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DATE: July 26, 2010
TO: Silver Firs Residents
FROM: Kelli Smith, PCAM®, Community Association Manager
RE: Division II Improvements by Snohomish County

Snohomish County Surface Water Management Department (SWM) has met with the Silver Firs Board of Directors regarding a storm water detention facility located in Division II that is not working as it was originally constructed (see enclosed map). This area was identified during a SWM planning effort to analyze existing drainage systems in the unincorporated urban areas. SWM has proposed to make improvements to the detention facility and the surrounding landscaped area at no expense to the HOA-the project funding comes from SWM surcharge fees. The proposal for this area includes creating a detention pond to capture and slowly release the water to down stream and to re-landscape the existing overgrown tract.

The project goals are:

- Modify existing storm water facility.
- Make pond work as originally intended (with additional improvements to improve water quality).
- Store storm water during rainfall events and release slowly to downstream system.
- Treat storm water by removing pollutants (via biological means -bioswale, uptake by vegetation, etc. and by settling of sediments in newly formed sediment basin).

The project benefits are:

- Benefit to Larimer Creek and Snohomish River.
- The Increased storm water storage will reduce downstream flows which is a benefit to Larimer Creek (receiving water) and will reduce flooding of downstream drainage system.
- Snohomish County will maintain the modified facility-The HOA is currently responsible for maintenance as required by Snohomish County code.
- The modified facility will occupy the northern ½ of the Tract which is currently overgrown with invasive non-native vegetation.
- Silver Firs HOA will gain an improved and landscaped southern ½ of the Tract which currently has very rough ground and also some invasive non-native vegetation. The county will re-grade and plant grass in the area.

The Board has reviewed the preliminary plans with the County representative and feels that the proposed improvements would be beneficial for the community. There will be an informational meeting for those who have questions about the project on August 10, 2010 at the YMCA at 7:00PM. Mr. Jim Blankenbeckler from Snohomish County Public Works will be present to answer questions. If you are not able to attend please email any questions you may have to kelli.smith@cdcmanagement.com.