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February 9, 2024

City of Lakewood Parks and Recreation
Stacey Reding
6000 Main ST SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

**Re: City of Lakewood Substantial Development Permit and Variance Permit No. 7694/7696
Ecology Permit No. 2024-SWRO-7842**

Dear Stacey Reding:

On January 11, 2024, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received notice that the City of Lakewood (City) has approved with conditions your application for a Substantial Development Permit (SDP) and a Variance Permit (VAR) to for proposed improvements to the existing American Lake Park. Improvements in shoreline jurisdiction include:

- Replace 67 LF of failing concrete bulkhead with 68.5 LF of new concrete sheet pile bulkhead and relocate bulkhead further landward;
- Relocate one existing dock and gangway (the swim float) to improve safety;
- Construct a new elevated aluminum walkway for swim dock access to eliminate the need for dock users to enter from the adjacent boat launch;
- Replenish 60 CY of beach sand above the OHWM up to a depth of 6 inches;
- Replace failing retaining walls with pre-cast concrete gravity block walls;
- Install five anchored habitat logs within the southeast extent to the beach to prevent erosion;
- Replace concrete stairs with ADA compliant ramps;
- Install new stairs, tables, benches, and trash receptacles in the overlook above the beach;
- Reconstruct existing paths and walkways to provide universal accessibility from the upland areas to the beach and swim dock;
- Install a new 16'x20' picnic shelter; and
- Restore 912 square feet of degraded lake-fringe wetland buffer.

The project is located at 9222 Veterans Drive SW within an urban conservancy shoreline environment designation along American Lake.

By law, local governments must review all SDPs for compliance with:

- The Shoreline Management Act (Chapter 90.58 RCW),
- The SDP approval criteria (WAC 173-27-150), and
- The Lakewood Shoreline Master Program.

Local governments, after reviewing SDPs for compliance, are required to submit them to Ecology. We have received your SDP.

By law, Ecology must review Variances for compliance with:

- The Shoreline Management Act (Chapter 90.58 RCW),
- The Variance approval criteria (WAC 173-27-170), and
- The Lakewood Shoreline Master Program.

After reviewing Variances for compliance, Ecology must decide whether to approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove.

Our Decision on Your Variance:

We approve your Variance provided your project complies with the conditions required by the City.

What Happens Next?

Before you begin activities authorized by these permits, the law provides a 21-day appeal period from February 9, 2024, the "date of filing." This appeal period allows anyone (including you) who disagrees with any aspect of this permit to appeal the decision to the state Shorelines Hearings Board (SHB). You must wait for the conclusion of an appeal before you can begin the activities authorized by this permit.

The SHB will notify you if they receive an appeal. We recommend that you contact the SHB before you begin permit activities to ensure they have not received an appeal. You may reach them at 360-664-9160, eluho@eluho.wa.gov, or [Shorelines Hearings Board](#).

If you want to appeal this decision, you can find appeal instructions at [How to File a Petition for Review](#) or on the website of the Washington State Legislature at [Chapter 461-08 WAC](#).

Please note, other federal, state, and local permits may be required in addition to these shoreline permits.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Zach Meyer at 360-481-9885 or Zachary.Meyer@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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