

Re: E19-0011; L19-0115

Maxwell Baker <Max.Baker@TukwilaWA.gov>

Thu 3/18/2021 12:48 PM

To: Andrew Grueter <ecotours@duwamishtribe.org>

Hi Andrew,

The Tukwila South District has a long history originating with a Development Agreement that was adopted by the City Council in 2009. The design guidelines proposed are just one aspect of the requirements set forth in the DA for developing residential projects in the area. You may find said development agreement along with the Final EIS that accompanied it on our website here:

<https://www.tukwilawa.gov/departments/community-development/development-projects/tukwila-south-project/>

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best,
Max

From: Andrew Grueter <ecotours@duwamishtribe.org>

Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 12:39 PM

To: Maxwell Baker <Max.Baker@TukwilaWA.gov>

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Thanks for responding quickly Maxwell. I'm curious why Tukwila is allowing housing developments in a flood plain, and also why the city would allow any development at all in the last portion of land near the river that could be restored to its native Oak/Camas Prairie ecosystem?

-Andrew

From: Maxwell Baker <Max.Baker@TukwilaWA.gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 12:36 PM

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Cc: 'James Rasmussen' <james@duwamishcleanup.org>; John Boddy <johnboddy@duwamishtribe.org>

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Hello,

Thank you for your email, we have entered this into record for the project and have made the Duwamish Tribe a Party of Record moving forward.

Please keep an eye out for future correspondence and feel free to let me know if you have any questions in the meantime.

Best,

Maxwell Baker | Senior Planner

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Attention: Max Baker; City of Tukwila

RE: E19-0011; L19-0115

RESPONSE:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. Based on the information provided and our understanding of these comprehensive and zoning plans, we would recommend an archeological review performed before any development project in this district. This is in an area the Duwamish Tribe considers culturally significant and has a high probability to have unknown archaeological deposits since it is not too far South from the villages at Sq^wu?alq^wu? and numerous other sacred, fishing and agricultural sites along the Green River, tributaries and Angle Lake. If any archaeological work is performed, we request notification. An IDP should not be used in lieu of archeological investigation. Cultural and archaeological resources are non-renewable and are best discovered prior to ground disturbance. Ideally the tribe would strongly prefer that most of this area be spared from housing developments, particularly in the areas closest to the river. There are very few parts of Duwamish territory that are undeveloped and far fewer that are owned or controlled by the Duwamish Tribe.

In addition to the damage which could be done to Duwamish cultural resources here, the environmental impacts on the river and former prairie ecosystems are immense. Oak and Camas prairie was the primary agricultural resource of the Duwamish and many other Coast-Salish peoples. Additionally these prairies were a major ecosystem around the Puget Sound, and less than 10% of the prairies remain intact today. This presents a major threat to the insects, reptiles, amphibians, mammals birds and other creatures which rely on these critical ecosystems for food and other resources. This whole area should not be developed for more unaffordable for-profit housing, but rather restored to oak prairie.

There is also a clear and pressing need for affordable or free housing for the working poor and unhoused people in King County. If any of this area is to be developed for housing, it should be housing that is fully subsidized or even owned and operated by municipal governments to help end the epidemic of homelessness.

Thank You,



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