

Thurston County

# 2018 GOPHER REVIEW PROCESS

## County Exclusions & Internal Review Criteria



### EXCLUSIONS

- Activities listed in [the federal U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 4\(d\) rule](#).
- Properties west of the Black River.
- Properties on the Cooper Point peninsula.
- Properties that are more than 300 feet from mapped gopher soils and also more than 600 feet from known gopher presence.
- Properties on the Steamboat Island peninsula.
- County vested properties don't require another County review. (However, vesting does not protect against liability under federal Endangered Species Act laws. If your property is County vested and if you would like a site visit, let us know and we will help arrange a site visit).

### INTERNAL REVIEW CRITERIA

These project types, site conditions or situations may not require a Gopher Review. But they do require at least one site visit before that determination can be made.

- Areas that are heavily forested or thickly covered with woody shrub.
- Foundation repair
- Heating oil tank removal
- Impervious surfaces.
- Sites submerged 30 days in a row since 10/2014.
- Very steep slopes (40% slopes or more. Please note, 40% is not the same as 40 degrees).