

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

CPZ 2015-00001 Clark County Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan

2. Name of applicant:

Clark County

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

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4. Date checklist prepared:

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5. Agency requesting checklist:

Clark County, WA

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

If approved by the Clark County Board of Councilors, the Parks Master Plan would be effective July 1, 2016, as part the county's 2016 comprehensive plan update.

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

No, as this is a non-project action.

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

No, as this is a non-project action.

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, I do not as this is a non-project action

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

None, this is a non-project action.

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 proposal is a 20-year Parks Master Plan, which includes a parks capital facilities plan; inventory of existing facilities; mission statement; vision statements; documentation of the

public outreach process; goals and objectives for the parks; recreation, policy recommendations; open space; and trails facilities under the jurisdiction of the Greater Clark Parks District.

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.

All parks, open space, recreation facilities, and trails under the jurisdiction of the Greater Clark Parks District. Please refer to the parks master plan for exact location and description of facilities.

The draft plan can be found via the following weblink: www.clark.wa.gov/parks

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other Not Applicable

All terrains apply since it involves all county parks, open space, and trails facilities.

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

Not applicable.

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.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable.

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.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action. No development is anticipated as part of this application.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

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

h.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action. No development is anticipated as part of this application.

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

j.

None. This is a non-project action.

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.

None, this is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable.

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

None are proposed as part of this non-project action.

3. Water

a. Surface Water:

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.

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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.

None.

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

None.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

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 Water:

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.

No.

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.

Not applicable.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater): *Not applicable*

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.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

No mitigation measures are proposed as part of this non-project action.

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

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

None as part of this non-project action.

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

None as part of this non-project action.

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

None as part of this non-project action.

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

None as part of this non-project action.

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 _____

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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.

None as this is a non-project action.

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

None as this is a non-project action.

- 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:

None as this is a non-project action.

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.

None as this is a non-project action.

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

None as this is a non-project action.

- 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.

None as this is a non-project action.

- 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.

None as this is a non-project action.

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

None as this is a non-project action.

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

None as this is a non-project action.

b. Noise

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

None as this is a non-project action.

- 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.

None as this is a non-project action.

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

None as this is a non-project action.

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.

None as this is a non-project action.

- 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?

None as this is a non-project action.

- 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:

None as this is a non-project action.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

None as this is a non-project action.

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

None as this is a non-project action.

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

Various-R1-20, R1-10, R1-7.5, R1-6, R1-5, R-12, R-18, R-22, R-30, R-43, OR-15, OR-18, OR-22, OR-30, OR-43, C-2, C-3, GC, Mixed Use, BP, IL, IH, PF, U, A, R-5, R-10, R-20, RC-1, RC-2.5, CR-2, AG-20, AG/WL, FR-40, FR-80, UR-10

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

Various-urban low-density residential, urban medium density residential, office residential, neighborhood commercial, community commercial, general commercial, mixed use, light industrial, heavy industrial, public facilities, rural residential, rural center residential, rural industrial, agriculture, agri-wildlife, parks/open space, university, and airport

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable, as this is a non-project action

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

Not applicable, as this is a non-project action

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

Not applicable, as this is a non-project action

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

Not applicable, as this is a non-project action

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

Not applicable, as this is a non-project action

m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

Not applicable, as this is a non-project action

9. Housing

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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?

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

11. Light and glare

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

12. Recreation

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

Not applicable

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

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

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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 located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.

Not applicable

- 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.

Not applicable

- 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.

Not applicable

- 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.

Not applicable, non-project action

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.

Not applicable, non-project action

- 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?

Not applicable, non-project action

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

Not applicable, non-project action

- 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).

Not applicable, non-project action

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

Not applicable, non-project action

- 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?

Not applicable, non-project action

- 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.

Not applicable, non-project action

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

Not applicable, non-project action

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.

Not applicable, non-project action

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

Not applicable, non-project action

16. Utilities

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

Not applicable, non-project action

- 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.

Not applicable, non-project action

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: Laurie Lebowsky

Name of signee Laurie Lebowsky

Position and Agency/Organization Planner, Clark County Community
Planning

Date Submitted: 07/27/15

D. supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

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?
This is a long-term parks master plan. Some elements of the plan would protect resources, such as open space. Development of parks, trails, and recreation will be subject to local code standards regarding stormwater and emissions. In addition, this is a twenty-year plan and a "big picture" view of projects for parks; therefore, many of the projects have not had detailed analyses performed on them so it is too soon at this time to discuss the anticipated environmental impacts.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

Development of parks, trails, and recreational facilities will be subject to local code standards when future projects are developed. In addition, this is a twenty-year plan and a "big picture" view of projects for parks; therefore, many of the projects have not had detailed analyses performed on them so it is too soon at this time to discuss the anticipated environmental impacts.

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

This is a long-term parks master plan. Some elements of the plan would protect resources, such as plants, animals, fish, or marine life. Future development of parks, trails, and recreational projects will be subject to local code standards regarding habitat. In addition, this is a twenty-year plan and a "big picture" view of projects for parks; therefore, many of the projects have not had detailed analyses performed on them so it is too soon at this time to discuss the anticipated environmental impacts.

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

Future development of parks, trails, and recreational projects will be subject to local code standards regarding habitat. In addition, this is a twenty-year plan and a “big picture” view of projects for parks; therefore, many of the projects have not had detailed analyses performed on them so it is too soon at this time to discuss the anticipated environmental impacts.

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

This plan is for parks and there should be very little likelihood of depleting energy and natural resources. Future parks projects may actually enhance natural resources, such as future open space projects. In addition, this is a twenty-year plan and a “big picture” view of projects for parks; therefore, many of the projects have not had detailed analyses performed on them so it is too soon at this time to discuss the anticipated environmental impacts.

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

Future parks projects may actually enhance natural resources, such as future open space projects. In addition, this is a twenty-year plan and a “big picture” view of projects for parks; therefore, many of the projects have not had detailed analyses performed on them so it is too soon at this time to discuss the anticipated environmental impacts.

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?

This is a plan for parks and one component of this plan is protecting open space. In addition, this is a twenty-year plan and a “big picture” view of projects for parks; therefore, many of the projects have not had detailed analyses performed on them so it is too soon at this time to discuss the anticipated environmental impacts.

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

Any future parks projects would follow code requirements regard protection of resources. In addition, this is a twenty-year plan and a “big picture” view of projects for parks; therefore, many of the projects have not had detailed analyses performed on them so it is too soon at this time to discuss the anticipated environmental impacts.

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?

Any future parks development would address code requirements regarding shorelines. In addition, this is a twenty-year plan and a “big picture” view of projects for parks; therefore, many of the projects have not had detailed analyses performed on them so it is too soon at this time to discuss the anticipated environmental impacts.

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

Follow the requirements of the county’s adopted shoreline master plan. In addition, this is a twenty-year plan and a “big picture” view of projects for parks; therefore, many of the projects have not had detailed analyses performed on them so it is too soon at this time to discuss the anticipated environmental impacts.

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

Some parks projects, such as protecting open space, would decrease demand on transportation, public services or utilities. Construction of community or regional parks may increase demand on transportation, public services, and utilities. In addition, this is a twenty-year plan and a “big picture” view of projects for parks; therefore, many of the projects have not had detailed analyses performed on them so it is too soon at this time to discuss the anticipated environmental impacts.

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

Parks projects, as do other projects, would address all applicable code standards regarding mitigation of potential impacts to transportation, public services, and utilities. In addition, this is a twenty-year plan and a “big picture” view of projects for parks; therefore, many of the projects have not had detailed analyses performed on them so it is too soon at this time to discuss the anticipated environmental impacts.

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

We do not believe this parks master plan will conflict with local, state, or federal laws. The purpose of the parks master plan is to comply with GMA requirements. In addition, this is a twenty-year plan and a “big picture” view of projects for parks; therefore, many of the projects have not had detailed analyses performed on them so it is too soon at this time to discuss the anticipated environmental impacts.

