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# CRITICAL AREAS IDENTIFICATION FORM

## APPLICABILITY

This form is to supplement and be submitted with a Master Land Use Application or Building Permit Application.

Critical areas review ensures your project does not injure shorelines, streams, lakes, wetlands, sensitive habitat areas, and aquifer recharge areas, that development is protected from geological hazard and frequently flooded areas, and your project complies with rules for shoreline protection.

Critical areas are defined and regulated by [Anacortes Municipal Code, Title 19, Division 7](#), which applies to all land uses, development activity, and all structures and facilities within the City.

**NOTE:** This form does not apply to activities occurring within shoreline jurisdiction as regulated by the Shoreline Master Program.

## CRITICAL AREAS MAP

The Critical Areas Map is a resource tool that may assist in determining if critical areas are present on your property.

**View the Anacortes Interactive Mapping here:**

<https://anacortesgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=f36b7220998446848771d534f73a7126>

## IDENTIFIED CRITICAL AREAS

Based on the City's mapping (link above), the following critical areas or critical area buffers are located on or within 300 ft. of the review area:

- |   |   |                                   |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquifer Recharge Area                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Frequently Flooded Areas     | <input type="checkbox"/> Streams  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Geologically Hazardous Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands |

## FIELD INDICATORS

Regardless of whether a critical area is shown on the critical areas map, the actual presence or absence of the critical areas will govern. The following are some indications that may allude to the presence of a critical area:

## VEGETATION

Are there any of the following vegetation species on or adjacent to the project area?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slough Sedge  | <input type="checkbox"/> Crab Apple         | <input type="checkbox"/> Creeping Buttercup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cat Tail      | <input type="checkbox"/> Willow             | <input type="checkbox"/> Reed Canary Grass  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Parsley | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardhack           | <input type="checkbox"/> Harry Willow Herb  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon Berry  | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Alder          | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Iris        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nootka Rose   | <input type="checkbox"/> Western Red Cedar  | <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Thistle   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Rush   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bull Rush          | <input type="checkbox"/> Eurasian Milfoil   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sitka Spruce  | <input type="checkbox"/> American Speedwell | <input type="checkbox"/> Skunk Cabbage      |

<b>SOILS</b>	
<p><i>Dig a hole 12 inches deep in the project area, are there any of the following soil conditions?</i></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Dark black                                      <input type="checkbox"/> Sulfur smell (rotten eggs)      <input type="checkbox"/> Damp soil (can form a ball)  <input type="checkbox"/> Brown    <input type="checkbox"/> Saturated soil                              <input type="checkbox"/> Dry and crumbly soil  <input type="checkbox"/> Grey with rust spots </p>	
<b>SITE CONDITIONS</b>	
<p>Please answer the following questions concerning Critical Area indicators located on or within 300 feet of the review area.</p>	
<p>Are there any surface waters (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, bogs, fens, swamps, marshes)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p>
<p>Have any wetlands been identified?</p> <p><i>If <b>yes</b>, are you aware of any environmental documentation that has been prepared related to critical areas that includes the subject area? Attach any existing documentation.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p>
<p>Are there areas where the ground is consistently inundated or saturated with water?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p>
<p>Are there any State or Federally listed sensitive, endangered, or threatened species and habitats?</p> <p><i>If <b>yes</b>, please list the known species/habitats:</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p>
<p>Are there slopes of 15% or greater?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p>
<p>Are there any landslide hazard areas?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p>
<p>Is the project located within a Flood Hazard Zone?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p>
<p>Is the project area forested and/or connected to forest or open green space?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p>