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<b>STAFF USE ONLY</b>	
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Land use application for:

# STEEP SLOPE REVIEW

For development on slopes  $\geq 20\%$  and  $\leq 35\%$  ( $\leq 25\%$  for residential development in RR, MRR, and HR Districts)

APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Applicant name:	Applicant email:	Applicant phone:	
Applicant mailing address:	City:	State:	ZIP:
Contact person name (if other than applicant):	Contact person email:	Contact person phone:	
Contact person mailing address:	City:	State:	ZIP:

PROPOSAL
Brief description of proposal:

SITE INFORMATION		
Site address:	Comprehensive Plan designation:	Zoning district:
Map and tax lot #:	Land area:	
Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Tax Lot: _____		
Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Tax Lot: _____		
Adjacent properties under same ownership:		
Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Tax Lot: _____		
Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Tax Lot: _____		

Printed names of all property owners:	Signatures of all property owners:	Date(s):
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<b><i>I hereby certify that the statements contained herein, along with the evidence submitted, are in all respects true and correct to the best of my knowledge.</i></b>	
Applicant signature:	Date:

## A. Review applicable land use rules:

This application is subject to the provisions of [Subsection 1002.01, Hillsides](#) of the [Clackamas County Zoning and Development Ordinance](#) (ZDO).

It is also subject to the ZDO's definitions, procedures, and other general provisions, as well as to the specific rules of the subject property's zoning district and applicable development standards, as outlined in the ZDO.

## B. Turn in all of the following:

- Complete application form:** Respond to all the questions and requests in this application, and make sure all owners of the subject property sign the first page of this application. Applications without the signatures of *all* property owners are incomplete.
- Application fee: Refer to the FAQs at the end of this form and to the adopted [Fee Schedule](#) for applicable fees and refund policies.** Payment can be made by cash, by check payable to "Clackamas County", or by credit/debit card with an additional card processing fee using the [Credit Card Authorization Form](#) available from the Planning and Zoning website. Payment is due when the application is submitted.
- Site plan:** Provide a site plan (also called a plot plan). A [Site Plan Sample](#) is available from the Planning and Zoning website. The site plan must be accurate and drawn to-scale on paper measuring no larger than 11 inches x 17 inches. The site plan must illustrate all of the following (when applicable):
  - Lot lines, lot/parcel numbers, and acreage/square footage of lots;
  - Contiguous properties under the same ownership;
  - Elevation contour lines, with identification of their source of the information (e.g., an engineer, surveyor);
  - All existing and proposed structures, fences, retaining walls, roads, driveways, parking areas, other impervious surfaces, vegetation, and easements, each with identifying labels and dimensions;
  - Setbacks of all structures from lot lines and easements;
  - Areas of grading and vegetation stripping;
  - Significant natural features (rivers, streams, wetlands, geologic hazards, drainage areas, etc.); and
  - Location of utilities, wells, and all onsite wastewater treatment facilities (e.g., septic tanks, septic drainfield areas, replacement drainfield areas, drywells).
- Letter committing to re-vegetation:** Include a letter signed by the developer committing to re-vegetate all graded areas as soon as feasible following the final grading, and acknowledging that maintenance of the slopes is the responsibility of the developer until the property ownership is transferred.
- Separate variance application (*optional*):** Grading, stripping of vegetation, and lot coverage by structures and impervious surfaces is limited to no more than 30 percent of slopes 20 percent or greater. If you are requesting a variance to this standard, you must also complete, pay **an additional fee** for, and submit a separate Variance application demonstrating compliance with the standards for a variance in [ZDO Subsection 1002.01\(A\)\(2\)](#) and [Section 1205, Variances](#).

### C. Provide dimensional specifics:

Answer the following questions and complete the table below.

1. How much of the subject property (in square feet) has slopes of 20 percent or greater?

\_\_\_\_\_ square feet

2. Identify how much of the sloped area identified in Question 1 will be developed by completing the table below (when development area categories overlap, include the overlap area in just one category's row):

Development in areas with slope $\geq$ 20%	Total Area (in square feet)
Areas proposed for grading	
Areas where vegetation will be stripped	
Lot coverage of all <i>existing</i> structures that will remain	
Lot coverage of all <i>proposed</i> new structures	
Existing and proposed impervious surfaces, including paved parking areas	
<b>Cumulative Total Area:</b>	

3. Does the cumulative total area identified in Question 2 exceed 30 percent of the area identified in Question 1?

NO

YES, but an application for a variance pursuant to [ZDO Section 1205, Variances](#) and [Subsection 1002.01\(A\)\(2\)](#) has been approved or is pending.

**D. Answer the following questions:**

Accurately answer the following questions in the spaces provided. Attach additional pages, if necessary.

1. Describe all of your proposed development, including any grading, vegetation removal, erosion control, utility improvements, and the installation/construction of any roads, wells, driveways, fences, septic systems, dwellings, and accessory structures:

2. Does your development include a partition or subdivision?

NO

- YES, but the land division will not create any new lot or parcel which cannot be developed under the provisions of ZDO Subsection 1002.01 for the following reasons:

3. Explain how buildings will be clustered to reduce alteration of terrain and provide for preservation of natural features:

4. Explain how the creation of buildings sites through mass pad grading and successive padding or terracing of buildings sites will be avoided:

5. Does your development include a new road section?

NO

YES. The road will be \_\_\_\_\_ feet wide and its maximum grade will be \_\_\_\_\_ percent. How the road is of minimum width, and with grades consistent with County specifications, is explained in the box below:

## FAQs

### When is a “Type I” Steep Slope Review permit required?

Per Zoning and Development Ordinance (ZDO) [Section 1002, Protection of Natural Features](#), development listed in [ZDO Subsections 1001.02\(A\) or \(B\)](#) on slopes greater than or equal to 20 percent and less than or equal to 35 percent requires a “Type I” land use permit from the County, except that for residential development in the Recreational Residential (RR), Mountain Recreational Resort (MRR), and Hoodland Residential (HR) Districts, the upper limit is 25 percent. Development on slopes greater than 35 percent, and residential development in the RR, MRR, and HR Districts on slopes greater than 25 percent, requires an application for a “Type II” land use permit.

### What is the Type I permit application process?

The process for review of a “Type I” land use application is outlined in [Section 1307](#) of the ZDO. Public notice of Type I applications and decisions is not provided. A written decision on a Type I application is made by Planning and Zoning staff, and there is no County-level process to appeal that decision. If the application is approved, the applicant must comply with any conditions of approval identified in the decision.

### What is needed for the County to approve a land use permit?

Development on steep slopes *may* be permitted after an evaluation by the County of applicable standards of the ZDO. The permit applicant is responsible for providing evidence that their proposal does or can meet those standards. In order to address the standards, the information requested in this application should be as thorough and complete as possible. A permit will only be approved or denied after a complete application is received and reviewed. The County approves an application only if it finds that the proposal meets the standards or can meet the standards with conditions.

### How long will it take the County to make a decision about an application?

The County makes every effort to issue a decision on a Type I land use application within 20 days of when we deem the application to be complete.

### If an application is submitted and then withdrawn, will a refund be given?

Please see Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule under "Other Fees" [here](#). The \$5 Technology Fee is non-refundable.

### Who can help answer additional questions?

For questions about the County’s land use permit requirements and this application form, contact Planning and Zoning at **503-742-4500** or [zoninginfo@clackamas.us](mailto:zoninginfo@clackamas.us). You can also find information online at the Planning and Zoning website: [www.clackamas.us/planning](http://www.clackamas.us/planning).

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