



## Hearing Examiner Staff Report and Recommendation

**Report Date:** September 8, 2022  
**Hearing Date:** September 22, 2022

**Application Submittal Date:** June 8, 2021  
**Application Complete Date:** August 8, 2021

**Project Name:** Strum – After the fact Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)

**Type of Application:** CUP - ADU

**Permit Number:** 21-03237

### Project Location

23347 Aldo Rd NW  
Poulsbo, WA 98370  
Commissioner District #1

### Assessor's Account #

042601-2-078-2004

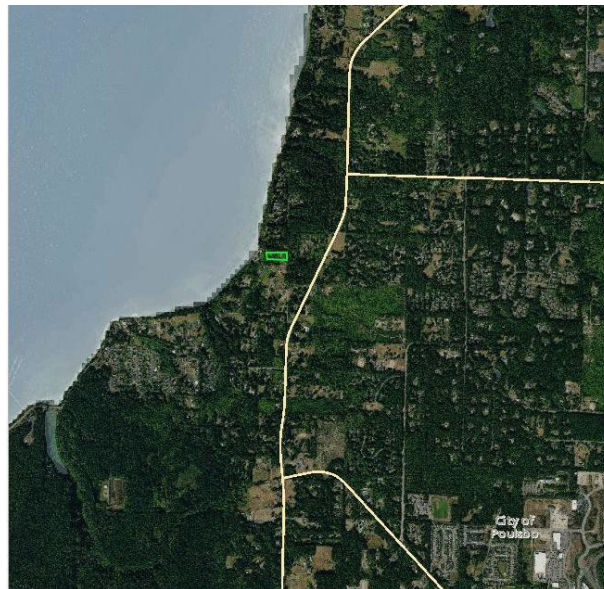
### Applicant/Owner of Record

Robert & Marianne Strum  
23347 Aldo Road NW  
Poulsbo, WA 98370

### Recommendation Summary

Approval, subject to conditions listed under Section 13 of this report.

### VICINITY MAP



### 1. Background

The applicant constructed a 580-square-foot guest house in 2006 and is converting it to an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). The lot is developed with an existing 3,107-square-foot home.

According to the Kitsap County Assessor, the subject site is 1.66 acres. The site slopes gently from the east down to the west until a steep drop that exists 13 feet south of the home towards the shoreline to the west (see Exhibit 15). The eastern third of the site is developed with the primary dwelling, garage, ADU, driveway, and the primary and reserve septic drainfield. A geological assessment (see Exhibit 14) confirms that the existing development does not pose a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the property owner or the public.

### 2. Project Request

The applicant requests approval of a CUP to convert a 580-square-foot guest house into an

ADU. The primary residence and ADU are served by a private well and septic system. The ADU meets all applicable provisions applying to special uses per Kitsap County Code (KCC) 17.410.060 B.3. as well as criteria for CUP approval per KCC 17.550.030.A.

**3. SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act)**

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), found in Chapter 43.21C RCW (Revised Code of Washington), is a state law that requires the County to conduct an environmental impact review of any action that might have a significant, adverse impact on the environment. The review includes the completion of an Environmental Checklist by the applicant and a review of that checklist by the County. If it is determined that there will be environmental impacts, conditions are imposed upon the applicant to mitigate those impacts below the threshold of a substantial environmental impact. If the impacts cannot be mitigated, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be prepared. The decision following environmental review, which may result in a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS), Mitigated DNS, or the necessity for an EIS is called a threshold determination. A separate notice of the threshold determination is given by the County. If it is not appealed, it becomes part of the hearing record as it was issued, since it cannot be changed by the Hearing Examiner.

Pursuant to WAC 197-11-355, the Department of Community Development (DCD) used an optional DNS process for this project. The SEPA comment period previously occurred concurrent with the Notice of Application January 28, 2022 (see Exhibit 12). The Department of Community Development issued a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) on August 23, 2022 (see Exhibit 16).

The SEPA appeal period expired September 6, 2022. No appeals were filed; therefore, the SEPA determination is final.

**4. Physical Characteristics**

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**Table 1 - Comprehensive Plan Designation and Zoning**

Comprehensive Plan: Rural Residential Zone: Rural Residential	Standard	Proposed
Minimum Density	N/A	1 dwelling unit/1.66 acres
Maximum Density	1 dwelling unit/5 acres	

Minimum Lot Size	5 acres	1.66 acres , existing
Maximum Lot Size	N/A	1.66 acres , existing
Minimum Lot Width	140 feet	157 feet, existing
Minimum Lot Depth	140 feet	439 feet, existing
Maximum Height	35 feet	Two-story, <35 feet
Maximum Impervious Surface Coverage	N/A	N/A
Maximum Lot Coverage	N/A	N/A

Applicable footnotes:

**Table 2 - Setback for Zoning District**

	Standard	Proposed
Front (West)	50 feet	50 feet
Side (North)	20 feet; 5 feet for accessory structures	20 feet; 5 feet for accessory structures
Side (South)	20 feet; 5 feet for accessory structures	20 feet; 5 feet for accessory structures
Rear (East)	20 feet; 5 feet for accessory structures	20 feet; 5 feet for accessory structures

**Table 3 - Surrounding Land Use and Zoning**

Surrounding Property	Land Use	Zoning
North	Undeveloped	Rural Residential (RR)
South	Single-family residence	Rural Residential (RR)
East	Single-family residence	Rural Residential (RR)
West	Single-family residence	Rural Residential (RR)

**Table 4 - Public Utilities and Services**

	Provider
Water	Private Well
Power	Puget Sound Energy
Sewer	Private Septic System
Police	Kitsap County Sheriff
Fire	Kitsap Fire District No. 18
School	North Kitsap School District No. 400

## 5. Access

Aldo Road NW is a combination of a County-maintained road that transitions to a private easement, which provides direct access to the project site.

## 6. Site Design

See attached site plan. The front setback is established based on legal access to the parcel from Aldo Road NW to the south. The ADU meets the zoning district setback criteria shown in Table 2 - Setback for zoning district.

## 7. Policies and Regulations Applicable to the Subject Proposal

The Growth Management Act of the State of Washington, RCW 36.70A, requires that the County adopt a Comprehensive Plan, and then implement that plan by adopting development regulations. The development regulations must be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan process includes public involvement as required by law, so that those who are impacted by development regulations have an opportunity to help shape the Comprehensive Plan which is then used to prepare development regulations.

Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan, adopted June 30, 2016, amended in 2018, and amended in 2020.

The following Comprehensive Plan goals and policies are most relevant to this application:

### *Land Use Goals and Policies*

#### *Land Use Policy 50*

*Limit the designed rural area to low residential densities that can be sustained by minimal infrastructure improvements, cause minimal environmental degradation, and that will not cumulatively create the future necessity or expectation of urban levels of service.*

#### *Land Use Policy 51*

*Permit residential uses in rural areas consistent with the planned rural character of the surrounding area.*

#### *Land Use Policy 53*

*Outside of the Type III Limited Area of More Intensive Rural Development (LAMIRD), limit development only to that which serves rural residential or resource needs and does not draw population from Urban Growth Areas. This policy is implemented through Comprehensive Plan Land Use designation, zoning designation, and zoning code provisions.*

### *Housing, Human Services Goals and Policies*

#### *Housing, Human Services Policy 5*

*Use regulatory strategies to incentivize and provide flexibility for development of affordable and special needs housing.*

*Housing, Human Services Policy 7**Adopt regulatory changes to allow non-traditional housing types.**Housing, Human Services Policy 11**Promote fair housing to ensure that all residents of Kitsap County have an equal and fair opportunity to obtain safe and sanitary housing suitable to their needs and financial resources, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, national origin, family status, income, disability, or other protected class.**Housing, Human Services Policy 12**Identify and remove regulatory barriers and limits access to or the provision of a diverse affordable housing supply.**Housing, Human Services Policy 13**Identify and remove impediments to creating housing for harder to house populations.**Housing, Human Services Policy 14**Disperse affordable housing opportunities throughout the County.*

The County's development regulations are contained within KCC. The following development regulations are most relevant to this application:

Code Reference	Subject
Title 12	Storm Water Drainage
Title 13	Water and Sewers
Title 14	Buildings and Construction
Title 17	Zoning
Chapter 18.04	State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)
Chapter 20.04	Transportation Facilities Concurrency Ordinance
Chapter 21.04	Land Use and Development Procedures

**8. Documents Consulted in the Analysis**

A complete index of exhibits is located in the project file. To date, the index to the record consists of Exhibits 1-20.

Exhibit #	Document	Dated	Date Received
1	STAFF REPORT	09/15/2022	
2	ADU Plans	05/01/2006	08/17/2021
3	Concurrency Test		08/17/2021
4	Health Department Building Site Application	07/30/2021	08/17/2021
5	Health Department Water Availability	07/30/2021	08/17/2021
6	Permit Questionnaire	06/08/2021	08/17/2021
7	Project Narrative	07/19/2021	08/17/2021

8	SEPA Environmental Checklist	07/16/2021	08/17/2021
9	SFR Elevations		08/17/2021
10	SFR Floor Plan	08/31/2000	08/17/2021
11	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPP)		08/17/2021
12	Notice of Application	01/28/2022	
13	ADU Elevations		06/08/2022
14	Geotechnical Report	05/27/2022	06/08/2022
15	Site Plan	06/22/2000	08/22/2022
16	SEPA Determination	08/25/2022	
17	Notice of Public Hearing	09/07/2022	
18	Certification of Public Notice		
19	Staff Presentation		
20	Hearing Sign In		

### 9. Public Outreach and Comments

A Notice of Application (see Exhibit 12) was distributed pursuant to KCC Title 21 land use and development procedures, which provided recipients with project information and an opportunity for public comment. The Department did not receive comments.

### 10. Analysis

#### a. Planning/Zoning

Per KCC section 17.410.060.B.3, in order to encourage the provision of affordable and independent housing for a variety of households, an ADU may be located in residential zones, subject to the following criteria. Staff comments are provided below (*italicized*):

- a. An ADU shall be allowed as a permitted use in those areas contained within an urban growth boundary;  
*Staff Comment: The subject property is not located within an UGA.*
- b. An ADU shall be subject to a CUP in those areas outside an urban growth boundary;  
*Staff Comment: The subject property is located outside of an UGA. This application is a CUP for an ADU.*
- c. Only one ADU shall be allowed per lot;  
*Staff Comment: This application proposes only one ADU. There are no other ADUs present or proposed.*
- d. Owner of the property must reside in either the primary residence or the ADU.  
*Staff Comment: The owner will reside in the proposed single-family residence.*

- e. The ADU shall not exceed fifty percent of the square footage of the habitable area of primary residence or nine hundred square feet, whichever is smaller. Dimensions are determined by exterior measurements.  
*Staff Comment: The proposed ADU is 580 square feet. The proposed residence is 3,107 square feet. Fifty percent of 3,107 square feet is 1,554 square feet; therefore, the ADU is limited to 900 square feet (the smaller value).*
- f. The ADU shall be located within one hundred fifty feet of the primary residence or shall be the conversion of an existing detached structure (i.e., garage).  
*Staff Comment: The proposed single-family residence and the proposed ADU are less than 32 feet apart, satisfying this requirement.*
- g. The ADU shall be designed to maintain the appearance of the primary residence.  
*Staff Comment: The single-family residence and the ADU are similar in appearance (see Exhibit 9, Exhibit 13). The structure, and siding match the aesthetic of the existing house and garage.*
- h. All setback requirements for the zone in which the ADU is located shall apply;  
*Staff Comment: All setbacks required by the Rural Residential zone are met for the proposed ADU. Please see Table 2 – Setback for Zoning District.*
- i. The ADU shall meet the applicable health district standards for water and sewage disposal;  
*Staff Comment: The Kitsap County Health District reviewed and approved the ADU (see Exhibit 4, Exhibit 5).*
- j. No mobile homes or recreational vehicles shall be allowed as an ADU;  
*Staff Comment: There are no mobile homes or recreational vehicles present on the subject property or proposed in this application.*
- k. An ADU shall use the same side street entrance as the primary residence and shall provide additional off-street parking; and  
*Staff Comment: The submitted site plan (see Exhibit 15) shows the proposed ADU will use the existing driveway utilized by the single-family residence. The driveway will provide an additional off-street parking space.*

**b. Lighting**

Lighting was not analyzed as part of this proposal.

**c. Off-Street Parking**

The proposal includes one additional parking space for the ADU.

**Table 5 - Parking Table**

Use Identified in 17.490.030	Standard	Required Spaces	Proposed Spaces/Existing Spaces
Single-Family (attached or detached)	1 additional space for accessory dwelling units.	1	1
Total	1	1	1

**d. Signage**

No signage is proposed or required.

**e. Landscaping**

Per KCC 17.500.010, single-family lots are exempt from landscaping requirements.

**Table 6 - Landscaping Table**

	Required	Proposed
Required Landscaping (Sq. Ft.) 15% of Site	NA	NA
Required Buffer(s)	NA	NA
North	NA	NA
South	NA	NA
East	NA	NA
West	NA	NA
Street Trees	NA	NA

**f. Frontage Improvements**

Not applicable; there are no frontage improvement requirements for an ADU. However, there are access requirements that limit access to one road approach off a County road. This is addressed below under the access heading.

**g. Design Districts/Requirements**

Not applicable; the subject property is not located within a design district.

**h. Development Engineering/Stormwater**

Development Services and Engineering reviewed the land use proposal and finds the concept supportable in its approach to civil site development. Development Services and Engineering accepts the concepts contained in this preliminary submittal, with conditions (Section 13 of this report).



**i. Environmental**

The request is for approval of a CUP to convert a 580-square-foot guest house into an ADU. Existing development is located near significant slopes. Kitsap County Geographic Information System (GIS) indicate the possibility of moderate erosion potential. A geological assessment confirmed that the existing development and change of use will not pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the property owners or the public.

**j. Access, Traffic and Roads**

Development Services and Engineering reviewed the proposal for compliance with traffic and road standards and recommended approval, with conditions (Section 13 of this report).

**k. Fire Safety**

The Kitsap County Fire Marshall's Office reviewed and approved the proposal with conditions (Section 13 of this report).

**l. Solid Waste**

The proposed ADU will use the same solid waste services as the single-family residence.

**m. Water/Sewer**

The application includes an approved Building Site Application that shows approval for water and sewer from Kitsap County's Health Department (see Exhibit 4, Exhibit 5). Potable water will be provided by a private well; sanitary sewage disposal shall be provided by an on-site septic system.

**n. Kitsap Public Health District**

Kitsap County Health District as reviewed and approved the proposal with no conditions.

**11. Review Authority**

The Hearing Examiner has review authority for this Conditional Use Permit application under KCC, Sections 17.550.020 and 21.04.100. The Hearing Examiner may approve, approve with conditions, or deny a Conditional Use Permit. The Hearing Examiner may also continue the hearing to allow for additional information necessary to make the proper decision. The powers of the Hearing Examiner are at KCC Chapter 2.10.

**12. Findings**

1. The proposal is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
2. The proposal complies or will comply with requirements of KCC Title 17 and complies with or will comply with all of the other applicable provisions of KCC and all other

applicable regulations, including all applicable development standards and design guidelines, through the imposed conditions outlined in this report.

3. The proposal is not materially detrimental to existing or future uses or property in the immediate vicinity.
4. The proposal is compatible with and incorporates specific features, conditions, or revisions that ensure it responds appropriately to the existing character, appearance, quality or development, and physical characteristics of the subject property and the immediate vicinity.

### **13. Recommendation**

Based upon the analysis above and the decision criteria found in KCC 17.550.030.A, DCD recommends **approval** of the CUP request to construct a 580-square-foot ADU, subject to the following conditions:

Review the linked Hearing Examiner decision for conditions of approval. The Staff Report conditions below are only recommended conditions to the Hearing Examiner.

#### **a. Planning/Zoning**

1. All required permits shall be obtained prior to commencement of land clearing, construction and/or occupancy.
2. Review the linked Hearing Examiner decision for conditions of approval. The Staff Report conditions below are only recommended conditions to the Hearing Examiner and may not be valid.
3. The accessory dwelling unit (ADU) is subject to the payment of impact fees. Impact fees must be paid at time of permit issuance, or if deferred, must be paid prior to final inspection. No certificate of occupancy will be granted until all impact fees are paid.
4. Any proposed modification (not including cosmetic work such as painting, papering and similar finish work), remodel or expansion of the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) building, regardless of whether a building permit is required, shall be reviewed by the Department of Community Development and granted approval prior to such modification, expansion, construction and/or issuance of a building permit.
5. Only one accessory dwelling unit (ADU) shall be permitted on the subject property.
6. The ADU habitable area shall not exceed 50% of the primary residence or 900 square feet, whichever is smaller. The proposed size of the ADU is 580 square feet.
7. The ADU shall be located within 150 feet of the primary residence.
8. The ADU shall be designed to maintain the appearance of the primary residence.
9. This permit shall comply with all Kitsap Public Health District regulations and

conditions of approval.

10. No mobile home or recreational vehicle shall be allowed as an ADU.
11. The ADU shall use the same side street entrance as the primary residence and shall provide one additional off-street parking space.
12. An Accessory Living Quarters (ALQ) or Guest House (GH) is not permitted on the same lot unless the ADU is removed and the ALQ or GH complies with all requirements imposed by the KCC.
13. A property with a primary residence and an ADU cannot be segregated to create two separate legal lots unless it complies with all subdivision, zoning and density requirements in place at the time of a complete subdivision application.
14. The ADU cannot be sold separately from the primary residence unless it has legally been segregated onto its own lot.
15. The recipient of any conditional use permit shall file a Notice of Land Use Binder with the county auditor prior to any of the following: initiation of any further site work, issuance of any development/construction permits by the county, or occupancy/use of the subject property or buildings thereon for the use or activity authorized. The Notice of Land Use Binder shall serve both as an acknowledgment of and agreement to abide by the terms and conditions of the conditional use permit and as a notice to prospective purchasers of the existence of the permit. The Binder shall be prepared and recorded by the Department at the applicant's expense.
16. The uses of the subject property are limited to the uses proposed by the applicant and any other uses will be subject to further review pursuant to the requirements of the Kitsap County Code (KCC). Unless in conflict with the conditions stated and/or any regulations, all terms and specifications of the application shall be binding conditions of approval. Approval of this project shall not, and is not, to be construed as approval for more extensive or other utilization of the subject property.
17. The authorization granted herein is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances. Compliance with such laws, regulations, and ordinances is a condition to the approvals granted and is a continuing requirement of such approvals. By accepting this/these approvals, the applicant represents that the development and activities allowed will comply with such laws, regulations, and ordinances. If, during the term of the approval granted, the development and activities permitted do not comply with such laws, regulations, or ordinances, the applicant agrees to promptly bring such development or activities into compliance.
18. The decision set forth herein is based upon representations made and exhibits contained in the project application (21-03237). Any change(s) or deviation(s) in such plans, proposals, or conditions of approval imposed shall be subject to further review and approval of the County and potentially the Hearing Examiner.
19. This Conditional Use Permit approval shall automatically become void if no development permit application is accepted as complete by the Department of

Community Development within four years of the Notice of Decision date or the resolution of any appeals.

20. Any violation of the conditions of approval shall be grounds to initiate revocation of this Conditional Use Permit.
21. The owner shall be responsible for maintenance of the storm drainage facilities for this development following construction. Before (requesting final building inspection/recording the final plat/binding site plan) for this development, the person or persons holding title to the subject property for which the storm drainage facilities were required shall record a Declaration of Covenant that guarantees the County that the system will be properly maintained. Wording must be included in the covenant that will allow the County to inspect the system and perform the necessary maintenance in the event the system is not performing properly. This would be done only after notifying the owner and giving him a reasonable time to do the necessary work. Should County forces be required to do the work, the owner will be billed the maximum amount allowed by law.
22. At building permit application, submit KCPW Form 1601 for issuance of a concurrency certificate, as required by KCC Section 20.04.030, Transportation Concurrency.
23. Work within the county right-of-way requires a permit to perform work in the right-of-way from the Kitsap County Department of Public Works.
24. Permitting is subject to the conditions of the Geotechnical report associated with this permit and on file at the Department of Community Development.

**b. Fire Safety**

25. Prior to final permit approval the applicant shall:
  - 1) Submit documentation of road construction meeting access requirements per code;
  - 2) Improve access to meet current code; or
  - 3) Equip the residence and Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) with an automatic fire sprinkler system. Automatic sprinkler system will require a separate permit.

Access roads shall comply with the following:

- Unobstructed width of 20 feet and height of 13 feet 6 inches.
- Access shall be designed and maintained to support a 60,000 pound fire apparatus and be provided with an all weather driving surface.
- Inside turning radii shall be a minimum of 25 feet
- Dead end access roads exceeding 150 feet in length shall be provided with an approved turnaround.
- Roads shall not be more than 12% grade.

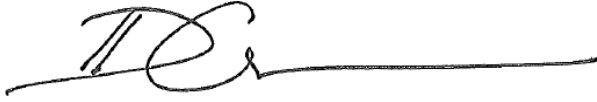
**c. Solid Waste**

N/A.

**d. Kitsap Public Health District**

N/A.

**Report prepared by:**



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Darren Gurnee, Staff Planner / Project Lead

9/15/2022

Date

**Report approved by:**



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Scott Diener, DSE Manager

9/15/2022

Date

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – Site Plan

Attachment B – Kitsap County Zoning Map

Attachment C – Kitsap County Critical Areas Map

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Interested Parties: None

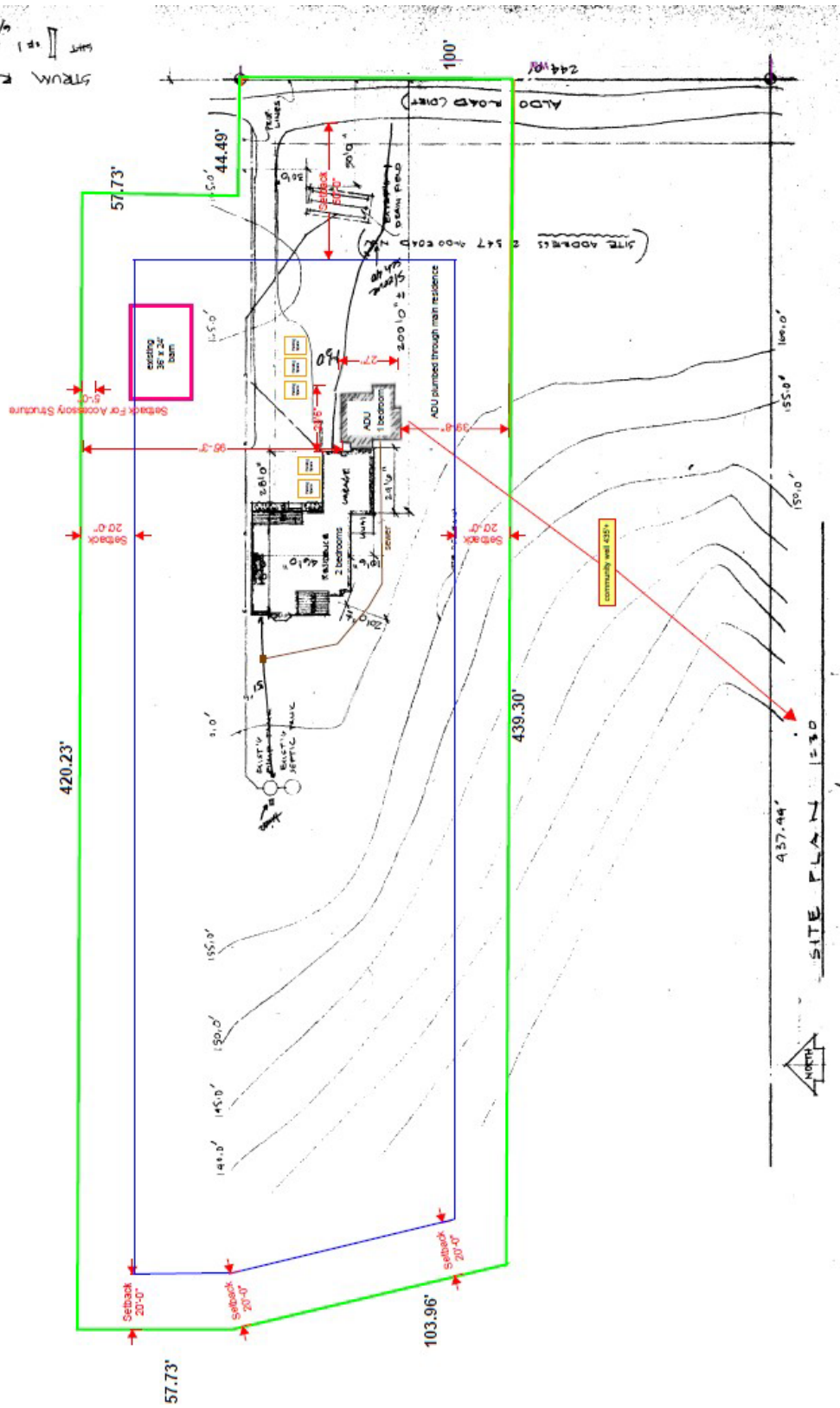
Kitsap County Health District, MS-30

Kitsap County Public Works Dept., MS-26

DCD Staff Planner: Darren Gurnee

Attachment A - Site Plan

Site Address: 23347 Aldo Road NW Poulsbo, WA  
Parcel Number: 042601-2-078-2064  
NO CLEARING  
Application to designate ADU



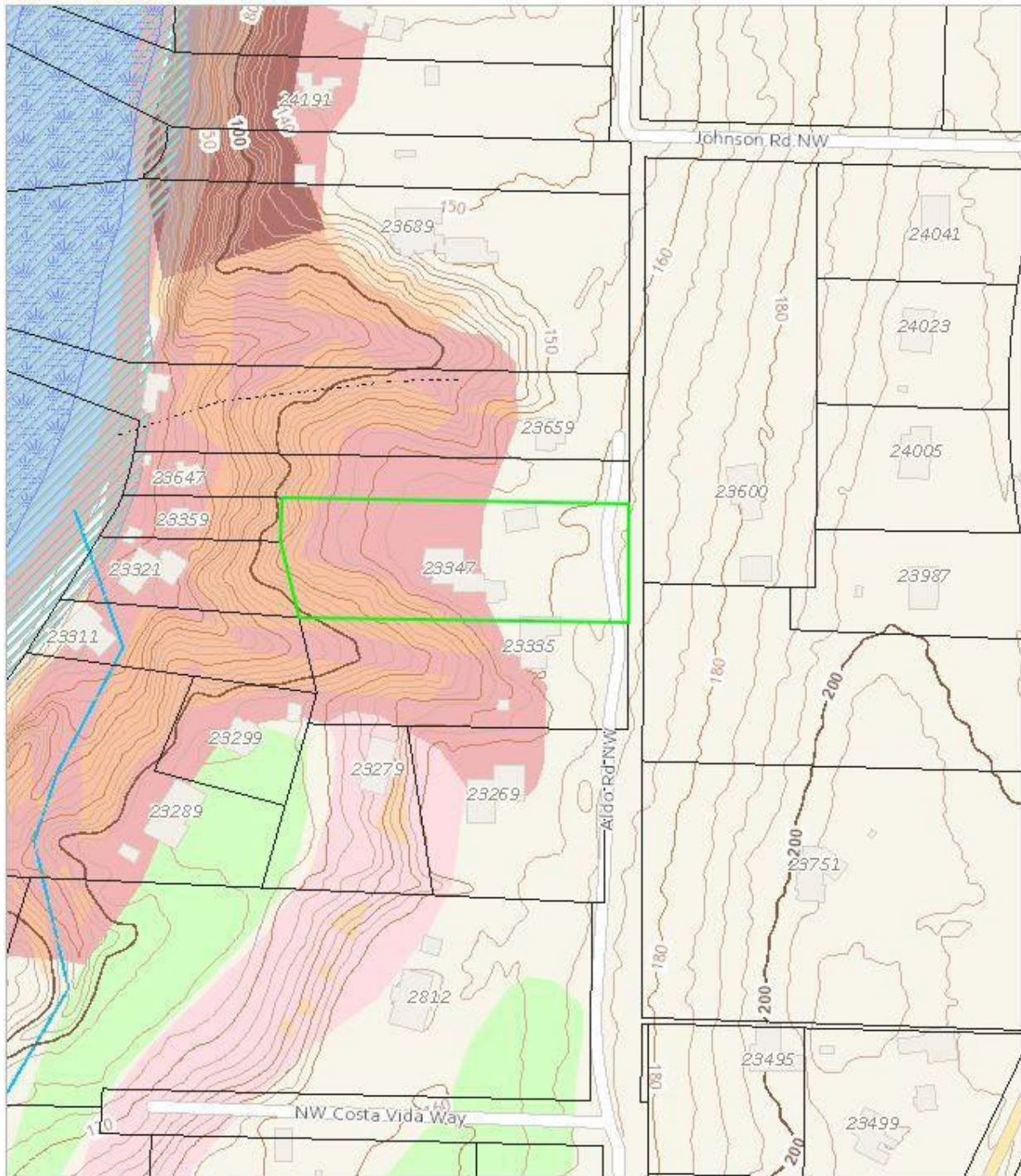
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