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Receiving Agency:	Kitsap County
Acres:	707
County:	Kitsap
Trust:	Common School (Trust 03), University Original (Trust 11)
Proposed Use:	Fish and wildlife habitat, open space, recreation
Transfer Type:	Fee
Estimated Value:	\$7,300,000

Characteristics and Location

This property is located north of Kingston in Kitsap County and within a quarter mile of Puget Sound. This large forestland tract and its associated wildlife habitat is rare for Kitsap County, as the county has one of the highest population densities in the state.

Why is this Transfer in the Trust's Best Interests?

- ✓ **Approximately 47 percent of the parcel is not harvestable** due to sensitive areas such as wetlands, streams, unstable slopes, and associated buffers.
- ✓ Improvements in public transit are making the Kitsap Peninsula more attractive for development. **Population density in this area is likely to increase**, making future trust management of this parcel more challenging.
- ✓ There is **strong local opposition to timber harvest** and significant county and public support for transferring this parcel out of trust status.
- ✓ **The parcel has high ecological values**, including a large wetland bordered by trees that are over 130 years old. **Public benefits** include a user-built public recreation and commuter trail, and a stream that is popular with anglers.

Legal Description

Portions of Sections 2, 10, 11, 14, and 22 of Township 27 North, Range 2 East, W.M., Kitsap County, Washington

Map

