



## Snohomish County Public Works

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) and LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITY PERMIT**

**PROJECT NAME:** North Creek Trail (RC1546)

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:** Snohomish County Public Works proposes to purchase right-of-way and build a section of the North Creek Regional Trail between State Route 524 and North Creek Park at 183<sup>rd</sup> Street SE. The proposed 2.8 mile trail would provide a missing link in the planned coordinated regional system that would connect the Sammamish River/Burke-Gilman Trail in King County with the Snohomish County Regional Interurban Trail in Everett.

Currently, the gap between Mill Creek and Bothell in the North Creek Regional Trail forces users onto busy roadways without sidewalks or designated bicycle lanes. By filling in the gap, the trail would provide safe and continuous travel to users of all abilities.

The trail would be constructed adjacent to existing county roads, in residential neighborhoods, through overhead utility power line easements, and would cross North Creek.

The proposed trail would be a combination of separated trail and sidepath segments. A portion of the proposed trail would be on elevated structures or bridges to cross over and minimize impacts to wetlands and streams. A sidepath segment would include a 10 – 12 foot wide paved trail bounded by 2-foot wide gravel shoulders and curbing with a 5-foot wide planter separating the sidepath from the roadway. The separated trail would include a 10 – 12 foot wide paved trail with 2-foot gravel shoulders. The elevated concrete and steel structure segment would be 12 – 14 feet wide. The foundation of the elevated segment would be supported on pin piles. Bridge details are not available at this time. More specific design for specific crossings, such as North Creek, would be developed as part of the final design. The project proposes up to 30 new parallel parking spaces along the west side of Filbert Drive and up to 22 new parking spaces in a proposed lot south of the intersection of Winesap Road and Sprague Drive.

The proposed trail is intended to safely accommodate bicyclists, pedestrians, runners, wheelchair users, in-line skaters, and other non-motorized users. It would be designed to meet the needs of different ages and skill levels within those groups. The trail would be ADA accessible. The trail would provide access to recreation, employment, and retail centers; improve local connections between communities and neighborhoods; provide an alternative to driving from one place to another, encourage physical activity; and connect to other existing trails and pedestrian facilities.

Snohomish County Public Works has completed the feasibility analysis for the 2.8 mile gap in the North Creek Regional Trail and has selected a preferred trail alignment based on the feasibility analysis and public input. The project is currently working on the design in order to move forward with right of way planning and acquisition and conducting the environmental review process. Brightwater funding has been secured for right of way purchase, scheduled for completion in 2015. Additional funding is needed to complete the design and for construction of the trail.

For more information, please visit the project webpage at

[http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public\\_Works/Services/Roads/Projects/ncreektrail.htm](http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public_Works/Services/Roads/Projects/ncreektrail.htm)

**LOCATION OF PROPOSAL:** The project site is located in unincorporated Snohomish County. The project extends from State Route 524 (208<sup>th</sup> Street SE) to 183<sup>rd</sup> Street SE, west of State Route 527, in Section 18, Township 27N, Range 5E, WM of Snohomish County.

- The proposed 2.8 mile trail would start at the intersection of SR 524 and Filbert Drive and go north along the west side of Filbert Drive as a sidepath. It would cross Greening and Filbert Creeks on the west side of Filbert Drive before crossing Filbert Drive at 3<sup>rd</sup> Drive SE.
- A separated trail would continue northeast through a power line easement and cross 4<sup>th</sup> Drive SE before turning into a sidepath along the south side of 196<sup>th</sup> Street SE and then continuing north along the east side of Winesap Road. The sidepath trail would cross Winesap Road at Sprague Drive and continue east along the south side of Sprague Drive to the unopened right-of-way at 192<sup>nd</sup> Street SE.
- An elevated trail structure would cross the wetland and North Creek through the unopened right-of-way.
- A separated trail would cross Waxen Road and continue through the power line easement, crossing 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, and up to an existing private gravel path. The separated trail would generally follow the existing private gravel path behind 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and then a sidepath along the west side of 9<sup>th</sup> Drive SE.
- An elevated trail structure would cross the ravine and continue as a sidepath trail on the west side of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. The trail would cross 183<sup>rd</sup> Street SE and end at North Creek Park.

**APPLICANT AND LEAD AGENCY:** Snohomish County Public Works

**LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITY (LDA) PERMIT:** This project would require an LDA permit. The preliminary estimates for cut and fill quantities are 6,000 cubic yards of cut and 13,700 cubic yards of fill.

**THRESHOLD DETERMINATION:** The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request.

The lead agency has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the county's development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state, or federal laws and rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240 and WAC 197-11-158. Our agency will not require any additional mitigation measures under chapter 30.61 SCC.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** This DNS and LDA are subject to a 21-day comment period. Written comments may be submitted by mail or e-mail to the lead agency's contact person. See name and address below. Comments must be received by 5 p.m., August 6, 2012.

**APPEALS:** This DNS may be appealed pursuant to the requirements of SCC 30.61.300 and Chapter 2.02 SCC. There is a 21-day appeal period for the DNS that commences from the date of publication of notice. Any appeal must be addressed to the County Hearing Examiner, accompanied by a filing fee of \$500.00, and be filed in writing at Snohomish County Public Works, 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Robert J. Drewel Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Customer Service Center, Everett, Washington. The appeal must be received by 5 p.m., August 6, 2012.

The appeal must contain the items set forth in SCC 30.71.050(5). In addition, SCC 30.61.305(1) also requires that any person filing an appeal of a threshold determination made pursuant to chapter 30.61 SCC shall file with the hearing examiner, within seven days of filing the appeal, a sworn affidavit or declaration demonstrating facts and evidence, that, if proven, would demonstrate that the issuance of the threshold determination was clearly erroneous.

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**Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 7-10-12

**DISCLAIMER:**

The determination that an environmental impact statement does not have to be filed does not mean there will be no adverse environmental impacts. Snohomish County codes governing noise control, land use performance standards, construction and improvement of county roads, drainage control, building practices will provide substantial mitigation of the aforementioned impacts.

The issuance of this Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) should not be interpreted as acceptance or approval of this proposal as presented. Snohomish County reserves the right to deny or approve said proposal subject to conditions if it is determined to be in the best interest of the County and/or necessary to the general health, safety, and welfare of the public to do so.

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Interested Parties

Attachments: SEPA Checklist, Project Area Map