

# SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

Pursuant to County Code Section [22.102.080.D](#), the applicant shall substantiate the following facts:

(Do not provide one word or Yes/No responses. If necessary, attach additional pages)

1. That the proposed development is highly compatible with the SEA Resources, including the preservation of natural open space areas and providing for the long-term maintenance of ecosystem functions;

2. That the proposed development avoids or minimizes impacts to the SEA Resources and wildlife movement through one or more of the following:  
a) Avoiding habitat fragmentation;  
b) Minimizing edge effects; or  
c) Siting development in the least sensitive location.

3. That important habitat areas are adequately buffered from development by retaining sufficient natural vegetation cover and/or natural open spaces and integrating sensitive design features;

4. That the proposed development maintains ecological and hydrological functions of water bodies, watercourses, and their tributaries;

5. That the proposed development ensures that roads, access roads, driveways, and utilities do not conflict with Priority Biological Resources, habitat areas, migratory paths, or wildlife corridors; and

6. That the proposed development promotes the resiliency of the SEA to the greatest extent possible. For purposes of this finding, SEA resiliency is not promoted when the proposed development may cause any of the following:

- a) Significant unmitigated loss of contiguity or connectivity of the SEA;
- b) Significant unmitigated impact to a Priority Biological Resource;
- c) Removal of habitat that is the only known location of a new or rediscovered species; and/or
- d) Other factors as identified by SEATAC (if applicable).