



**King County**

**Department of Permitting  
and Environmental Review**

35030 SE Douglas Street, Suite 210  
Snoqualmie, Washington 98065-9266  
206-296-6600 TTY Relay: 711  
www.kingcounty.gov

**Critical Area Alteration Exception:  
Application**

For alternate formats, call 206-296-6600.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**  
(To be completed by Permitting Staff)

File No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

S.T.R.: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Mapped Critical Areas: \_\_\_\_\_

Related DPER Files \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT: DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS DIVIDER**

**Note to applicants preparing this application form:** The burden is on the applicant to provide adequate justification supporting this exception request. In order to approve this application, the responsible official must find that the request meets the criteria for approval as specified in King County Code (KCC) 21A.24.

Applicants must answer the following questions accurately and concisely. As necessary, use additional pages for detailed explanations and/or attachments that support this request.

1. What is the proposed use and development of subject property?

King County Road Services Division (Roads) is proposing the South 360th Street at Military Road South Roundabout Project #1131235.

This project is designed to improve safety and capacity at this intersection within an existing linear transportation and utility corridor. The project will increase impervious surfaces and proposes to treat stormwater with stormwater wetlands and bioswales. One stormwater wetland is in the buffer of Category III wetlands; which will affect parcels 3751604003, 3751603963. These properties are not yet owned by Roads, but Roads is in the process of acquiring these properties prior to project construction.

2. Does the approval require the modification of a critical area development standard established by KCC 21A.24?  Yes  No

Explain:

The stormwater wetland facility proposed at the northeast area of the project is in critical area wetland buffers, which means an alteration exception is required.

3. Explain why there is no feasible alternative to the development proposal with less adverse impact on the critical area.

An exhaustive effort was made of all possible areas feasible to treat the stormwater appropriately. The design for the stormwater wetland will be situated so that wetlands themselves can be avoided; therefore, the proposal is minimizing the adverse impacts to critical areas to the maximum extent possible. There is no feasible alternative to the proposal with less adverse impacts on the critical area buffer.

4. Will granting the critical areas alteration exception create health and safety hazards?

Yes  No

Explain:

Creating a stormwater wetland in an existing wetland buffer poses no known health and safety hazards. Public access will not be allowed during construction of the stormwater wetland. If any health and safety hazards are identified, corrective actions will be implemented to minimize impacts.

5. Will granting the critical areas alteration exception be materially detrimental to the public welfare or unduly injurious to the property or improvements in the vicinity?  Yes  No

Explain:

The granting of the Critical Areas Alterations Exception is a public benefit for stormwater treatment to improve water quality for the area. The proposed facility will provide water quality treatment and stormwater detention in an area that currently contains little.

6. Explain how the critical area alteration exception is the minimum necessary to accommodate the development proposal.

The project is sited to have the minimal footprint possible.

7. Are there any private covenants established for the subject property?  Yes  No

If yes, attach a copy of the covenants and explain whether or not the requested critical areas alteration exception infringes upon or interferes with covenant rights.

8. Is the property served by sanitary sewers?  Yes  No

If not, will the request result in the alteration of an existing septic tank and drainfield system or installation of a new septic system?  Yes  No

Has the Seattle-King County Health Department approval been obtained for an onsite sewage disposal?  Yes  No

Explain and provide documentation of Health Department approval if received with the critical areas alteration exception application.

NA

9. Have interested community groups or neighboring property owners been notified of the proposed development?  Yes  No

If yes, who has been contacted and what were their reactions?

The project issued a SEPA DNS to the public on April 7, 2022 with a comment period of 14 days, ending April 21, 2022. This SEPA legal notice included publishing in the Seattle Times, a USPS mailing to residents/taxpayers within 1,000 feet of the project, and posting four project signs on-site with copies of the DNS. The project also has a dedicated webpage.

Five members of the public and one public agency (Ecology) reacted to the DNS. Three members of the public were opposed to the project. Two members of the public and Ecology commented, but did not indicate if they were supportive or opposed to the project.

Applicants may submit any additional information (sketches, site plans, engineering reports, petitions, photographs, etc.) which may justify, clarify, or assist in the review of the requested Zoning Code Critical Areas Alteration Exception. Permitting staff may, at any time, request further information or studies for these purposes.

**Name of the person who prepared the Critical Areas Alteration Exception Application**

Katie Merrell, Environmental Engineer III

05/19/22

**Print Name**

**Date Prepared**

*Katie Merrell*

**Signature**

**Check out the Permitting Web site at [www.kingcounty.gov/permits](http://www.kingcounty.gov/permits)**