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Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

SEP2025-0004

Date of Issuance of Threshold Determination: 4/11/2025

Project Name: 100 Acre Wood Trail Improvements

Project Description: The City of Bellingham Parks Department is implementing Phase 1b of the Hundred Acre Wood Master Plan. Trail improvements include installation of boardwalks, benches, bridges, and restoration of natural systems. Many of these activities will occur in and near wetlands and habitat conservation areas. A pedestrian bridge is proposed over Hoag Creek, trail segments in wetlands will be revamped, and the east/west trail will be resurfaced. The trail improvements are designed to rectify trail impacts, and mitigation is proposed to compensate for project impacts. A critical area permit is required per BMC 16.55.040. SEPA environmental review is required per WAC 197-11-800 because the project includes a minor amount of in-water work by placing a footbridge spanning Hoags Creek.

Project Location: 107 Chuckanut Drive N, Parcel No. 370212359328, 370212364207, 370212478165, 370212500214, and 370212548098 South Neighborhood, Area 12, zoned Public with Open Space /Parks qualifier.

Proponent: Danielle Rapoza and Colleen Mitchell, Herrera Inc, 1329 N State St, Suite 200, Bellingham WA, 98225, drapoza@herrerainc.com (360)684-1744 and cmitchell@herrerainc.com (360)684-1741 Gina Austin, City Of Bellingham Parks Project Engineer, 210 Lottie ST, Bellingham WA 98225

Lead Agency: City of Bellingham, Planning and Community Development Department (PCDD)

Environmental Information Considered:

- 90% Design Plan Set, Herrera Inc, 2/7/2025
- Critical Area Report and Mitigation Plan, Herrera Inc, 1/29/2025
- Geologically Hazardous Areas Assessment, Herrera Inc. 1/29/2025

The lead agency has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under chapter [36.70A](#) RCW, and in other applicable local, state, or federal laws or rules, as provided by RCW [43.21C.240](#) and WAC 197-11-158. Our agency will not require any additional mitigation measures under SEPA. This decision was made after review of the environmental information considered on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public at <http://www.cob.org/notices> or upon request.

This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. A notice

of Application and Optional DNS was issued on **3/12/2025**, there is no further comment period on the DNS.

Appeal Rights: Pursuant to BMC 16.20.210(D), there is no administrative appeal of this environmental determination.

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