



REQUEST FOR ACTION CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 8/14/2024
Agenda Section: Consent Agenda

Department Origination: Community Development

Agenda Item: Adopt Resolution 2024-073 approving a Conditional Use Permit allowing grading and filling in a shoreland district for property located at 13239 Mile Lake Drive

Approval Required: Simple Majority Vote

BACKGROUND

The applicant is proposing to fill in a hole/ravine that was dug out of the naturally occurring hillside. Staff's understanding is that this area was dug out for a borrow pit approximately 30+ years ago. The applicant would like to fill it in with excess fill from building his new home and potentially bringing in additional fill. The intent is to improve the safety and functionality of the property by filling in the whole/ravine and grading it to more closely match the natural grade of the hillside.

The DNR has reviewed the conditional use permit application for grading and filling in a shoreland overlay district and offers the following comment:

The applicant has indicated that they will replace trees on the graded hill area by transplanting smaller trees from nearby wooded areas or by purchasing trees and planting them. This is a good written intention to revegetate areas lost by tree removal. However, we recommend that if approved, a condition be placed on approval requiring the submission of a re-vegetation plan that includes a plan for specific re-vegetation, tree-density, and tree placement areas, along with maintenance plans adequate to keep seedlings from dying upon transplantation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Planning Commission recommends approval of the conditional use permit, subject to the findings and conditions in the draft resolution.

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