

### Application for State of Washington Water Quality Certification

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received an application to perform work in waters of the United States as described below.

Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws.

This public notice is consistent with the requirements of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act and Chapter 173-225 of Washington Administrative Code. This notice is only intended to inform all interested parties of the proposed projects and to seek comments from the public, local, state, federal, and tribal agencies. It does not indicate approval of the proposed projects by any state agency.

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#### Location

The development project is located south of NE 179th Street, in the NW ¼ of Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian in the Salmon/Washougal Watershed, Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) #28, Clark County, Washington.

#### Work

The Applicant proposes to construct a multi-store regional retail center of approximately 525,000 square feet on the 42.5 acre site.

#### Project Name:

**179<sup>th</sup> Street Retail Center**

#### Public Notice Date:

**April 6, 2009**

#### Comment Period Ends:

**April 20, 2009**

#### Comments should be sent to:

Department of Ecology  
SEA Program  
Federal Project Coordinator  
Post Office Box 47600  
Olympia, Washington 98504

#### Or by e-mail to:

[ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov)

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The retail center would provide department stores, home improvement, general and specialty apparel, a cinema, and restaurants.

The proposed development will directly impact 3.05 acres of Category III wetlands (Wetlands C and D), and 0.11 acres of Category IV wetlands (Wetlands A and B). The impacted wetlands are emergent and forested according to Cowardin *et. al.*, and are classified as depressional and slope wetlands.

Offsite mitigation is proposed due to the lack of onsite mitigation alternatives. The mitigation site is located within the same watershed and WRIA as the impact site. The mitigation site was chosen for its size, quality, diversity of available mitigation options, and its “at-risk” status. The parcel would be eligible for future development without preservation.

To compensate for the proposed unavoidable direct wetland impacts, a Category I wetland and adjacent uplands would be preserved and enhanced by 3.18 acres of native plantings, 9.64 acres of invasive species removal, 0.43 acres of refuse removal, and 34.91 acres of preservation.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the regional retail center is to help meet the short - and long-term retail needs of North Clark County residents.

### **Comment and Review Period**

Ecology is requesting comments from the public, state and local agencies, tribes, and other interested parties to evaluate the impacts of each proposed activity.

Anyone wanting to present their views about this project may do so by providing written comments within 14 days of the publication date of this notice. Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record.

Ecology will evaluate all the comments received to determine whether to approve, approve with conditions, or deny a certification for the proposed work.