CITY OF
MUKILTEO

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Notice of Application and Determination of Non-Significance by the City of Mukilteo for the Japanese Gulch Master Plan

The **City of Mukilteo** is proposing a Japanese Gulch Master Plan for designated park uses within Japanese Gulch. All supporting documents are available at City Hall for public viewing under City File No. MP-2015-002.

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 part, 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.

The preferred Master Plan addresses the following objectives:

- Protection and preservation of the natural inventory of Japanese Gulch;
- Formalize access and uses within Japanese Gulch;
- Provide safe and enjoyable experience for the public;
- Provide for a wide range of users; and
- Encourage stewardship and collaboration between all parties.

Location of Proposal: The Japanese Gulch Master Plan encompasses an area west of the BNSF Railroad from 44th Ave/76th Street SW north to 5th Street. Also included is the area north of 5th Street to Mukilteo Lane. This area lies within the City of Everett and the City of Mukilteo.

Environmental Documents Prepared for the Proposal

A Natural Resource Inventory (October, 2014), environmental checklist, and Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) has been prepared for the Japanese Gulch Master Plan. The Japanese Gulch Master Plan will be approved or denied by the Mukilteo City Council, upon a recommendation being forwarded from the Parks and Arts Commission.

Environmental Determination:
The City of Mukilteo, as lead agency for this proposal has issued a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the proposal.

Optional DNS Process to be Used:
The City of Mukilteo, as lead agency for this proposal, issued a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS) for the proposal. Therefore, the optional DNS process allowed by WAC 197-11-355 is being used. This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal. Project approval may include mitigation measures under Mukilteo Municipal Code (MMC) 13.12 – Drainage Management, MMC 17.52 – Critical Areas Regulations, MMC 17.52B Wetland Regulations and 17.52C Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas (Outside Shoreline Jurisdiction). Also, the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is prepared.

Comment Period
The application and supporting documents are available for review at the City of Mukilteo, 11930 Cyrus Way, Mukilteo, WA 98275. Contact: Karl Almgren, AICP, Assistant Planner at (425) 263-8045. The public is invited to comment on the project by submitting written comments to the Planning Department at the above address by 4:30 p.m. on the date noted below.

Notice of Application Issued: Monday, December 7, 2015

End of Comment Period: Monday, December 21, 2015

The City will not act on this application until the end of the 14-day public comment period. Upon completion of project review the proposed application will be presented as follows:

Public Hearing
The **Parks and Arts Commission** will hold a public hearing on the Downtown Waterfront Master Plan and make a recommendation to the City Council. That hearing date is to be determined.

The **City Council** will then hold a public hearing and make a final decision to approve or deny the proposals. That hearing date is also to be determined.

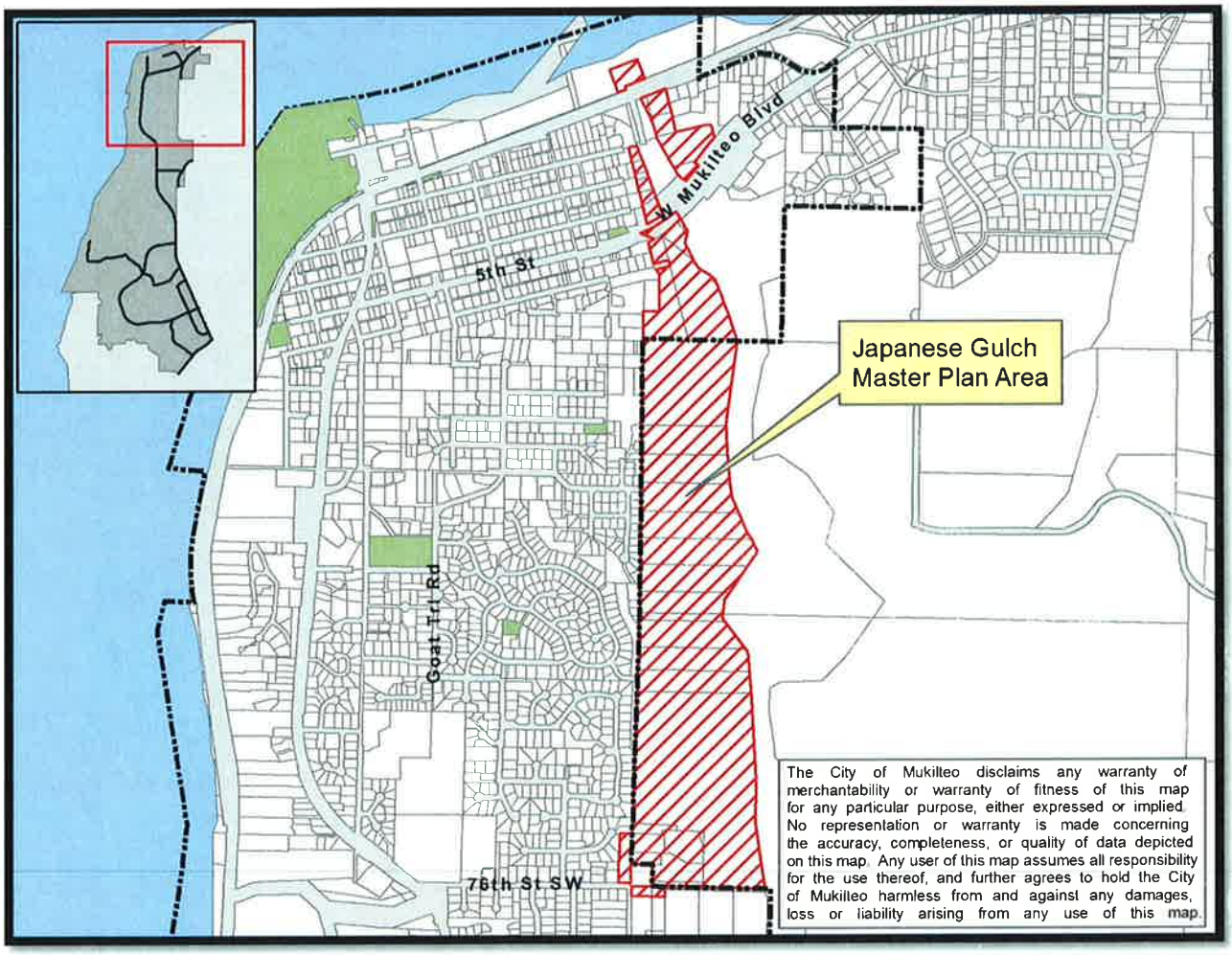
You have the right to request notice of and to participate in the public hearings. If you want to receive notice of the hearings, you should make a request to the City contact person named below.

Appeals: You may appeal the Determination of Nonsignificance 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 by written comment no later than 4:30 p.m. 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 about the procedures for SEPA appeals.

Contact Person: Karl Almgren, AICP, Assistant Planner (425) 263-8045

Signature: _____ Date: 12/2/2015
Karl Almgren, AICP, Assistant Planner

Location Map



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pc:	Applicant/Representative	CDD Director	Project File
	Reviewing Agencies	Permit Services Supervisor	
	Interested Parties	Permit Services Assistants (2)	