

SEPA¹ Environmental Checklist

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.

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

A. Background

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1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

ParksLove Plan: Park & Trail Capital Plan

2. Name of applicant:

Sarah Olson, Lynnwood Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Deputy Director

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

19100 44th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA 98036
425-670-5503

4. Date checklist prepared:

10/30/23

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Lynnwood

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

Plan adoption by City Council Resolution in December 2023 or January 2024

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

This capital plan is limited to parks, trails, and open space maintenance, development, and expansion. A separate plan is needed for recreation facilities and will be developed in the future.

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

This non-project proposal includes a healthy forest assessment of all parkland within the city limits. The [Urban Forest Health Assessment](#) used the Forest Landscape Assessment Tool (FLAT) to evaluate forest ecological conditions and potential threats to forest health. The technical information produced by FLAT serves as a standardized baseline for ecological data, which forms the basis for developing forest stewardship or management plans. Prior to the field assessment, a GIS analysis of aerial imagery identified habitat management units (HMUs) based on five categories: forested, natural (non-forested), open water, hardscaped, or landscaped. A field team of biologists and arborists then conducted field surveys to verify HMU boundaries and further assess forested and natural areas to assign Tree-iage values. for each HMU based on the Tree-iage matrix system. Tree-iage scores range from 1 to 9 and are based on modified tree composition and invasive species cover. A number 1 represents high-quality habitat and low invasive-species threat, and a number 9 represents low-quality habitat and high invasive species threat. Tree-iage scores provide an overview of site

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

conditions which support prioritization and planning efforts. From this data, we assigned a value (high, medium, or low) to each MU for habitat composition.

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.

None for the non-project proposal. Capital projects contained within the ParksLove Plan will seek environmental and local permits at time of project advancement.

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 Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department (PRCA) proposes adopting the ParksLove Plan which establishes a comprehensive list of capital improvements needed to maintain and expand the park system to meet the City's adopted park, trail and open space level-of-service.

The ParksLove Plan also establishes a prioritization tool to rating each project against a set of equity indices and project evaluation criterion to create a prioritization ranking to guide future project sequencing and investment. The tool is formed such that projects can be rescreened and prioritized as needed with public transparency.

The ranked capital project list will be used to inform the City's 2024 Comprehensive Plan update as well as the City's Annual Capital Facilities Plan updates. Prior to implementation of any capital projects, additional project-level SEPA review will be conducted.

Additional information and documents are available at:

<https://www.lynnwoodwa.gov/Have-Your-Say-Lynnwood/ParksLove-Project>

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.

The ParksLove Plan applies citywide. This is a non-project action that is area-wide in nature. No new construction or park development is proposed at this time. Lynnwood's official zoning map can be found here:

<https://lynnwoodwa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d48000d28a0540f9854ffc1bec91d64e>

B.Environmental Elements

1. Earth

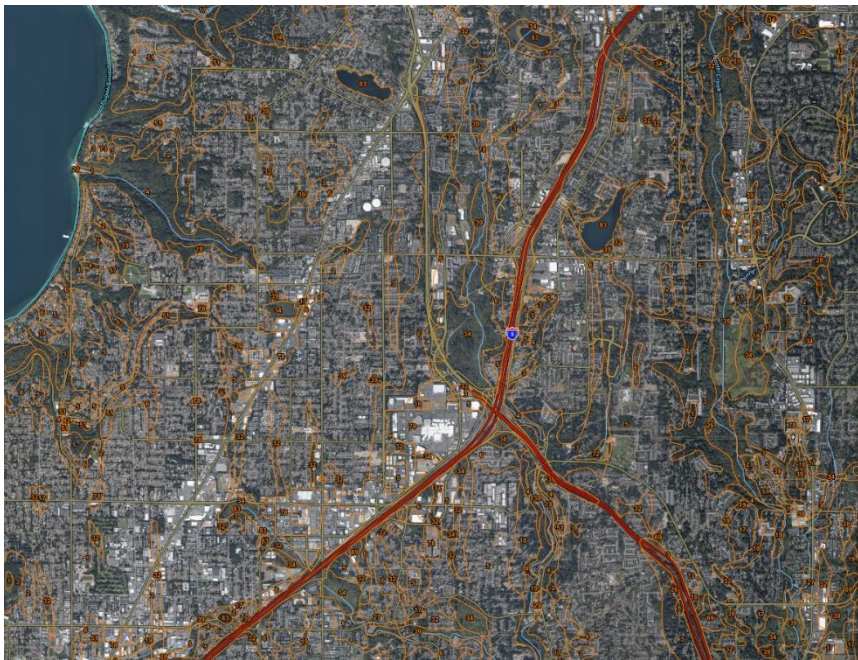
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- a. **General description of the site:** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Areas of the City have steep slopes, hills, and flat lands.

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

- b. **What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. The topography of the Lynnwood area is gently sloping with elevations ranging from 150 to 610 feet above mean sea level.
- 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.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Soils vary across the city. The Snohomish County Soil Survey shows a range of soils including the Alderwood series (see Exhibit 1):

Exhibit 1. Soil Survey Map



Source: Soil Survey Staff, Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Web Soil Survey. Available online at the following link: <https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/>. Accessed February 2021.

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

- d. **Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. The City does regulate geologic hazards including areas of potential erosion and landslide hazard areas. See:
<https://www.lynnwoodwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/public-works/environmental-photos/environmental-docs/geologically-hazardous-areas-map.pdf> Future development and capital facilities projects would be subject to critical area and stormwater regulations.
- 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.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Future development and capital facilities projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of permit application. Permit plans will identify site grades and type or quantity of fill, excavation, and grading.
- f. **Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Future development and capital facilities projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of permit application. All sites will be stabilized during construction and monitoring points will be established consistent with the City of Lynnwood's Stormwater Management Regulations in Lynnwood's Municipal Code (LMC) Chapter 13.40, addressing construction runoff as well as post-development runoff.
- g. **About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?** The City has existing impervious areas limitation that vary by zone (see LMC Ch. 21.42 – Ch. 21-71). New capital facilities projects will be required to comply with applicable development standards, including impervious surface requirements, in effect at the time of project development and permit review. Any impacts will be further reviewed prior to implementation.
- h. **Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Future park development and related capital facilities projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and will be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of permit application. Applicable regulations for future project level development include but are not limited to:
- Stormwater Management Regulations LMC Chapter 13.40
 - Environmental Critical Areas LMC Chapter 17.10
 - Development Standards for trees LMC Chapter 17.15, landscaping LMC Chapter 21.08, and impervious areas LMC Chapter 21

2. Air

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- 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.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. It will not have specific air quality impacts. Future park development and related capital facilities projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits.
- b. **Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific.
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Federal, state, regional, and local laws address air quality standards, construction requirements, and policies and targets to reduce emissions over time. Future park development and related capital facilities projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and will be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of permit application.

Applicable Regulations

- National Ambient Air Quality Standards: The EPA establishes NAAQS and specifies future dates for states to develop and implement plans to achieve these standards.
- State Ambient Air Quality Standards: The Washington State Department of Ecology establishes state ambient air quality standards for the same six pollutants that are at least as stringent as the national standards; in the case of SO₂, state standards are more stringent.
- Indoor Burning Smoke Reduction Zone: Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) and Ecology's regulatory framework for wood smoke includes:
 - More stringent emission standards for new wood burning devices than the federal EPA standards
 - Opacity standards for wood-burning appliances
 - Prohibitions on burning of certain materials or non-certified wood stoves
 - Burn ban curtailment program
 - Special attainment area provisions

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

- Outdoor Burning: Burning yard waste and land-clearing debris is not allowed at any time in in the City. PSCAA enforces state outdoor burning regulations required by RCW 70.94.743.
- Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Construction Regulations: All construction sites in the Puget Sound region are required to implement rigorous emission controls to minimize fugitive dust and odors during construction, as required by PSCAA Regulation 1, Section 9.15: Fugitive Dust Control Measures. All industrial and commercial air pollutant sources in the Puget Sound region are required to register with PSCAA. Facilities with substantial emissions are required to obtain a Notice of Construction air quality permit before construction is allowed to begin.
- PSCAA (2017) regional targets for reducing greenhouse gas: By 2020, reduce emissions to 1990 levels; by 2030, reduce emissions to 50 percent below 1990 levels; by 2050, reduce emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels.
- State of Washington GHG Laws: Washington set GHG reduction limits were last amended in 2020 (RCW 70A.45). Limits are: By 2020, reduce overall emissions of greenhouse gases in the state to 1990 levels, or ninety million five hundred thousand metric tons; by 2030, reduce overall emissions of greenhouse gases in the state to fifty million metric tons, or forty-five percent below 1990 levels; by 2040, reduce overall emissions of greenhouse gases in the state to twenty-seven million metric tons, or seventy percent below 1990 levels; by 2050, reduce overall emissions of greenhouse gases in the state to five million metric tons, or ninety-five percent below 1990. The state law applies only to actions taken by Washington State agencies and local governments. State regulations on GHG emissions include prerequisites for distribution of capital funds for infrastructure and economic development projects, where projects receiving funding must be evaluated for consistency with state and federal GHG limits and state VMT goals (RCW 70A.45.070).
- Puget Sound Regional Council greenhouse gas emissions analysis for VISION 2050 and associated multicounty planning policies and regular air quality conformity analysis for transportation improvement program.
- City of Lynnwood Commute Trip Reduction Code (LMC Chapter 11.14): This ordinance requires major employers at any single worksite within the corporate limits of the city of Lynnwood to implement a Commute Trip Reduction program for its employees.

3. Water

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a. **Surface:**

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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.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. The city has sites with wetlands, streams, and shoreline critical areas. Future park development and related capital facilities projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of permit applications.
See inventory maps here:
 - Wetlands: <https://www.lynnwoodwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/public-works/environmental-photos/environmental-docs/wetlands-map.pdf>.
 - Streams: <https://www.lynnwoodwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/public-works/environmental-photos/environmental-docs/streams-map.pdf>.
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.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. No construction would be authorized under the ParksLove Plan. Any future park development and related capital facilities projects that occur within the vicinity of any regulated water body subject to City critical area and shoreline regulations. City authorization requires determination of potential impacts on critical areas and appropriate mitigation.
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.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Future park development and related capital facilities projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of permit application. Any future fill activity will need to meet the regulations and standards of the City's critical areas regulations (LMC Chapter 17.10, or as amended) and will be subject to stormwater and erosion control standards (LMC Chapter 13.40, or as amended).

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

⁶ <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>

4. Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. If such actions were proposed in future park development or related facilities projects, development applications will be evaluated for conformance to applicable federal, state and local regulations in effect at the time of submittal.

5. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. The City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program which includes adaptation and enforcement of an ordinance which regulates development within the 100-year floodplain (see LMC Chapter 16.46). See: <https://www.lynnwoodwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/public-works/environmental-photos/environmental-docs/frequently-flooded-areas-map.pdf>.

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. This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Future park development and related capital facilities projects will be required to comply with water quality treatment measures in the LMC. If discharge is proposed, development applications will be evaluated for conformance to applicable local, state, and federal regulations in effect at the time of submittal.

Applicable Regulations:

- Critical areas regulations LMC Chapter 17.10
- Stormwater Management Regulations LMC Chapter 13.40
- Floodplain hazard regulations LMC Chapter 16.46

b. Ground:

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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. This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Any new

⁷ <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>

development such as future park development or related capital facilities projects that occur will be connected to municipal water sources.

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.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. New construction associated with park development must be connected to sewer rather than septic systems.

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.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. The City is subject to the Western Washington NPDES Permit. Future park development and related capital facilities projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of permit application.
2. **Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. The City is subject to the Western Washington NPDES Permit. Future park development and related capital facilities projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of permit application.
3. **Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific.
4. **Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Future park development and related capital facilities projects within Lynnwood must comply with applicable requirements of Federal, State and local law. These regulations serve to mitigate impacts to water.

4. Plants

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- 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

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and it not site-specific. Deciduous and Evergreen trees are found throughout the city. Future park development and other capital facilities projects are subject to tree regulations in LMC Chapter 17.15. Landscaping regulations apply as set forth in LMC Chapter 21.08.

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Future park development and related capital facilities projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and will be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of permit application.
- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Future park development and related capital facilities projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and will be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of permit application.
- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Future park development and related capital facilities projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and will be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of permit application.
- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Future park development and related capital facilities projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and will be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of permit application.

Applicable Regulations

- City of Lynnwood Shoreline Master Program (LMC Chapter 17.20)
- LMC Chapter 21.08, Landscaping, specifies landscaping requirements development.
- Tree regulations in LMC Chapter 17.15.

- Landscaping in LMC Chapter 21.08.
- Environmentally Critical Areas Regulations that address wetlands, streams, and wildlife habitat areas (LMC Chapter 17.10)
- City of Lynnwood stormwater regulations and implementation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements

5. Animals

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- 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:**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. This is a citywide plan and there are many bird species that pass through the city as well as resident mammals and fish. LMC Chapter 17.10 contains regulations to protect birds, fish, and mammals including their habitats.

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific.
- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. This region is part of the Pacific Flyway, a migration route for birds. Wildlife depends on diverse plant communities for cover, denning, rearing, foraging, and shelter from adverse weather. The urban environment that makes up most of the city includes considerable barriers to wildlife migration and limited areas of usable habitat. Wetlands, streams, parks, conservation areas, and other remaining open spaces do provide some wildlife habitat and connectivity.
- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Activity within Lynnwood must conform to applicable Federal and State law regarding impacts to threatened or endangered species.

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

- e. **List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific.

6. Energy and natural resources

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- 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.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. The city is served with electric (Snohomish County Public Utility District No. 1) and natural gas power (Puget Sound Energy); if energy sources are needed at future development locations, they will be provided by one of these utilities and may include lighting, electrical power, heating, etc.

- b. **Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific.

- 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.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. New construction for park facilities must comply with the Washington State Energy Code, as adopted by the City (LMC Chapter 16.05 International Energy Conservation Code), if applicable.

7. Environmental health

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- 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.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. New park development will be subject to City zoning for allowable uses and activities, and City codes for handling hazardous materials as well as state and federal hazardous materials regulations.

1. **Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Based on a state database of confirmed and suspected contaminated sites, some

⁹ <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>

¹⁰ <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>

sites within the city have known or possible contamination; cleanup has started on several sites. See: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/neighborhood/>.

- 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 above**
- 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.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Chemicals used or stored would be required to meet all local, State, and Federal laws.
- 4. Describe special emergency services that might be required.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific.
- 5. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific.

b. Noise

- 1. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. In general, Lynnwood receives noise from sources that include: freeways, highways, and arterial streets, and overflights associated with Paine Field.
- 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)?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Future park and recreational facility development and associated activity will be subject to applicable noise standards in LMC Chapter 10.12. Chapter 10.12 establishes limits on the noise levels and durations of noise crossing property boundaries. Permissible noise levels at a receiving land use depend on its environmental designation for noise abatement (EDNA). LMC Chapter 10.08 includes nuisance provisions, and the SEPA review process allows the City to consider potential noise impacts for future development. Most activities associated with park and recreational facilities are exempt (unamplified human voices) from noise regulations. Any amplified sound occurring at parks and recreation facilities would occur at an episodic or one-time event that would obtain a required event permit.

- 3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Future park development and related capital facilities projects in Lynnwood must conform to State and local regulations for environmental noise. New buildings must conform to building and energy code requirements which help to attenuate noise for building occupants.

Applicable Regulations

- LMC Chapter 10.12 regarding ENDA and noise crossing property boundaries.
- LMC Chapter 10.08 regarding nuisances.
- Noise analysis and mitigation for highways ([WSDOT manual 446](#))

8. Land and shoreline use

[Find help answering land and shoreline use questions](#)¹¹

- 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.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. A variety of parks, trails, and open space uses are located through the City. Several projects proposed in the ParksLove Plan will expand access to these amenities through improvements at existing facilities and construction of new parks and facilities in areas without good access.
- 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?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Lynnwood began as a timber and agricultural community. Those activities ceased decades ago. Lynnwood is an urban/suburban community of buildings, streets, parks, and similar features. There are no designated lands of long-term significance for farmlands or forest lands. If any lands use current use taxation for open space or other purposes, they must meet state and county rules.
- 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?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. As noted above, Lynnwood is within a developed urban growth area.

¹¹ <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.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. The city has a variety of residential, commercial, industrial, infrastructure, and other structures.
- d. **Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Due to the developed nature of the city, potential future property acquisition and development for new public space may require demolition.
- e. **What is the current zoning classification of the site?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. The Plan covers all zoning districts within the city. See City of Lynnwood Zoning Map:
<https://www.lynnwoodwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/development-and-business-services/planning-amp-zoning/zoning-plan-map-3282.pdf>.
- f. **What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. See City of Lynnwood Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map:
<https://www.lynnwoodwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/development-and-business-services/planning-amp-zoning/zoning-plan-map-3282.pdf> .
- g. **If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. The only area of the city designated shoreline is the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- h. **Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. See the City of Lynnwood Critical Areas Maps:
<https://www.lynnwoodwa.gov/Government/Departments/Public-Works/Environmental-and-Surface-Water-Education-and-Outreach/Critical-Areas-and-Tree-Regulations/Critical-Areas-Regulations>.
- i. **Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Parks and recreation projects do not include residential uses; existing PRCA employees would maintain any new facilities constructed in accordance with the City's adopted level-of-service.
- j. **Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. No displacement is anticipated. Any potential future property acquisition would be on a voluntary basis, including the acquisition of residential properties that would be redeveloped as new parks and recreation facilities, or through dedications required from development proposals.
- k. **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.** No displacements anticipated.

- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Compliance with the regulations in effect at the time of development is sufficient to ensure compatibility with existing and project land uses and plans.
- m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. As noted above, there are no designated lands of long-term significance for farmlands or forest lands in the City of Lynnwood.

9. Housing

[Find help answering housing questions](#)¹²

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. The PARC plan will not provide any housing.
- 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

[Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)¹³

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Future Park Development and related capital facility projects will be built to development standards in effect at the time of project permitting.
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. No specific changes that impact views are anticipated.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. New construction for park facilities must comply with applicable design guidelines in effect at the time of project permitting.

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

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

11. Light and glare

[Find help answering light and glare questions](#)¹⁴

- a. **What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific.
- b. **Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Existing standards for shielding of lights such as those at LMC 21.17 will continue to apply.
- c. **What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific.
- d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Regulations will apply to future park development and related capital facility projects including LMC 21.17 addressing shielding as well as any design standards in effect at the time of project permitting.

12. Recreation

[Find help answering recreation questions](#)

- a. **What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. The ParksLove Plan inventories existing park and recreational facilities, and identifies needed improvements to support expanded accessibility..
- b. **Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.** None proposed.
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:** Not applicable

13. Historic and cultural preservation

[Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)¹⁵

- 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.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. As development occurs and is subject to SEPA review, cultural resources will be reviewed. An inventory of listed or eligible sites is available at

¹⁴ <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>

¹⁵ <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>

the State of Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (WISAARD): <https://wisaard.dahp.wa.gov/>.

- 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.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Potential impacts to landmarks, features, or Native American occupied sites if any would be considered at time of permit application. The State of Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation identifies the potential for cultural resources through an online map (WISAARD): <https://wisaard.dahp.wa.gov/>.

- 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.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Public notice of land use actions are sent to area tribes and the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP).

- 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.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Public notice of land use actions are sent to area tribes and DAHP. New construction must comply with applicable Federal and State requirements regarding historic and cultural resources.

Applicable Plans and Regulations

- The City adopted historic preservation regulations in Chapter 21.80 LMC.
- The City's design guidelines encourage development that is sensitive to the context and surroundings and would take into consideration nearby historic resources and lands.

See citywide design guidelines here:

<https://www.lynnwoodwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/development-and-business-services/planning-amp-zoning/applications-and-checklists/5.-citywidedesignguidelinescomplete.pdf>

- Through the SEPA process, impacts on historic and archaeological resources would be considered.
- The following federal laws would be applicable:
 - The Archaeological Resource Protection Act of 1979 protects archaeological resources and sites that are on public and tribal lands and assists in information sharing among entities seeking to preserve these resources.

- The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, establishes national standards for designating historic and culturally significant properties and establishes the authority of the State Historic Preservation Officer. Section 106 USC 470(a)(d) of this law establishes a program that requires federal agencies to consider effects to historic properties caused by federally sponsored undertakings.
 - The Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 governs archaeological and other historic and cultural resources found in federal construction activities, including the construction of dams.
 - The Native American Graves and Repatriation Act governs the protection, preservation, and repatriation of Native American remains and cultural artifacts found in Native American burial sites.
- The following state laws and directives would be applicable:
 - Under SEPA, DAHP is the specified agency with the technical expertise to consider the effects of a proposed action on cultural resources and to provide formal recommendations to local governments and other state agencies for appropriate treatments or actions. DAHP does not regulate the treatment of properties that are found to be significant; a local governing authority may choose to uphold the DAHP recommendation and may require mitigation of adverse effects to significant properties.
 - The Governor's Executive Order 05-05 requires state agencies with Capital Improvement Projects to integrate DAHP, the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs, and concerned tribes into their capital project planning process. This Executive Order affects any capital construction projects and any land acquisitions for purposes of capital construction.
 - RCW 27.44 Indian Graves and Records provides protection for Native American graves and burial grounds, encourages voluntary reporting of said sites when they are discovered, and mandates a penalty for disturbance or desecration of such sites.
 - RCW 27.53 Archaeological Sites and Resources governs the protection and preservation of archaeological sites and resources and establishes DAHP as the administering agency for these regulations.
 - RCW 68.60 Abandoned and Historic Cemeteries and Historic Graves provides for the protection and preservation of abandoned and historic cemeteries and historic graves.

14. Transportation

[Find help with answering transportation questions](#)¹⁶

- 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 ParksLove Plan applies citywide. The City is served by a network of federal, state, and local roads and highways. See:

<https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/data/tools/geoportal/?config=FunctionalClass>.

- 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?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. The City is served by Community Transit and Sound Transit. Community Transit's operations can generally be separated into fixed-route and flexible transit options. The fixed-route options are subdivided into Local Service and Commuter Service and consist of local transit routes, SWIFT BRT service on Highway 99, in-county commuter routes, inter-community commuter routes serving primarily Seattle and the Eastside, commuter service to the University of Washington, and flexible transit options. Sound Transit (ST) provides regional transit service in the central Puget Sound region. With a combination of express buses, commuter rail service and light rail service, ST provides transit services between Seattle and Everett (on the north), Tacoma (on the south) and Kirkland, Bellevue and other communities to the east, as well as between urban centers throughout the region.

- 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).**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. The city's overall transportation needs will be reviewed as part of its Transportation Plan, Capital Facilities Plan, and Comprehensive Plan update.

- d. **Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Visitors of future park developments will use several transportation modes.

- 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?**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. Future park development proposals will analyze this information.

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

- 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.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. No such impact is expected.

- g. **Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:** This is a non-project and non-site-specific action. At a planning and project level, the City applies several policies, rules, and standards.

Applicable Policies and Regulations:

- Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element
- LMC Title 11 Traffic including Commute Trip Reduction Plan
- LMC Title 12 Streets and Sidewalks, including Transportation Concurrency Management
- LMC 21.18 Off-Street Parking
- Lynnwood Standard Plans

15. Public services

[Find help answering public service questions¹⁷](#)

- 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.** This is a non-project and non-site-specific action and no measures are needed. Future development would be served according to the level of service goals of the PARC Plan, Comprehensive Plan, as well as the Capital Facilities Plan.

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

This is a non-project and non-site-specific action and no measures are needed. The PARC Plan includes policies for Park Level of Service to collect impact fees related to new development.

16. Utilities

[Find help answering utilities questions¹⁸](#)

- a. **Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:** All of the City of Lynnwood is served by utilities.

¹⁷ <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>

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

- 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.

This is a non-project and non-site-specific action. Future Park development and related capital facility projects proposed in this plan would be required to meet utility standards. Service providers are given an opportunity to review development applications through notices of application and future SEPA review procedures.

C. Signature

[Find help about who should sign](#)¹⁹

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.

10/28/2023

X Sarah R Olson

Signed by: d9bf574f-c1b5-4308-a83b-ce8aefc9b855

Type name of signee: Sarah R. Olson

Position and agency/organization: Deputy Director, Lynnwood Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts

Date submitted: 10/28/23

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

[Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet](#)²⁰

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?** This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. At

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

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

this time no impacts are anticipated. Specific park developments and capital facility projects will be further evaluated for impacts prior to adoption.

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:** Future park development and related capital facility projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of permit application.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life? This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. At this time no impacts are anticipated. Specific park developments and capital facility projects will be further evaluated for impacts prior to adoption.

- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:** Future park developments and capital facility projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of permit application, including critical areas, tree retention, and landscaping requirements that contribute to habitat retention/improvement for plants, animals, fish, and marine life.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources? This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. At this time no impacts are anticipated. Specific park developments and capital facility projects will be further evaluated for impacts prior to adoption.

- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:** Future park developments and capital facility projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and will be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of permit application.

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 non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. At this time no impacts are anticipated. There are no prime farmlands in the city.

- **Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:** Future park developments and capital facility projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and will be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of permit application

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? As

previously stated, Lynnwood's only land with Shoreline designation is the Wastewater Treatment Plant. No changes are proposed at this location. This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site-specific. At this time no impacts are anticipated. Specific park developments and capital facility projects will be further evaluated for impacts prior to construction.

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

Future park developments and capital facility projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of permit application.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities? Additional future parks and recreational facilities may increase demands on transportation services. No impacts to other public services or utilities is anticipated.

- **Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:** Future park development and capital facility projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and will be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of permit application. Parks impact fees related to new housing development will be collected to fund new capital projects.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. Conflicts are not anticipated. The ParksLove Plan supports local, state, and federal policy objectives to increase access to Parks, Recreation, and Open Space. This plan will be used to inform updates to the Lynnwood Comprehensive Plan and comply with other applicable requirements.