Road and Eagle Mount Road.
About three miles southwest.
Portions of West half of Section 09, Township 28 North, Range 1 West, W.M., Jefferson County, Washington. Complete legal description is being retained in appraiser's files.

## SALE DATA:

| Sale Date | September 11, 2008. | Sale Price | $\$ 200,000$. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Instrument | Warranty Deed. | Auditor's File No. | 537099. |
| Sellers | Brown Trust. |  |  |
| Purchaser | John Nisbet. |  |  |
| Confirmation | Public Records, Gloria Brown. |  |  |

## SITE DATA:

| Land Area | 20.02 acres. $\quad$ Utilities Power and phone at road. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Access | Eagle Mount Road. |
| Description | Agricultural land parcel. |
| Zoning | AP 20. |
| Analysis | $\$ 200,000$ for 20.02 acres or $\$ 9,990$ per acre. About 900 feet frontage along Chimacum <br> Creek, and a large potential building envelope. The purchaser intends to continue the <br> open space agriculture designation. |




## COMPARABLE LAND SALE 15:

Summary of Location:
Proximity to Subject Property:
Legal Description:

4900 Center Road.
About three miles south, near Center Road.
The northeast quarter of the southwest quarter in Section 3, Township 28 North, Range 1 West, W.M., Jefferson County, Washington.

## Assessor's Parcel:

801-033-001
SALE DATA:

| Sale Date | April 25, 2007 | Sale Price | $\$ 495,000$. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Instrument | Warranty Deed. | Auditor's File No. | 522792 |
| Sellers | Barry Bradshaw, as personal representative of the estate of Thomas Rodney Town, deceased. |  |  |
| Purchaser | Flora Mace, an unmarried person and Joann Kirkpatrick, an unmarried person, as joint <br> tenants with rights of survivorship and not tenants in common. |  |  |
| Confirmation | Public Records; Realtor. |  |  |

SITE DATA:

| Land Area | 40.20 acres. | Utilities Water, phone, electricity. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Access | Center Road. |  |
| Description | Agricultural land. |  |
| Zoning | AP 20. |  |

Analysis According to the listing Realtor, the contributory value of the existing improvements was about $\$ 45,000$ and consisted of an old collapsed barn, another old but usable barn, a garage, a septic system, an artesian well, and a pond. This property is capable of being divided into two 20 acre parcels.
$\$ 495,000$ sale price, less $\$ 45,000$ improvements $=\$ 450,000$ land value.
$\$ 450,000$ divided by 40.20 acres $=\$ 11,194$ per acre before adjustments.



## LAND VALUE:

The current configuration of the subject property is in eight separate parcels: Each of these parcels of land has the capacity of being sold separately as an individual homesite provided water could be made available, a septic system is approved, and sufficient space exists outside of critical area setbacks. A boundary line adjustment or cluster development may enable a more reasonable distribution of home sites than the existing parcel configuration.
We have estimated the market value of the property as a whole. Current market conditions indicate that it would take several years to sell each of the eight parcels separately. However, our value opinion does consider the potential of eight separate homesites.
Our market data analysis has included recent sales of comparable land parcels that range in size from 20.02 acres to 383.15 acres.

The market data that we have analyzed consists of fifteen comparable sale properties in eastern Jefferson County that are located within about eleven miles of the subject property. All of these comparable sale properties appear to have a highest and best use as high quality, large acreage homesites, with income from farming or timber production as a secondary consideration.

Zoning and land use adjustment: Unfortunately, no sales of agricultural land parcels greater than 40 acres have occurred in the market area recently. However, there have been several large parcels of cleared timberland that can provide a reasonable comparison to the subject. In order to estimate the relative value between agricultural land and timber land, we compared recent sales of each type, using several recent sales of approximately 20 acre matched pairs.

| Parcel | Type | Size | Price | Price per acre |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Sale 7 | Agricultural | 23.10 | $\$ 275,000$ | $\$ 11,905$ |
| Sale 10 | Cleared <br> timberland | 23.32 | $\$ 112,000$ | $\$ 4,803$ |
| Sale 12 | Timberland | 20.52 | $\$ 130,000$ | excludes ualue <br> of timber |
| Sale 13 | Agricultural | 21.15 | $\$ 260,000$ | $\$ 12,293$ |

This analysis indicates that, excluding the timber value, 20+ acre parcels of agricultural land are approximately twice as valuable as $20+$ acre parcels of timberland.
Market Conditions Adjustment: Real estate values had increased very significantly throughout eastern Jefferson County and eastern Clallam County in the 2000's before leveling off and declining. The housing market peaked in 2005 and 2006.
After adjusting for individual differences, Chimacum Valley agricultural sales outlined above are reasonably consistent between 2001 and 2014.
In general residential land values in Jefferson County have rebounded following a decline during the recession. Unfortunately, there are few sales of large acre agricultural land parcels since September 2008. In our opinion, no negative adjustment for market conditions is warranted for this property
type, as of the effective date of this appraisal. This opinion is based on the specialized nature and scarcity of large acre parcels; increased interest in local food production (in part due to the economy); the limited number of transactions; and discussion with Realtors.

Parcel Size Adjustment: Adjusting for parcel size is perhaps the most important and most perplexing problem in this appraisal assignment.

We have analyzed several recent sales of agricultural land that indicate that the market value of 20 to 40 acre portions of the 265 acres being appraised is in the $\$ 10,000$ per acre range.

We have analyzed several recent sales of timberland that indicate that the market value of large parcels of timberland, ranging between 263 acres and 383 acres is in the $\$ 5,000$ per acre range. Our matched pairs analysis indicates that, excluding the timber value, 20+ acre parcels of agricultural land are approximately twice as valuable as $20+$ acre parcels of timberland.

Applying this analysis to the 263 acre and 383 acre timberland sales indicates that the market value of the 265 acres being appraised is in the $\$ 10,000$ per acre range.

Conventional wisdom holds that the market value per acre of large parcels is less than the market value per acre of smaller parcels. Generally, if a property owner sold, as in this case eight parcels ranging in size between 20 and 40 acres, it would take time, possibly four to eight years, and require expenses (surveying, access, water, septic systems, county approval, etc.)

We have not found a consistent correlation between parcel size and value.
Location and Aesthetics Adjustment: Location, view, and aesthetic characteristics of the comparable sale properties and of the subject property have also been considered.
The agricultural sales are all located in eastern Jefferson County. Most are located in the Chimacum Valley, with soils and wetland characteristics that are similar to the subject. One sale is located on Marrowstone Island, and one in Quilcene. The data pool is too small to make reliable adjustments from matched pairs. Our qualitative adjustments for location, view, and aesthetic characteristics are therefore intuitive and subjective. There is a vibrant and growing local food movement based in the Chimacum Valley. The subject has access to the Chimacum and Port Townsend farmers markets, as well as the greater Puget Sound area.
The aesthetics of the subject are similar to the agricultural comparable sales, and superior to the timberland sales. Wetland and other land use restrictions are similar.

The fifteen comparable Jefferson County land sales are analyzed below:
Sale 1 is the most recent purchase of land with agricultural potential in the market area. It sold on October 16,2014 . Sale price was $\$ 250,000$ for 22.63 acres, which is $\$ 11,047$ per acre. It was improved with a 1,248 square foot mobile home built in 1972 with an assessed value of $\$ 6,784$. We have allocated $\$ 10,000$ of the purchase price to the improvements and $\$ 240,000$ to the land, which is $\$ 10,605$ per acre.
Sale 2 consists of 40.10 acres in three parcels of cleared land located on Marrowstone Island, about 7 miles northeast of the subject. It was most recently used as a golf course. The purchaser is using the property for agricultural use only, with a nearby residence. At the time of purchase the improvements consisted of a pole building designed for golf course use, and converted to a small animal barn. $\$ 425,000$ for 40.10 acres is $\$ 10,600$ per acre. It is noteworthy that this property could potentially be sold as three individual parcels. Zoning allows 10 acre parcels. The purchasers recently left corporate
technology jobs and are farming the land. The Marrowstone Island location is outside of the traditional agricultural areas of Jefferson County, and does not have the deep, rich soils of the subject.
Sale 3 is a July 2012 sale of two $1 / 16^{\text {th }}$ interests in a 195.29 acre farm located about one mile south of the subject. The transaction appears to be between family members, and as a fractional interest, is difficult to compare directly to the subject. This property consists of four individual parcels, with Center Road bisecting the property.
Sale 4 is a 263 acre forest land property located about 15 miles south of the subject that sold for $\$ 1,300,000(\$ 4,937 /$ acre $)$. Although this is the most similar in size, the forestland characteristics are considerably different than the subject. This is a resale of a portion of the 383 acres purchased in June 2011 from Pope Resources which we are calling Sale 8.

Sale 5 is a May 2012 sale of 20.87 acres of agricultural land near Chimacum. This property was improved with a house and outbuildings. Determining the precise allocation between the land value and improvements value is difficult. Our analysis indicates that the land value was about $\$ 10,500$ per acre, and $\$ 220,000$ per homesite, similar to other land sales in the Chimacum area. This property is irregularly shaped, with Chimacum Creek bisecting the property.

Sale 6 is a February 2012 sale of 41.28 acres for $\$ 316,000$ which is $\$ 7,655$ per acre. Sale 6 is located in Quilcene, about 12 miles south of the subject. A portion of this property is pasture, with the majority in timberland. The zoning would allow development to one parcel per five acres, which is nominally eight parcels. Overall, this sale is inferior to the subject due to only approximately $25 \%$ being agricultural land, and possibly poorer quality soils.

Sale 7 is within one mile north of the subject property and is similar to the subject for agricultural and residential characteristics. Sale 7 has direct access to Chimacum Creek along its western boundary. The topography of this comparable sale property is flat with about half the property designated as a wetland or wetland buffer in a wetland delineation study that was completed as a condition of sale.

The purpose of the purchase was to preserve the agricultural productivity of the property. Ms. Williams had leased the property with the intention of operating an organic farm, with her residence and agricultural improvements located within a designated two-acre portion of the property. Sale 7 reflects a purchase price of $\$ 275,000$ per homesite, and $\$ 11,905$ per acre.
Sale 8 is about eight miles south of the subject property. It consists of timberland west of Dabob Road overlooking Tarboo Creek. This area has undergone a major salmon habitat restoration project.
According to Peter Behls of the NWI and Ed Greer, the appraiser, the $\$ 550,000$ purchase price for 78.3 acres ( $\$ 7,024 /$ acre $)$ was based primarily on the value as a large rural homesite, with timber value, if any, a secondary consideration.
The subject zoning is superior. The rural forest zoning designation allows one homesite per 40 acres, which would be two homesites on the 78.3 acres.

Sale 8 is timbered, which appears to be a less desirable and useful ground cover than the subject which is primarily pasture.

Sale 9 consists of 96.87 acres located about 15 miles south of the subject on the Dabob Peninsula that sold for $\$ 300,000$. It consists of recently cleared timberland east of Lindsey Hill Road. It is located near the majority of Sale 5 . The per-acre price of $\$ 3,097$ is the lowest of the available recent sales.

Sale 10 consists of a 23.32 acre parcel located about two miles north of the subject north of Chimacum. It consists of recently cleared timberland north of Kennedy Road. The per-acre price was $\$ 4,803$. This property is zoned rural residential, with one homesite allowed per twenty acres, which is
similar to the agricultural portions of the subject. As noted above, cleared timberland is much less attractive than pasture or timberland with trees still standing.
Sale 11 consists of 283.15 acres in three parcels across three sections located about fifteen miles south of the subject on the Dabob Peninsula and 100 acres north of Dabob Bay for a total of 383.15 acres. Sale price was $\$ 1,955,000$ which is $\$ 5,102$ per acre. The timber consists of mixed forest. According to Peter Schols with the Nature Conservancy and Ed Greer the appraiser, the highest and best use is as large eighty acre residential property. Therefore, the timber value was discounted heavily in the valuation.

This sale is most similar in size to the subject as a whole. The zoning is commercial forest, which allows one homesite per 80 acres. The Nature Conservancy sold a portion of this property to the Washington Department of Natural Resources in December 2012 for $\$ 165$ less per acre than this transaction.

Sale 12 consists of 20.52 acres along Center Road about four miles north of Quilcene, and eight miles south of the subject. This property is zoned Rural Forest, which allows one homesite per 20 acres. The ground cover is mixed forest. The price per acre was $\$ 6,335$.

Sale $\mathbf{1 3}$ is located about two miles north of the subject property along Chimacum Road. Chimacum Road connects Chimacum and Port Hadlock, and is a major Jefferson County artery. The adjacent properties are commercial in nature, including a five-acre junkyard to the south, a veterinary clinic to the east, and a gravel pit to the north.

This property is located where two branches of Chimacum Creek join together. The topography of this comparable sale property is gently rolling. The higher eastern portion of the property has a nice view of the eastern Olympic Mountains.

According to John Hansen, Realtor, concessions were made by the seller due to a boundary dispute and other items. The concessions totaled $\$ 50,000$.
The purchasers were able to purchase a five acre parcel adjacent to the west with an existing mobile home. They then placed a conservation easement on the 21.15 acres that extinguishes all development rights, and are currently using it for small scale agriculture under the name Spring Rain Farm.
In our opinion, Sale 13 is inferior to the subject due to the neighboring junkyard and other aesthetics. Sale 13 reflects a purchase price of $\$ 210,000$ per homesite before adjustments. Adjusting plus $\$ 50,000$ for seller concessions and an additional positive adjustment for aesthetics, Sale 13 indicates a land value of $\$ 260,000$ per 20 acre homesite, and $\$ 12,293$ per acre.
Sale 14 is located about three miles southwest of the subject property along Eaglemount Road, about 5 miles southwest of Chimacum. This property has frontage along Chimacum Creek as it flows from the higher country above the valleys. The topography of this comparable sale property is primarily flat, with a higher area suitable for a homesite in the northwest corner. The eastern portion of the property has a nice view of the eastern Olympic Mountains.
The purchasers have not improved the property since purchase.
In our opinion, Sale 14 is similar to the subject. Sale 14 indicates a land value of $\$ 200,000$ per 20 acre homesite, and $\$ 9,990$ per acre.
Sale 15 is located about three miles south of the subject. It has less pasture with more mixed forest land than the subject. At the time of sale, this property included some minor improvements which the listing agent valued at $\$ 45,000$. The residual value of the land is therefore estimated at $\$ 450,000$. This parcel is capable of being divided into two twenty-acre homesites. Sale 15 reflects a purchase price of $\$ 225,000$ per homesite and $\$ 11,194$ per acre.

## Subdivision Analysis Before

One method of determining the value of the 265 acres is to determine the present value of the cash flows as if the property was sold in the highest and best use configuration taking into account the costs associated with creating the development, and the time value of money.

This subdivision analysis is dependent on a series of assumptions for which there is insufficient market evidence. Therefore, we are using this analysis primarily as a check for our other analyses.

The first assumption is the rate of absorption of the eight parcels. The subdivision analysis is most sensitive to this factor.

There have been eight sales of similar agricultural land since 2007 which is about one per year. However, it is difficult to ascertain if the lack of sales is due to slow demand or lack of supply on the market. Most sales have not been through an open market process. In our opinion, and discussed more thoroughly in the highest and best use section of this report, there appears to be a pent up demand for similar agricultural properties, but there also may be a limited number of potential purchasers. To reflect this bias, we assumed three sales in the first year, two sales in year two and one each year for the remaining three years.

We assumed that each parcel would sell for $\$ 10,000$ per acre, with no annual appreciation. Although the most likely lot configuration is 20 acre and 40 acre properties, we averaged those into 33.1 acre parcels for the purpose of this analysis.

First year expenses include survey $(\$ 10,000)$; water system or new wells ( $\$ 50,000$ ); and road building and other infrastructure $(\$ 100,000)$. The subdivision analysis is somewhat sensitive to the time of these expenses. For example, one possibility would be to delay the major road building expense until after several lots that have less extensive infrastructure needs have sold.

We applied $8 \%$ marketing costs, $2 \%$ closing costs; $1 \%$ overhead; and $10 \%$ entrepreneurial incentive to each sale at the time of sale.
We used a discount rate of $7 \%$.
As an example of the sensitivity to the timing of lots sold, we ran the subdivision analysis under a best case and worst case scenario with all other factors remaining constant. Under a two sales per year for four years best case scenario the present value is $\$ 1,810,000$. Using one sale per year for eight years worst case scenario the present value is $\$ 835,000$. In our opinion, the $3,2,1,1,1$ scenario is a reasonable, somewhat conservative scenario.
The following chart summarizes the subdivision analysis:

|  | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Lots sold | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Cash Flow after incentive | $\$ 651,994$ | $\$ 530,663$ | $\$ 265,331$ | $\$ 265,331$ | $\$ 265,331$ |
| Discount Rate | $7 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| Present Value | $\$ 1,596,000$ |  |  |  |  |

This indicates a per-acre value of approximately $\$ 6,000$, and about $60 \%$ of the aggregated retail price of $\$ 2,650,000$.

## Correlation and Final Value Estimate Before

The available sales consist of seven sales of agricultural land ranging from 20.02 to 40.2 acres; six sales of timberland ranging in size from 20.52 to 383 acres; and two sales of mixed agricultural and timberland ranging in size from 41.28 acres to 195.29 acres. The agricultural sales are reasonably consistent with a range between $\$ 9,990$ and $\$ 12,293$ per acre. The timberland sales show a greater variance, even disregarding the effect of parcel size and zoning. The timberland ranges from $\$ 3,097$ per acre for a mostly cleared 96 acre tract to $\$ 7,024$ per acre for a timbered 80 acre tract. The mixed agricultural and timberland sales range from $\$ 3,277$ per acre to $\$ 7,655$ per acre.

The subject consists of 265 acres of agricultural land, which is currently divided into eight parcels and could potentially be sold as thirteen parcels or developed as a cluster development.

The difficulty in this assignment has been accurately applying the higher value but smaller agricultural sales to the much larger subject. Our analysis of matched pairs of approximately 20 acres indicates that agricultural land is approximately twice as valuable as timberland. We have given this analysis very little weight, however, because of the size discrepancy between the 20 acre matched pairs, and the 265 acres being appraised.

The larger tracts of timberland have been included because they are more similar in size to the 265 acres being appraised. However, because of significantly more restrictive zoning; either one homesite per 40 acres or one homesite per 80 acres, the timberland sales have been given less weight in our analysis.

The available market data indicates that the market value of the subject property is in the $\$ 10,000$ per acre range if sold in 20 acre to 40 acre parcels. Factors of supply and demand indicate that value per acre decreases as parcel size increases. Our analysis of comparable land sales in Clallam and Jefferson Counties did not disclose any recent sales of similar agricultural land in the 265 acre size range that, like the subject, could be divided into eight to thirteen separate parcels.

Our appraisal assignment is to estimate the market value of the 265 acre subject property as a whole, giving full consideration to its highest and best use. This necessitates a discount from the indicated value as 20 acre to 40 acre parcels. Because of the lack of comparable sales in the 265 acre size range, our discount is necessarily intuitive. Based primarily on sales of similar sized timber parcels that were valued with a residential highest and best use (Sales 4, 8,9,11) the most reasonable value indication is $\$ 6,000$ per acre.

Our subdivision analysis provides a market value indication of approximately $\$ 6,000$ per acre. The subdivision analysis has been given very little weight because it is very sensitive to our assumptions about absorption rate, which are also somewhat intuitive. It has been considered only as a cross-check in our analysis of the sales comparison approach.

In our opinion $\$ 6,000$ per acre is the most reasonable market value indication. Applied to the 265 acres being appraised, this indicates a value before the conservation easement takes effect of:

ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS
\$1,590,000

We estimate an exposure time of twelve months.

## Factual Data - After Acquisition

## Legal Description.

We have been asked to appraise the value of the subject after the proposed conservation easement is in place. The major effects of the proposed easement are to aggregate the entire agricultural area into one parcel that can only be sold as a whole unit. Development will be restricted to the existing residences and a limited area for agricultural related buildings.
The final draft of the proposed conservation easement is attached to this appraisal. Please refer to "Grant Deed of Agricultural Conservation Easement Short Family Farm" in the addendum.

This appraisal is based on the acquisition of the following rights:

- The right to subdivide the 265 acre agricultural property or sell any portion separately.
- All development will be limited to certain defined areas.
- Mining of peat or other surface mineral is prohibited.

The proposed conservation easement will require that any future sale of the property will include the entire 265 acre agricultural area, and extinguishes most development rights on the property, limiting development to three specified areas.
The development rights retained include the right to keep and expand three existing homes in their current location. Other rights retained include the right to build other buildings that support the agricultural purpose of the farm within a restricted area. This right expressly includes the right to develop farm worker housing, as allowed by the Prime Agricultural zoning. Any new construction will be limited to specific areas outlined in the easement. All development will be less than $2 \%$ of the total area of the impermeable surfaces.

## Neighborhood Factors.

The acquisition of the property rights referenced above will have little if any impact on the neighborhood other than to perpetuate the 265 acres being appraised as a productive farm property. Any impact is the conservation of open space, wetlands, streams, and agricultural lands.

## Property Data.

## Site.

After the conservation easement is in place, the subject will be restricted to one $\mathbf{2 6 5}$ acre parcel.
The map, aerial photographs, and ground photos in section A-6 further depict the characteristics of the subject property.

## Improvements.

The improvements will not be impacted by the acquisition of the proposed conservation easement.

## Fixtures.

The fixtures will not be impacted by the acquisition of the proposed conservation easement.

## History.

The history will not be impacted by the acquisition of the proposed conservation easement.

## Assessed Value and Tax Load.

Since the subject property is already enrolled in open space program, acquisition of the proposed conservation easement should have a minor affect, if any, on the assessed value or the tax load.

## Zoning and Other Land Use Regulations.

The zoning will not be impacted by the acquisition of the proposed conservation easement.

## Data Analysis and Conclusions - After Acquisition Analysis of Highest and Best Use

In this section of the appraisal process the market is analyzed to determine the highest and best use of the subject property. The conclusions reached here will have a direct impact on the valuation analysis.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Highest and best use is defined } & \begin{array}{l}\text { The highest and most profitable use for which the property } \\ \text { is adaptable and needed or likely to be needed in the }\end{array} \\ \text { beasonably near future. }\end{array}$

## To estimate highest and best use, four elements are considered:

| Possible use: | What uses of the site are physically possible? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Permissible legal use: | What uses of the site are permitted by zoning and deed restrictions? |
| Feasible use: | Which possible and permissible uses will produce a net return to the owner <br> of the site? |
| Highest and best use: | Among the feasible uses, which use will produce the highest net <br> return or the highest present worth? |

Possible use: Possible uses are restricted only by size, by land use regulations, and by terrain features such as wetlands and incompatible soils for building.

Permissible use: Jefferson County zoning and land use regulations permit a wide range of agricultural related activities, including timber harvesting, home based industries, cottage industries, and bed and breakfast inns. After implementation of the conservation easement, residential and non-agricultural use will be restricted. Further residential development beyond that specifically permitted in the conservation easement will be prohibited.

Feasible use: The subject's size, shape, topography, access, permissible uses and location as well as current land use in the neighborhood indicate that agricultural and residential uses are feasible for the subject land.

Highest and best use: The highest and best use of the subject property after the proposed conservation easement takes effect is for residential and agricultural use consistent with the conservation easement and with the intent of Jefferson County Prime Agricultural zoning.

The owner will retain the right to maintain the existing residences and structures associated with agricultural use. The building area for all structures is limited by the conservation easement.

No homesites will be permitted to be sold separately.

## Land Valuation after the Conservation Easement

After the imposition of the conservation easement the subject property will be effectively restricted to one 265 acre agricultural parcel. The existing residential buildings are permitted on the agricultural parcel. New and existing agricultural buildings are limited to specific areas.

Our analysis of the fifteen comparable sale properties has led to the conclusion that the market value of the 265 acre subject property, after the conservation easement is in place, can be estimated by applying the indicated "current market value" of $\$ 10,000$ per acre to a 40 acre portion of the property, and then applying a "surplus land market value" to the remaining 225 acres.

There is good evidence from the market that the value of 20 acre to 40 acre portions of the subject property is in the $\$ 10,000$ per acre range, as shown in the following table:

| Sales of 20 acre to 40 acre parcels |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sale | Price /Acre | Acres | Date of Sale |
| 1 | $\$ 10,605$ | 22.63 | $10 / 16 / 14$ |
| 2 | $\$ 10,600$ | 40.10 | $6 / 5 / 13$ |
| 5 | $\$ 10,498$ | 20.87 | $5 / 7 / 12$ |
| 7 | $\$ 11,905$ | 23.10 | $9 / 27 / 11$ |
| 13 | $\$ 12,293$ | 21.15 | $9 / 10 / 08$ |
| 14 | $\$ 9,990$ | 20.02 | $9 / 11 / 08$ |
| 15 | $\$ 11,194$ | 40.20 | $4 / 25 / 07$ |

There is little direct evidence from the market to indicate the value of a 265 acre agricultural land parcel that cannot be further subdivided or sold as smaller 20 acre to 40 acre parcels.

There is reasonable evidence from the market that the 225 acres of surplus land would contribute additional value, above the indicated market value of the 40 acres, at the rate of about $\$ 1,500$ per acre as suggested by comparable sales of restricted land parcels, and by our rental analysis of farm land in eastern Clallam and Jefferson Counties in the following paragraphs.

## Farm land rental analysis:

After interviews with participants in the agricultural land leasing market in Jefferson and Clallam Counties, we concluded that the income approach suggests a meaningful market value indication for the surplus 225 acres.

Zack Wailand and Haley Olson operate the Dharma Ridge farm growing primarily vegetables and herbs. They are currently leasing the Boulton Farm near Quilcene for $\$ 6,000$ per year and growing potatoes and mixed vegetables without irrigation. This is for a currently usable area of about 80 acres, for a rate of $\$ 75$ per acre per year. They expect to work with the Boulton's to rehabilitate the remaining agricultural land that has not been in production for some time.

According to Mr. Wailand, the Boulton Farm is superior to much of the Chimacum Valley for a variety of crops. The Boulton Farm has better drainage and better soil that allows for better crop
rotations with less irrigation. He was not sure if enough water is available for production on the entire property.
Roger Short operates the Short Family Farm raising USDA grass fed beef. He leases land from several property owners in the area at a rate between $\$ 50$ and $\$ 100$ per acre per year, with $\$ 50$ the most common number. The rate at the Glendale Farm in the heart of Chimacum is $\$ 50$ per acre per year. He stated that it is difficult to break even at $\$ 100$ per acre per year.

According to Mr. Nash Huber, who leases land for farming in Eastern Clallam County, the maximum rental rate for farm land in the Dungeness Valley area is $\$ 200$ per acre per year for prime agricultural land suitable for growing organic fruits, berries and vegetables as well as seed.

At the maximum potential gross income rate of $\$ 100$ per acre per year the 265 acres being appraised would produce a gross income of $\$ 26,500$ per year. This gross income estimate is not sufficient to warrant completing an income approach to value. It does suggest that the contributory value of the incremental 225 acres is within the general range of $\$ 1,000$ per acre.

This analysis confirms that the highest and best use of the subject property after the conservation easement takes effect is for a combination of residential and agricultural uses.

The potential income from farming appears to be more relevant after the conservation easement takes effect. Recent sales in the area, however, indicate that the market value is higher as residential. Any farm income that a potential buyer would achieve would not be the primary reason for the purchase of the property.
Income from agricultural use is supplementary to the highest and best use of the subject property, after the conservation easement is in place, as a residential homesite.

We valued the remaining 225 acres of surplus land based on the most common agricultural lease rates in the area, $\$ 50$ per acre per year, or $\$ 11,250$ for the 225 acres. Capitalizing this income at $5 \%$ indicates a value of $\$ 225,000$, which is $\$ 1,000$ per acre.
Applying a market value indication of $\$ 10,000$ per acre to 40 acres ( $\$ 400,000$ ), and $\$ 1,000$ per acre for 225 acres $(\$ 225,000)$ results in an overall market value indication for the 265 acres being appraised of $\$ 625,000$, after the conservation easement is in place. We have given very little weight to this capitalized income analysis. There is not sufficient market evidence to support this approach.
We have given much greater weight to our analysis of the following three comparable sales of land parcels that are restricted as to future use and development.

## Comparable sales of restricted land parcels:

Sale A is an August 2011 sale of 50.53 acres for $\$ 585,000$ land value. The property is located near Chimacum about one mile north of the subject and is encumbered with a conservation easement. The easement limits the 50.53 acres to a single residence and restricts most non-agricultural use. The after land value was $\$ 435,000$, which is $\$ 8,609$ per acre; a reduction of $25.6 \%$ for the loss of one homesite. The effect of the easement is minor, relative to other recent sales of 40 acre agricultural parcels. Sale A is 214.5 acres smaller than the 265 acres being appraised.

In direct comparison with the subject, we have allocated $\$ 10,000$ per acre to 40 acres $(\$ 400,000)$, which leaves $\$ 35,000$ of the $\$ 435,000$ Sale A land value allocated to 10.53 acres of surplus land, which is $\$ 3,324$ per acre. The subject property is much larger, with 225 acres of surplus land after the conservation easement, compared to Sale A, which has 10.53 acres of surplus land.

Considering this difference in size, it is our opinion that Sale A indicates that the value of the subject property's 225 acres of surplus land is within the range of $\$ 1,000$ to $\$ 2,000$ per acre.

Sale B is an August 2011 sale of 53.94 acres that is in a conservation easement. The purchase includes three 0.30 acre lots that can be developed along with 53.04 acres of land restricted to agricultural use with a conservation easement. This property is part of a cluster development as allowed by Clallam County zoning. The residential parcels of the cluster have access to the Sequim Valley Airport, and are intended to be a fly-in community.

The original purchase in July 2005 of 65.75 acres could have each been sold and developed as five acre parcels. The total aggregate purchase price was $\$ 1,212,500$, which was $\$ 18,441$ per acre.

The August 2011 purchase is of 53.94 acres for $\$ 466,000$, which is $46.8 \%$ of the size-adjusted before value of $\$ 994,708$. Adjusting for the ability to sell separately the three 0.30 acre parcels indicates a value of $\$ 5,018$ per acre. The agricultural reserve is currently leased at $\$ 50$ per acre per year.

In general, land values are higher in the Sequim-Dungeness area. Also, Sale B has a superior mountain view, superior agricultural qualities, as well as the unique airport amenity. In addition, it is 211.06 acres smaller than the subject, indicating a much lower unit price for the subject. Because of the various complexities and significant size difference, we have given Sale B very little weight.

Sale B indicates that the market value of these 53.94 acres after the conservation easement is in effect is $46.8 \%$ of the land value before the conservation easement is in place. We have considered this $46.8 \%$ before/after ratio in our estimate of the market value of the subject property after the conservation easement is in place.

Sale C is a September 2008 sale of 41.51 acres that is a remainder lot of a cluster development. As such it is unable to be further divided, making it similar to a conservation easement. One homesite is allowed. The remainder parcel is very irregularly shaped, without much practical value. The current owners have built a house, and appear to keep horses on the remaining acreage.

Typical lot size in Hidden Highlands is 1.1 acres. Average sale price per lot is $\$ 108,857$. Allocating $\$ 110,000$ to the 1.1 acre homesite leaves $\$ 87,500$ as the value of the 40.1 acre remainder, which is $\$ 2,165$ per acre. In general, land values are higher in the Sequim-Port Angeles area. This property has a view of the Olympic Mountains. The agricultural qualities are very inferior to the subject. This sale is 223.5 acres smaller than the subject.

In our opinion Sale C, which consists of 41.51 acres, supports our conclusion that the incremental contributory value of the 225 acres of surplus land on the subject property after the conservation easement takes effect is within the range of $\$ 1,000$ to $\$ 2,000$ per acre.

## LAND SALE A (After):

Summary of location:
Proximity to subject:
Assessor Parcel No:

Chimacum.
About one mile north.
901151004, 901142047,901142042

SALE DATA:

Sale date:
Sale price:
Instrument:
Auditor's file no.
Seller:
Purchaser:
Legal description:
Confirmation:
Motivation:

August 31, 2011
\$825,000.
Statutory Warranty Deed.
562027.

Gloria Brown, as her separate estate.
Chimacum Dairy LLC.
Portions of Government Lot 4 and R.S. Robinson DLC \# 40 14-29-1W
Public records, Sarah Spaeth, Jefferson Land Trust
Agricultural production

## SITE DATA:

Access Access is from Rhody Drive.

Land area $\quad 50.53$ acres.
Description Two parcels subject to conservation easement.
Utilities Public Utilities, including water as well as a private well and irrigation rights.
Zoning $\quad$ Agricultural Prime (AP20).
Analysis This sale took place after a conservation easement was placed on the property. The easement had the effect of combining two developable parcels into one that cannot be divided, and restricting the land to agricultural use. The seller received $\$ 150,000$ for the value of the easement, making the before value $\$ 975,000$. This value included approximately $\$ 390,000$ of improvements. The before land value was $\$ 585,000$, which is $\$ 11,577$ per acre. The after land value was $\$ 435,000$, which is $\$ 8,609$ per acre; a reduction of $25.6 \%$ for the loss of one homesite.
The purchasers had planned on operating a small scale artesian dairy on the property. They are currently leasing to Finn River Farm, who have planted heirloom apples and various other annual crops.
This appraisal firm provided the appraisal for the conservation easement.
In direct comparison with the subject, we have allocated $\$ 10,000$ per acre to 40 acres ( $\$ 400,000$ ), which leaves $\$ 35,000$ of the $\$ 435,000$ Sale A land value allocated to 10.53 acres of surplus land, which is $\$ 3,324$ per acre.




## LAND SALE B (After):

Summary of location:
Proximity to subject:
Assessor Parcel No:

Southeast corner of Old Olympic Highway and Kitchen Dick Road.
About 15 miles northwest.
043009-500110; 043016-500150; -500160; -500170;-500180.

## SALE DATA:

Sale date:
Sale price:
Instrument:
Auditor's file no.
Seller:
Purchaser:
Legal description:

August 12, 2011.
$\$ 466,000$.
Statutory Warranty Deed.
2011-1269013.
Gfd LLC.
Discovery Trail Farm LLC
Lots 11, 12 and 13, North and East and South Agricultural Reserve, Discovery Trail Farm, Phase 2, Volume 15 of Plats, Page 73, records of Clallam County, Washington.
Data source:

## SITE DATA:

Access Automobile access is from Trail Side Drive, a private road; Airport access can be purchased.
Land area 53.94 acres.
Description Remainder lot consisting of agricultural reserve, which includes one homesite, along with three 0.30 acre lots with potential for future development and sale.
Utilities Restricted use of water system and shared drain-field. $\$ 100,000$ estimated cost to extend underground utilities to site.
Zoning Agricultural Reserve (AR16).
Analysis This sale includes the remainder lot of Discovery Trail Farm cluster development that cannot be further divided, as well as three 0.30 acre lots that can be built upon. According to the seller, a $\$ 100,000$ investment would be needed to extend the community water and septic systems as well as other utilities. Assuming $\$ 100,000$ cost for utility extension and a value of $\$ 100,000$ (based on the most recent sale in 2008) for each of the three additional parcels indicates a value for the 53 acre agricultural land of $\$ 266,000$ which is $\$ 5,018$ per acre.

The original sale of $\$ 1,212,500$ for 65.75 acres in 2005 is $\$ 18,441$ per acre; multiplying the 53.94 acres by $\$ 18,441$ per acre equals $\$ 994,708$. Dividing the $\$ 466,000$ after value by the size adjusted before value of $\$ 994,708$ indicates that the after value is $46.8 \%$ of the before value.

Because of these various complexities and the very significant size difference, we have given Sale $B$ very little weight.

## Comparable Sale B (before):

Summary of Location: Southeast corner of Old Olympic Highway and Kitchen Dick Road.


## SITE DATA:

Access Old Olympic Highway and Kitchen Dick Road.
Land Area 65.75 acres.
Description Agricultural Open Space Land.
Utilities Water, power, community septic drain-field.
Zoning AR by Clallam County. One dwelling unit per 16 acres.

## Analysis:

The purchasers of this property bought a total of 65.75 acres for $\$ 1,212,500$ in three transactions. This amounts to $\$ 18,441$ per acre.

The property is zoned Agricultural Retention (AR) by Clallam County, which allows a density of 1 homesite per 16 acres. Planned developments are allowed, which the purchasers applied for and received, allowing 19 homesites with an average size of 1.08 acres. The $\$ 1,212,500$ purchase price divided by 19 homesites is $\$ 63,816$ per homesite. The first eight lots of the development were originally on the market with an average asking price of $\$ 250,000$. Lot 7 sold for $\$ 247,500$ in 2006 , but Lot 1 sold for $\$ 100,000$ in 2008.

This development is targeting a unique niche market. Each homesite has access to a private taxiway leading to the Dungeness Valley airport. Very restrictive architectural requirements and a perpetual Airport Access Easement and Agreement at an additional cost of $\$ 82,500$ are deeded into each lot. The lots have an excellent mountain view, which will be protected by continued agricultural use of the remainder parcel. The remainder parcel is currently being leased for agricultural use at $\$ 50$ per acre per year.








## LAND SALE C:

Summary of location:
Proximity to subject:
Assessor Parcel No:

Hidden Highland subdivision off O'Brien Road.
About 20 miles northwest.
053027-520170.

## SALE DATA:

Sale date:
Sale price:
Instrument:
Auditor's file no.
Seller:
Purchaser:
Legal description:
Data source:

September 11, 2008
\$197,500.
Statutory Warranty Deed.
2008-1226479.
Hidden Valley Development LLC.
Brandon and Tracy Stoppani, husband and wife
Lot 17 of Hidden Highlands according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 14 of Plats, page 84, records of Clallam County, Washington.
Public records, Realtor.

## SITE DATA:

| Access | Hidden Highlands Road. |
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| Land area | 41.51 acres. |
| Description | Remainder lot consisting of rolling acreage and ravine with wetland with attractive <br> views of the Olympic Mountains. Not eligible for further development. |
| Utilities | PUD water and electricity; telephone. |
| Zoning | Rural Character Conservation 3 (RCC3). |
| Analysis | $\$ 197,500$ divided by 41.51 acres $=\$ 4,758$ per acre. This parcel is the remainder lot of |
|  | Hidden Highlands subdivision and cannot be further divided. |
|  | The original purchase of the 58.59 acres that became Hidden Highlands was sold for |
|  | $\$ 320,000$ for 58.59 acres, or $\$ 5,462$ per acre. The 58.59 acres were subdivided into 17 |
|  | lots. Most of the lots sold in 2006 , one sold in 2007 and this sale in 2008. The total |
|  | sold price is $\$ 1,757,500$. |



County aerial photo showing irregular lot lines


## Typical vegetation on Sale C



Plat map for Hidden Highlands subdivision. Lot 17 is Sale C.


## Summary of Land Value after the Conservation Easement

## Conclusion:

Comparable Sale A land value before was $\$ 585,000$, which is $\$ 11,577$ per acre. The after land value was $\$ 435,000$, which is $\$ 8,609$ per acre; a reduction of $25.6 \%$ for the loss of one homesite.
We have allocated $\$ 10,000$ per acre to 40 acres $(\$ 400,000)$, which leaves $\$ 35,000$ of the $\$ 435,000$ Sale A land value, allocated to 10.53 acres of surplus land, which is $\$ 3,324$ per acre.

In our opinion, after adjusting for size, Sale A indicates that the value of the subject property's 225 acres of surplus land is within the range of $\$ 1,000$ to $\$ 2,000$ per acre.

Comparable Sale B has been given very little weight due to various complexities and to the very significant size difference with the subject. The original sale of $\$ 1,212,500$ for 65.75 acres in 2005 is $\$ 18,441$ per acre; multiplying the 53.94 acres by $\$ 18,441$ per acre equals $\$ 994,708$. Dividing the $\$ 466,000$ after value by the sizeadjusted before value of $\$ 994,708$ indicates that the after value is $46.8 \%$ of the before value.

We have considered this $46.8 \%$ before/after ratio in our estimate of the market value of the subject property after the conservation easement is in place.

Comparable Sale C, before adjusting for size, indicates that the market value after the conservation easement takes effect is within the $\$ 3,765$ per acre range.
In our opinion Sale C, which consists of 41.51 acres, supports our conclusion that the incremental contributory value of the 225 acres of surplus land on the subject property after the conservation easement takes effect, after adjusting for size, is within the range of $\$ 1,000$ to $\$ 2,000$ per acre.

All three sales are more than 200 acres smaller than the subject. Compared to the before value, in which the excess land could be sold as residential parcels, in the after condition the surplus land can only be used for agricultural production, and therefore holds a lesser value.
Using the available sales data we have valued 40 acres of the subject in the after condition at $\$ 10,000$ per acre, which is $\$ 400,000$.

We valued the remaining 225 acres of surplus land based primarily on our analysis of Comparable Sales A and C, which indicate that the value of the subject property's 225 acres of surplus land is within the range of $\$ 1,000$ to $\$ 2,000$ per acre. The most reasonable market value indication within this range is, in our opinion, $\$ 1,500$ per acre, which is $\$ 337,500$ for the 225 acres. Adding our market value estimate of $\$ 400,000$ for the 40 acres of residential land indicates a total value of $\$ 737,500$ (rounded to $\$ 740,000$ ) for the 265 acres being appraised.
Sale B provides an indication that the market value of the 265 acres being appraised after the conservation easement is in place is $46.8 \%$ of the value before the conservation easement is in place. Applying this before/after ratio to our $\$ 1,590,000$ market value estimate indicates that the market value of the 265 acres being appraised after the conservation easement is in place is $\$ 744,120$.

The most reasonable market value indication in the after condition is:

## SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

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\$ 740,000
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We estimate an exposure time of twelve months.

## Value Estimate by the Cost Approach.

The cost approach to value is not applicable to this appraisal assignment because the value of the improvements will be the same before and after the imposition of the conservation easement. Therefore, estimating the market value of the improvements by the cost approach is beyond the scope of work of this appraisal assignment.

## Value Estimate by the Sales Comparison Approach.

The sales comparison approach to value has been used to estimate the market value of the land. The contributory value of the improvements will be the same before and after the imposition of the conservation easement and is beyond the scope of this appraisal assignment. For this reason we have not used the sales comparison approach to estimate the contributory value of the improvements.

## Correlation and Final Value Estimate.

Valuation of water rights: The water rights on the property have no significant value beyond the current use for agriculture on the subject property.
Our analysis of comparable land sales indicates that the market value of the 265 acres of land being appraised is $\$ 740,000$, after the proposed conservation easement takes effect.
Our estimate of the potential gross annual income from agriculture was used to compute the value of excess land in the after condition.
The cost approach to value is not applicable to this appraisal assignment.
The contributory value of the existing improvements will be the same before and after the imposition of the conservation easement. Therefore, an estimate of the contributory value of the improvements is beyond the scope of this appraisal assignment.
The highest and best use of the subject property after the proposed conservation easement takes effect is for continued residential use as a single-owner private estate, with supplemental agricultural use consistent with the conservation easement and consistent with the intent of Jefferson County Prime Agricultural zoning. Any farm income that a potential buyer would achieve would not be the primary reason for the purchase of the property.
In our opinion, the current market value of the 265 acres of land being appraised after imposition of the proposed conservation easement is:

## SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

$\$ 740,000$
We estimate an exposure time of twelve months.
Dated: January 29, 2015


John V. Halberg, MAI


Greg V. Halberg

## Acquisition Analysis

## Recapitulation.

The market value of the $\mathbf{2 6 5}$ acres being appraised before the imposition of the proposed conservation easement is $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 5 9 0 , 0 0 0}$. The market value of the $\mathbf{2 6 5}$ acres after the imposition of the proposed conservation easement is $\$ 740,000$.

Therefore, the difference between the value before the conservation easement takes effect and the value after the conservation easement takes effect is $\mathbf{\$ 8 5 0 , 0 0 0}$.

## Exhibits and Addenda

## Title Evidence Report.

We have received and reviewed a lengthy preliminary title report which we assume will be available through the Jefferson Land Trust.

## Other Pertinent Exhibits.

The "Short Family Farm CE - October 2014" is included in the Addenda.

## Qualifications of Appraisers.

Qualifications of the appraisers are included in the addenda.

## QUALIFICATIONS OF JOHN V. HALBERG, MAI

John V. Halberg is an independent real estate appraiser located in Clallam County, Washington. He has completed appraisal assignments for acquisition, arbitration, condemnation, feasibility, financing, and sale. His professional territory has included more than seventy-five cities in California, Alaska, Washington, Arizona, Montana and Nevada. Appraisal practice is currently limited to Olympic Peninsula properties.
Clientele has included various individuals, attorneys, corporations, financial institutions, and government agencies.
He has evaluated real estate with a total worth in excess of $\$ 200,000,000$, including recreational land, residential land, industrial properties, waterfront land, motor hotels, shopping centers, office buildings, medical office buildings, retail store buildings, special purpose properties, gasoline service stations, apartments, condominiums, planned unit developments and miscellaneous properties.
His appraisal experience began in 1959 and has included several years as staff appraiser in Seattle and San Francisco for prominent real estate appraisal and mortgage banking companies.
He has qualified in the Superior Courts as an expert on real estate value.
Mr. Halberg has served on the faculty of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers, and as an instructor in real estate at Peninsula Community College in Port Angeles, Washington.

Educated at the University of Washington in Seattle, John V. Halberg majored in real estate and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. This basic real estate education has been supplemented by a number of real estate and appraisal courses and seminars sponsored by the University of California and by the Appraisal Institute.
Appraisal courses and seminars that have been completed recently include:

| Seattle Real Estate Conference | October 2014 |
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| Water Rights | July 2013 |
| Appraising the Appraisal: Appraisal Review - General | January 2012 |
| National USPAP Update Course | January 2012 |
| Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice | July 2011 |
| Valuation of Conservation Easements | January 2008 |
| Market Analysis and Highest and Best Use | March 2007 |
| Business Practices and Ethics | April 2005 |
| Report Writing and Valuation Analysis | March 2004 |
| Uniform Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions | April 2002 |
| Partial Interest Valuation, Divided and Undivided | October 2001 |
| Advanced Income Capitalization | June 2001 |
| Washington State Planning and Land Use Seminar | May 2000 |
| Environmental Influences on Valuation | October 1998 |
| Litigation Valuation Overview | March 1998 |
| High Tech Appraisal Office | November 1997 |
| Right of Way Valuation and LIDs | May 1995 |

## QUALIFICATIONS OF GREG V. HALBERG

Greg V. Halberg is a Washington State Certified General Appraiser.
He earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Western Washington University in 1992, and a Master's Degree in Exercise Physiology from Central Michigan University in 2001.
He joined Halberg Pacific Appraisal Service in August 2006 after a 13 year career in coaching.

Appraisal courses and seminars that have been completed include:

| Advanced Applications and Case Studies | October 2014 |
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| Seattle Real Estate Conference | October 2014 |
| Cool Tools: Technology for the Appraisal Office | May 2014 |
| Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice | January 2014 |
| Seattle Real Estate Conference | September 2013 |
| Water Rights | July 2013 |
| Regression Analysis: Are you prepared? | September 2012 |
| Appraising for the IRS 2012 |  |
| Business Practices and Ethics | April 2010 |
| Advanced Applications | April 2010 |
| Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice | November 2009 |
| General Appraiser Report Writing and Case Studies | March 2009 |
| General Appraiser Site Valuation and Cost Approach | March 2008 |
| General Appraiser Sales Comparison Approach | February 2008 |
| General Appraiser Income Approach Part II | November 2007 |
| General Appraiser Income Approach Part I | November 2007 |
| Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions | May 2007 |
| Real Estate Finance, Statistics, and Valuation Modeling | May 2007 |
| General Market Analysis and Highest and Best Use | February 2007 |
| Basic Appraisal Procedures | October 2006 |
| Basic Appraisal Principles | October 2006 |



# Short Farm Conservation Easement Critical Areas Assessment 

October 2014

## Introduction

At the request of Jefferson Land Trust, Olympic Wetland Resources has prepared this Critical Area Assessment to identify wetland and stream boundaries and define associated buffers on the proposed Short Farm Conservation in Chimacum Valley. This information will assist in the appraisal process by Halberg Pacific Appraisal Service. The following report is an overview of critical areas within selected parcels and DOES NOT represent comprehensive jurisdictional wetland delineation.

Three parcels have been identified as potential building sites and therefore would be appraised with a higher value. These parcels have been defined in this report as Section I, Valley View Farm Trust off West Valley Road (Parcel \#901 224 001, 62.52 acres), and Section II and III which are located on the southernmost portion of the Short Farm and fall on the opposite sides of Chimacum Creek (Parcels are \#901 262003, 59.01 acres and \#901 $262002,51.27$ acres).

## Methodology

Wetland edges are determined when there is a dominance of wetland tolerant vegetation, hydrology, and hydric soil. Several soil test pits were dug on each of the three parcels to locate wetland edges. All soil pit data is available upon request. Since both Chimacum Creek and Naylor Creek have been historically channeled the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of these creeks is obvious.

Methodology for determining wetland boundaries and associated critical area buffers are outlined in Jefferson County Unified Development Code (UDC) 18.22 Critical Areas (March 2008). This report is in compliance with UDC 18.22 Article VI Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Area, VII Wetlands.

## Existing Conditions

## Vegetation

This critical area assessment was conducted during the end of a dry summer and the vegetation was heavily grazed; therefore herbaceous species identification was difficult. The majority of vegetation identified in the pastures consists of non-native grasses. Pasture grass includes colonial bentgrass, reed canarygrass, orchard grass, quack grass, blue grass. Mana grass was observed along Chimacum Creek. Herbaceous species include Canadian and bull thistle, nettles, curly dock, dandelion, and creeping buttercup. Shrubs and trees species were isolated growing around a man-made pond, and occasionally along Chimacum and Naylor Creek. Tree species identified included spruce, cottonwood, alders, and willow, with shrub layer of red-osier dogwood, spirea, and rose. During this assessment vegetation was the least reliable criteria to determine the wetland edge. The presence of wetland soils and hydrology within the soil test pit defined the wetland edge.

## Soils

The Munsell Color Chart was used in the field to evaluate soil colors. Other soil and characteristics were analyzed using the Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States (Version 7.0, 2010.) On all three parcels several soil test pits were dug to identify wetland soils. Jefferson County Soil Survey lists the soils in the study area as $\mathbf{S a}, \mathbf{S h}, \mathbf{S e}$, all variants of Semiahmoo muck which is classified as a hydric soil. In several wetland locations these soils were identified by texture and soil color which is very dark brown to black. In the upland areas soils are mapped as $\mathrm{ClC}, \mathrm{EvC}$, and SuB (Cathcart, Everett, and Swantown gravely loam). These brown upland soils often overlay a grey clay layer, or the Semiahmoo muck. Soil colors and textures for all soil test pits have been recorded and are available upon request.

## Hydrology

Hydrology was recorded when observed and includes standing water within the soil test pits, flowing water, or ponded surface water. Even though this assessment was conducted at the end of a long dry summer months hydrology was observed in several locations in the wetlands. Upland soil pits were dry with granular soil textures. The man-made ponds along Chimacum and Naylor Creek were full of water.

## Landscape Setting and Watershed Context

This project is within the Chimacum Valley and watershed basin and contains Naylor Creek and the west fork of the Chimacum Creek in addition to several side tributaries. The stormwater within this watershed drains to Chimacum Creek, which empties into Port Townsend Bay near Irondale. The relatively flat valley slopes uphill to Center Valley Road to the east and West Valley Road to the west. All wetlands are hydrologically connected within the landscape setting by Chimacum or Naylor Creek and were originally mapped as one large wetland on the Jefferson County Critical Areas Map.

## Plants)

As indicated on the Eastern Jefferson County Habitat Assessment Maps the majority of the farm is listed within PHS areas (priority habitat species area). This is due to the presence of the migrating waterfowl and trumpeter swans that frequent the area. Chimacum Creek is also known to support winter Steelhead, and Coho. Other species are known to use the area but none of them are on the threatened or endangered species list.

## Wetland Buffers

Buffers were determined applying the Washington State Department of Ecology's Wetland Rating System for Western Washington (included in Appendix). The wetland for Section II and III were rated as one system due to the hydrological connection of Chimacum Creek. This wetland extends off site to the south and includes the area owned by Finn River Farm which has high habitat value. This large wetland system will have a rating of 53 points with a very high water quality and hydrological function and a moderate to low habitat score. Buffer width assigned to a Category II wetland depends on land use. The buffers for all wetlands examined, due to the low habitat score will be from 50 to 70 feet depending on future land use. An additional 40 feet is added to a wetland that has not been formally delineated. (UDC Table 18.22.330 (1\&2). Section I was rated as a slope wetland and but due to the low habitat value may potentially rate as a Category III wetland with 40 to 60 foot buffers (plus 30 feet). This wetland also extends off site to the north and south and would require crossing property boundaries for an accurate determination.

## Chimacum and Naylor Creek Buffers

Chimacum Creek is considered one of the top priority salmon enhancement streams in East Jefferson County. It is important as a fish migration channel and has been the focus of restoration for 10 years with over 9 river miles restored and enhanced. Riparian zone restoration has been done by many organizations including North Olympic Salmon Coalition, USDA Farm Service Agency, Jefferson County Conservation District, Jefferson Land Trust, and numerous private land owners.

Chimacum and Naylor Creek qualify as a Type " S " Shoreline Stream with protective 150' buffers measured from the OHWM on either side of the channel. Wetlands and wetland buffers of often overlap creek buffers. Mapped seasonal streams have a 50' buffer.

## Findings and Limitations

The findings from October field assessment are recorded on maps included in the Appendix. Wetland edge findings differ from wetland edges indicated on the Jefferson County Critical Areas Map; however the FEMA flood boundaries will remain the same. FEMA flood boundaries do not have buffers but are regulated by local, state, and federal jurisdictions.

Buffer restrictions are as follows; all fish bearing streams (Chimacum and Naylor Creeks) will have a 150' protective buffer (from both sides) measured from the OHWM. All other mapped streams (mostly on Section I and III) are non-fish bearing and are seasonal and will have a $50^{\prime}$ buffer. The large wetland that is associated with Chimacum Creek (Section II and II) is a Category II wetland due to the connectivity associated wetlands to the south. Category II wetlands have 75 foot buffers ( $40^{\prime}$ is added if the wetland is not delineated). This buffer is assigned for moderate impact land use (single family home). Section I may qualify as a Category III due to the low habitat value and would have a 60 ' buffer.

This report has been prepared for Jefferson Land Trust to assist in the appraisal by Halberg Pacific Appraisal Service. This wetland assessment represents an overview of over 150 acres of farm land within the proposed 260 acre Short Farm Conservation Easement and does not represent a complete critical areas determination. The wetlands were NOT delineated; soil colors, vegetation, and hydrology were recorded in only a few locations within the three large parcels. If development were proposed a more through examination of the property would be required, preferably after the wet season.

In general findings reveal that the large wetland identified adjacent to Chimacum Creek on Section II and III (Parcels \#901 262003 and \#901 262002 ) is significantly smaller than mapped by Jefferson County Critical Areas Map. The wetland on the slope below West Valley Road had surface water and most likely has year round hydrology even though the pasture lower in elevation did not have hydric soils or hydrology. This should be considered for the appraisal since passage across the wetland would require mitigation.

Corps of Engineer Data Sheets for all soil test pits are available upon request. If there are further questions or planning requirements for this project, please do not hesitate to call.

Dixie Llewellin
Principal Biologist, Olympic Wetland Resources
Certified for Wetland Delineation, WTI,
Certified for Wetland Rating and Soil Analysis DOE, 2007, 2012

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## Certificate of Ground Water Right

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