

To: Board of Island County Commissioners
PO Box 5000
Coupeville WA 98239-5000

Subject: Records Request

July 26, 2016

By letter, dated June 15, 2016, Mr. William Oakes, the Island County Engineer, responded to our association's petition which was submitted to the Board of Island County Commissioners on January 9, 2016.

The purpose of our petition was to bring to the attention of the Board the serious effects of the heavy rainfall that our neighborhood experienced last winter. Those flooding effects included building damages, health risks due to saturated septic drain fields, loss of safe access to properties and material inconveniences due to loss of garbage pickup and mail deliveries. Moreover, and of even more significant importance, the amount of water that made its way to the edge of the high bluff caused deep erosion, opened a sink hole and made the 200 ft. high bluff unstable with the potential to fail at any time. These effects were observed by members of the North Whidbey Fire & Rescue District #2 and Mr. Eric Brooks, Island County Director of Emergency Services. The condition of the bluff was documented by GeoTest Services, Inc. of Bellingham, Washington.

In his letter, Mr. Oakes explained that the county recognized the potential for the serious flooding of our neighborhood in 2004 and, with the aid of "consulting engineers," built an infiltration system on the east side of West Beach Road (the origin of most of the flood water) designed to be adequate for the amount of water produced by a "100-year storm" and even added a safety factor that doubled the infiltration surface area. Indeed, our community experienced no flooding since that was done until last winter.

Mr. Oakes ended his letter by encouraging our neighborhood "to work on a neighborhood solution that protects the area from the level of flooding that the neighborhood wants." Lacking the county's experience in these matters or the engineering resources available to the county, our association is requesting the records of the analysis, design and construction work performed by the county for the infiltration system built in 2004. Please find, enclosed, the appropriate request form and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very sincerely,

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ISLAND COUNTY REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS: AGENCY RESPONSE FORM



ISLAND COUNTY RECORDS REQUEST

I. INQUIRER NAME Robert Elphick, President, West Beach Road Association	
ADDRESS P.O. Box 12, Coupeville, WA 98239	PHONE (360) 678-5789
TODAY'S DATE July 26, 2016	
II. DETERMINATION OF SCOPE:	
ARE YOU A COUNTY EMPLOYEE? NO Department? _____	
<i>If not:</i>	
<i>Note: State law exempts some public records from disclosure. (See RCW 42.17.310.) We are not authorized to disclose lists of individuals to be used for commercial purposes (RCW 42.17.260(9)). In addition, we may not disclose certain personal or other information exempt from disclosure under RCW 42.17.200, RCW 70.02, or other pertinent statutes and regulations.</i>	
III. CIRCLE THE NUMBER(S) OF THE ACTIONS REQUESTED. FILL IN APPROPRIATE BLANKS AS INDICATED.	
1) INSPECTION OF RECORDS DESCRIBED BELOW (BOX IV) ON DATE: _____	
2) CHECK OUT FROM: _____ TO: _____ (IN HOUSE ONLY TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES) (date) (date)	
3) RESEARCH FOR INFORMATION DESCRIBED BELOW (Box IV)---(FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES ONLY)	
4) REPRODUCTION OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS: _____ SHEETS AT _____ PER SHEET. (to be completed by county)	
5) TOTAL DUE: _____ (TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY) COLLECTED \$ _____	
6) SIGNATURE ON RECEIPT OF RECORDS YES	
IV. DESCRIBE RECORDS REQUESTED:	

Records requested are in the files of the Island County Engineer for the years 2003 and 2004. Records pertain to the analysis, design and construction of the infiltration system built by the County on the east side of West Beach Road approx. 100 yards south of the intersection of West Beach Road and Deseret Drive. The purpose of the system was to contain storm water that accumulates on the east side of the road, controlling and limiting the flow of that water to the west side through a culvert under the road. These records will include the products of consulting engineers and weather data used in their analyses. All emails involved in this project are also requested.

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Effective Date of this form: January 10, 2002