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**RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT**

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**PROJECT NO: 2014100237**

**COMBINED NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND  
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**  
**MARCH 13, 2014**

\*The optional DNS process is being used; [WAC 197-11-355].  
\*The agency expects to issue a DNS for the proposal; and  
\*This may be the only opportunity to comment on the  
environmental impacts of the proposed project [WAC 197-11-  
355].

**Proponent:**

Thurston County Public Works  
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**Applicant / Point of Contact:**

same as above

**Description of Proposal:**

The project involves reconstructing Rich Road from eleven (11) foot lanes, with no shoulder to twelve (12) foot paved lanes with six (6) foot paved shoulders. Improvements include removing / relocating clear zone obstacles, upgrading turning radiuses of the adjacent intersecting roads, improving the approaches to the railroad tracks and drainage improvements. The project will involve some tree removal from within the right of way through a Class IV Forest Land Conversion Permit (folder no. 14 100588 XB). Estimated volume of timber to be removed is approximately 15 thousand board feet (MBF). The project will have no horizontal alignment changes and minor vertical alignment changes. The proposed work would occur within the public right of way of Rich Road SE between Normandy St SE and 87<sup>th</sup> Ave SE.

**Location of Proposal:**

Public Right of Way of Rich Road SE between Normandy St SE and 87<sup>th</sup> Ave SE.

**Section/Township/Range:**

Sec. 8, 17N, 1W

**Threshold Determination:**

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact upon the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(C). This decision was made after review by the Lead Agency of a completed Environmental Checklist and other information

on file with the Lead Agency. This information is available to the public on request.

**NOTES:**

**SEE ATTACHED CONDITONS AND NOTES**

**Jurisdiction:**  
**Lead Agency:**  
**Responsible Official:**

Thurston County  
Resource Stewardship  
Mike Kain, Planning Manager

**Date of Issue:**  
**Comment Deadline:**  
**Appeal Deadline**

March 13, 2014  
April 2, 2014  
April 9, 2014 *(if comments received)*

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Scott McCormick, MES, Associate Planner

**This Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) is issued under 197-11-355 (Optional DNS Process). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 20 days from the date of issue. No permits may be issued, and the applicant shall not begin work until after the comment and any appeal periods have expired and any other necessary permits are issued. If conditions are added, deleted, or modified during the 20 day review period, a modified DNS or MDNS will be issued. Otherwise, this DNS will become final after the expiration of the comment deadline and appeal period, if applicable.**

**APPEALS:** Threshold determinations may be appealed pursuant to TCC 17.09.160 if: (1) a written notice of appeal, meeting the requirements of TCC 17.09.160(D), and the appropriate appeal fee are received by the Thurston County Development Services Department within seven calendar days of the last day of the comment period; and (2) the person filing the appeal is an aggrieved party and submitted written comments prior to the comment deadline, per the requirements of TCC 17.09.160(B). Appeal forms are available online at <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/permitting/hearing/hearing-appeal.html>.

**NOTE:** The issuance of this Determination of Nonsignificance does not constitute project approval. The applicant must comply with all applicable requirements of Thurston County Departments and/c the Hearing Examiner prior to receiving permits.

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WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife – Theresa Nation  
Tribes – Nisqually & Squaxin  
Thurston Regional Planning TRPC  
Adjacent Property Owners – 500 ft.  
BoCC  
Cliff Moore, County Manager  
Project 2014100237

**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE  
TC Public Works – Rich Road Upgrades  
Case Number 2014100237**

**Project Description:**

The project involves reconstructing Rich Road from eleven (11) foot lanes, with no shoulder to twelve (12) foot paved lanes with six (6) foot paved shoulders. Improvements include removing / relocating clear zone obstacles, upgrading turning radiuses of the adjacent intersecting roads, improving the approaches to the railroad tracks and drainage improvements. The project will have no horizontal alignment changes and minor vertical alignment changes. The proposed work would occur within the public right of way of Rich Road SE between Normandy St SE and 87<sup>th</sup> Ave SE.

**The environmental threshold determination is based on analysis of information contained in the following documents:**

- Master Application dated January 22, 2014
- Site Plans Submitted January 22, 2014
- Habitat Assessment by Key Environmental Solutions, Inc. dated November 6, 2013
- Cultural Resources Survey by ASM Affiliates dated November 2013
- February 13, 2014 Memo from TC Public Works - recommendation of approval

**NOTES:**

**Critical Areas / water quality:**

1. Proper erosion and sediment control practices shall be used on the construction site and adjacent areas to prevent upland sediments from entering the critical area. All areas disturbed or newly created by construction activities shall be seeded, vegetated, or given some other equivalent type of protection against erosion. Proper disposal of construction debris shall be done such that the debris cannot enter the stream or cause water quality degradation of State waters.
2. To avoid potential damage to the septic system caution shall be taken to prevent any vehicle or equipment travel over the existing septic system or water lines and there should be no parking of vehicles or equipment and no staging of materials over the drainfield area, reserve area, septic system components (tanks, building sewer lines, transport lines, etc.), and water lines.

**Cultural Resources**

3. In the event that archaeological deposits or skeletal material or features of a burial/interment situation are encountered during construction activities, all work in the vicinity of the discovery area must stop immediately and contact made with the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer.
4. If archaeological materials are located, a professional archaeologist should be retained to evaluate and delineate the extent of the material.

5. There shall be no unauthorized removal, theft, and/or destruction of archaeological resources found onsite.

**Specific Goals and Policies related to Cultural Resource conditions:**

6. Archaeological and Historic Resources Chapter Ten of the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan, Protection of Historic and Archaeological Resources, Objective A, Policies 1.

**Noise:**

7. Activity shall be limited to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to minimize associated noise.
8. All activities onsite shall fully comply with noise limitations outlined in WAC 173-60.

**Storm water:**

9. During construction, all releases of oils, hydraulic fluids, fuels, other petroleum products, paints, solvents, and other deleterious materials must be contained and removed in a manner that will prevent their discharge to waters and soils of the state. The cleanup of spills should take precedence over other work on the site.
10. Natural groundcover shall be retained to the maximum extent possible to limit soil exposure and prevent erosion. Retention of native vegetation will also serve to limit the spread and proliferation of noxious weeds such as English ivy and Himalayan blackberry.
11. The issuance of a Determination of Nonsignificance **does not** constitute project approval. The applicant must comply with all applicable requirements of the Thurston County Codes listed above, prior to receiving permits.
12. All activities are subject to the Thurston County Stormwater Drainage Design and Erosion Control Manual (TCC 15.05) throughout all phases of the proposed project.

# TC Geodata Vicinity Map:



