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PUBLIC NOTICE OF DECISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that approval has been granted for the application described below:

File No.: CAO24-037

Permit Type: Type III

Description of Request: A request for a Critical Area Review 2 for the demolition of an existing single-family residence and construction of a new single-family residence on a lot containing geologically hazardous areas, within shoreline jurisdiction of Lake Washington.

Applicant/Owner: Jim Dearth (Ripple Design Studio) / David & Karen Zimmer

Location of Property: 4661 Forest Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040
King County Assessor tax parcel number: 404500-0065

SEPA Compliance:

The project is exempt from SEPA Review pursuant to [WAC 197-11-800\(1\)\(b\)\(i\)](#).

Applicable Development Regulations: Pursuant to Mercer Island City Code (MICC) [19.15.030](#) Table A, applications for Critical Area Review 2 are required to be processed as Type III land use reviews. Processing requirements for Type III land use reviews are further detailed in MICC 19.15.030 Table B.

Other Associated Permits: SHL24-036; Building Permit No. 2411-163

Project Documents: <https://mieplan.mercergov.org/public/CAO24-037>

Decision: Approved subject to conditions.

Appeal Rights: *DISCLAIMER: This information is provided as a courtesy. It is the ultimate responsibility of the appellant to comply with all legal requirements for the filing of an appeal.*

Parties of record have the right to appeal certain permit and land use decisions. In some cases, other affected parties also have appeal rights. Depending on the type of decision, the appeal may be heard by a City Hearing Examiner, Commission, Board, or City Council, or outside the City to the State Shoreline Hearings Board, the State Growth Management Hearings Board, or King County Superior Court. For a comprehensive list of actions and the applicable entity who will hear the appeal, see MICC 19.15.030 Table B.

If you desire to file an appeal of a decision that is appealable to the City, you must submit the appropriate form and file it with the City Clerk **within the time stated in the Notice of**

Decision. Forms are available from Community Development and Planning. Upon receipt of a timely complete [appeal application](#) and [appeal fee](#), an appeal hearing will be scheduled. To reverse, modify or remand a decision, the appeal hearing body must find that there has been substantial error; the proceedings were materially affected by irregularities in procedure; the decision was unsupported by material and substantial evidence in view of the entire record; or the decision is in conflict with the City's applicable decision criteria.

Application Process Information:	Date of Application:	December 31, 2024
	Determined to Be Complete:	March 7, 2025
	Public Comment Period:	March 17, 2025 through 5:00 PM on April 16, 2025
	Date Notice of Decision Issued:	July 21, 2025
	Appeal Filing Deadline:	5:00 PM on August 4, 2025
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