

TAYLOR CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

The following will lend clarification to the current reconfiguration of the Rolph Property parcel, as affected by the Taylor Creek Restoration Project and the Boundary Line Adjustment that allowed for formation of the Wetlands now protecting Taylor Creek, which abuts the Rolph Property.

Relocation of the fish-bearing, Cedar River tributary known as Taylor Creek was a joint effort commenced in year 2002 between King County's Water and Land Resources Division and the King County Roads Division. The project's intention was to move flooding creek waters out of the roadway culvert next to Maxwell Road SE. The fish migration path had eroded after being redirected closer to the roadway years ago during development of Maple Valley's early farming community.

This enormously successful project restored and enhanced 5.9 acres of wetland habitat and relocated 900 feet of Taylor Creek. Approximately 2.2 acres of existing Category III wetland was graded, Taylor Creek was relocated to an historic alignment away from the road, and hydraulic conditions that previously existed throughout the floodplain were restored. The project enhanced 4 acres of existing wetland habitat and restored 1.9 acres of wetland. More than 200 pieces of woody debris were placed in the stream, wetland, and associated buffers. Taylor Creek's total length was increased by approximately 500 feet.

The parcel just north of Rolph Property, between SE 206th Street and Rolph, was purchased by Water and Land Division for this flood reduction and habitat restoration project. The Roads Division participated in adding property to the project by acquiring Rolph as an approximately 5-acre parcel to assist in reestablishment of the Maxwell Road right of way, continue the new creek bed, allow for plant mitigation to the project, and add to open space available around the creek.

A joint decision was made between the divisions to divide off the sensitive portions of both parcels needed for riparian restoration work and to surplus their remainders. A Boundary Line Adjustment (#L04L0077) created two approximately five-acre residential parcels (511240-0040 and Rolph's 511240-0045) with their existing improvements, and allowed the creation of a new third parcel of approximately six acres of sensitive wetland preservation and open space.

This boundary line adjustment, allowed under K.C.C. 19A.08 was recorded in January 2005 (recording no. 20050222900014), realized Rolph as a marketable, 5-acre residential property, while preserving wetland on its west side.

The Wetlands sanctuary will remain as such into perpetuity and is not considered part of the Rolph Property. Please view the Survey depiction on this website to view approximate setbacks.