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We live on 4.9 acres in the residential area just south of Olympia High School. We have our home on the NE corner of the property with a small wetland kettle on the NE edge of the property. We have large gardens, an orchard, and barn on the property. Over the years we have had the southwestern portion of the land in agricultural use. In years past it was leased to Briggs Nursery which bordered our property on the south side (what is now the Briggs Urban Village).

For the past 2 years we have been leasing the SW portion of land to Chickadee Farm. They have an urban farm here and currently provide vegetables to neighbors and the community. It is our hope to preserve most of our land in urban agricultural permanently and never to develop it further. However, we need to subdivide the land for future sale of the farmland and the land our home is on.

We do not know how much of the farmland Chickadee Farm will want/need. So we propose to subdivide the land into 4 pieces:

NE corner for current residence, approx. 0.75 acre

NW corner for fruit and vegetable gardens and orchard, approx 0.25 acre

Middle portion for barn, approx. 0.8 acre

Southern portion currently farmed by Chickadee Farm, approx. 3.1 acre