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SUBJECT: **Bald Eagle Nest Assessment for 9191 SE 64th Street**
Parcel 302405-9001, Mercer Island, WA
City File # CAO25-023

Dear Craig:

On December 16, 2025 I conducted a site review on and adjacent to the subject property to review a potential eagle nest mapped off-site to the southwest on the City of Mercer Island's GIS system (**Attachment A**). The site is outside the 330-foot mapped inner buffer but within the 660-foot outer buffer on the City's GIS.

Mapped Bald Eagle Nest

During the site review the area of the mapped nest was visited and no eagles or eagle nests were observed during the field investigation. Mercer Island protects active bald eagle *nests* under MIMC 19.07.170(B) and MIMC 19.07.170(C).2:

2.Development proposals within areas used by bald eagles for foraging, nesting, or roosting, or within 660 feet of a bald eagle nest as identified by a critical area study, shall follow the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines (2007). This document provides recommendations for protecting eagle nests as well as seasonal restrictions on activity that may impact eagles during the breeding and nesting season.

Though no longer on Washington's state endangered species list, bald eagles continue to be protected under federal and state law. The bald eagle was delisted at the state level by the Fish and Wildlife Commission in 2016 and per WDFW the species has continued to prosper. Bald eagles are currently protected under three federal laws: the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and the Lacey Act. Bald eagles are classified as "protected wildlife" in Washington.

Protections generally include prohibiting the taking or harassing of the birds and their nests, as well as protecting known communal roost sites as appropriate. Since the site is not mapped or designated as a communal roost site, and the nest appears to no longer be present, there are no specific protection requirements for bald eagles on the subject property.

Since there is no work proposed within the 330-foot habitat protection zone there would be no removal of potential habitat within the core habitat zone if the nest is re-established. Furthermore, there are existing disturbances including roads and houses between the mapped nest and the construction location.

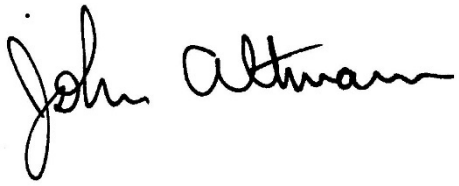
Recommendation

It is my recommendation that if a bald eagle nest is found or becomes re-established prior to any site work, a second assessment should be conducted on any seasonal clearing or grading conditions that may be necessary during the breeding and nesting season.

If you have any questions, please give me a call. My qualifications as a professional defined in MIMC 19.16.010 are included in **Attachment B**.

Sincerely,

ALTMANN OLIVER ASSOCIATES, LLC

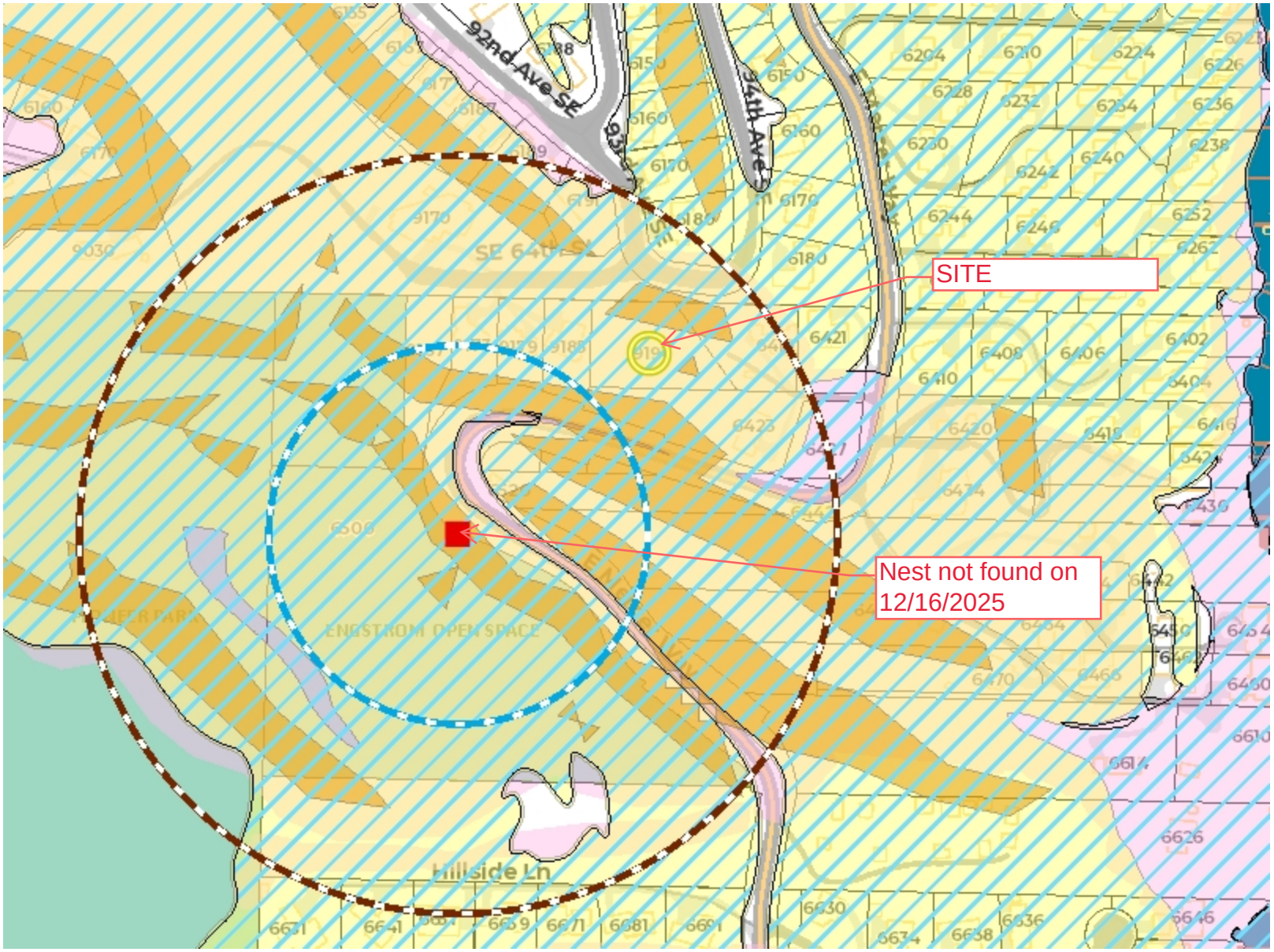


John Altmann
Ecologist

Attachment

City of Mercer Island

ATTACHMENT A



Legend

- Eagle Nest
- Eagle Nest Buffers
  - 330 Ft
  - 660 Ft
- Potential Slide
- Steep Slope
- Erosion
- Seismic
- Address
- Parcels
- Buildings
- Docks
- Shoreline
- Major Roads
- Street Centerline
- Paved Road
- Paved Driveway
- Parks

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1 inch = 526.827222202807 feet

Map Printed: November 21, 2025

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Notes

ATTACMENT B

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JOHN J. ALTMANN, PRINCIPAL

Ecologist, Project Manager

Wetland Delineations, Stream Studies, Functional Analysis, Mitigation, Environmental Impact Assessments, Planning, Regulatory Analysis & Permitting, Wildlife Studies

EXPERIENCE

Mr. Altmann has 38 years of experience working in resource and environmental planning, project management, and field analysis. His main area of concentration is wetlands and streams and his experience includes: delineations; environmental assessments; impact statements; mitigation plans; natural resource inventories and sensitivity analyses; site planning; and wildlife habitat management studies in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, California, Wyoming, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS

Responsible for over 4,500 wetland and wildlife studies conducted in past 38 years, with most of these projects occurring in King, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Pierce, Thurston, Clark, Lewis, Kitsap, and Mason counties in Washington State. Most of these projects involved analysis of wetland and stream conditions in relation to some proposed construction activity that could potentially affect their functions and values. Many of the studies involved delineation only, whereas others required determination of wetland functions and values and wetland impact mitigation planning and other sensitive areas analyses. Project sizes ranged from under 1 acre to over 600 acres, with the wetlands on these properties being nearly as variable as their size. Wildlife studies include flora and fauna inventories, habitat impact assessments, and threatened and endangered species studies. Some of the projects representative of this experience are listed below.

- ***Shoreline Delineation & Habitat Assessment*** for private land owners on Lake Sammamish, Bellevue, WA
- ***Wetland Mitigation and Long-Term Monitoring*** for Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Development Company's Mint Farm Phase II project in the City of Longview, WA
- ***Stream Delineation Study, Mitigation Plan*** for the Greystone PRD, Redmond, WA
- ***Wetland Delineation and Study*** for the Group Health Support Facility in the City of Tukwila, WA
- ***Critical Areas Delineation, Study, and Mitigation Plan*** for the Cadman High Rock Quarry in Snohomish County, WA
- ***Critical Areas Delineations, Studies, and Mitigation Plans*** for the Microsoft Corporate Campus in the City of Redmond, WA

Critical Areas Study, Mitigation Plan, Biological Assessment, and Long-Term Monitoring on 90-acre Northpointe Corporate Campus for OPUS NW in Snohomish County, WA

Wetland Delineation, Study, and Mitigation Plan for the Puyallup Downs Residential Development in the City of Puyallup, WA

Wildlife Study on 40-acre Site in North Bend Area of King County, WA for Private Developer

Critical Areas Delineation and Study for Data I/O Corporation in Redmond, WA for the Quadrant Corporation

Sensitive Areas Assessment for 74-acre Church site in Redmond, King County, WA

Wetland Delineation on 47-acre Marine Industrial Site Location in Snohomish River Estuary, Everett, Snohomish County, WA for Private Developer

Wetland Study and Mitigation Plan for 37-acre Office Park Site in Redmond, King County, WA for Private Developer

Wetland Maintenance and Monitoring Plan for Property on Raging River in King County, WA for Private Developer

OTHER PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- Wetland Biologist for the King County Parks, Planning and Resource Department, Environmental Division, Resource Planning Section. Mapped, classified, inventoried and rated the wetlands in the cities of Kirkland, Bothell, Normandy Park, Duvall, and Lake Forest Park for inclusion in the King County Sensitive Areas Folio.
- Research Assistant for the NJ Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife's Endangered and Nongame Species Program. Responsible for the research, feeding, and monitoring of osprey fledglings for 3 seasons of the NJ osprey hacking program. Responsible for the collection and analysis of information pertaining to population size and migration along with species density and behavior of shorebirds along the Delaware Bay.
- Research Assistant for the NJ Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife. Responsible for the collection, processing and analysis of biological information pertaining to the whitetail deer population in NJ.

EDUCATION

B.S., Natural Resource Management, Wildlife Science Option, Rutgers University, Cook College, New Brunswick, NJ.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Wetland Scientists
The Wildlife Society