



King County

2013 Farm Pad Project Indication of Commitment



As the 2013 farm pad construction season approaches, King County is continuing its commitment to assist the agricultural community by providing technical assistance and customer support as much as possible. In order to help with as many farm pad projects as possible, please print, complete, sign and return this form **no later than March 31, 2013.**

The information requested below will assist King County staff to balance farm pad assistance with available resources. In addition, the form asks that each property owner determine and agree to the responsibilities, financial commitment and willingness to undertake this process.

Prioritization of Projects

If it should become necessary to prioritize farm pad projects due to limited resources (staffing, funding) and capacity levels (such as compensatory storage), prioritization will occur using the following factors/criteria:

- Farms that are at greatest risk of property damage or economic losses from flooding, including:
 - Depth of flooding at site.
 - Proximity to high ground at edge of floodplain for emergency use.
 - Prior losses in previous floods (Nov. 2006, Nov. 2008, Jan. 2009).
- Farm pads that will be under a size threshold (2,000 square feet) **or** farm pads that are small relative to total acreage.
- Farm pads where there is available compensatory storage at the same elevation.
- Feasibility of permitting and pad construction in this season due to lack of property constraints. **Note:** some farm pads may be infeasible and unable to be approved due to lack of available compensatory storage or sufficient flood conveyance.
- Timeliness of required application(s) and submittal(s).

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Parcel Number: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ email: _____

1. Are you currently prepared to assume the cost of permits and construction in 2012? Permit fees are: Y or N
 - Farm pad less than 2,000 s.f. (finished top area): \$295.05
 - Farm pad >2,000 s.f., < 10,000 s.f. (finished top area): \$437.55

2. Do you have the time to construct the pad and secure side slopes before the rainy season begins (estimated to be October 1, 2012)? Y or N

3. Do you currently have a Farm Management Plan prepared by the King Conservation District or have you contacted KCD to begin the process? Y or N
 - If so, date: _____
 - If no, please contact the KCD at 425-282-1903 to sign up.

4. Do you own or lease this property? Own Lease

5. Will you be able to obtain a Transfer of Applicant Status? Y or N

6. Has a Critical Areas Designation been completed for this property? Y or N

7. If no, are you aware of any siting constraints such as wetlands? _____

8. Are there any open Code Enforcement activities on the property? Y or N

9. If yes, case number and officer assigned: _____

10. Do you intend to build a structure on top of your farm pad in the future? Y or N

11. If yes, please describe the size and use: _____

Size of Farm Pad Required

Each farm has unique assets and needs. The following questions are designed to help us understand your farming and flood protection needs better. Our goal is to permit a pad that affords vital protection during a flood, but doesn't squander the limited resource of compensatory flood storage, or build an over-sized pad that is unnecessarily costly to you. Please consider the following.

12. Do you have animals? If yes, indicate number of each, or, if that number fluctuates, estimate your average winter herd size. (If no, skip question.)

Animal	Number	Area per animal (s.f.)	Area required (column 2 x column 3)
Cattle		50	
Horses		120	
Goats/sheep		?	
Poultry		?	
Other animals			
Area for animals			(sum above)

13. Describe any unique needs related to protecting your animals in a flood (i.e., separating males from females, etc.)

14. Estimate the area required to store feed during the time the animals are on the pad, as well as through the entire flood season. Consider that you will need ready access to some feed during the flood, while perhaps some can be stored more permanently.

15. List the type of equipment and supplies that requires storage on the pad during a flood.

Equipment	Quantity	Approximate size	Do you need to use this during the winter, or can it remain on pad during flood season?

16. In 2011, the Snoqualmie Valley experienced a flood during April. Describe any special needs that you would have during a late winter/early spring flood, if any. Some farms may have vulnerable vegetable starts at that time of year. Please describe your plan to protect them.

17. If you intend to provide any cover (tarps, structure, etc.) for livestock and supplies, please describe.

18. Draw a sketch of the pad layout on graph paper or blank paper and attach. Standard angle for pad sideslopes is **two** feet horizontal for every foot of height. The standard slope for access ramps is **four** feet horizontal for every foot of height, and the usual width of access ramps is 15 feet. Easiest use of the pad is generally accomplished if there is one ramp going up the pad and one ramp at the other end going down. The goal is to make your pad as easy to use as possible before and after a flood. Consider how you will maneuver to move things up on the pad, how you will access the pad, etc.

19. What size of a farm pad (top area) do you believe you'll need? _____ Square Feet

Risk/Damage Assessment:

20. What was the average depth of January 2009 flood waters on this property? _____

21. Do you already have a farm pad on the property? _____

22. If yes, are you requesting a second pad, or an addition to the existing pad? _____

23. What losses may have been prevented if you had a farm pad? _____

24. Do you currently own any areas outside of the 100-year floodplain that could be used in an emergency? _____ Y or N

25. Could you elevate an existing structure to meet some or all of your flood protection needs? _____ Y or N

26. Would you be interested in receiving technical or financial assistance in elevating structures on your farm? Y or N

27. In wet-proofing a building? Y or N

Agricultural Viability

28. Briefly describe your farming activities:

29. Are you currently enrolled in a Current Use Taxation program? Y or N

30. Do you employ farm workers on a full- or part-time basis? Y or N

31. If yes, how many? _____

Intention of Commitment Declaration

By signing below, you are agreeing to the following statements:

- I am willing to sign a covenant stating that the farm pad will ONLY be used for NON-RESIDENTIAL purposes.
- My operations and schedule can accommodate construction of a pad this year.
- I have the financial ability to pay the cost of permitting and labor/materials.
- There are no outstanding code violations on this property. King County will NOT permit farm pads with outstanding code violations.
- I am willing to commit, to the best degree possible, to be flexible with regards to property access and to coordinate with neighboring farms so that staff resources can be used most efficiently, including site visits.

Signature

Date

This completed form must be returned by March 8, 2013 to:

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