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Draft Sunnyside Flooding Feasibility Study is complete

Snohomish County Surface Water Management has been studying the problem of flooding associated with hillside runoff from new development along a section of Sunnyside Boulevard. The findings of a feasibility study will be presented at a public meeting on Monday Feb. 23rd, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Sunnyside Elementary School library, 3703 Sunnyside Boulevard in Marysville.

The area studied is approximately 450 acres in Diking District 2 between Sunnyside Boulevard on the east and Ebey Slough on the west. The north boundary of the study is near 20th St. N.E. and the southern boundary is near 12th street S.E. The properties are owned by 12 individuals and the Lake Stevens Sewer District. The sewer district property is the site of the district's wastewater treatment plant.

The feasibility study identifies various options for dealing with the flooding, including structural and non-structural alternatives. The structural alternatives range from construction of a pump station to pump water from the flooded areas into Ebey Slough to construction of a pipeline to carry stormwater across the farm fields to the slough. Options in the non-structural category range from acquisition of the affected land to compensating the property owners for the affect of the floodwater on their property. Public comments will be solicited at the meeting and will be included with the alternatives sent to the Snohomish County Council for further consideration.

For more information about the study and the alternatives please contact Mohammed Kashani, Snohomish County Surface Water Management, (425) 388-6493.

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