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Developer of proposed transformation of Point Wells to appeal ruling halting urban center application processing by Snohomish County

Snohomish County- The developer of the proposed mixed-use community at Point Wells will immediately appeal today's ruling by King County Superior Court halting further processing of its redevelopment application as an urban center.

"We will immediately appeal this decision. Our appellate courts have already addressed these issues and we are confident that the Court of Appeals will follow its prior rulings," said Gary Huff, an attorney representing developer BSRE Point Wells, LP. "We believe this decision is inconsistent with very clear language in our Growth Management Act and Washington's longstanding vesting rules."

The ruling by Judge Dean Lum suspends processing of the developer's application as an urban center until Snohomish County's comprehensive plan amendments and development regulations comply with the State Environmental Policy Act as directed by the Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board.

Judge Lum heard arguments by the Town of Woodway and neighborhood group Save Richmond Beach. The two parties have opposed the proposed transformation of the 61-acre site into a master-planned community developed in phases over 20 years. Following clean-up, Point Wells would provide new public access opportunities to 2/3 mile of sandy beach, parks, a public pier, restored and enhanced habitat and other amenities.

"We anticipate previous concerns raised by the Growth Management Hearings Board will be addressed in the near future. Meanwhile, we will continue to work with Snohomish County on that effort during the pendency of this appeal," said Huff. "Compliance measures may be in place before a ruling from the Court of Appeals is received."

The Urban Center application was submitted by BSRE Point Wells in March 2011 and was accepted by Snohomish County. The developer and Snohomish County were named respondents in the complaint for declaratory judgment filed September 12.

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