Frequently Asked Questions on City of Kent Wetland Inventory Maps

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Your map shows a wetland on my property. Are you sure it's really a wetland?

No, the wetland areas shown on this map are *tentatively* classified wetlands. In field surveys, they showed some evidence of wetland plant and soil types. However, they are not formally classified as wetlands and the boundaries have not been formally delineated. Any proposed development on your property will require submittal of a Wetland Delineation Report.

How do I know for sure if I have wetlands on my property?

It is necessary to hire a qualified wetland biologist, or an environmental engineer with expertise in wetlands, to survey the area. If you are considering building on a site that could be impacted by wetlands, we highly recommend that this study should be one of your first steps. This study will be a required part of your permit application later in the process, but it's also a vital part of planning your project. The study will determine the exact boundary of the wetland area, and also classify the wetland. That classification determines the required buffers, which will determine exactly how much usable land is available for your project.

Who do I call for one of these studies?

Most large engineering firms have on-staff experts in wetland studies. Your local yellow pages will lead you to several qualified consultants. The cost will vary by the size and scope of project.

What if there are wetlands near my property? Could their buffers and setbacks affect my project?

Yes, even if a wetland is not on your property it could impact how much usable land you have to work with. All the information above still applies.

Where can I learn more about the details of Kent's wetland codes: buffers and building setbacks, review process, and other related information?

There are many resources on this website. If you would like to read the full text of our wetland code, visit our Wetland Ordinance page. For the "plain language" approach, and other helpful advice, there are three Development Assistance Brochures: Kent's Wetland Regulations, Wetland Delineation Reports, and Wetland Mitigation Plans.

Who can I contact if I still have questions on Kent's wetland policies?

Send a message to Planning@kentwa.gov, or call us at 253-856-5454.

The boundaries shown on this map are approximate and are not intended to represent jurisdictional wetland boundaries. Additional wetland areas may exist which do not appear on on this map. The field assessments for this inventory were made in April 2001. The map is continuously updated by Kent GIS staff from various wetland delineation plans.

Shaded area lies outside of the City Of Kent.

Property line locations are approximate (data source: King County GIS).

The map sheet grid which may, or may not, be shown references a 1" = 300' scale Wetlands Atlas published by the City Of Kent Engineering Department.

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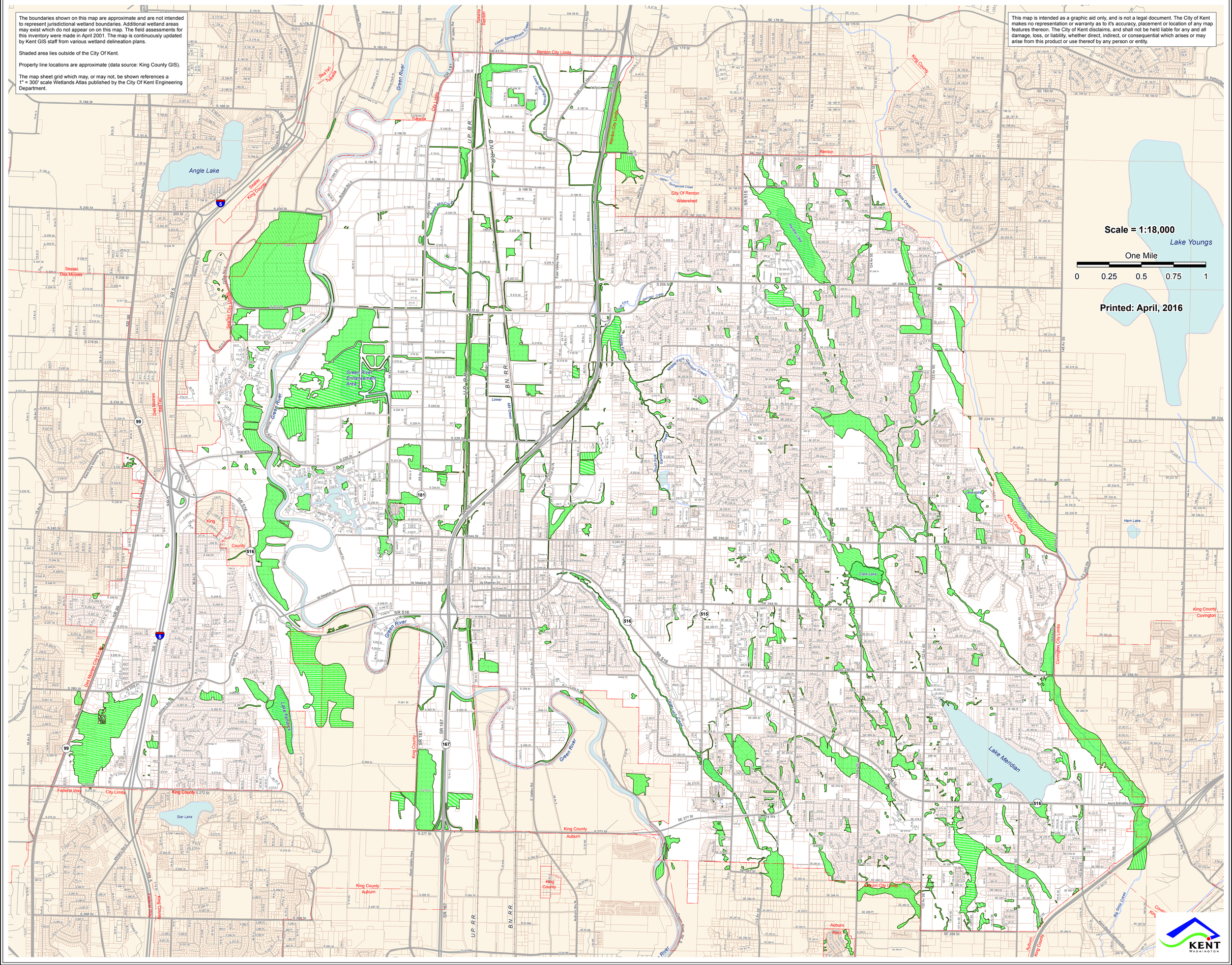

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