CITY OF
MUKILTEO

City of Mukilteo, Washington
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: The City of Mukilteo recently purchased approximately 98 acres of land creating a continuous pedestrian connection from 76th Street SW to the Mukilteo Waterfront. This purchase also initiated the efforts of a new park master plan to define the future of the western portion of Japanese Gulch. The first element of this Master Plan identifies a vision drafted through public opinion, and design alternatives that incorporates recreational uses such as hiking, biking, dirt jump biking, passive recreation; as well as places for a natural playground, expanded community garden, expanded dog park, viewpoints, picnic areas, and a boardwalk to view the existing salmon ladder. In the second element, this plan incorporates volunteerism, stewardship, public safety and maintenance. The third element is the supporting documentation such as a natural inventory, public outreach, budgeting, and level of service for park maintenance. All supporting documents are available at City Hall for public review.

PROJECT NAME: Japanese Gulch Master Plan

PROPONENT: City of Mukilteo

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: The Japanese Gulch Master Plan encompasses an area west of the BNSF Railroad from 44th Ave West & 76th Street SW to 5th Street. Also included is the area north of 5th Street on both sides of the BNSF Railroad to Mukilteo Lane.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Mukilteo

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:
In order to evaluate proposed actions, alternatives, or environmental impacts, an agency may use previously prepared environmental documents when issuing an environmental threshold determination (WAC 197-11-600 & 635). The Comprehensive Plan Amendments have been compared to the following documents for consistency:

- *Japanese Gulch Natural Resource Inventory, October, 2014*
- *Cultural Resources Assessment for the Japanese Gulch Trails Project, August, 2008*
- *Cultural Resources Monitoring and Discovery Plan for the Japanese Gulch, September, 2009*
- *DNS for the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Amendments*
- *DNS for the Downtown Waterfront Master Plan*
- *Critical Areas Study and Wetland Mitigation Concept Plan for Japanese Gulch Trail, June, 2008*
- *DNS for the Japanese Gulch Trail (Lower Gulch), July, 2008*
- *Hydraulic Project Approval for Japanese Gulch Trail Footbridges, August, 2008*
- *DNS for Precht Property, May, 2009*
- *Categorical Exemption for Japanese Gulch Fish Enhancement Project, September, 2009*
- *MDNS for Japanese Gulch Master Plan, May, 2011*
- *SEPA Addendum to MDNS - Japanese Gulch Master Plan for Japanese Gulch Dog Park & Trails, August, 2011*

Comment Period: This DNS was issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

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Signature: _____ Date: 12/3/15
Responsible Official

DATE OF ISSUANCE: December 7, 2015

Appeals: Parties of record may appeal this determination by filling out the appeal form and submitting it with the applicable appeal fee, which is non-refundable, to the "City of Mukilteo." Submit the appeal form and fee to the City of Mukilteo Planning Department at 11930 Cyrus Way, Mukilteo, WA 98275 by written comment no later than **4:30 pm. on Monday, December 21, 2015.**

At a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) hearing, all testimony shall be "under oath". You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Contact the Planning Department to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals.

pc:	Review Agencies	SEPA File	Permit Services Asst.(2)
	Project File	Permit Services Asst.	Mukilteo Beacon
	Applicant/Contact Person		