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September 23, 2008  
**FARMLAND ACRES CONVERTED TO OTHER USES IN SKAGIT COUNTY.**

28 acres – New School in Burlington - SVHerald Aug. 26, 2007.

48 acres – Widen State Route 20 –WSDOT phone call & SVH April 30, 2007.

58 acres – construction of SR 20/SR536 interchange per WSDOT conversation.

300 acres – WDFW fisheries/wildlife projects – WDFW releases May 5, 2008, July 9, 2008, Sept. 26, 2002, Dec. 29, 2006.

400 acres – WDFW new purchase for habitat, Padilla Bay – Committee report on options for use of the property.

313 acres Nookachamps Wetland Mitigation Bank; SVH article, Sept. 30, 2008.

80 acres – East Mount Vernon annexation to Urban Growth Area – proposed in list of annexed properties in public notice.

400 acres Skagit Environmental Bank removed from dairy production and sold to developer. Skagit County Assessors parcel records.

Estimated at 1,500 acres – conservation easements and recreational activities – status of some projects unknown.

Ducks Unlimited website– South Padilla Bay Projects – 40 ? acres; Skagit Wildlife Area Projects – 270 acres; 95 acres; 100 acres; No Name Slough – Drainage District – est. 10 acres; Gun Clubs - estimated at 1,000 acres; Farming for Wildlife - TNC-EPA grant flooding farmland test (temporary – 3 years) – est. 50 acres. SVH, Dec. 21, 2006.

**Subtotal - 3047**

**FARMLAND ACRES PROPOSED FOR CONVERSION.**

1,500 acres– Mount Vernon expansion Riverbend and South of Hickok Road. (after public hearing, City Council voted not to annex either area this year). SVH April 26, 2008.

396 acres – Skagit Environmental Bank (400 acres) – total land removed 800. SVH article August 30, 2008.

2,700 acres –tidegate mitigation, Fir Island. Tidegate Fish Initiative. SVH Feb. 17, 2008.

16 acres annexed from UGA to City of Sedro Woolley to site Deluxe Transfer station. SVH article Sept. 23, 2008.

5,400 acres – habitat buffers recommended by State fisheries. Shared Strategies reports, per Mike Rundlett.

**Subtotal – 10,012**

Note: Skagit Conservation District CREP program – estimated total 500 acres prime ag soils which are not longer farmed. For example: Skagit Fisheries Enhancement – CREP project– 33 acres east Nookachamps. Per Carolyn Kelly, July 9, 2008.

**TOTAL ESTIMATE – 13,559**