

# SEPA<sup>1</sup> Environmental Checklist

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## Purpose of checklist

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization, or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

## Instructions for applicants

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. **You may use “not applicable” or “does not apply” only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown.** You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

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.

## Instructions for lead agencies

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

## Use of checklist for nonproject proposals

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B, plus the Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions (Part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in “Part B: Environmental Elements” that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/Checklist-guidance>

## A. Background

[Find help answering background questions<sup>2</sup>](#)

**1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:**

Sumner Public Library

**2. Name of applicant:**

Pierce County Library District

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

3005 112<sup>th</sup> Street E, Tacoma, WA 98446-2215, (253) 548-3300, Christina Neville-Neil

**4. Date checklist prepared:**

13 September 2024

**5. Agency requesting checklist:**

Pierce County Rural Library District

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

Schematic Design: August 2024

West Easement Access Abandonment: September 2024

Design Review: September - Mid-October 2024

CUP: Mid-October 2024

Design Development: November 2024

Construction Documents: March 2025

Permit: January/February 2025

Construction: May 2025

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

No

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

Site cleanup per Department of Ecology

**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.**

No

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

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<sup>2</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-A-Background>

City of Sumner development and building permits

- 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.)**

The site comprises of three parcels (1.18, .273, and .236 acres) to be consolidated into one. It is an empty lot (existing structure was demolished) for the new Sumner Public Library building in Sumner, WA. The building will be about 17,500 SF with site development conforming to City of Sumner zoning regulations and East Main Street Design Guidelines. Site development will include the East Main Street frontage and on-site parking on the south side of the site.

- 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.**

15216 Main Street E, Sumner, WA 98390

Parcel numbers are 0520193060, 0520197014, 0520197015

Legal Descriptions:

Section 19 Township 20 Range 05 Quarter 33 BEG AT A PT ON S LI OF W E DANIEL CO RD 726 FT E & 30 FT S OF NW COR LOT 4 IN SEC TH E 132 FT TH S 389 FT TH W 132 FT TH N 389 FT TO BEG (DC2135HW5-14-86)

Section 19 Township 20 Range 05 Quarter 33 : L 2 OF SHORT PLAT 81-06-30-0321 OUT OF 3-098 SEG R-0553 DL EMS

Section 19 Township 20 Range 05 Quarter 33 : L 3 OF SHORT PLAT 81-06-30-0321 OUT OF 3-098 SEG R-0553 DL EMS

See attached vicinity map, site plan, and topographic map (survey)

## **B.Environmental Elements**

### **1. Earth**

[Find help answering earth questions<sup>3</sup>](#)

**a. General description of the site:**

The subject property sits on the south side of Main Street East. Concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk are along the frontage at Main Street East. An asphaltic concrete (AC)

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<sup>3</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-earth>

driveway enters the west side of the site from Main Street East and a Portland cement concrete driveway enters the center of the site. Most of the site is flat, grassy, unoccupied site with minimal improvements. The northeast corner, from the concrete driveway east, of the site sits approximately 1.5-feet lower than the top of the sidewalk; timber lagging is installed on the south side of the sidewalk. The western and southern perimeter of the site is fenced; the southern third of the eastern perimeter is also fenced.

**Circle or highlight one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other:**

The site is flat.

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

Less than 5%, about 0 to 1%

**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.**

Soils primarily consist of alluvium composed of sandy silt and silty sand. Thick lenses of organic soil (peat and organic silt) were observed at depths between 9 and 30 feet below the ground surface.

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

No evidence of such soils.

**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.**

Site work will include excavation for approximately 18,000 square feet of building and grading of approximately 56,000 square feet of site work. Grading will be over the whole site, roughly 1.69 acres. Wherever possible, excavated materials will be stockpiled and re-used on site. Any new fill used on the site will be from an approved provider and free of known contaminants. It is estimated that the site will require a net [4,100-CY] of fill material.

**f. Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.**

Clearing and construction could cause erosion. Primary forms of erosion would be from vehicle traffic and onsite water runoff. If the site is well managed, onsite erosion should be kept to a minimum. However, erosion during construction is not expected to be significant because the site is very flat.

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

For the project site within the limits of work, the proposed project is anticipated to result in impervious cover of approximately 75%.

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

This project will implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) per the 2019 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (SWMMWW). Temporary erosion control measures are expected to include but not be limited to stabilized construction entrances, silt fences, straw wattles, inlet protection, and a sediment trap.

## 2. Air

[Find help answering air questions](#)<sup>4</sup>

**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.**

Other than typical exhaust emissions anticipated from construction vehicles and equipment, emissions to the air are not anticipated during construction, operation, and maintenance of this project.

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

No

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

N/A

## 3. Water

[Find help answering water questions](#)<sup>5</sup>

**a. Surface:**

[Find help answering surface water questions](#)<sup>6</sup>

**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.**

No evidence of surface water on the site

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<sup>4</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-Air>

<sup>5</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water>

<sup>6</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Surface-water>

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.**

No

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.**

Does not apply.

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

No

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

No

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.**

No

**b. Ground:**

[Find help answering ground water questions](#)<sup>7</sup>

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 a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

Groundwater will not be withdrawn. It is anticipated that infiltration is infeasible on the site, and therefore no water will be discharged to groundwater.

2. **Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (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.**

The project does not propose to discharge wastewater into the ground.

**c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):**

1. **Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) 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.**

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<sup>7</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Groundwater>

Stormwater on the site will be collected through a combination of sheet flow and a piped system. Stormwater will be treated on site by on-site stormwater management and runoff treatment facilities, then discharged into the existing storm drainage system in Main Street East. The downstream discharge point is the White River.

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

No waste materials are anticipated to be present on the site.

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

Natural drainage patterns are maintained.

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

The project will be designed in accordance with the 2019 SWMMWW. No significant changes to the existing drainage patterns are proposed. The project anticipates providing runoff treatment using a water quality swale east of the building. No flow control or on-site stormwater management facilities are anticipated.

## 4. Plants

[Find help answering plants questions](#)

**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

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

The site area currently is disturbed and consists only of turf grass and no other vegetation or trees.

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

None known.

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

The project will utilize native or regionally adapted plants and trees. The planting species and quantities are TBD but will be selected for low water use and to enhance habitat for birds and invertebrates. Trees will be planted to provide habitat value and shade and filter stormwater run-off.

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

None known.

## 5. Animals

[Find help answering animal questions](#)<sup>8</sup>

- a. List any birds and other animals that 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:

None observed.

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

None known.

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

No.

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

None.

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

None.

## 6. Energy and natural resources

[Find help answering energy and natural resource questions](#)<sup>9</sup>

- 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.**

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<sup>8</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-5-Animals>

<sup>9</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-6-Energy-natural-resou>



No natural gas will be used on this project. Heat pumps will be used to heat and cool the space. Hydronic systems will convey heating and cooling throughout the space. Domestic hot water will be generated by heat pump water heater.

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

Since the building is on the south side of Main Street and will not be more than the equivalent of a two-story structure, it should not block any potential use of solar heating or Photovoltaics on the north side of Main Street. Nor can it block the sun to any residences to the south of the property. The businesses to the east and west will likely not have sunlight blocked from this building either, except possibly during early morning or in the evening when the sun would be at a lower angle in the sky.

**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.**

Will meet the Washington State Energy Code requirements and are targeting a LEED Silver certification.

## 7. Environmental health

[Health Find help with answering environmental health questions](https://ecology.wa.gov/Health-Find-help-with-answering-environmental-health-questions)<sup>10</sup>

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

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

A heating oil UST formerly located on Parcel 05200197014 was decommissioned and removed in April 2019. During removal, petroleum-contaminated soil and groundwater were characterized and removed. Confirmation soil and groundwater samples indicated that petroleum-impacted soil and groundwater associated with the release from the former heating oil UST are no longer present at concentrations greater than applicable MTCA cleanup levels. The Pollution Liability Insurance Agency (PLIA) issued a No Further Action letter for this release dated January 27, 2023.

A separate petroleum release from an unidentified source occurred on Parcel 0520193060 of the subject property. Petroleum-contaminated soil was removed, and confirmation soil samples indicated that petroleum contamination was no longer present in soil at concentrations greater than applicable MTCA cleanup levels. Limited impacts to groundwater were observed in the vicinity of the remedial excavation. Ongoing groundwater sampling from a network of monitoring wells installed at the subject property indicates that contaminants are no longer present

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<sup>10</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-7-Environmental-health>

in groundwater at concentrations greater than applicable MTCA cleanup levels. Two additional groundwater monitoring and sampling events are scheduled, one in June 2024 the other in September 2024. Should groundwater results continue to exhibit contaminant concentrations less than MTCA Method A cleanup levels during these two events, it is anticipated that Ecology will subsequently issue a No Further Action determination for this release. After the NFA is received, the monitoring wells will be decommissioned by removal.

**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.**

Confirmation soil and groundwater sampling results and ongoing groundwater monitoring sampling indicate that petroleum contaminants are not present in soil or groundwater at the subject property at concentrations greater than applicable MTCA cleanup levels. However, pockets of petroleum contaminated soil or groundwater may be present at the subject property between sampling locations. If soil or groundwater exhibiting evidence of petroleum contamination is encountered during redevelopment activities, the impacted media will be managed and disposed of in accordance with applicable state and local regulations and a forthcoming Contaminated Media Management Plan.

Several borings encountered natural organics (wood and/or peat) in the subsurface that will continue to breakdown over time and may generate methane gas at concentrations that could migrate into future enclosed spaces or structures at concentrations greater than 25 percent of the lower explosive limit for methane (which is 1.25 percent by volume) and potentially cause an unacceptable explosive condition within the enclosed spaces or structures. In March 2024, methane was measured in several monitoring wells at concentrations ranging from 0.1 pbv to 6.5 pbv. The LEL for methane is 5 pbv. Mitigation measures in the form of engineering controls (such as active or passive ventilation mitigation systems) will be incorporated into the structures development plans to address the potential for unacceptable methane accumulation within the interiors of future enclosed spaces or structures. In addition, engineering controls in the form of trench dams within utility corridors will be incorporated into the development plans to prevent migration of methane off site through utility trench backfill materials.

**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.**

Other than chemicals typically used during construction activities (such as fuel for machinery) toxic or hazardous chemicals are not anticipated to be stored, used, or produced during redevelopment. There is a possibility of petroleum-impacted soil and/or groundwater being encountered during excavations in the areas of former petroleum releases on the subject property. If petroleum-impacted media is encountered during redevelopment, the impacted media will be managed and

disposed of in accordance with applicable state and local regulations and a forthcoming Contaminated Media Management Plan.

In addition, methane gas will continue to be generated in subsurface soils during the operating life of the project. Mitigation measures in the form of engineering controls (such as active or passive ventilation mitigation systems) will be incorporated into the structures development plans to address the potential for unacceptable methane accumulation within the interiors of future enclosed spaces or structures. In addition, engineering controls in the form of trench dams within utility corridors will be incorporated into the development plans to prevent migration of methane off site through utility trench backfill materials.

**4. Describe special emergency services that might be required.**

Special emergency services are not anticipated to be required during project construction.

**5. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.**

If petroleum-impacted media is encountered during redevelopment, the impacted media will be managed and disposed of in accordance with applicable state and local regulations. Protocols for identifying, separating, storing, and disposing of contaminated media will also be further described in a forthcoming Contaminated Media Management Plan. In addition, a site-specific HSP will be prepared that will present a description of existing site conditions and responsibilities of project personnel and will describe the criteria for hazard and risk evaluation, levels of personal protection, air monitoring procedures, decontamination procedures, safety rules, emergency response procedures, training requirements, and standards for routine healthcare monitoring.

**b. Noise**

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

The project site is located on Main Street East, and typical traffic noise associated with a busy street is present. Additionally, the site is surrounded by a combination of commercial and residential properties, and roof-mounted mechanical equipment noise from surrounding commercial buildings is also present.

**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)?**

In the short-term, during the hours of construction defined under the Sumner Municipal Code (SMC) Chapter 15.34, increased noise levels from construction and construction-related traffic are expected. Rooftop-mounted equipment will generate some level of noise 24 hours per day. All rooftop-mounted equipment, and if needed, their associated screening, will comply with SMC Chapter 8.14, which references WAC 173-60-040(2)a which is summarized in the table below for Class A EDNA.

**TABLE I – Maximum Permissible Environmental Noise Levels**

EDNA of noise source	EDNA of receiving property		
	Class A	Class B	Class C
Class A	55 dBA	57 dBA	60 dBA
Class B	57 dBA	60 dBA	65 dBA
Class C	60 dBA	65 dBA	70 dBA

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

Construction noise will be limited to the hours of construction defined under the SMC Chapter 15.34. Additionally, the idling of large stationary construction vehicles will not be allowed.

Offsite noise levels at adjacent properties from exterior mechanical equipment associated with the project will be considered when selecting equipment. The rooftop equipment is currently planned to be located on the roof within a mechanical well. Additional mitigation strategies such as restricting the equipment to operate at partial load during the night may be implemented, if necessary, to ensure compliance with SMC Chapter 8.14 and WAC 173-60-040(2)a.

**8. Land and shoreline use**

[Find help answering land and shoreline use questions](#)<sup>11</sup>

**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.**

Light commercial such as groceries, restaurants, offices, bank, funeral home, and dental office. The south side of the site is residential and one multi-family housing on the north.

**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 because 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?**

No

**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?**

No

<sup>11</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-8-Land-shoreline-use>

**c. Describe any structures on the site.**

No structure is on the site.

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

No

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

General Commercial

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

East Main Design Strategic Area (EMDSA)

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

N/A

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

No

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

Staff will be approximately 9 full-time and 10 part-time. The assumed daily average of 275 customers with 325 at peak events, visitors will not be there at the same time.

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

None

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

N/A

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

The proposed plan is an allowed use on site.

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

N/A

## 9. Housing

[Find help answering housing questions](https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-9-Housing)<sup>12</sup>

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

N/A

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<sup>12</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-9-Housing>

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

N/A

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

N/A

## 10. Aesthetics

[Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)<sup>13</sup>

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

35' maximum per City of Sumner

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

None

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

It will be designed according to the City of Sumner Design Guidelines.

## 11. Light and glare

[Find help answering light and glare questions](#)<sup>14</sup>

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

N/A

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

N/A

- c. **What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?**

N/A

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

N/A

## 12. Recreation

[Find help answering recreation questions](#)

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

There is an existing skateboard park to the north of the site.

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<sup>13</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-10-Aesthetics>

<sup>14</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-11-Light-glare>

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

No

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

N/A

### **13. Historic and cultural preservation**

[Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)<sup>15</sup>

**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.**

No

**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.**

No

**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.**

Cultural Resource Assessment performed by Antiquity Consulting determined “No cultural resources were identified in the study area and recommends a finding of No Historic Properties Affected. Compliance with an Inadvertent Discovery Plan is recommended.

**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.**

Compliance with a standard Inadvertent Discovery Plan.

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<sup>15</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-13-Historic-cultural-p>

## 14. Transportation

[Find help with answering transportation questions](#)<sup>16</sup>

- 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.**

The site is only served by Main Street E and 153rd Avenue Court. Vehicular access for the site is provided via an access easement from 153rd Avenue Court as required by the City of Sumner.

- 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?**

No, the nearest transit stop (Sounder Train) is about 1 mile west of the site.

- c. 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).**

The project could include installing a mid-block high-visibility pedestrian crossing along Main Street E to connect the existing pedestrian path across from the proposed site. This will facilitate safe crossings for pedestrians across Main Street E to reach the library. Pierce County Library Systems will work with the City of Sumner to determine appropriate treatment.

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

No

- e. 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?**

ITE Trip Generation Manual, 11th Edition provides 1,261 weekday daily trips based on a trip rate of 72.05 per 1,000 sf Gross Floor Area for similar land uses.

- f. 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.**

No

- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:**

No significant transportation impacts are anticipated from the proposed project. However, to facilitate safe pedestrian crossings across Main Street E, the project could include installing a mid-block high-visibility pedestrian crossing along Main Street E. This

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<sup>16</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-14-Transportation>



will connect the existing pedestrian path across from the proposed site. Pierce County Library Systems will work with the City of Sumner to determine appropriate treatment.

## 15. Public services

[Find help answering public service questions<sup>17</sup>](#)

- 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.**

No

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

No

## 16. Utilities

[Find help answering utilities questions<sup>18</sup>](#)

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

Electricity, communication, water, gas, refuse service, sewer, and storm drain.

- 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.**

Water, sewer, electrical, communication, and storm systems are anticipated to be provided for the project. Traditional trenching and surface improvements are anticipated. The utility providers are as follows:

- Water, sewer, and storm: City of Sumner
- Electricity: Puget Sound Energy
- Gas: Puget Sound Energy (if needed)
- Communication: various providers

## C. Signature

[Find help about who should sign<sup>19</sup>](#)

**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.**

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<sup>17</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-15-public-services>

<sup>18</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-16-utilities>

<sup>19</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-C-Signature>

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**Type name of signee:** Christina Neville-Neil

**Position and agency/organization:** Pierce County Library System, Facilities Project Manager

**Date submitted:** September 13, 2024

## Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

[Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet<sup>20</sup>](#)

**Do not** use this section 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?**

- Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

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

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

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

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

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<sup>20</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-d-non-project-actions>

**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, floodplains, or prime farmlands?**

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

**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?**

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

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

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

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