



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

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August 27, 2024

City of Kent  
ATTN: Melissa Dahl  
400 West Gowe Street  
Kent, WA 98032

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Mill Creek Re-establishment (Little Property Reach) (**Corps No. NWS-2023-0351**), Mill Creek and Wetlands, Kent, King County, Washington

Dear Melissa:

On January 9, 2024, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with the City of Kent's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

On June 18, 2024, the City of Kent and Ecology agreed to stay the CZM until August 31, 2024, in order for the City of Kent to obtain a Section 401 Water Quality Certification.

The project proposes to re-meander a segment of Mill Creek onto an adjacent City-owned property known as the "Little Property." The existing segment of Mill Creek is a straightened 1,241-linear foot channel adjacent to Woodford Avenue North. The channel would be relocated onto the Little Property and would be 15-feet wide (bank-to-bank) by 1,500 linear feet long. The existing channel would be filled and planted to create wetland. Large woody debris and woody bank structures would be installed throughout the new 1,500-foot channel. Two shallow swales within wetlands on the property would be created to connect to the new channel. A pile supported boardwalk and bridge would be constructed on the north side of the property to facilitate existing pedestrian access to Kent Memorial Park on the west side of Woodford Avenue North. This activity is located within a reach of the lower Mill Creek Basin between East James Street and the north end of the city-owned undeveloped parcel number 1822059023, in Mill Creek and wetlands, Kent, King County, Washington.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Austin Schmalz at 425-301-6989.

## Your right to appeal

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340.
- Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this decision on the Department of Ecology mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below).

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

## Filing an appeal

### Filing with the PCHB

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: <https://eluh0.wa.gov/> or call: 360-664-9160.

### Service on Ecology

#### Street Addresses:

Department of Ecology  
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
300 Desmond Drive SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

#### Mailing Addresses:

Department of Ecology  
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
PO Box 47608  
Olympia, WA 98504-7608

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**E-Mail Address:**

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Burcar".

Joe Burcar, Section Manager  
Northwest Region Office  
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

Sent via e-mail: [Mdahl@Kentwa.gov](mailto:Mdahl@Kentwa.gov)

E-cc: Colin Greenan, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Austin Schmalz, Ecology  
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