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SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: Mary Olson Farm Livestock Bridge

2. Name of Applicant: City of Auburn Parks, Arts and Recreation Department

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:
   A. Applicant: Contact - Jamie Kelly, Address - 910 Ninth Street SE, Auburn, WA 98002

4. Date checklist prepared:

   May 13, 2015

5. Agency requesting checklist:

   City of Auburn

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

   The bridge will be constructed between June 15, 2015 and September 15, 2015, per WDFW fish window.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

   A small parking (up to 5 stalls) lot to accommodate parking for volunteer staff, and pedestrian trails are being considered south of Olson Creek. If farm management determines that these additional improvements are practical and feasible then supporting information, studies, and assessments will be prepared for these additional improvements in the future.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

   Wetland and Stream Delineation Report (Raedeke, 05/12/2015), Conceptual Wetland Mitigation Plan (Raedeke, 05/12/15), Technical Memorandum – Mary Olson Farm Bridge Environmental Permits (Raedeke, 6/27/14), Floodplain Habitat Assessment (Raedeke, 05/06/15), Geotechnical Engineering Study (Geotech Consultants, 2/11/15

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

   No

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

    Building Permit (COA), Storm Permit (COA), Floodplain Development Permit (COA), Hydraulic Project Approval (WDFW).

11. Give a brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You need not repeat those answers on this page.

    The abutment supports will be located outside of the ordinary high water mark of the stream. These Concrete abutments will sit on pin piles, per engineering and geotechnical design specifications. Vertical supports are 12" pre-stressed hollow core slabs. The proposed bridge is 5 feet wide and 40 feet long with a design load of 100 pounds per square foot. The bridge will have 3'6" wood railings.

    Approximately 500 sq. ft. of wetland and stream buffer would be removed in order to construct the proposed bridge and approach paths on the north and south sides of the creek. The City of Auburn (2015) requires compensatory mitigation for any proposed loss or alteration of stream or wetland buffers. Therefore, approximately 2,300 sq. ft. of stream and wetland buffer would be enhanced as compensatory mitigation for the proposed buffer impacts.

    Reconstructing this historic bridge is proposed for several reasons. Cattle and ponies reside on the Farm and are used in educational programs. They are lead back and forth across the stream daily to access the south pasture. Using a bridge we will keep the livestock out of the stream, thus demonstrating to the public Best Management Practices. The fall fieldtrip program brings thousands of students to the Farm where they observe salmon spawning and study stream ecology. With a bridge students can observe salmon from above and stay out of the delicate stream bank areas where hundreds of little feet compact the soils and kill native vegetation. Lastly, the south end of the bridge will lead to an existing historic road grade that wraps around the south meadow. In the future we hope to improve this grade to form a path connecting to a trail system that will extend across the whole Farm.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

    The Mary Olson Farm is located at 28728 Green River Road in Auburn, Washington (Figure 1). Specifically, the project site is located in the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 5, Township 21 North, Range 5 East, W.M. and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 32, Township 22 North, Range 5 East, W.M.

    The study area is located within the southern portion of the farm, east of Green River Road and south of the farmhouse. The study area encompasses the area extending approximately 100 feet upstream and

downstream of the current location of the proposed bridge (Figure 2). The study area also includes the area within 200 feet of the proposed bridge and road/pathway approach on the north and south of stream bank.

ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

A. General description of the site (circle one): **Flat,** rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other.

Subject property contains areas comprised of rolling, hilly, and, and steep slopes, but the project area at the proposed stream crossing is relatively flat.

B. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? The steepest slope on the subject property is greater than 40%, but bridge crossing is more than 65 feet from any steep slope. The proposed bridge will be constructed across Olson Creek, in a location where the streambanks are only a few feet in height, and are not steep.

C. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

The bridge site lies within the Green River Valley, which is underlain by alluvial soils deposited by the by the Green River and other watercourses that flowed through the Auburn Valley after the last glaciers receded from the area. Typical soils are represented by loose silt and silty sand, with occasional zones of organics. The King County Soil Survey indicates that Puyallup (Py) soil series exists within the project area, which is a fine sandy loam.

D. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

No

E. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Excavation of bridge bulkheads will be 6 to 7 cubic yards that should be removed from the construction site (either wasted somewhere on the property or completely removed from the site.)

Import: 3 to 4 cubic yards of 5\8 minus crushed rock for backfill around the bulkheads and ramps to the bridge.

F. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Erosion from unstabilized soils associated with construction activities could occur, and increase the risk of sediments entering the Olson Creek.

G. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? Less than 1 percent.

H. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth.

Best Management Practices used for the project will include but not be limited to silt fencing, straw waddles, grass seed, etc. In addition, bridge construction is anticipated to take place during summer months when heavy rain events are least likely to occur. A Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control Plan will be prepared by the project engineer and implemented prior to beginning work on the proposed bridge.

2. Air

A. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if know.

Emissions expected to result from the project include those typical of one piece of heavy equipment that will be used to place the support beams across Olson Creek.

B. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odors that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

No

C. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

N/A

3. Water

A. Surface

1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands): If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

Olson Creek, a City of Auburn (2015) Class II stream, flows through Mary Olson Farm property on the east and south sides of the farm entrance road into the property. Raedeke Associates, Inc. (2014 and 2015) delineated a portion of the OWHM of Olson Creek within approximately 100 feet upstream and downstream of the proposed bridge location on April 29, 2014. Olson Creek Flows into the Green River, a Class I stream that is classified as a Shoreline of the State.

Raedeke Associates, Inc. (2014 and 2015) also identified and delineated portions of two wetlands within the project area.

Wetland 1 is located entirely within the OHWM of Olson Creek. Wetland vegetation is rooted on sandbars within the creek channel. Vegetation in the vicinity of the proposed bridge crossing consists of red alder (*Alnus rubra*) trees and an understory of salmon raspberry (*Rubus spectabilis*), subarctic lady fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*), common velvet grass (*Holcus lanatus*), Kentucky blue grass (*Poa pratensis*), creeping buttercup (*Ranunculus repens*), and small enchanter's nightshade (*Circaea alpina*). Wetland 1 meets criteria to be regulated as Category III and is provided a buffer range of 25 to 50 feet under City of Auburn (2015) code (Raedeke Associates, Inc. 2014).

Wetland 2 is a seep area, south of Olson Creek, that extends to the east of the proposed bridge crossing. Wetland 2 is separated from Olson Creek by a small natural levee along the east and south banks of the creek. Wetland vegetation in the vicinity of the bridge crossing consists of red alder primarily of Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*) and reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*). Portions of the wetland farther to the east and extending south along the base of a slope include forested and emergent vegetation communities. Wetland 2 meets criteria to be regulated as Category III and is provided a buffer range of 25 to 50 feet under City of Auburn (2015) code (Raedeke Associates, Inc. 2014).

2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

   Yes, the proposed bridge will cross Olson Creek just south of the main Driveway to the Farm. Please see the supporting documents, plans, and figures to refer to bridge locations and designs.

3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

   No fill or dredged material will be placed or removed from the on-site stream or wetlands.

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

   No, the project will not result in surface water withdrawals or diversions.

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

No, the project area is located outside of and above the 100-year floodplain associated with the Green River. The base flood elevation for the Green River in the vicinity of the project is 52' (NGVD 29). The 52' elevation extends into the project area, but the bridge will be constructed in a matter that the bottom of the bridge will be at an approximate elevation of 55' (NGVD 29), two feet above base flood elevation of the Green River.

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

No, the proposed bridge will not involve discharges of waste materials to surface waters.

B. Ground

1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: domestic sewage; industrial, containing any toxic chemicals; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) is (are) expected to serve.

N/A

C. Water Runoff (including storm water)

1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

The proposed bridge is 200 square feet in size. Given the bridge design, rainfall will be allowed to drain through cracks in the surface of the bridge and runoff into the creek or surrounding riparian area. Any gravel for the approaches that is added will allow for hydrology to sheet flow off of the path and infiltrate into the riparian buffer areas.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

No waste materials will result from the construction of the proposed bridge.

D. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any. A TESC Plan has been prepared and implemented to prevent sediment transport into the stream during

construction. BMPs that will be used during construction will include, but not be limited to erosion fencing, straw waddles, and grass seed.

Upon completion of the construction of the bridge soils will be stabilized to prevent future sediment transport into the stream.

4. Plants

A. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

- ☐ Deciduous Tree: **Alder, Maple**, Aspen, Other
- ☐ Evergreen Tree: **Fir, Cedar**, Pine, Other
- ☐ **Shrubs**
- ☐ **Grass**
- ☐ **Pasture**
- ☐ Crop or Grain
- ☐ **Wet Soil Plants: Cattail, Buttercup, Bullrush, Skunk Cabbage**, Other
- ☐ Water Plants: Water Lily, Eelgrass, Milfoil, Other
- ☐ Other Types of Vegetation

B. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? The location of the bridge has been sited to entirely avoid removal of trees greater than 4 inches diameter-breast-height (dbh) within the buffer and limit removal of woody vegetation to a single western red cedar sapling and two small willow shrubs.

C. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site: Puget Sound ESU Chinook Salmon (*Onchorynchus tshawytscha*) - Threatened, Puget Sound DPS Steelhead Trout (*Onchorynchus mykiss)*- Threatened, and Coastal – Puget Sound DPS Bull Trout (*Salvalinus canfluentus)* – Threatened.

D. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

Compensatory mitigation for 500 sq. ft. of impacts to Olson Creek, Wetland 1, and Wetland 2 buffers would consist of a total of 2,085 sq. ft. of buffer enhancement along the north and south banks of Olson Creek.

The overall goal of the compensatory mitigation is to increase the existing level of protection provided by the buffer for wetland and stream functions. The enhanced and restored wetland/stream buffers are designed to be a low maintenance, self-sustaining community consisting of plant species typical of native forest habitat typical of the Puget Sound lowlands.

A primary purpose for constructing the bridge is to reduce livestock and pedestrian foot traffic within the riparian corridor associated with Olson Creek.

5. Animals

A. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

- Birds: **hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds**, other: geese, ducks, crows, etc.
- Mammals: **deer**, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- Fish: bass, **salmon, trout**, herring, shellfish, other:

B. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site. None known

None known.

C. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. The Green River Valley is located within the path of the Pacific Flyway for migratory birds.

D. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: As previously discussed, mitigation measures will include planting 2,030 square feet of buffer enhancement area with native vegetation. The mitigation plantings will increase native plant diversity and improve wildlife habitat within the riparian corridor associated with Olson Creek.

6. Energy and Natural Resources

A. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. N/A

B. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. N/A

C. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: N/A

7. Environmental Health

A. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe. No

1) Describe special emergency services that might be required: N/A

2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: Best Management Practices will be used during the construction of the bridge.

8. Noise

A. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? Green River Road is located along the western boundary of the subject property, but will not affect the current project.

B. What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site. Noise associated with the project would be a piece of heavy equipment for the construction of the bridge, and construction workers vehicles during a normal work day until the construction of the bridge is completed.

C. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impact, if any: Construction activities will take place during typical working hours between 7:30 A.M and 5:30 P.M.

9. Land and Shoreline Use

A. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? The Mary Olson Farm is a 67 acre City of Auburn park that is a City and King County Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Over the past 20 years the Farm has been restored to its 1902 form and is operated as a living history and environmental education site.

B. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe: There are two pasture areas on the subject property. The north pasture is used to grow hay for the small number of livestock on the farm, while the south pasture is used for the livestock to roam freely and feed.

C. Describe any structures on the site: A historic farm house, a mobile home for the on-site caretaker, a large historic barn, and a livestock paddock exist on the subject property.

D. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? No

E. What is the current zoning classification of the site? Public Use District

F. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? Public and Quasi-Public

G. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? The western portion of the subject property is designated as Urban Conservancy Shoreline Environment. The on-site Shoreline designation does not extend into the project area.

H. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify:

The following environmentally sensitive areas exist on the subject property: Olson Creek, Wetland 1 and Wetland 2, Erosion Prone Areas, Known Seismic Hazard Areas, Landslide Hazard Areas Ground Water Protection Zone 4, Urban Shoreline Designation, and Regulatory Floodplain Areas.

I. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? N/A

J. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? N/A

K. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: N/A

L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: N/A

10. Housing

A. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. N/A

B. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. N/A

C. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

11. Aesthetics

A. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? N/A

B. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? N/A

C. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: N/A

12. Light and Glare

1. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? N/A

2. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? No

3. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? N/A

4. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: N/A

13. Recreation

1. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? N/A

2. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. No

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: N/A

14. Historic and Cultural Preservation

1. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe:

   The proposed bridge is located in the Mary Olson Farm. This 67 acre property is listed as a King County Landmark and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The stream and the area surrounding the proposed bridge are not called out on any of these listings a Areas of Significance. The proposed bridge is a replacement of a historic foot bridge, placed in the same location and designed to appear much like the historic bridge.

2. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

   The Mary Olson Farm is on the National Register of Historic Places and a King County Landmark. It was nominated to this status because of its relative untouched historic character. The full site includes seven intact wooden buildings ranging in age from 1897 to 1920; a historic wagon road grade; and 100+ year old orchard. Following a Master Plan developed by the City of Auburn in 1999 the site has been fully restored and developed as a limited use park and environmental learning center. Reconstructing the historic bridge is one of the last steps in full restoration of the Farm, beyond those put forth by the Master Plan.

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:

   Construction of the proposed foot bridge is outside of the archaeological and historic areas of sensitivity on this Farm.

15. Transportation

1. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. Access to the site is gained from Green River Rd.

2. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? No, there is no transit stop within 1 mile of the subject property.

3. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

   No parking spaces will be added or eliminated as a result of the proposed bridge crossing.

4. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private): No

5. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe: No

6. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur. Vehicular trips per day will not increase as a result of the proposed project.

7. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: N/A

16. Public Services

1. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe: No

2. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impact on public services, if any: No impacts on public services will result from the proposed project.

17. Utilities

1. Circle utilities currently available at the site:

2. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed: N/A

SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

OWNER/AGENT SIGNATURE: Dawn Foster

DATE SUBMITTED: 5/13/15

SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NON-PROJECT ACTIONS
(Do not use this sheet for project action)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent of the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal that would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise? The construction of the livestock/pedestrian bridge will not increase the volume of visitors to the site.

   A. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: N/A

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life? The proposal will have a positive impact on plants, animals, fish because it will eliminate livestock in the stream and riparian areas. In addition it will greatly reduce the number of school children walking along the banks of the creek.

   A. Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are: The bridge has been located in a location to reduce impacts to riparian vegetation to the maximum extent possible.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources? The proposal is not expected to deplete energy or natural resources.

   A. Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are: None taken.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands? The proposal will provide an amenity to a park property to allow access to the south pasture area by livestock and pedestrians. Student visiting the farm will be able to view the creek from above to lean about salmon life cycles.

   A. Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are: Appropriate BMP's will be used during construction to mitigate potential impacts from construction activities.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans? The bridge location is located outside of the shoreline jurisdiction. The Mary Olson Farm property is designated as public use. The bridge will increase access to portions of the farm that are otherwise inaccessible.

   A. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are: Though the bridge will increase access to certain areas to the farm, no increase in the volume of visitors will result from the construction of the bridge.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities? The proposed bridge is not expected to increase demands for transportation, public services, or utilities.

   A. Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are: N/A

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. All local, state, and federal laws and regulations were considered during the design and planning process for the bridge. No conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements will occur as a result of constructing the bridge.

CONCEPTUAL MITIGATION PLAN

Mary Olson Farm
Olson Creek Pedestrian Bridge
Auburn, Washington

May 12, 2015

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE

Raedeke Associates, Inc. was retained by the White River Valley Museum to prepare this conceptual mitigation plan for buffer impacts to Olson Creek and adjacent wetlands from a proposed pedestrian bridge crossing of Olson Creek within the Mary Olson Farm in Auburn, Washington (Figure 1).

Raedeke Associates, Inc. (2015) previously investigated the project area and delineated the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of Olson Creek and the boundaries of two wetlands, one within the OHWM of the creek and a second wetland just south of the creek and east of the project area. Direct impacts to the stream channel or two wetlands are not proposed by the White River Valley Museum; however, the bridge and a portion of trail would be within the buffer for Olson Creek and the two wetlands. The City of Auburn (2015) requires mitigation for impacts to sensitive areas and/or their buffers.

1.2 PROPERTY LOCATION

The Mary Olson Farm is located at 28728 Green River Road in Auburn, Washington (Figure 1). Specifically, the project site is located in the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 5, Township 21 North, Range 5 East, W.M. and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 32, Township 22 North, Range 5 East, W.M.

The study area is located within the southern portion of the farm, east of Green River Road and south of the farmhouse. The study area encompasses the area extending approximately 100 feet upstream and downstream of the current location of the proposed bridge (Figure 2). The study area also includes the area within 200 feet of the proposed bridge and road/pathway approach on the north and south of stream bank.

1.3 RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

The White River Historical Museum and/or their designees would be responsible for the implementation of this mitigation plan.

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1.4 PROJECT SITE DESCRIPTION

The 60-acre Mary Olson Farm is located adjacent to the east bank of the Green River, on east side of Green River Road. The farm is operated as a partnership between the White River Valley Museum and the City of Auburn. The working farm includes several historic buildings and is open to the public for guided tours and other events.

1.4.1 Olson Creek

Olson Creek, a City of Auburn (2015) Class II stream, flows through Mary Olson Farm property on the east and south sides of the farm entrance road into the property (Figure 2). Raedeke Associates, Inc. (2015) delineated a portion of the OWHM of Olson Creek within approximately 100 feet east and west of the proposed bridge location on April 29, 2014 (Figure 2).

1.4.2 Wetlands

Raedeke Associates, Inc. (2015) also identified and delineated portions of two wetlands within the project area (Figure 2).

Wetland 1 is located entirely within the OHWM of Olson Creek on several vegetated sandbars, just east and upstream of the proposed bridge location. The wetland extends approximately 150 feet upstream to a point where sandbars are not present and the stream channel consists solely of pools and riffles. Wetland vegetation in the vicinity of the proposed bridge crossing consists of red alder (*Alnus rubra*) trees and an understory of salmon raspberry (*Rubus spectabilis*), subarctic lady fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*), common velvet grass (*Holcus lanatus*), Kentucky blue grass (*Poa pratensis*), creeping buttercup (*Ranunculus repens*), and small enchanter's nightshade (*Circaea alpina*). Wetland 1 meets criteria to be regulated as Category III and is provided a buffer range of 25 to 50 feet under City of Auburn (2015) code (Raedeke Associates, Inc. 2015).

Wetland 2 is a seep area, south of Olson Creek, that extends to the east of the proposed bridge crossing. Wetland 2 is separated from Olson Creek by a small natural levee along the east and south banks of the creek. The wetland extends to the south along the toe of slopes, east of a pasture area in the south portion of the Mary Olson Farm property. Wetland vegetation in the vicinity of the bridge crossing consists of red alder primarily of Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*) and reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*). Portions of the wetland farther to the east and extending south along the base of a slope include forested and emergent vegetation communities. Wetland 2 meets criteria to be regulated as Category III and is provided a buffer range of 25 to 50 feet under City of Auburn (2015) code (Raedeke Associates, Inc. 2015).

1.4.3 Wetland and Stream Buffers

Buffers for Olson Creek, Wetland 1, and Wetland 2 overlap considerably in the proposed location of the pedestrian bridge. The entrance road for the farm and associated mowed grass shoulder extends within the north stream and wetland buffer in the vicinity of the proposed bridge. A 15- to 30-foot-wide zone of native trees and shrubs is situated between the entrance road grass shoulder and the creek.

Buffer on the south side of the creek consists of fenced pasture that is actively grazed within a portion of the wetland and stream buffer. As with the buffer on the north side of the creek, a 15- to 30-foot-wide zone of native trees and shrubs is between the grazed pasture and the creek. Invasive Himalayan blackberry is also prevalent within the buffer on the south side of the creek.

1.5 Project Overview

The White River Valley Museum proposes to construct a pedestrian and livestock bridge across Olson Creek. The bridge would (1) provide access from a fenced pasture area south of the creek to barns located north of the creek and (2) provide a viewpoint for students and other visitors to the farm to view stream ecology, particularly during the fall when thousands of students visit the farm to observe spawning salmon.

Construction of the bridge would eliminate the current practice of fording the cattle through the creek and would allow students to observe salmon without trampling delicate stream bank areas. Therefore, it is likely that construction of the bridge would substantially reduce impacts to stream channel and riparian habitat that currently occur.

1.5.1 Bridge Design and Construction Concept

The proposed pedestrian bridge would be a 40-foot-long span with a 5-foot-wide surface. The bridge would be supported by poured-in-place concrete footings located outside the OHWM. The approach to the north end of the bridge would be gravel trail or ramp leading up to the bridge deck on a 1:12 slope to allow handicap access to the bridge deck for stream viewing. Access to the south end of the bridge would also be by a gravel ramp; however, in order to minimize wetland and stream buffer impacts on the south side of the creek, it would be more steeply sloped and not constructed to meet handicap access standards as it would only be needed to provide a means for movement of cattle back and forth across the creek.

Construction access for construction of the bridge footings would be from the north side of the creek. The concrete slab bridge deck would be lowered into place from the north side using a small crane or similar equipment. Temporary access across the creek to the south bank by laborers would be provided by a plank elevated above the stream channel to allow laborers to cross the creek repeatedly without entering the stream.

1.6 Impacts to Streams and Wetlands

Buffers for Olson Creek and Wetlands 1 and 2 substantially overlap in the location of the proposed pedestrian bridge. Approximately 500 square feet (sq. ft.) of wetland and stream buffer would be permanently removed in order to construct the bridge. The location of the bridge has been sited to entirely avoid removal of trees greater than 4 inches diameter-breast-height (dbh) within the buffer and limit removal woody vegetation to a single western red cedar sapling and two small willow shrubs.

Per ACC 16.10.100, all impacts to wetlands and streams and their buffer must be mitigated according to standards mitigation standards as identified in ACC 16.10.110, and the performance standards of ACC 16.10.120 and the monitoring requirements of ACC 16.10.130. Therefore, mitigation for proposed impacts to wetland and stream buffers would be provided as described in Sections 2 through 6 below, and includes an area of buffer enhancement adjacent to Olson Creek that substantially exceeds the area of buffer impacts that would occur in order to construct the proposed bridge.

2.0 MITIGATION OVERVIEW

Mitigation has been defined by the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) (WAC 197-11-768; cf. Cooper 1987), and more recently in a Memorandum of Agreement between the Environmental Protection Agency and the COE (Anonymous 1989). In order of desirability, mitigation may include:

- Avoidance - avoiding impacts by not taking action or parts of an action;
- Minimization - minimizing impacts by limiting the degree or magnitude of the action and its implementation;
- Compensatory Mitigation - may involve:
  a) repairing, rehabilitating, or restoring the affected environment;
  b) replacing or creating substitute resources or environments;
  c) mitigation banking.

2.1 MITIGATION APPROACH AND SEQUENCE

2.1.1 Avoidance of Impacts

Direct impacts to Olson Creek, Wetland 1, and Wetland 2 would be avoided. The proposed pedestrian bridge would result in the loss of a small area of buffer for Olson Creek, Wetland 1, and Wetland 2.

2.1.2 Minimization of Impacts

The grading plan incorporates a number of design features that would minimize or limit impacts to Olson Creek, Wetland 1, and Wetland 2, and their buffers, including:

- Align bridge and approach pathways on the north and south sides of the creek channel to avoid removal trees and minimize removal of sapling trees or shrubs. This would limit removal of sapling trees to a single western arborvitae (*Thuja plicata*, f.k.a. western red cedar) and one Sitka willow (*Salix sitchensis*) shrub;
- Clearly mark the limits of stream and wetland boundaries prior to construction activities to prevent inadvertent or unnecessary encroachment;
- Use of spill control measures during mixing of concrete, and cleanup after use of the concrete, for the footings at the site;
- Install and maintain temporary and permanent soil erosion control measures (TESC Plan) during and after construction, consistent with best management practices, as required by the City of Auburn, including placement of straw bales and silt fencing between work activities and adjacent wetlands or stream channels, designed to prevent sediment from entering these surface waters during and after construction. Soil excavated for the footings will be hauled off-site or temporarily covered by plastic sheeting away from the stream;

- No work would occur below the OHWM of Olson Creek;
- Install a temporary plank across the stream to allow laborers to cross the creek repeatedly without entering the stream;
- All site grading and buffer restoration/enhancement would be done during the dry season or the anticipated fish work window as designated by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife;
- Employ spill control measures during concrete mixing, and cleanup for the footings at the site;
- All site grading and buffer restoration/enhancement would be done during the dry season (approximately April 1 through October 31;
- All work adjacent to Olson Creek would be completed with clean equipment in good condition with no evidence of petroleum product leakage. All equipment would be inspected, serviced, and cleaned off-site to prevent leakage or any contamination of the water;
- Emergency spill response and clean-up equipment would be available on site during all work activities. At a minimum, this kit will include material for containment and clean-up of petroleum product;
- No fueling or servicing of construction vehicles would be permitted within the project work area;
- Telephone numbers of appropriate agency/department contacts would be readily available on-site in case a spill should occur (e.g., Washington Department of Ecology, City of Auburn Fire Department Hazmat Team, City of Auburn Fire and Rescue).

2.1.3 Compensatory Mitigation Overview

Direct Impacts to Wetlands and Streams

Direct stream and wetland impacts would be avoided under the proposed development plan; therefore, in-stream mitigation or wetland mitigation through creation, re-establishment, rehabilitation, or enhancement is not proposed.

Wetland and Stream Buffer Impacts

Approximately 500 sq. ft. of wetland and stream buffer would be removed in order to construct the proposed bridge and approach paths on the north and south sides of the creek. The City of Auburn (2015) requires compensatory mitigation for any proposed loss or alteration of stream or wetland buffers. A total of approximately 2,525 sq. ft. within three separate areas of stream and wetland buffer would be enhanced through removal of Himalayan blackberry and/or installation of native trees and shrubs as compensatory mitigation for the proposed buffer impacts.

2.2 Mitigation Goals and Objectives

The overall goal of the compensatory mitigation would be to increase the existing level of protection provided by the buffer for wetland and stream functions.

The enhanced/restored wetland buffer is designed to be a low maintenance, self-sustaining community resembling native forest habitat typical of the Puget Sound lowlands. Evaluation and performance standards for these goals are found in Section 5.0.

The specific objectives of the buffer enhancement plan are the following:

1) Enhance approximately 140 sq. ft. of wetland and stream buffer through installation of 4 additional native coniferous trees within Area A;
2) Enhance approximately 1,595 sq. ft. of wetland and stream buffer through removal of existing non-native Himalayan blackberry within Area B;
3) Enhance approximately 790 sq. ft. of wetland and stream buffer through removal of existing non-native Himalayan blackberry and installation of 8 additional native coniferous trees and 32 additional native shrubs within Area C.

3.0 BUFFER ENHANCEMENT PLAN

Compensatory mitigation for 500 sq. ft. of impacts to Olson Creek, Wetland 1, and Wetland 2 buffers would consist of a total of 2,525 sq. ft. of buffer enhancement along the north and south banks of Olson Creek (Figure 3).

The overall goal of the compensatory mitigation is to increase the existing level of protection provided by the buffer for wetland and stream functions. The enhanced and restored wetland/stream buffers are designed to be a low maintenance, self-sustaining community consisting of plant species typical of native forest habitat typical of the Puget Sound lowlands. Evaluation and performance standards for these goals are found in Section 5.0.

3.1 SITE PREPARATION

Prior to site preparation, the limits of the buffer planting areas would be clearly marked (staked) in the field by appropriate means with the assistance of the project biologist. Prior to commencement of construction activities, Olson Creek, Wetland 1, and Wetland 2 would be protected through installation of a silt fence consistent with Best Management Practices, as required by the City of Auburn, in order to limit the potential for sediment deposition or erosion within the wetland/stream buffers. Following excavation and grading for construction of the bridge foundations and planting within the wetland/stream buffers, all bare soil areas would be stabilized through installation of sterile straw, shredded bark mulch, or native grass seed.

All Himalayan blackberry and other invasive species within the wetland/stream buffer enhancement areas, including root mass, would be removed prior to planting. Existing native trees and shrubs would be marked by the project biologist for retention prior removal of Himalayan blackberry and other invasive species.

Grading and other construction activities within the wetland/stream buffers adjacent to the creek would occur only within areas that are above the OHWM.

3.2 PLANT SPECIES COMPOSITION

Tree and shrub plantings would consist of Douglas fir, western arborvitae (f.k.a. western red cedar), beaked hazelnut, red elderberry, snowberry, Nootka rose, four-line honeysuckle (f.k.a. black twinberry), oso-berry (f.k.a Indian plum) and Pacific ninebark (Figure 4).

3.3 PLANT SPECIFICATIONS, AND INSTALLATION

All plant materials would be locally grown and be of local provenance. Tree stock would be two or five gallon container, 3- to 4-feet tall, and well-rooted and branched. Trees would be planted on approximately 9-foot centers or as field located by the project biologist. Shrub stock would be one gallon, 18- to 24-inches tall, well-rooted and

branched. Shrub plantings would be field located by the project biologist and spaced on 5-foot centers.

All plantings would be installed in pits that are approximately twice the diameter of the root ball. Soil amendment consisting of compost from a permitted solid waste composting facility would be added to planting backfill in order to promote tree and shrub establishment and vigorous growth. Shredded bark mulch would be installed in 24-inch collars around each planting in order to prevent or minimize establishment of invasive plant species and to conserve soil moisture.

The project biologist would review plant materials, soil amendment, and mulch quality and quantity for consistency with the approved plans, as well as review and approve plant locations and supervise installation procedures. Review and approval by the project biologist is required prior to installation of tree and shrub plantings, soil amendments, or mulch within the buffer enhancement areas.

3.4 Planting Schedule

All soil disturbing activities for removal of Himalayan blackberry would occur between March 1 and September 30 unless otherwise specified by state or federal agencies for permits that may be required for project implementation. All such work at any time of the year during inclement weather will not be permitted to occur without prior approval by the project biologist.

Planting would occur between October 1 and March 1 to take advantage of seasonal rains and greater availability of plant material. Planting at any other time or during periods of abnormally hot, dry, or freezing weather conditions would not occur without prior approval by the project biologist and may require plant substitutions and supplemental irrigation.

4.0 MONITORING PROGRAM

Because of the variable success of wetland mitigation projects in the Pacific Northwest, the City of Auburn (2015) requires that mitigation areas be monitored in order to evaluate their success in replacing lost wetland values and functions. Therefore, this plan includes a systematic monitoring program of the enhanced and restored upland buffers to evaluate the success of the mitigation efforts. The results of the monitoring will be used to develop needed modifications to or alterations of the site in subsequent years.

The purposes of the monitoring program are as follows: (1) to document physical and biological characteristics of the enhanced and restored wetland buffers, and (2) to ensure that the goals and objectives comply with permit specifications (Josselyn et al. 1990).

The monitoring process would consist of three distinct phases: (1) construction monitoring; (2) compliance monitoring; and (3) long-term monitoring. Construction monitoring serves to ensure proper site preparation and plant placement relative to actual site conditions. The "time-zero" or baseline composition, structure, and cover abundance would be documented during the compliance monitoring phase. The long-term monitoring program would document the survival of planted vegetation and rates of colonization by other plants (i.e., in bare soil areas) over a three-year period after implementation of the mitigation plant is completed.

4.1 CONSTRUCTION MONITORING

The project biologist would be present on-site during the various stages of construction in order to: (1) demark the limits of the areas to be planted; (2) review and approve the plant materials and recommend their final placement before planting; (3) make adjustments in planting plans, as needed, in response to field conditions; (4) ensure that construction activities are conducted per the approved plan; and (5) resolve problems that arise during construction, thus lessening problems that might occur later during the long-term monitoring phase.

4.2 COMPLIANCE MONITORING

Compliance monitoring consists of evaluating the buffer enhancement/restoration areas immediately after grading and planting activities are completed. The objectives would be to verify that all design features, as agreed to in the buffer enhancement plan, have been correctly and fully implemented, and that any changes made in the field are consistent with the intent and the design of the approved plan. Evaluation of the planting areas after implementation would be done by the landscape architect and project biologist using evaluation standards and criteria detailed in Section 5.0.

After grading and planting of the buffer areas are completed, two fixed sample plots would be established randomly within Area C. Rather than establishment of fixed sample plots within Areas A and B, the entirety these areas would be evaluated due to their small size. The same sample plots would be utilized during each subsequent monitoring of the

site during the three-year long-term monitoring. During compliance monitoring, a quantitative assessment of the plants established in the buffer would be recorded in representative sample plots for baseline data. Photos would be taken from each sample plot. This information would be used to document "time-zero" conditions from which the long-term monitoring period would begin.

The compliance monitoring phase would conclude with the preparation of a brief compliance report by the project biologist. The report would document whether all design features have been correctly, fully, and successfully implemented. Substantive changes made in the planting plans would be noted in the compliance report and on the drawings for use during the long-term monitoring phase. Locations of monitoring sample plots established for the compliance monitoring would be identified on the as-built plans.

The planting plans along with the compliance report, would document "as-built" conditions at the time of construction compliance. The compliance report and as-built plan would be submitted to the City of Auburn for approval.

4.3 Long-Term Monitoring

Long-term monitoring would be conducted over three growing seasons following approval of the compliance report and as-built plan by the City of Auburn. Long-term monitoring would evaluate the establishment and maintenance of the plant communities in the enhanced and restored wetland buffers to determine if the goals and objectives of the mitigation plan have been met.

At each sample plot, plant species would be identified and plant counts would be made during the each year of the long-term monitoring in order to document the percent survival of each planted species. Plant identifications would be made according to standard taxonomic procedures described in Hitchcock and Cronquist (1976), with nomenclature as updated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers National Wetland Plant List (Lichvar and Kartesz 2009). Signs of planting stress or damage, presence of invasive species, as well as signs of vigor, and rates of colonization by other plants (i.e., in bare soil areas) would be documented during each year of the long-term monitoring.

Photos would be taken annually to provide physical documentation of the condition of the mitigation areas. Photographs would be taken from all locations established during the compliance monitoring site visit and each year thereafter of the monitoring period from the established location points.

4.4 Monitoring and Reporting Schedule

Formal monitoring of the enhanced and restored wetland buffers would occur after the season's growth is virtually complete (recommended during August or September). In addition, spring and mid-summer site checks would be conducted during each year of the three-year long-term monitoring period to assess site progress and to determine whether site maintenance is needed.

Monitoring reports would be prepared following the completion of the growing season of each year of the three-year long-term monitoring period for submittal to the City of Auburn. The long-term monitoring period will commence following acceptance of the compliance report and "as-built" drawings by the City of Auburn.

Monitoring reports would be submitted for review and approval by the City of Auburn as soon as possible after the monitoring has been completed, with a target date of December 31 of each monitoring year. The report would document conditions within the enhanced and restored areas and make recommendations for correcting any problems encountered.

5.0 EVALUATION AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Specific performance standards to be used in the three-year long-term monitoring are the following:

- 100% survival of all planted shrubs and trees following completion of the first year after planting. All plantings that do not survive during the first year must be replaced with the same or similar species and specifications. Upon installation of replacement plantings at the conclusion of the first year, the 100% survival performance standard will be considered to be met;
- 85% survival of all planted shrubs and trees following completion of the third year after planting. Sufficient plantings will be replaced, as necessary, with the same or similar species and specifications in order to meet the 85% survival standard. If the mitigation site fails to meet this performance standard, the reason for the failure will be evaluated, replacement plantings will be provided, and additional monitoring may be required by the City to verify that a self-sustaining native plant community has been established;
- There will be no more than 10% cover by Himalayan blackberry or other invasive plant species within the buffer enhancement areas, as identified by the project biologist at any time during the three-year monitoring period;
- Erosion control grass or mulch will have a cover of more than 80% following completion of the first growing season and thereafter for the duration of the 3-year long-term monitoring period within the buffer enhancement areas and other bare soils areas that are graded for bridge construction.

6.0 MAINTENANCE PLAN

6.1 IRRIGATION

Supplemental water will be provided to all tree and shrub plantings during the first two growing seasons following installation. Hand watering or a temporary irrigation system may be used. Irrigation will occur from May 1 through September 30 or other periods of hot, dry weather and will deliver approximately 1 inch of water per week throughout the buffer enhancement area. If watered by hand, then the minimum watering requirements will be 1 to 3 gallons of water for small shrubs and 3 to 5 gallons per week for sapling trees and large shrubs. These minimum requirements are guidelines that may vary depending on plant location, exposure, soil condition, and presence of existing vegetation. Any erosion will be rectified immediately upon discovery.

6.2 SITE MAINTENANCE

The enhanced buffer is designed to be self-sustaining. To ensure the success of the plantings, additional replanting and control of undesirable plant species may be necessary after initial installation. This maintenance plan includes all actions required to maintain plants free of insects and disease, control competition with grasses and weeds, and limit die-back or mortality due to inadequate soil moisture to be within performance standards specified above in Section 5.0.

Upon completion of installation of the pedestrian bridge and buffer enhancement plantings, all surplus material, equipment, and debris shall be removed from the mitigation site. All silt fences will be removed from within the enhanced/restored buffer after the adjacent herbaceous vegetation is well-established or as approved by the City of Auburn.

The site maintenance program would commence upon approval of the compliance report and as-built plan by the City. The site would be regularly maintained for the duration of the long-term monitoring period specified above in Section 4.3. The project biologist would inspect the site during spring (March-April) and mid-summer (June-July) during each year of the long-term monitoring period to identify any developing problems within the mitigation site. Items to be evaluated within the buffer enhancement and restoration areas include irrigation system operability (if applicable), presence of invasive species, plant health, animal damage to plantings, and presence of trash.

The project biologist would submit a written summary of his/her findings along with maintenance recommendations to the project proponent and the City within 7 days after completion of his/her inspection. Maintenance recommendations would be implemented by the project proponent within 14 days of receipt from the project biologist.

Invasive species would be controlled by methods that do not compromise the rest of the buffer plantings. Unless otherwise authorized by the project biologist, removal of

invasive species will be done by hand, with hand pulling of all weeds within the drip ring of any installed shrub or tree. No weed-whipping with mechanized line trimmers will be allowed between woody plants within cluster or clumped plantings.

7.0 CONTINGENCY PLAN

Contingency plans are needed if post-buffer enhancement monitoring shows that objectives and performance standards have not been met. It should be noted, however, that it is not possible to develop a detailed contingency plan until the specific problems that need to be addressed are known. It would be unproductive to try to anticipate all possible problems and their solutions at this time.

However, common problems, both human and natural, that might arise can be identified and general remedial recommendations proposed. For example, if after the second year, area cover or species composition by planted trees and shrubs is not at an acceptable level, it may be necessary to replant with new or different stock, provide additional watering or irrigation during critical seasons, or augment the soil. Table 1 lists factors that might adversely affect wetland buffers or wetland hydrology, and contingencies to ensure the success of the project.

As noted in Section 6.2, spring and mid-summer site checks will be made during each year of the long-term monitoring to determine if there are any developing problems within the mitigation site prior to the long-term monitoring site visits. With early identification, plant replacement, additional irrigation, or maintenance can be accomplished prior to the long-term monitoring site visits and thus, development of the mitigation site can be better assured.

Implementation of a contingency plan may require extension of the monitoring phase of the project, especially if major changes in the plan are required. The project biologist should make recommendations for identified problems. All contingency measures must be reviewed and approved by the City of Auburn.

8.0 LIMITATIONS

We have prepared this report for the exclusive use of White River Valley Museum and their consultants. No other person or agency may rely upon the information, analysis, or conclusions contained herein without permission from the White River Valley Museum.

The determination of ecological system classifications, functions, values, and boundaries is an inexact science, and different individuals and agencies may reach different conclusions. With regard to wetlands, the final determination of their boundaries for regulatory purposes is the responsibility of the various agencies that regulate development activities in wetlands. We cannot guarantee the outcome of such determinations. Therefore, the conclusions of this report should be reviewed by the appropriate regulatory agencies.

We warrant that the work performed conforms to standards generally accepted in our field, and prepared substantially in accordance with then-current technical guidelines and criteria. The conclusions of this report represent the results of our analysis of the information provided by the project proponent and their consultants, together with information gathered in the course of the study. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made.

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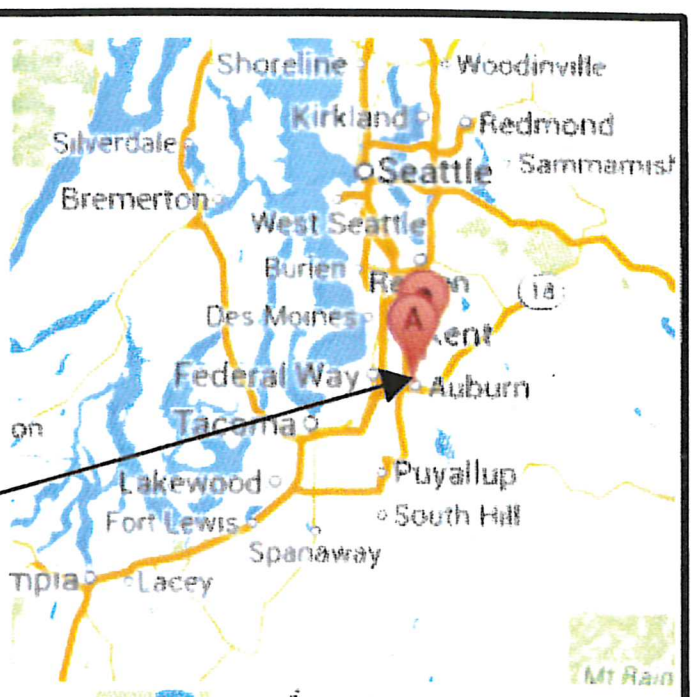

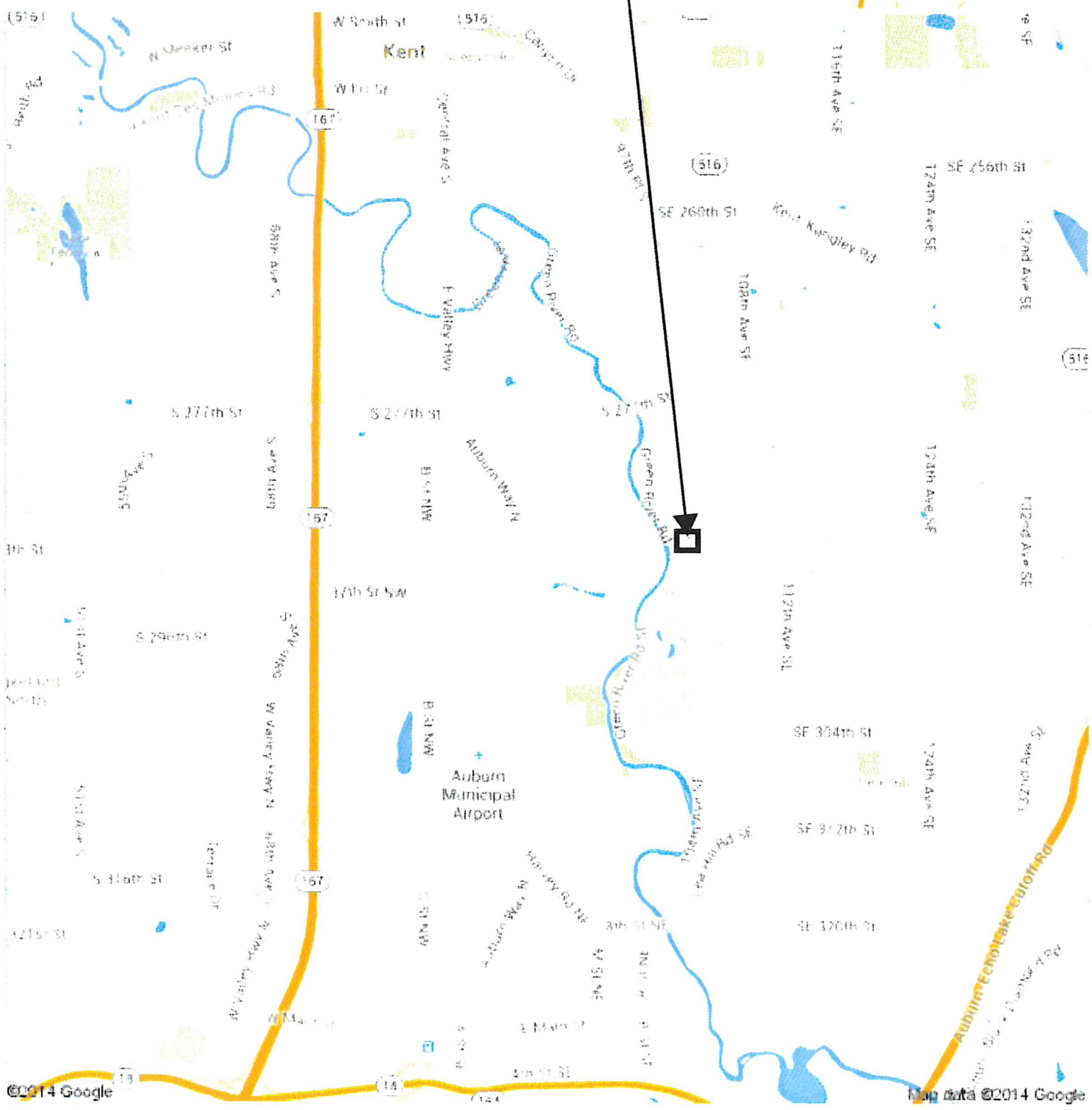

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FIGURE 1

REGIONAL & VICINITY MAP

MARY OLSON FARM

AUBURN, WA

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FIGURE 2

WHITE RIVER VALLEY MUSUEM

MARY OLSON FARM

CONCEPTUAL MITIGATION PLAN

EXISTING CONDITIONS

GUARDRAIL

FENCE

GRAVEL ROAD ENTRANCE ROAD

CREEK

OLSON CREEK

EX. CULVERT

GREEN RIVER ROAD

GREEN RIVER

WETLAND 1
LOCATED WITHIN
CREEK CHANNEL

WETLAND 2

WIRE FENCE

OHW-N-1
OHW-N-2
OHW-N-3
OHW-N-4
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OHW-N-6
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(Wetland continues to the South.)

LEGEND

- EXISTING CONTOURS
- OHW-# ORDINARY HIGH WATER (OHW) FLAG LOCATIONS
- ORDINARY HIGH WATER LINE
- OLSON CREEK
- WETLAND
- WL1-# WETLAND FLAG LOCATION
- SP-# SAMPLE PLOT LOCATIONS

NORTH

0 20' 40' 80'

SCALE: 1" = 40'

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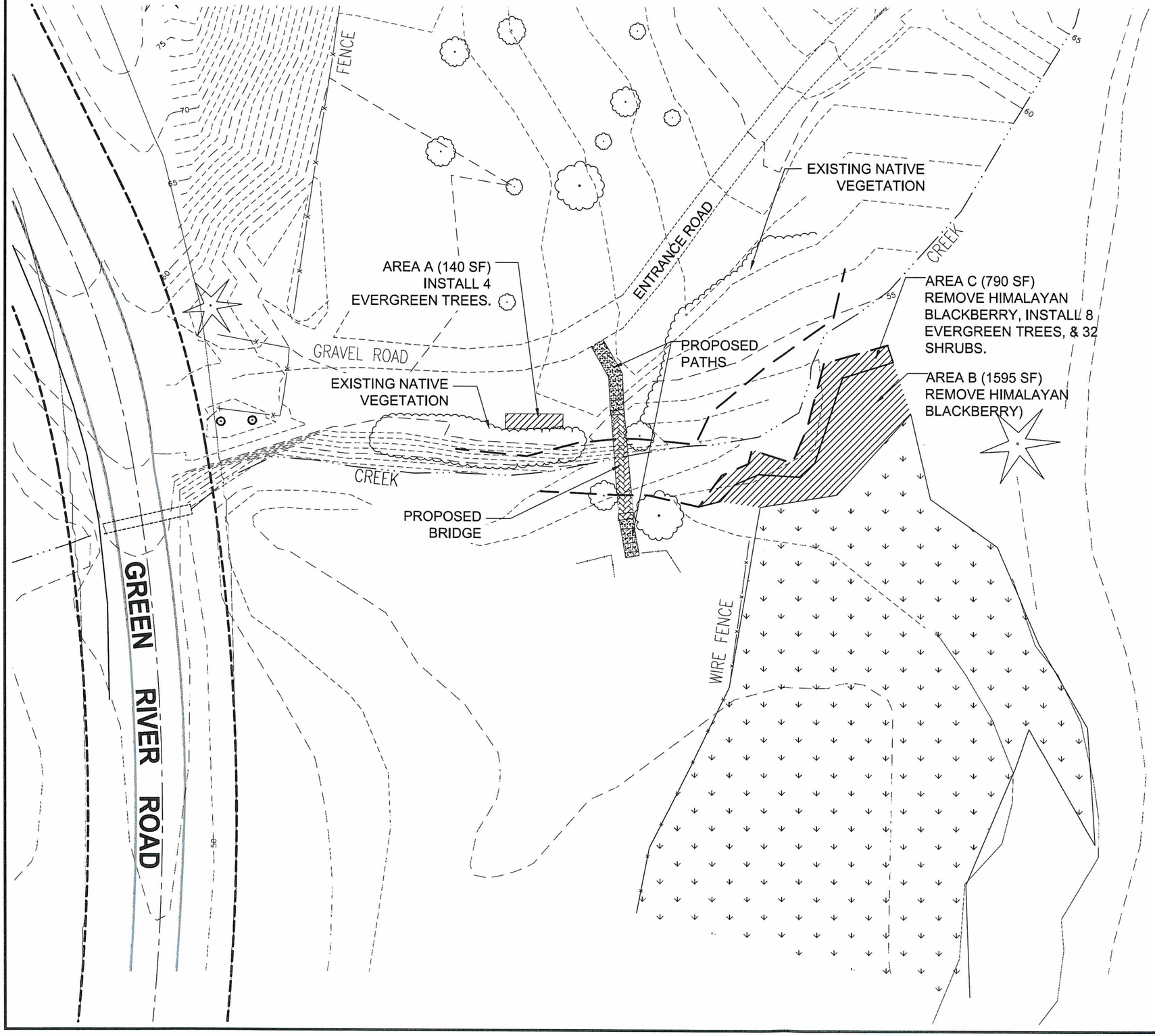
FIGURE 3

WHITE RIVER VALLEY MUSUEM

MARY OLSON FARM

CONCEPTUAL MITIGATION PLAN

SITE PLAN, IMPACTS & MITIGATION



LEGEND

- ORDINARY HIGH WATER LINE
- OLSON CREEK
- WETLAND
- STREAM & WETLAND BUFFER IMPACT 500 SF
- BUFFER ENHANCEMENT 2,525 SF
- APPROXIMATE BOUNDARY OF EX. NATIVE VEGETATION

NORTH 0 20' 40' 80'

SCALE: 1" = 40'

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FIGURE 4
WHITE RIVER VALLEY MUSUEM
MARY OLSON FARM
CONCEPTUAL MITIGATION PLAN
PLANT SCHEDULE & DETAILS

PLANT LEGEND

TREES

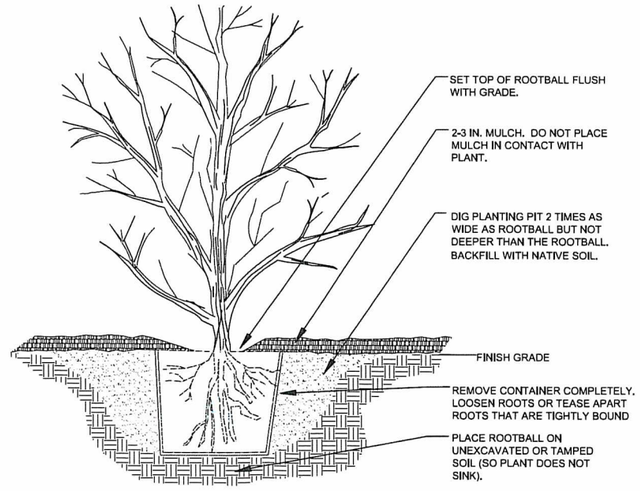
SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	WIS STATUS	MIN. SIZE	QTY.	REMARKS	SPACING
Pseudotsuga menziesii	Douglas Fir	FACU	4' tall	6	MUST HAVE LEADER & BE IN GOOD HEALTH	FIELD LOCATED
Thuja plicata	Western red Arborvitae	FAC	4' tall	6	MUST HAVE LEADER & BE IN GOOD HEALTH	FIELD LOCATED

SHRUBS

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FAC STATUS	MIN. SIZE (container)	QTY.	REMARKS	SPACING
Corylus cornuta	Beaked Hazelnut	FACU	5 gal.	5	FULL & BUSHY	FIELD LOCATED
Lonicera involucrata	Four-line Honeysuckle	FAC	1 gal.	5	FULL & BUSHY	FIELD LOCATED
Oemleria cerasiformis	Osoberry	FACU	2 gal.	4	FULL & BUSHY	FIELD LOCATED
Physocarpus capitatus	Pacific Ninebark	FACW	3 gal.	4	FULL & BUSHY	FIELD LOCATED
Rosa nutkana	Nootka Rose	FAC	1 gal.	5	FULL & BUSHY	FIELD LOCATED
Sambucus racemos	Red Elder	FACU	2 gal.	4	FULL & BUSHY	FIELD LOCATED
Symphoricarpos albus	Common Snowberry	FACU	1 gal.	5	FULL & BUSHY	FIELD LOCATED

PLANTING NOTES:

1. Remove all garbage and debris from buffer enhancement areas A, B, & C.
2. Dig out and remove all non-native, invasive plant species from buffer enchantment areas A, B, & C.
3. All plants to be placed in the field by the project biologist.
4. Install plants per detail. All plants must be locally grown and in good condition.
5. Apply at least 1" of water to plants following installation.
6. After all plants have been installed, spread 3" of a good quality bark mulch around the newly installed plants in the buffer enhancement areas.



1 CONTAINER TREE OR SHRUB PLANTING DETAIL
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Table 1. Continued.

Problem	Potential Remedial Action[1]
Inadequate soil water	Evaluate conditions, cause; divert water to wetland, regrade, or irrigate as appropriate.
Drought	Irrigate

1 The potential actions listed are those commonly employed. No contingency plan can foresee all problems and appropriate solutions. For each site, problems encountered need to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. If a more effective remedy than those listed is identified, it will be considered.

Table 1. Factors that may adversely affect wetland creation or enhancement and potential contingencies to ensure success.

Problem	Potential Remedial Action[1]
Plant Performance	
- low survival	Replant, water, weed, replant with different species
- low plant vigor	Amend soil
- noxious weeds invade	Manual weed removal
- predation by animals	Fencing to be removed once plants are established
Undesirable Plant Community	Evaluate value, remove and replant, if necessary
Vandalism	Evaluate source, whether one-time or continuing problem
- dumping of debris	Remove debris & educate public
- damaged plant material	Replant first year, post signs, fence access
- foot or bike traffic	Replant first year, post signs, fence access
Erosion	Evaluate source, cause; install appropriate erosion control measures; plant with species that have dense root systems; regrade, if necessary.
Excessive soil water	Evaluate response and adaptability of plants, communities; replant with vegetation adapted to corresponding moisture regime, if needed.