



Critical Areas Designation Application

The **Critical Areas Designation** process establishes conditions and constraints on site development (King County Code (KCC) 21A.24.500). Through this process a property owner can establish a site plan that will be vested for a period of five years. The scope of the process can be adapted to meet the property owner’s needs. Applicants have the option to request evaluation of the entire parcel or a portion of a parcel.

For more information, see [Critical Areas Designation](#), available via the [Department of Local Services, Permitting Division \(Permitting\) web site](#).

Application Requirements

The following information is required at the time a Critical Areas Designation is requested:

1. A completed Critical Areas Designation Application **for each parcel** to be evaluated. (See page 2 of this document or apply online.)
2. If the request for site designation is for less than the entire parcel, submit a site plan that clearly shows the area to be evaluated.
3. Fees. A minimum fee amount of \$829 is due at application acceptance. Additional fees may be required, based upon the findings of site visits, County review of consultant studies, or other parcel information that confirm the presence of critical areas which require review by multiple disciplines. Any additional fees shall be paid prior to receiving formal designation.
4. If available, please submit any surveys of the site or special studies, including site plans showing the location of features, geotechnical studies, or wetland reports.

Apply On-Line at MyBuildingPermit.com

Select: King County | Land Use | Any Project Type | Critical Areas | Designation



Site preparation

Prior to application, the evaluation area must be clearly flagged. If the site designation request is for only a portion of the property, the boundaries of the area covered by the request must be flagged (see [Flagging a Site for Residential Building Permit Applications: Instructions](#)) prior to the initial site investigation. Failure to clearly flag the property may result in increased costs and delays in completing the site designation.

Extensions

Critical Areas Designations may be extended for an additional five year period. A new application for the same evaluation area must be submitted prior to the expiration date. The fee amount for an extension of a CAD is \$611.

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For Permitting Use - Application Number assigned:	
Parcel Number:	(One parcel per application)
Address of proposed work:	address not yet assigned
(if not assigned yet, check box at right)	
Related permit number(s):	
Applying for an EXTENSION of a CAD? Please provide the prior CAD number:	
Provide a brief description of the purpose of site designation:	
Are there any considerations regarding access to the property such as gates, dogs, electric fencing, on-site hazards, livestock, etc.? Yes No If yes, please describe below. Include gate access code and/or contact number.	
Portion of parcel to evaluate:	The entire parcel
	Only a portion of the property. You must provide a site plan showing the specific location. Include all areas within 200 feet of any proposed development within the evaluation area.

Property Owner:

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant Name:
Same as owner? Yes

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Contact/Agent Name:

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Critical Area Compliance:

The undersigned applicant declares:

I am the legal owner of this parcel, or have obtained permission from the legal owner for King County staff to access the site. I certify under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the State of Washington the forgoing is true and correct. **I accept financial responsibility for all fees** associated with this permit, approval or application and will receive any refunds. I also understand that signing and submitting this application authorizes King County Permitting staff to inspect the site at any reasonable time for the purpose of reviewing this application.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____