

HABITAT TECHNOLOGIES

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**RE: Sunset Pointe Residential Community (P-18-0040)
City of Puyallup, Pierce County, Washington**

Dear Mr. Deaver,

As outlined in the revised report by Habitat Technologies dated September 21, 2018, the excavated ponds within the southern portion of the project site were defined as intentionally created features. As viewed in the 1970 historical aerial photo, no ponds or drainage corridor were evident in the southern portion of the project site (See Photos). The easternmost pond (Pond C) only become evident in and after the 1985 aerial photo. In the 1995 aerial photo along with subsequent photos, two (2) additional excavated ponds are present (Ponds A and B) southwesterly of Pond C. The 1998 aerial color photo has the best resolution and clearly shows all three ponds.

As such, it is the opinion of Habitat Technologies that all three ponds in the southern portion of the project site were created within an area that did not exhibit wetland or drainage corridor characteristics prior to excavation and that these areas meet the City of Puyallup definition of an “intentionally created wetland or surface water systems.”

(21.06.210.75) “Intentionally created wetland or surface water systems” means wetlands or surface water systems created through purposeful human action, such as irrigation and drainage ditches, grass-lined swales, canals, farm ponds, detention/retention facilities, and landscape/ornamental amenities. Purposeful creation must be demonstrated through documentation, photographs, statements and/or other evidence. Intentionally created wetlands or surface water systems do not include areas or systems created as mitigation.

Sincerely,
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PHOTOS



Photo 1: 1970 Aerial photo with no excavated ponds present.



Photo 2: 1985 Aerial photo with eastern most pond no excavated ponds present.



Photo 3: 1995 Aerial photo with three (3) excavated ponds present.



Photo 4: 1998 Aerial photo (color) with three (3) excavated ponds present.