



## Island County Planning and Community Development

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### Notice of Application - Optional DNS Process

**Date of issuance:** July 20, 2023

Island County has received a permit application for the following project.

**Date of notice of application:** August 2, 2023

**Comment due date:** August 16, 2023

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**File Number:** 126/23

**Applicant:** South Whidbey Community Church

**Location:** Freeland, WA - R22904-300-2850

**Proposal** – Build a 3991 sq ft Church

Island County has reviewed the proposed project for probable adverse environmental impacts and expects to issue a determination of non-significance (DNS). The optional DNS process established by WAC 197-11-355 is being used. The determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

The proposal is not within any critical areas or protective buffers. The proposed church will be built in an existing cleared area. The proposal does not include any new clearing and minimal grading. The proposal discusses using native planting within the parking area and around the church.

Island County regulations under ICC 17.02B (Critical Areas), Title XI (Land Development Standards) & other applicable regulations are used to review and condition development to protect critical areas affected by this proposal. The proposal may include mitigation & the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is required.

**Public, Agency, and Tribal Comments:** Agencies, tribes, and the public are encouraged to review and comment on the proposed project and its probable environmental impacts. Public comments must be received by 4:30 pm on **May 24, 2023**; mail to Island County Planning Department 1 NE 7<sup>th</sup> St., Coupeville, WA 98239; deliver to 1 NE 6<sup>th</sup> St, Coupeville, WA 98239; or 121 N. East Camano Drive, Camano Island; or Fax (360) 679-7306. This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal.

To request notice of hearings, to receive a copy of the decision, or for information on appeals, contact us at the above address.

The following conditions have been identified that may be used to mitigate the adverse environmental impacts of the proposal:

**Required Permits:** Site Plan Review, Building permits

**Required Studies:** N/A