

Sumner Parks & Trails Plan Update

WAC 197-11-960 ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals complete this checklist and the supplemental sheet for nonproject actions (Part D). The lead agency may exclude any question for the environmental elements (Part B) which they determine do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Sumner Parks & Trails Plan Update

2. Name of applicant:

City of Sumner

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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4. Date checklist prepared:

November 28, 2017

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Sumner

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

February 2018

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

The plan may be updated every six years or as otherwise deemed appropriate by the City.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

The City of Sumner has prepared a Supplemental EIS for its 2015 Comprehensive Plan addressing growth that the Parks & Trails Plan Update is designed to serve.

- Final Comprehensive Plan, East Sumner Neighborhood Plan, Municipal Code Update, Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, and East Sumner Neighborhood Planned Action, August 6, 2015

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

None.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

City Council approval, Washington Department of Commerce review under the Growth Management Act, and Washington Recreation and Conservation Office Approval.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

Sumner Parks & Trails Plan Update, including associated Comprehensive Plan amendments to the Introduction, Vision Statement, Introduction, Parks and Open Space Element, Transportation Element, and Capital Facilities Element and Plan, and Parks Impact Fee Ordinance.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

City of Sumner city limits and urban growth area.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other.....

See Part D.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

See Part D.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

See Part D.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

See Part D.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

See Part D.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

See Part D.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

See Part D.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

See Part D.

2. Air

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

See Part D.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

See Part D.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

See Part D.

3. Water

a. Surface:

1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

See Part D.

2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

See Part D.

3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

See Part D.

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

See Part D.

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year flood plain? If so, note location on the site plan.

See Part D.

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

See Part D.

b. Ground:

1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well? Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

See Part D.

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

See Part D.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including stormwater) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

See Part D.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

See Part D.

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

See Part D.

Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

See Part D.

4. Plants

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- **Deciduous tree:** Alder, maple, aspen, other
- **Evergreen tree:** Fir, cedar, pine, other
- **Shrubs**
- **Grass**
- **Pasture**
- **Crop or grain**
- **Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.**
- **Wet soil plants:** Cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- **Water plants:** Water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- **Other types of vegetation**

See Part D.

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

See Part D.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

See Part D.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

See Part D.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

See Part D.

5. Animals

a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. Examples include:

Birds: Hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

Mammals: Deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

Fish: Bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

See Part D.

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

See Part D.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

See Part D.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

See Part D.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

See Part D.

6. Energy and natural resources

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

See Part D.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

See Part D.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

See Part D.

7. Environmental health

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

See Part D.

2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

See Part D.

3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

See Part D.

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

See Part D.

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

See Part D.

b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

See Part D.

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

See Part D.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

See Part D.

8. Land and shoreline use

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

See Part D.

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

See Part D.

1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

See Part D.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

See Part D.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

See Part D.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

See Part D.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

See Part D.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

See Part D.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

See Part D.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

See Part D.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

See Part D.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

See Part D.

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

See Part D.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

See Part D.

9. Housing

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

See Part D.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

See Part D.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

See Part D.

10. Aesthetics

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

See Part D.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

See Part D.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

See Part D.

11. Light and glare

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

See Part D.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

See Part D.

c. What existing offsite sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

See Part D.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

See Part D.

12. Recreation

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

See Part D.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

See Part D.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

See Part D.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.

See Part D.

b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation. This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

See Part D.

c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

See Part D.

d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

See Part D.

14. Transportation

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

See Part D.

b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

See Part D.

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or nonproject proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

See Part D.

d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

See Part D.

e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

See Part D.

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

See Part D.

g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

See Part D.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

See Part D.

15. Public services

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: Fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

See Part D.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

See Part D.

16. Utilities

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: Electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.

See Part D.

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

See Part D.

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: Lisa Grueter, BERK Consulting

Date Submitted November 28, 2017

D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS

(do not use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The City contains flat valley lands and steep slopes along hillsides. Some areas are prone to erosion. Pre-loading of sites in the valley in order to support structures is common. At the time of site development associated with future projects described in the Parks & Trails Plan and associated capital facilities plan, there may be fill and grade proposals, and vegetation may be removed. Stormwater quality or quantity may be altered. However, all development is subject to City Shoreline Master Program, critical area, and stormwater policies and regulations.

Emissions to air would most likely be associated with increased vehicle traffic if facilities draw vehicles such as to regional facilities like trailheads along the Sumner Link Trail, sports complexes, or dog parks; most parks are designed to be within walking distance of neighborhoods. Trails would allow more travel by foot or bicycle.

Short-term air emissions, including construction equipment exhaust and fugitive dust, may occur during the construction phase for new park or trail development. Hauling routes and local streets could be impacted by dust if mitigation measures are not implemented, but all construction projects will be consistent with the City's erosion control development standards.

Land development associated with new or redeveloped parks or trails could create short-term noise impacts to land uses in the vicinity. Increases in traffic volumes generated within the study area are likely the primary source of future noise, but these likely would be limited to regional facilities as described above under air quality impacts. If there is handling of hazardous materials such as during construction or maintenance, the International Fire Code and state and federal laws would apply.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

At the time of building or construction permit requests, the International Building Code includes conditions under which preparation of a geotechnical report would be required. Future development would also comply with City critical areas regulations to reduce health and safety risks related to geologic hazards.

Development is subject to applicable federal (EPA) and Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) air quality regulations.

Future development would comply with the City's stormwater requirements in place at the time of application.

Noise is regulated through nuisance and other regulations adopted by the City.

New development of parks and trails facilities will be subject to zoning, shoreline, and critical areas regulations for allowable uses and activities, and City International Building and Fire Codes for handling hazardous materials as well as State and Federal hazardous materials regulations.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

The City of Sumner contains reaches of the White and Puyallup Rivers, fish-bearing stream such as Salmon Creek, and wetlands.

Future development allowed by the Parks & Trails Plan and associated capital facility plan could affect plants and animals in the city through land clearing for construction, stormwater runoff, and human disturbance associated with future site use. Environmental resources subject to risk of direct and indirect impacts include numerous species of plants, animals, and fisheries (including threatened or endangered species and their habitat).

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

The Parks & Trails plan promotes open space conservation, and reinforces the City's Shoreline Master Program restoration plan. The critical areas ordinance and Shoreline Master Program will protect plants and wildlife. Stormwater regulations would apply too and result in greater implementation of low-impact development techniques.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

The proposed Parks & Trails Plan and associated capital facility plan would result in no direct impacts on the depletion of energy or natural resources. However, any development that does occur is likely to require energy resources such as heating, light, and electricity during construction and during operation (e.g. picnic shelters with power, lights along multi-use trails, spray play areas with water system, etc.).

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

Application of International Building Code and State Energy Code.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, flood plains, or prime farmlands?

The Parks & Trail Plan Update respond to growth planned in the adopted Comprehensive Plan and meet the demand for parks and recreation facilities and services.

Historic and cultural sites would remain protected by federal, state, and city regulations and policies; as growth occurs, any alterations to such sites would require evaluation and mitigation. The Parks & Trails Plan addresses the Ryan House, and promotes the development of a master plan to both protect historic resources and allow the public access to the historic site.

If cultural resources are uncovered during construction, federal, state, and local policies and rules would apply as appropriate [e.g. National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.), inadvertent discovery RCWs 68.50.645, 27.44.055, and 68.60.055, others].

Regarding habitat and wetlands, shoreline and critical areas regulations would apply as described under Question 2.

Floodplain regulations would apply to future parks & trails development; the plan supports open space conservation and habitat protection such as along the White River and promotes the Shoreline Master Program public access and restoration provisions.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

Implementation of shoreline, critical areas, floodplain regulations, and historic and cultural resources policies and regulations.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The Parks & Trails Plan Update and associated Comprehensive Plan consistency amendments respond to projected population and employment growth in the City's Comprehensive Plan and allow the City to meet its desired levels of service. The proposal implements the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

The City will implement its Comprehensive Plan policies, Shoreline Master Program, and zoning code and development regulations. City development regulations address land use, bulk, height, landscaping, parking, as well as critical areas and shorelines. The State Environmental Policy Act would apply to non-exempt development.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

As new park or fire facility development occurs, there may be increased demand for transportation and utilities. Increased vehicle traffic could occur if facilities draw vehicles to regional facilities like trailheads along the Sumner

Link Trail, sports complexes, or dog parks; most parks are designed to be within walking distance of neighborhoods. Trails would allow more travel by foot or bicycle.

Water, wastewater, and power utility services would be required for new parks and trails facilities such as for bathrooms, irrigation, or structures designed to be used in non-daylight hours or where power is supplied (e.g. field lights, picnic shelters, etc.).

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

Implementation of the Transportation Element, Utilities Element, Capital Facilities Element, and water and sewer system plans and regulations.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

The Parks & Trails Plan Update, associated Comprehensive Plan consistency amendments, and impact fee regulations would not conflict with any local, state, or federal regulations or requirements to protect the environment.

The proposals have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Washington State Growth Management Act and RCW 82.02 Excise Taxes to ensure coordinated planning.

Future park and trail development would comply with the City's Comprehensive Plan, zoning code, and other development regulations. Projects would be subject to SEPA review as appropriate.