

Lewis County Shoreline Master Program—Burden of Proof Statement

Duane & Amy Volk  
360 Ceres Hill Road, Chehalis WA 98532

Tax Parcel #01945000000

MSR # 26-0424

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Lewis County Planning  
Mr. Weston Floro-Hageman  
125 NW Cascade Ave  
Chehalis WA 98532

Re: SMP—Burden of Proof Statement  
Construct new Single-Family Residence (SFR) and redesignate existing SFR as an  
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)

Applicant: Duane & Amy Volk  
Site Address: 360 Ceres Hill Road, Chehalis  
Tax Parcel #: 01945000000; MSR #: 26-0424

Dear Mr. Floro-Hageman:

This letter is to affirm the above-named project complies with the Lewis County  
Shoreline Master Program requirements:

**Section 4.02: Archaeological and Historic Resources:** The existing SFR will be redesignated as an ADU. No physical changes will be made to the existing structure at this time. The proposed SFR will be constructed approximately 1200 feet landward from the Chehalis River. The estimated soil volume to be excavated is less than 100 cubic yards including grade and fill of the residential home site, and the installation of water lines, power lines, sewer transport lines and a septic system. The site is currently used as permanent agriculture. No known archaeological or historical resources are present.

**Section 4.03: Environmental Impacts and Mitigation:** No net loss of ecological function (NNL) will occur as a result of the redesignation of the existing SFR to an ADU. The structure and outbuildings occupy approximately 1.5 acres east of Ceres Hill Road. The area around the existing structures is mowed and maintained as lawn. The proposed SFR is approximately 300 feet from the existing SFR (ADU) and 1200 feet landward of the Chehalis River. The proposed building site is currently used as permanent agriculture including cultivated crops and livestock pasture. No mitigation is proposed or required for the redesignation of the existing SFR to an ADU or for the construction of a new SFR.

**Section 4.04: Critical Areas and Shoreline Vegetation Conservation:** No net loss of ecological function and ecosystem-wide processes performed by critical areas, buffers, and vegetation in the shoreline jurisdiction is expected to result from the proposed action. The proposed ADU is existing and the building site for the new SFR is already under cultivation and lacks native, undisturbed vegetation.

**Section 4.05: Flood Hazard Management:** A Flood Development Permit is required for this project. Both the ADU and the new SFR are within the 100-year Flood Plain. All development will occur in compliance with the flood permit requirements.

**Section 4.06: Public Access:** The proposal is located on private property. Public access is not required.

**Section 4.07: Water Quality:** No impacts to water quality are expected to occur from the redesignation of the existing SFR to an ADU or from the construction of the new SFR. The structures are located more than 1200-feet landward from the OHWM of the Chehalis River. The existing septic system pre-dates permitting requirements from Lewis County Environmental Health. The system appears to be functioning. A new septic system will be permitted for the new SFR and will meet the requirements of Environmental Health.

**Section 5.13: Recreational Development:** The ADU and SFR are for residential use. No recreational development is proposed for this project. No net loss of ecological function is expected to result from the ADU or the SFR.

**Section 5.14: Residential Development:** This project proposes to construct a new, single-family residence and convert the existing SFR into an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). NNL of ecological function is expected to result from the construction or occupancy of the structure. Residential development is allowed in conformance with the SMP.

This Burden of Proof Statement was prepared by me, Jean R Yackley with Goode & Associates in Centralia, Washington. I am a Qualified Professional under LCC17.10.170, with a BS in Environmental Science, 24 years as a Licensed Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Designer, and seven years of wetland delineation experience. I am trained by the Washington State Department of Ecology in the determination of the OHWM and wetland classification. I received a professional certificate in Wetland Delineation from Portland State University. I certify that the information presented in this statement is true, accurate, and prepared to the best of my knowledge and experience.

As always, please feel free to email or call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean R Yackley". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Jean" and last name "Yackley" clearly legible, and the middle initial "R" written in a smaller, simpler script.

Jean R Yackley

Cc: Duane & Amy Volk