



**Snohomish County
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Zsofia Pasztor
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RE: Requirement to relocate food distribution activities

Dear Zsofia:

Snohomish County is a committed partner with Farmer Frog in providing support to Food Banks throughout the County. While we applaud your efforts in distributing food to communities in need during the pandemic, the use of the Paradise Valley Conservation Area for these efforts cannot continue. The COVID 19 pandemic created a need to assist the community in this vital activity; therefore, Parks will provide the following space free of charge to continue this important work until the state emergence proclamation is expired: Building 607 & 608 at the Evergreen Fair Park 11.1 miles from PVA. These spaces are paved, powered, and have two offices for your use. We will be drafting a Facility License Agreement for this use and have a goal to complete the move by Friday, February 26th, 2021.

Furthermore, Snohomish County is required by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to replace property like for like whenever a land use is determined to be out of compliance with the funding requirements outlined in RCO Deed of Right #200301210899.

Snohomish County has been diligently working to locate and fund replacement lands for the 7.5 acre lease area occupied by Farmer Frog. As a part of that ongoing effort, determination of the size of the conversion area requiring replacement lands is still undetermined by RCO. The current use of the site for food distribution is clearly not an allowed use and triggers a conversion when it exceeds 180 days. We hope to be allowed some flexibility because of the pandemic. However, Snohomish County, as the steward of this grant funded habitat land, is

required to comply with the deed restrictions and grant agreement that restricts use of the site to salmon habitat lands and passive recreational use.

Snohomish County is not currently in a position to replace the current 7.5 acre footprint required, due to a lack of funding, so increasing the required replacement lands is not an option. To that end, we are prepared to offer you a location that does not put the County in the position of requiring additional salmon habitat replacement lands.

Sincerely,



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