

**From:** [Kelly Bacon \(CD\)](#)  
**To:** ["Spencer Parr"; "Josh Mitchell"](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Swiftwater Parcel and yesterday's site visit  
**Date:** Friday, May 21, 2021 2:09:58 PM  
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Good afternoon,

Below is the additional information received from Lori White in regards to the man made pond located on the property.

If there are any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

## Kelly Bacon

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**From:** White, Lori (ECY) <lowh461@ECY.WA.GOV>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 28, 2021 8:29 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: Swiftwater Parcel and yesterday's site visit

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Good Morning Kelly,

Thank you for the follow-up and reminder!!

The man-made pond does not meet the definition of a wetland, "Wetlands do not include those

artificial wetlands intentionally created from nonwetland sites including, but not limited to, irrigation and drainage ditches...”

It is still a water of the State and any filling of the pond may require and Administrative Order from the Department of Ecology if they can not show they will meet the State’s Water Quality standards during the time of construction. In the event the filling can be conducted while meeting the State’s water quality standards, an AO would not be required; however additional documentation such as the use of appropriate BMPs in an erosion and sediment control plan and water quality protection plan would be needed to support that all work will be done in accordance with the State’s water quality standards.

Contact me with any questions!

Sincerely,

*Lori B White* (she/her)  
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**From:** Kelly Bacon (CD) <[kelly.bacon.cd@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:kelly.bacon.cd@co.kittitas.wa.us)>

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Good afternoon Lori,

As mentioned in the onsite visit, I believe you were going to look further into the man made pond located on the property. I am currently working on a letter to the applicant for the additional wetland narrative, along with a request for a planting and monitoring plan for the clearing and campsites established within the wetland buffer. I want to make sure I include all necessary items, and I believe the pond was quite substantial.

Thank you,

**Kelly Bacon**  
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**From:** White, Lori (ECY) <[lowh461@ECY.WA.GOV](mailto:lowh461@ECY.WA.GOV)>

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Good Morning Kelly,

Thank you for meeting me onsite yesterday, April 15, 2021, to review the project parcel and defined wetland area based on the Sewall Wetland Consulting, Inc. report prepared for Parcel #15445 by Ed Sewall on the 25th and 27th of August 2020. Ecology requested a joint site visit with a County representative to review the parcel to help answer some questions that arrived based on the information or lack thereof found within the report.

While reviewing the critical area report prepared by Ed Sewall on October 12, 2020, Ecology staff noted a lack of detailed information and an outlined boundary of the delineated wetland. The majority of datasheets provided indicated upland areas and only one datasheet was provided which indicated the presence of a wetland, which was associated with the stream. No data sheets were provided for the interior wetland. Upon review of this area yesterday, Ecology would like to ask the consultant to provide a narrative as to why they determined the westernmost boundary in the forested area to terminate where they placed it and not to continue the wetland boundary further west, as many of the characteristics appears to be the similar approximately 50 to 100 feet west of the wetland boundary flagging.

It appears much the area that was once wetland no longer holds water long enough to meet the standard characteristic of a wetland. This may be the case on the west end of the delineated wetland. I look forward to receiving the additional information from Mr. Sewall.

Please let me know if you need a formal letter or this email is sufficient.

Sincerely,

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