



PRELIMINARY PLATS FOR THE CREATION OF 10 OR MORE LOTS

PURPOSE: A Preliminary Plat (or sometimes called a standard plat) is any subdivision containing 10 or more lots. Creating nine (9) or fewer lots is a short plat, which is a different type of application. The purpose of the Preliminary Plat application review is to ensure that a proposed land division is designed and developed in accordance with the City of Mount Vernon's adopted rules and standards. The proposal must be consistent with the protection of the public health, safety, welfare, and aesthetics and provide for adequate public services/infrastructure.

EARLY CONSULTATION: Prior to submitting an application, the Applicant shall apply for a Pre-application meeting through the Community & Economic Development Department (CEDD) to discuss the proposed development. The CEDD will provide assistance and detailed information on the City's land use permitting requirements and standards. Pre-application meetings are held every Tuesday morning and include representatives from all reviewing City departments to provide comments and direction to the Applicant. Applicants may take this opportunity to request a waiver of submittal requirements as outlined in this form and on the Land Use Submittal Form. In addition to the pre-application meeting, staff is always available to answer questions and meet with an applicant to go over a proposed project. Waivers of requirements may also be requested, or suggested at any time once staff has had an opportunity to review the scope of the proposed project. Please contact the CEDD permit technicians for additional information on the Pre-application meeting. This meeting is available at no charge to the applicant.

COMPLETE APPLICATION REQUIRED: The City will not accept an application that does not have all of the required items listed below. To accept your application, each of the numbered items must be submitted at the *same time*. However, if you have received a prior written waiver of a submittal item(s), please provide the signed waiver form in lieu of any submittal item not provided.

APPLICATION MATERIALS FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT

Please note that a pre-submittal meeting with a staff planner is necessary before these items can be accepted by the CEDD. In addition, the items listed below are only for the Land Use review of a project. Most projects will need other permits that will require separate submittals. MVMC 14.05110(B)(6) allows the CEDD Director or his/her designee to waive submittal requirements in writing. If items have been waived staff has indicated such by initialing the column titled 'Item Waived' in the table below.

Many of the below listed submittal requirements can be combined into one submittal item. For example, your project narrative, construction mitigation description, and your justification for proposal can be combined into one document. Please contact your staff planner with questions about combining submittal items.

Check when Received:	Submittal Item:	Number of Copies:	Item Waived:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Affidavit for Submitted Labels</p> <p>A form on which an applicant certifies that they obtained the names and addresses of those property owners they were directed to and that this information was obtained from the Skagit County Assessor's office within the previous 30 days. This affidavit is provided by the CEDD to applicants.</p>	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Fees</p> <p>Application fees must be paid when an application is submitted to the CEDD. The total fee amount will be determined at the pre-submittal meeting with a staff planner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEPA \$ _____ • Postage \$ _____ • Land Use Sign(s) \$ _____ • Transportation Concurrency \$ _____ • Fill & Grade \$ _____ 	At your pre-submittal meeting the total for your fees will be calculated	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Master Land Use Form</p> <p>A form on which an applicant provides their name and contact information and the name and contact information of the property owner if it is not the applicant. Contractor's information shall be provided on this form (if known), along with general information including the site address, parcel number(s), existing/proposed land uses, existing/proposed Comprehensive Plan designations, existing/proposed zoning designations, site area, project valuation and whether or not the site is within 200 feet of an area designated as a critical area. The current owner(s) of the land must provide their notarized signatures on this form. This form is provided by the CEDD to applicants.</p>	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Assessor's Map Showing Site and Surrounding Area</p> <p>A map obtained from the Skagit County Assessor's office identifying the subject site illustrating all property within 300 feet of the subject site.</p>	5	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Calculations, Survey or Lot Closures</p> <p>A compilation prepared by a State of Washington licensed land surveyor clearly indicating the dimensions of the boundaries and the closures for each lot, parcel, tract, and block in the short plat; an approved printed computer plot closure or demonstrated mathematical plot closure on all lots, streets, alleys and boundaries.</p>	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>CC&Rs – Draft</p> <p>A written agreement requiring performance or limiting or restricting certain acts or stipulating certain uses or non-uses of property to be binding upon current and future property owners, and including the legal description of that area of property to be encumbered.</p>	2	

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Concurrency Form for Traffic</p> <p>A worksheet developed by the CEDD that an applicant fills out that contains the information necessary so that CEDD staff or a traffic consultant working on behalf of the CEDD can determine the traffic impacts, concurrency requirements, and mitigation that will be necessary for a project. This affidavit is provided by the CEDD to applicants.</p>	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Construction Mitigation Description</p> <p>A written narrative addressing each of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Construction dates (begin and end dates); Hours of operation; Proposed hauling/transportation routes; Measures to be implemented to minimize dust, traffic and transportation impacts, erosion, mud, noise, and other noxious characteristics; Any special hours proposed for construction or hauling (i.e., weekends, late nights); and, Preliminary traffic control plan. 	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Density Worksheet</p> <p>A worksheet provided by CEDD staff for an applicant to fill out that represents the way in which density is to be calculated for different uses within the City's zoning code. An applicant is required to attach a boundary closure prepared by a licensed land surveyor to all density worksheets.</p>	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Design Standard Plans</p> <p>All applications for building permits or land use approvals opting to or required to use the <i>Design Standards & Guidelines</i> (that are adopted by reference within MVMC 17.70) for greater flexibility of the standard development regulations shall be accompanied by the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete sets of plans that clearly define the construction, changes, proposed building exteriors, alterations or remodeling and indicate the proposed location, lot/site dimensions, and all colors and types of materials and construction. Said plans shall be drawn to scale and shall clearly define the roofing design, siding and trim materials to be used together with the finish, or other materials to be used or applied on all exterior walls. Complete sets of landscape plans that detail the private and public improvements, as applicable. Said plans shall be drawn to scale and clearly define the detail of the landscape materials and improvements. Landscape plans shall reflect the requirements listed in MVMC Chapter 17.93. For PUDs and multi-family projects, a site plan prepared per City standards shall be submitted that clearly illustrates the improvements and amenities as required and encouraged through the <i>Mount Vernon Design Standards and Guidelines</i>. The application and plans shall state a proposed date of commencement and completion of such construction, change, alteration or remodeling and installation of improvements. Such plans shall become the property of the City upon submission of the application. Reference to City of Mount Vernon Code requirements and percentage of landscaping proposed for site and for parking areas. The plans must illustrate minimum requirements and how the proposed development meets minimum standards. 	9	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Drainage Plan</p> <p>A stormwater plan that shows the proposed method(s) for receiving, handling, transporting surface water within the subject property in a manner consistent with the City's adopted stormwater standards. Drainage plans are to be drawn to scale and stamped by a State of Washington licensed civil engineer.</p>	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Drainage Report</p> <p>A report stamped by a State of Washington licensed civil engineer complying with the requirements of the City's adopted stormwater standards.</p>	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Elevations, Architectural</p> <p>A 24-inch by 36-inch fully dimensioned architectural elevation plan drawn at a scale of one-fourth inch equals one foot (1/4" = 1') or one-eighth inch equals one foot (1/8" = 1') (or other size or scale approved by the Building Official) clearly indicating the information required by the "Permits" section of the currently adopted International Building Code and Chapter 19.27 RCW (State Building Code Act, Statewide</p>	3	

	<p>amendments), including, but not limited to, the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Existing and proposed ground elevations; Existing average grade level underneath proposed structure; Height of existing and proposed structures showing finished roof-top elevations based upon site elevations for proposed structures and any existing/abutting structures; Building materials and colors including roof, walls, any wireless communication facilities, and enclosures; Fence or retaining wall materials, colors, and architectural design; Architectural design of on-site lighting fixtures; and, Cross-section of roof showing location and height of rooftop equipment (include air conditioners, compressors, etc.) and proposed screening. 		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Elevations, Grading</p> <p>A site plan that shows the pre- and post-developed contours on a site. The scale and spacing of the elevation information shall clearly show the information that is needed to review such a plan. The horizontal and vertical control datum shall be clearly shown.</p>	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Environmental Checklist</p> <p>Not all projects require SEPA review. Part 9 of the SEPA rules describes types of projects that have been exempted from SEPA requirements because they are unlikely to have a significant adverse environmental impact or were designated exempt by the legislature. The following are examples of projects exempt from SEPA review. For a complete list of categorical exemptions see WAC 197-11-800 attached and Section 15.06.095 Mount Vernon Municipal Code (MVMC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential dwellings up to 10 units, cumulative. Agricultural buildings up to 30,000 square feet, cumulative. Office, school, commercial, recreational, service or storage buildings up to 12,000 square feet. Parking lots up to 40 spaces, cumulative. Subdivision of land into 9 lots or less. Fills or excavations up to 500 cumulative cubic yards. Installation of utility lines greater than 8-inches in diameter. Work that will be done on or near a critical area. <p>If your project triggers SEPA review the “SEPA Checklist” will need to be completed. This checklist contains extensive questions about the natural environment (earth, air, water, etc.) and the built environment (traffic, schools, noise, etc.) of your site. Each question shall be answered accurately and to the best of your knowledge. If a question does not apply, please write “does not apply”. The questions apply to the entire project. Any future plans should be included when answering these questions. The SEPA review process requires an evaluation of cumulative impacts. For this reason it is critical to state all current and future development intentions clearly. In most cases this will prevent you from having to go back through the SEPA review process. CEDD staff can provide you with a copy of a SEPA checklist, if you need one.</p>	9	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Existing covenants (recorded copy)</p> <p>The recorded limitation on property, or assignment of responsibility, which may be set forth in the property deed and/or identified in a title report.</p>	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Existing Easements (recorded copy)</p> <p>A recorded document by the property owner granting one or more privileges to use the owner’s land to and/or for the use by the public, a corporation or another person or entity. Easements may be referenced by property deed and are identified in the property title report.</p>	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Flood Hazard Data and/or Flood Zone Location</p> <p>Data, including plans in duplicate drawn to scale showing the nature, location, dimensions, and elevations of the area in question; existing or proposed structures, fill, storage of materials, drainage facilities, and the location of the foregoing; elevation in relation to mean sea level of the lowest floor (including basement) of all structures; elevation in relation to mean sea level to which any structure has been floodproofed; certification by a registered professional engineer or architect that the floodproofing methods satisfy the City’s floodproofing criteria; and a description of the extent to which a watercourse would be altered or relocated as a result of proposed development. The horizontal and vertical control datum shall be clearly shown.</p>	1	

☐	<p>Floor Plans</p> <p>A basic line drawing plan of the general building layout showing walls, exits, windows, and designated uses indicating the proposed locations of kitchens, baths and floor drains, bedrooms and living areas, with sufficient detail for City staff to determine if an oil/water separator or grease interceptor is required and to determine sizing of side sewers.</p>	3	
☐	<p>Geotechnical Report</p> <p>A study prepared in accordance with generally accepted geotechnical practices and stamped by a professional engineer licensed in the State of Washington which includes soils and slope stability analysis, boring and test pit logs, and recommendations on slope setbacks, foundation design, retaining wall design, material selection, and all other pertinent elements. If the evaluation involves geologic evaluations or interpretations, the report shall be reviewed and approved by a geologist. Further recommendations, additions or exceptions to the original report based on the plans, site conditions, or other supporting data shall be signed and sealed by the geotechnical engineer. If the geotechnical engineer who reviews the plans and specifications is not the same engineer who prepared the geotechnical report, the new engineer shall in a letter to the city accompanying the plans and specifications, express his or her agreement or disagreement with the recommendations in the geotechnical report and state that the plans and specifications conform to his or her recommendations. The preparation and content requirements in the table below shall also apply. See MVMC 15.40.160 Table A Geotechnical Report – Detailed Requirements to see if these more detailed requirements apply to your project site.</p>	3	
☐	<p>Grading Plan, Preliminary</p> <p>A plan drawn by a State of Washington licensed civil engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect at a scale and size approved by the CEDD. The horizontal and vertical control datum shall be clearly shown. For projects where less than 500 cubic yards of material is graded, the site plans may be prepared by owner/contractor as permitted by the CEDD. The plans shall clearly indicate the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Graphic scale and north arrow; b. Dimensions of all property lines, easements, and abutting streets; c. Location and dimension of all on-site structures and the location of any structures within fifteen feet (15') of the subject property or which may be affected by the proposed work; d. Accurate existing and proposed contour lines drawn at two feet, or less, intervals showing existing ground and details of terrain and area drainage to include surrounding off-site contours within one hundred feet of the site; e. Location of natural drainage systems, including perennial and intermittent streams, the presence of bordering vegetation, and floodplains; f. Location of regulated critical areas and their buffers; such as, wetlands, steep slopes, watercourses, or floodplains and their associated buffers on or adjacent to the site; g. Setback areas and any areas not to be disturbed; h. Finished contours drawn at two foot intervals as a result of grading; i. Proposed drainage channels and related construction with associated underground storm lines sized and connections shown; j. All wells and septic systems located on or near the project site shall be identified; k. General notes addressing: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Area in square feet of the entire property, ii. Area of work in square feet, iii. The number of tons and cubic yards of soil to be added, removed, or relocated, iv. Type and location of fill origin, and destination of any soil to be removed from site, and v. Finished floor elevation(s) of all structures, existing and proposed. 	5	
☐	<p>Habitat Wildlife Assessment</p> <p>A report prepared by a qualified fish and wildlife biologist with experience assessing the relevant species and habitats and including at a minimum, the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Site Plan prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Permit Center indicating all Habitat Conservation Areas falling within 200 feet of the subject property. 	3	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Project narrative describing the proposal including, but not limited to, associated grading and filling, structures, utilities, adjacent land uses, description of vegetation both within and adjacent to the habitat conservation area, and when deemed necessary by the Director, surface and subsurface hydrologic analysis; 3. Impact analysis identifying and documenting the presence of all habitat conservation areas and discussing the project's effects on the Habitat Conservation Areas; 4. Regulatory analysis including a discussion of any federal, state, tribal, and/or local requirements or special management recommendations which have been developed for species and/or habitats located on the site; 5. Mitigation report including a discussion of proposed measures of mitigating adverse impacts of the project and an evaluation of their potential effectiveness. Measures may include but are not limited to: establishment of buffer zones, preservation of critically important plants and trees, limitation of access to habitat areas, seasonal restrictions of construction activities, establishment of a timetable for periodic review of the plan and/or establishment of performance or maintenance bonds; 6. Management and maintenance practices including a discussion of ongoing maintenance practices that will assure protection of all fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas onsite after the project has been completed. This section should include a discussion of proposed monitoring criteria, methods and schedule. See MVMC 15.40 to see if additional materials will be necessary following the preparation of this initial study. 		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Hydrogeologic Study</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The study shall be prepared by, or under the direction of, and signed by licensed hydrogeologist pursuant to WAC 308-15. 2. Phase I Report Requirements. A Phase 1 reconnaissance level hydrogeologic report shall summarize existing information about the basic site hydrogeologic conditions such as soil types, land cover, likely ground water flow directions and receiving waters, and which low impact development management practices will be implemented consistent with the Low Impact Development Technical Guidance Manual for Puget Sound, January 2005, or an equivalent manual as determined by the Director. 3. Phase II Report Requirements. This report shall include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A description of the geology and ground water in the proposed permit area and adjacent areas down to and including the lowest aquifer that may be affected by the facility, including the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The results of a sufficient number of test borings and core borings to accurately characterize geology, soils, ground water flow, ground water chemistry and flow systems of the proposed permit area and adjacent area, which shall be at least three test borings. The applicant shall include the actual surface elevations of the drill holes. ii. The stratigraphy, lithologic and physical characteristics and thickness of each stratum, including the location and depth of aquifers. iii. The hydrologic characteristics of each aquifer described in paragraph "ii" above, including field test data for hydraulic conductivity, storage coefficient and transmissivity, ground water hydraulic gradient and velocity. The description of these characteristics shall be based on a multiple well aquifer tests if required by the city. The application shall include the procedures and calculations used to determine these characteristics. iv. The geologic structure within the proposed permit area and adjacent area, and its relation to the regional geological structure. v. The aquifer characteristics necessary to accurately describe three dimensional ground water flow through the proposed permit area and adjacent area, including storage and discharge characteristics. <p>See MVMC 15.40 to see if additional materials will be necessary following the preparation of this initial study.</p> 	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Justification for Proposal</p> <p>A written description and associated mapping setting forth the reasons in favor of the application and addressing permit specific evaluation criteria found in Mount Vernon Municipal Code.</p>	9	

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Landscape Plan, Conceptual</p> <p>A general schematic plan drawn at the same scale as the project site plan with a date, graphic scale and north arrow that clearly indicates the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Location of proposed buildings, parking areas, access and existing buildings to remain; Names and locations of abutting streets and public improvements, including easements; Existing and proposed contours at five foot (5') intervals or less; Location and dimensions of planting areas; Location and height of proposed berming; Locations, elevations, and details for any proposed landscape-related structures such as arbors, gazebos, fencing, etc.; Areas of proposed landscaping; Areas of existing landscaping, with designations of "to remain", or "to be removed"; Proposed types of landscaping or general plant names; and, Calculations showing that the correct amount and dimensions of landscaping is being installed on the site per MVMC 17.93. 	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Landscape Worksheet</p> <p>A worksheet to be completed by the applicant that includes the information necessary so that a determination can be made whether a proposal meets the code requirements for landscaping specified within MVMC Chapter 17.93.</p>	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Legal Description</p> <p>A description of a piece of land which allows an independent surveyor to locate and identify it. Usually it uses one of the following methods: government survey, metes and bounds or recorded plat (lot and block number).</p>	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Legal Description, electronic Copy in MS Word Format</p>	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>List of Site and Surrounding Property Owners and Mailing Labels for Same</p> <p>A listing of all current property owners and their mailing addresses and Skagit County Assessor's account numbers within the area specified by MVMC 14.05.150(A)(3) of the boundaries of the subject site as obtained from the Skagit County Assessor's office. The list shall include a notarized statement from the applicant attesting that the ownership information provided is current and accurate. Current shall mean obtained within the past thirty (30) days unless otherwise approved by the CEDD.</p>	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Map of Existing Site Conditions</p> <p>A plan drawn at the same scale as, or combined with, the grading plan or topography map showing existing topography at two foot contours or less, and including structural and natural features. The plan shall include major trees, shrubs, large rocks, creeks and watersheds, floodplains, buildings, roadways and trails.</p>	9	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Neighborhood Detail Map</p> <p>A map, drawn at a scale of one inch equals one hundred feet (1" = 100') or other scale approved by the CEDD. The map shows the location of the subject site relative to the property boundaries of the surrounding parcels within approximately one thousand feet identifies the subject site with a darker perimeter line than that of surrounding properties. The map also shows the property's lot lines, existing land uses, building outlines, City boundaries (if applicable), north arrow, graphic scale, and City of Mount Vernon street names for all streets shown.</p>	9	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Parking Worksheet</p> <p>A worksheet on which an applicant provides information necessary to demonstrate that a proposal meets the code requirements for parking specified within MVMC Chapter 17.84.</p>	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Plan Reductions</p> <p>Eight and one-half inch by eleven inch (8-1/2" x 11") or eleven inches by seventeen inches (11" x 17") reductions of all required full size plan sheets including, but not limited to elevations, landscape plans, conceptual utility plans, site plan, and neighborhood detail/vicinity map that will yield legible photocopies.</p>	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Pre-Application Meeting Summary</p> <p>A copy of the memorandum provided to an applicant by planning staff at the pre-application meeting. Please note that pre-applications meeting approvals expire six (6) months following a meeting that is held.</p>	1	

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Project Narrative</p> <p>A clear and concise description and summary of a proposed project, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Project name, size and location of site; a. Zoning and Comprehensive Plan designations of the site and adjacent properties; b. Current use of the site and any existing improvements; c. Special site features (i.e., wetlands, water bodies, steep slopes, or other critical areas); and a description of the buffers that will be required for each feature; d. Statement addressing soil type and drainage conditions; e. Proposed use of the property and scope of the proposed development (i.e., height, square footage, lot coverage, parking, access, etc.); f. Proposed off-site improvements (i.e., installation of sidewalks, fire hydrants, sewer main, etc.); g. Total estimated construction cost and estimated fair market value of the proposed project; h. Estimated quantities and type of materials involved if any fill or excavation is proposed; i. Number, type and size of trees to be removed; j. Explanation of any land to be dedicated to the City; and, k. For shoreline applications: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Name of adjacent water area or wetlands, ii. Nature of existing shoreline – describe, iii. Type of shoreline (i.e., lake, stream, lagoon, march, bog, floodplain, floodway), iv. Type of beach (i.e., accretion, erosion, high bank-low bank), v. Type of material (i.e., sand, gravel, mud, clay, rock, riprap), vi. The extent and type of any bulkheading, and vii. The number and location of structures and/or residential units (existing and potential) which might have views obstructed as a result of the proposed project. l. For subdivision applications: the proposed number, size, and density of the new lots. 	<p>9</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Roadway Construction Plans – Preliminary</p> <p>Plans prepared by a State of Washington licensed civil engineer that meet the requirements found in the MVMC and the City’s Engineering Standards. All plan sheets shall be twenty-four inches by thirty-six inches (24” x 36”), clear and readable and shall be at a scale of one inch equals twenty feet (1” = 20’) horizontal, and one inch equals two feet (1” = 2’) vertical, unless otherwise approved by the Director. The horizontal and vertical control datum shall be clearly shown. The plans shall contain the following:</p> <p>A. Preliminary roadway construction plans shall include the following sheets:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Existing conditions including topographical detail; 2. Overall proposed conditions and project layout; 3. Overall drainage plan; and, 4. Roadway and pond cross-sections. 	<p>5</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Screening Detail, Refuse/Recycling</p> <p>A detailed plan drawing, prepared to scale, showing location within property boundaries, heights, elevations, and building materials of proposed screening or of proposed plantings.</p>	<p>3</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Plat Map, Preliminary</p> <p>The subdivider’s engineer and registered land surveyor shall prepare the preliminary plat as directed by the Community & Economic Development Department and in accordance with the following minimum requirements:</p> <p>A. A map prepared by a State of Washington registered land surveyor in accordance with RCW 18.43.020 and 58.17, and WAC 332-130, fully dimensioned, drawn at a horizontal scale of no less than 100 feet to the inch; or other scale specifically approved by the Director and including the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Name of the proposed preliminary plat (and space for the future City land use numbers); b. Names, addresses, and telephone number of the engineer and licensed land surveyor, and names and addresses of all property owners; c. An accurate and complete legal description of the property to be subdivided written or verified by a licensed land surveyor; 	<p>9</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Date, graphic scale, and north arrow oriented to the top of the paper/plan sheet; e. Vicinity sketch at a scale of not more than 1,000 feet to the inch showing the proposed plat in relation to surrounding land. All platted rights-of-way for a distance of at least one-quarter mile shall be shown, and additional area shall be illustrated, if necessary, to show connecting streets or arterials; f. Drawing of the subject property with all existing and proposed property lines dimensioned. Lots designated by number within the area of the lot. Tracts shall be similarly designated and each tract shall be clearly identified with the ownership and purpose. Indicate the required yards (setbacks) with dashed lines; g. All parcels of land intended to be dedicated or temporarily reserved for public use and the conditions attached thereto shall be accurately indicated; h. Monuments found and established during the preliminary survey; i. Copy of any deed restrictions or covenants existing or proposed; j. Horizontal control datum shall be that which is stipulated by WAC 332-130-060; k. Location of the subject site with respect to the nearest street intersections (including intersections opposite the subject property), alleys and other rights-of-way; and the names, addresses, and tax identification numbers of the owners of record of property contiguous to the proposed plat; l. Names, locations, types, widths and other dimensions of existing and proposed streets, alleys, easements, parks, open spaces and reservations; m. Location, distances from existing and new lot lines, and dimensions of any existing and proposed structures, existing on-site trees, existing or proposed fencing, or retaining walls, freestanding signs, and easements; n. Location of existing conditions (such as wetlands, steep slopes, watercourses, floodplains) and their associated buffers on or adjacent to the site which could hinder development; o. Flood hazard information and boundary on the subdivision drawing including the nature, location, dimensions, and elevations of the subdivided area; p. Site data on the first sheet listing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Total area in acres, ii. Proposed number of lots, iii. Zoning and Comprehensive Plan designations of the subject site and the land adjacent and contiguous, iv. Proposed square footage and acreage in each lot, and v. Square feet and percentage of land in streets and open space. q. Access and Utilities: Indicate how the proposed subdivision will be served by streets and utilities, show how access will be provided to all lots, and the location of sewer and water lines; r. The location of all wells and septic systems located on or near the project site; s. Contours and elevations at two foot (2') vertical intervals minimum to the extent necessary to accurately predict drainage characteristics of the property and extending at least one hundred feet (100') beyond the boundaries of the proposed plat. The off site surveying requirement can be satisfied with topographic mapping from the City or other mapping resources that are approved by the Director. In addition, where slopes are in excess of 20% five foot contours or greater can be approved by the Director. 		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Stream Study, Standard</p> <p>A report shall be prepared by a qualified professional, unless otherwise determined by the Director, and include the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Site Map: Site map(s) indicating, at a scale no smaller than 1" = 20' (unless otherwise approved by the Director): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The entire parcel of land owned by the applicant, including 100 feet of the abutting parcels through which the water body(ies) flow(s); b. The ordinary high water mark (OHWM) determined in the field by a certified professional (the OHWM must also be flagged in the field); c. Stream classification, as recorded in city Inventories (if unclassified, see subsection (c) below); 	3	

	<p>d. Topography of the site and abutting lands in relation to the stream(s) and its/their management zone(s) at contour intervals of two feet where slopes are less than 10 percent, and of five feet where slopes are 10 percent or greater;</p> <p>e. 100-year floodplain and floodway boundaries, including 100 feet of the abutting parcels through which the water body(ies) flow(s);</p> <p>f. Site drainage patterns, using arrows to indicate the direction of major drainage flow;</p> <p>g. Top view and typical cross-section views of the stream, banks, and management zones to scale;</p> <p>h. The vegetative cover of the entire site, including the stream or lake, banks, riparian area, and/or abutting wetland areas, extending 100 feet upstream and downstream from the property line. Include position, species, and size of all trees at least 4 inches dbh that are within the Inner and Outer Riparian Management Zone;</p> <p>i. The location, width, depth, and length of all existing and proposed structures, roads, storm water management facilities, wastewater treatment and installations in relation to the stream/lake and its/their management zones; and</p> <p>j. Location of site access, ingress and egress.</p> <p>2. Grading Plan: A grading plan prepared in accordance with MVMC and Mount Vernon Engineering Standards and as required by staff through the preapplication review process, and showing contour intervals of two feet where slopes are less than 10 percent, and of five feet where slopes are 10 percent or greater.</p> <p>3. Stream Assessment Narrative: A narrative report shall be prepared to accompany the site plan which describes:</p> <p>a. The Stream classification as recorded in city inventories.</p> <p>b. The vegetative cover of the site, including the stream or lake, banks, riparian area, wetland areas, and flood hazard areas extending 100 feet upstream and downstream from the property line;</p> <p>c. The ecological functions currently provided by the stream/lake and existing riparian area;</p> <p>d. Observed or reported fish and wildlife that make use of the area including, but not limited to, salmonids, mammals, and bird nesting, breeding, and feeding/foraging areas; and</p> <p>e. Measures to protect trees and vegetation.</p> <p>See MVMC 15.40.170(C) to see if a supplemental stream study will be required.</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Street Lighting Plan</p> <p>Drawing showing the proposed lighting system, including luminaries, junction boxes, electric wiring, and wiring diagrams using the same scale as the utility plans (or as approved by the CEDD) and conforming to ANSI standards.</p>	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Survey</p> <p>A sketch showing all distances, angles and calculations required to determine corners and distances of the plat shall accompany this data. The allowable error of closure shall not exceed one foot (1') in ten thousand feet (10,000'). Shall be accompanied by a complete survey of the section or sections in which the plat or re-plat is located, or as much thereof as may be necessary to properly orient the plat within such section or sections. The plat and section survey shall be submitted with complete field and computation notes showing the original or re-established corners with descriptions of the same and the actual traverse showing error of closure and method of balancing. Horizontal control datum shall be that which is stipulated by WAC 332-130-060.</p>	9	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Title Report or Plat Certificate</p> <p>A document prepared by a title insurance company documenting the ownership and title of all interested parties in the plat, subdivision, dedication, development or action that lists all encumbrances. The certificate or report shall be dated within 30 days prior to the submittal of a permit to the City. An updated certificate or report dated within 30 days before final plat approval is also necessary. Copies of all the encumbrances listed within the certificate or report shall be provided.</p>	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Topography Map</p> <p>A map showing the existing land contours using vertical intervals of not more than two feet. For any existing buildings the map shall show the finished floor elevations of each floor of the building. The horizontal and vertical control datum shall be clearly shown.</p>	5	

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Tree Cutting/Land Clearing Plan</p> <p>A plan, based on finished grade, drawn to scale clearly showing property boundaries, location of areas proposed to be cleared, types and sizes of vegetation to be removed, altered or retained, future building sites and drip lines of any trees which will overhang/overlap a construction line, and location and dimensions of rights-of-way, utility lines, and easements. All critical areas and their associated buffers shall also be shown.</p>	<p>3</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Utilities Plan and Profile</p> <p>A plan drawn at scale or size approved by the CEDD clearly showing all existing (to remain) and proposed public or private improvements to be dedicated or sold to the public including, but not limited to: curbs, gutters, sidewalks, median islands, street trees, fire hydrants, utility poles, refuse areas, freestanding lighting fixtures, utility junction boxes, public utility transformers, etc., along the full property frontage. The finished floor elevations for each floor of proposed and existing (to remain) structures shall be shown. The horizontal and vertical control datum shall be clearly shown.</p>	<p>5</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Wetland Assessment</p> <p>A wetland assessment includes the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A description of the project and maps at a scale no smaller than 1" = 200' showing the entire parcel of land owned by the applicant and the wetland boundary delineated by a qualified wetlands ecologist, and pursuant to MVMC 15.40.040; 2. A description of the vegetative cover of the wetland and adjacent area including identification of the dominant plant and animal species, consistent with published delineation standards (Corps of Engineers delineation manual, 1987; Washington State Wetlands Identification and Delineation Manual, 1997). Copies of the wetland delineation data sheets and rating forms should be included as an appendix to the wetland assessment; 3. A site plan for the proposed activity at a scale no smaller than 1" = 200' showing the location, width, depth and length of all existing and proposed structures, roads, storm water management facilities, sewage treatment and installations within the wetland and its buffer; 4. The exact locations and specifications for all activities associated with site development including the type, extent and method of operations; 5. Elevations of the site and adjacent lands within the wetland and its buffer at contour intervals of no greater than five feet or at a contour interval appropriate to the site topography and acceptable to the city; 6. Top view and typical cross-section views of the wetland and its buffer to scale; 7. The purposes of the project and, if a variance is being requested, an explanation of why the proposed activity cannot be located at another site; 8. If wetland mitigation is proposed, a mitigation plan which includes baseline information, an identification of direct and indirect impacts of the project to the wetland area and wetland functions, environmental goals and objectives, performance standards, construction plans, a monitoring program and a contingency plan. 9. Alternative Methods of Development: If wetland changes are proposed, the applicant shall evaluate alternative methods of developing the property using the following criteria in this order: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Avoid any disturbances to the wetland or buffer; b. Minimize any wetland or buffer impacts; c. Compensate for any wetland or buffer impacts; d. Restore any wetlands or buffer impacted or lost temporarily; e. Create new wetlands and buffers for those lost; and f. In addition to restoring a wetland or creating a wetland, enhance an existing degraded wetland to compensate for lost functions and values. <p>This evaluation shall be submitted to the Director. Any proposed alteration of wetlands shall be evaluated by the Director using the above hierarchy.</p> 10. Such other information as may be needed by the city, including but not limited to an assessment of wetland functional characteristics, including a discussion of the methodology used; a study of hazards if present on site, the effect of any protective measures that might be taken to reduce such hazards; and any other information deemed necessary to verify compliance with the provisions of this section. See MVMC 15.40 to see if additional materials will be necessary following the preparation of this initial study. 	<p>3</p>	

GENERAL PROCESS: Once all of the materials outlined above have been submitted to the CEDD a staff planner will determine whether or not an application is technically complete. A letter will be sent to the applicant stating that either an application is technically complete; or that it is technically incomplete and what additional items need to be submitted, or what corrections are needed to make the application complete.

Once an application is deemed technically complete a staff planner will prepare and distribute a Notice of Application and a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) notice. The Notice of Application (NOA) and SEPA determination will be sent to City departments, property owners within 300 feet of a site and applicable agencies. In addition, a staff planner will contact the applicant to let them know when they need to pick up their pink land use change sign and where to place it on their site.

After the comment period is up for the NOA and the SEPA, a final SEPA determination and a Notice of Public Hearing will be prepared, published, and distributed. The Notice of Public Hearing will provide the day and time of the required open record public hearing that will be held before the City's Hearing Examiner. A staff planner will then prepare and distribute his/her staff report no later than five (5) days before the scheduled Hearing Examiner hearing.

Following the open record public hearing before the Hearing Examiner, he/she will issue a recommendation on the preliminary plat. There will be a 10-day period following the Hearing Examiner's recommendation in which the applicant, owner or party of record can ask for reconsideration from the Hearing Examiner. After the reconsideration period is up a staff planner will schedule the preliminary plat to be taken before the City Council. The City Council will make the final decision on the preliminary plat at a closed record hearing. The City Council's approval will be in the form of a Resolution that will contain all of the requirements that must be satisfied for the preliminary plat to be approved.

Following preliminary plat approval, an applicant is required to install all necessary infrastructure improvements before final plat approval can be granted. Before any land disturbing activities take place, the applicant is required to apply for and obtain a Fill & Grade Permit, and possibly a utility permit and/or right-of-way permit(s). Infrastructure improvements include all roadway and utility installation (storm sewer, sanitary sewer, potable water, electric, natural gas, et cetera). Please note that all utilities are required to be stubbed to each lot that is being created. Other conditions of approval (such as completion of critical area mitigation) of the preliminary plat must also be completed before final plat approval can be granted.

When all of the preliminary short plat conditions of approval have been met/constructed, an applicant will need to schedule another pre-application meeting with the CEDD to receive their list of submittal requirements for final plat approval.

Lots can not be created, sold, or marketed for sale until final plat approval is granted and the plat map is recorded with the Skagit County Auditor. Final plat approval is a separate process from the preliminary plat approval process.