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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Skagit River General Investigation Study
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Sir/Ma'am,

I would like to voice my opposition to the study, and any plans to build a levee that would jeopardize my home at 10793 Sterling Rd, Sedro-Woolley. I purchased my home knowing I was purchasing a home in the flood plain, my residence was elevated prior to my purchase, and qualifies for a FEMA certification, allowing me to purchase low-cost flooding insurance. In the past 10 years living here, we have seen a few floods, none of which have affected our residence.

We survived Burlington's last attempts to dike Gage's Slough, the city built a dike to protect Burlington properties during a flooding event. This dike also backed flood waters up into my neighborhood. My home was spared, some of my neighbors did not fare as well.

Needless to say, there has been a lot of speculation about all the soil Burlington has been stockpiling, folks believe Burlington is going to use the dirt to build a levy to protect Burlington residential and commercial properties. That's great for Burlington, but the backed up flood water will affect everyone up river from it. Property values will plummet (including mine). The city of Sedro-Woolley will see major flooding in residential area that have not previously seen flooding. As a police officer for Sedro-Woolley I fear for the safety of our citizens, and know our small department will be woefully unprepared to respond to a large scale flooding event.

I would encourage you to reconsider allowing any levees down river, and consider options that would allow emergency draining of flood waters into Puget Sound, not allowing them to back up into residential and commercial areas.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Michael Ellis