

SEPA 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.

A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

City of Lynnwood Scriber Lake Park Boardwalk Trail

2. Name of applicant:

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4. Date checklist prepared:

December 1, 2022

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Lynnwood

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

Construction will occur in May to October 2024. Restorative native vegetation installation will occur during the first dormant season following construction (October 2024-Feb 2025).

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

The Parks department does not have any other additions or expansions associated with this proposal. Additional flood and trail improvements are proposed at Scriber Lake Park but are not situated within the project area for the boardwalk trail. The Scriber Creek inlet culverts at 196th Street that discharge flows into Scriber Lake are being replaced by WSDOT to meet Washington State standards for fish passage in 2024. The City's Park's department is proposing to provide ADA improvements to the existing trail on the eastern side of Scriber Lake Park.

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

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance documentation for a Categorical Exclusion – Lead Agency National Parks Service
- Cultural Resources Consultants, Technical Memorandum #2100C-, Scriber Lake Boardwalk Project, Lynnwood, Snohomish County, Washington (August 2022)
- Herrera Critical Areas Report and Mitigation Plan December 2022)
- Geotechnical Report (Draft completed in September 2022 & final to be completed in January 2023)

Additional required environmental documentation will be prepared for permit applications associated with the final design phase.

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.

- Scriber Creek Trail Phase 3 (approvals 2023-2024)
 - Endangered Species Act, Section 7
 - National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106
 - Department of Transportation Act, Section 4(f)
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nationwide Permit 14
 - Washington Department of Ecology, Section 401 Certification
 - Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, Hydraulic Project Approval
 - Department of Ecology Construction Stormwater General Permit
 - City of Lynnwood local permits (Building, Clearing, Critical Areas, Grading, Electrical, Stormwater)
- Scriber Lake Inlet (approvals 2023)
 - Federal (US Army Corps of Engineers – Clean Water Act 404/401 authorization),
 - State (Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife – Hydraulic Permit Approval)
 - Department of Ecology Construction Stormwater General Permit
 - City of Lynnwood local permits (Building, Clearing, Critical Areas, Grading, Electrical, Stormwater)

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

- National Environmental Policy Act Documented Categorical Exclusion
- National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106
- US Army Corps of Engineers – Seattle District Letter of Concurrence that the project does not require Section 404/401 Clean Water Act authorizations
- Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA), Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

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.)

This project will upgrade an existing perimeter lake trail (approximately 1,050 linear feet) with an elevated grated boardwalk trail designed to meet ADA requirements. The project will remove one viewpoint platform on the north side of the lake, restore two viewpoints, and provide new gangway ramps to an existing floating dock. The project will provide year-round recreation and ADA access to the City's only lake, which in its current condition is subject to seasonal closures from flooding. Additional upgrades will include:

- ADA parking stall and accessible route to restrooms and upgraded trail
- Improving the connections to the existing floating dock or replacement in-kind
- Interpretive signage
- Seating
- Wetland restoration and enhancements

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.

Scriber Lake Park is located at 5061 198th Street SW in the City of Lynnwood, WA. The project is situated within the northwest portion of Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8 Cedar Sammamish, includes the southwest portion of Section 21 and the northwest portion of Section 16, Township 27 North, Range 04 East of the Willamette Meridian within the city of Lynnwood, King County, Washington (Plan Set, Figure 1). The subbasin, referred to as Scriber Creek, is within the drainage basin of Swamp Creek, which discharges into Lake Washington. Work will occur on the park parcel # 00565300000100). The park includes multiple adjacent City owned parcels: 27042100200100, 27042100200600, 00565300000200, 00608400100211, 27042100200300 and 27041600303800 [North Lagoon]).

B. Environmental Elements [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Earth [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): Flat rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____

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

The park and project area are generally flat. The steepest slope within the park is approximately 15 percent.

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.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil survey indicates Alderwood gravelly sandy loam and Mukilteo muck as mapped within the project vicinity. The project alignment is characterized by varying amounts of fill soils underlain by peat (compressible wetland deposits), younger alluvium consisting of mostly sands and gravels with some organic rich mud, and dense advance outwash deposits. No agricultural soils have been identified with the project area.

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

Surface indications of unstable soils were not observed. However, the soft peat and alluvium deposits are subject to consolidation settlements with the application of additional loads. The trail design as it relates to the piles supporting elevated structures and any areas with fill accounts for these soil conditions.

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.

All excavation (126 cubic yards) and fill (175 cubic yards in total) associated with proposed asphalt removal (2,224 square feet), asphalt overlays (3,025 square feet), replaced asphalt areas (1,567 square feet), replaced asphalt trails (849 square feet), and new trail installation (1,282 square feet [275 linear feet]) will occur in upland locations. All fill materials will be imported from a legal, permitted facility. Exported materials from the removal of asphalt & base, native soil, and treated wood edging from mulch trails (1 – 2 cubic yards) will be disposed at a legal, permitted facility. The overall expected grading is shown the following table:

Upland Areas	Square ft	Linear Ft	Fill (Cubic yards)	Excavation (cubic yards)
Asphalt Trail Overlays	3,025	219	20 (asphalt)	0
Replaced Asphalt in Parking Lot	718	NA	10 (asphalt) 20 (base)	30
Replaced Asphalt on Trails	849	36	13 (asphalt) 27 (base)	40
New Asphalt Trails	1,282	275	5 (grading) 17 (asphalt) 33 (base)	26
Asphalt Removed	2,224	257	30	15 (asphalt) 15 (base)
Total:			175	126

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

Erosion during construction could occur as a result of construction activities, particularly earthwork.

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

The existing impervious surfaces associated with the driveway, restrooms, paved parking and asphalt trails at Scriber Lake Park represent approximately 0.77 acre or 3.34% of the site. An estimated 2,224 square feet of existing asphalt will be removed as a component of the project. New asphalt areas, such as the upland trail to be constructed between the restrooms to the boardwalk on the western end of the lake, represent 2,528 square feet. The net change in increased impervious area at the site represents 304 square feet (0.01 acre). After construction, approximately 3.37% of the Scriber Lake Park site will be covered with impervious surfaces.

The bridge and boardwalk are permeable and consist of 480 square feet and 8,400 square feet, respectively

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

A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) that includes temporary erosion and sediment control (TESC) best management practices (BMPs) will be implemented to minimize erosion and transport of sediments both on and away from the work areas.

2. Air [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

Temporary air emissions occurring during construction will be typical of projects. Anticipated construction equipment includes trucks, rollers, loaders, and excavators. No long-term changes or increases to existing air conditions are associated with the project.

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

There are no known offsite sources of emissions or odor that will affect the proposal.

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

None are proposed.

3. Water [\[help\]](#)

- a. Surface Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

Scriber Lake is an approximately 11- acre Category I palustrine forested wetland. The mapped trajectory of Scriber Creek, fish bearing or Type F water, includes the open water area associated with Scriber Lake and are therefore referenced together. Scriber Creek flows into Scriber Lake via a squashed pair of 6 foot by 4-foot, 132 foot-long, corrugated metal culvert pipes under 196th Street. The Lake outflows to Scriber Creek near its southeast corner (not within the immediate project area). Scriber Creek is a tributary to Swamp Creek which flows into the Sammamish River just upstream of Lake Washington. An unnamed tributary of Scriber Creek is present along the south end of Scriber Lake. The tributary, which primarily serves stormwater functions, flows under 198th Street/56th Avenue West via a pair of culverts (24-inch and-18-inch diameters).

- 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.

Elevated boardwalks and associated structures will be placed in several areas above Scriber Lake/Creek and the surrounding wetland. The boardwalk will be constructed at a minimum of 6" above the existing ground surface at elevations equal to or just above the 100-year flood elevation. The boardwalk will be constructed 6 inches above the 2-year flood (estimated as Ordinary High-Water Mark in areas where a formal delineation was not conducted). Where an existing bridge is present on the east end of the project area, the replacement boardwalk bridge crossing will be constructed at an elevation of approximately 0.7 feet above the 100-year flood and 1.2 feet above the 2-year flood. Specific project element within and adjacent to the wetland includes:

- Replacement of 1,055 linear feet of existing trail with new elevated grated boardwalk and bridge
- Abandonment of 270 linear feet (1,624 square feet) of existing mulched trail areas within the Scriber Lake wetland and revegetation with native vegetation.

- A new trail (219 linear feet [1,282 square feet]) located upslope in upland along the west end of Scriber Lake will reduce direct wetland impacts associated with the trail section to be abandoned.

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.

No fill or grading is proposed within Scriber Lake wetland or Scriber Creek. Prior to construction, the treated (4 x 4) wood sideboards (1 to 2 cubic yards in volume) bordering the existing mulch trails and the overlook view areas will be removed using hand tools and exported off-site to an approved disposal facility.

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

There are no permanent surface water withdrawals associated with the project. The boardwalk construction will occur during in the summer months, when inundation within Scriber Lake will be low.

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

Scriber Lake and surrounding wetland are within the FEMA identified 100-year floodplain.

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 waste materials will be discharged to surface waters.

b. Ground Water: [help](#)

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 groundwater withdrawals are required for this project.

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.

No waste discharges into the ground are required for this project.

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.

Currently, stormwater runoff from adjacent roads and parking lots are conveyed via catch basins, storm drains, and tributaries where it discharges into Scriber Creek/Lake. No significant changes to stormwater or runoff are proposed. Potential increases associated with stormwater runoff from the project are insignificant due to the design specifications for grating on the boardwalk and overlaying of asphalt on existing paved/impervious surfaces. The completed project represents a net decrease in impervious area by approximately 15%.

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

Waste materials in the form of spills, leaking infrastructure, and run off from pet waste and residential activities could potentially enter surface waters. These sources are already existing and would not be new sources of waste to surface waters.

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

The proposal will not alter drainage patterns.

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

The boardwalk construction will occur during in the summer months, when inundation within Scriber Lake will be low. No pile driving is proposed for those portions of Scriber Lake where inundation/ponded surface water will be present. The elevated structures will feature open grate decking which will minimize impacts to wetlands, streams, and the floodplain. The project will comply with all permit conditions to minimize impacts on aquatic resources, including impact avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures required under permits issued in the future by the City of Lynnwood, as well as the Hydraulic Project Approval issued by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

4. **Plants** [\[help\]](#)

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**

The wetland community is dominated by a forested community with a scrub-shrub understory. The forested canopy consists of black cottonwood (*Populus balsamifera*), Pacific willow (*Salix lasiandra*), red alder (*Alnus rubra*). The understory species consists of salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*), red-osier dogwood (*Cornus sericea*), and willow species (*Salix spp.*), lady-fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*), Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*), and creeping buttercup (*Ranunculus repens*). Upland buffer vegetation includes Western hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*), Western red cedar (*Thuja plicata*), Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*), salal (*Gaultheria shallon*), and sword fern (*Polystichum munitum*).

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

To minimize impacts to Scriber Lake and its vegetation communities, the boardwalk has been designed primarily for construction within the footprint of the existing mulch trails, as feasible. Prior to construction, the treated (4 x 4) wood sideboards (1 to 2 cubic yards in volume) bordering the existing mulch trails and the overlook view areas will be removed using hand tools and exported off-site to an approved disposal facility

Vegetation impacts will result from shifting the trail alignment, installing piers to support the boardwalk, clearing and grading, and vegetation conversion. Vegetation impacts were avoided and minimized by using much of the footprint of the existing trail, using open grate decking, which allows light to pass through to support herbaceous vegetation. Unlike the conditions associated with the existing mulch trails which exclude vegetation growth, the grating on the proposed boardwalk will allow for herbaceous vegetation to grow under its surface. The boardwalk has been slightly realigned from the original mulch trail footprint for approximately 235 linear feet which will impact approximately 4,917 square feet of adjacent vegetation. Proposed native vegetation restoration represents 5,418 square feet.

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

No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within or near the project area.

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

All temporarily disturbed areas will be restored to pre-construction or enhanced conditions. The project is considered to be self-mitigating on-site. Native vegetation is proposed for installation where the northern view platform and those portions of the existing mulch trail that will not be built over by the boardwalk will be abandoned. Native vegetation installation areas represent 5,532 square feet. Conifer tree species have been specified to increase the diversity of the canopy represented in the project area. Five species of understory shrubs including willows, red-twig dogwood and twinberry are also specified for installation in wetland areas. It is anticipated that the existing herbaceous groundcover in the wetland will regenerate naturally over time. The mitigation planting areas will be monitored for the success of the installed plants and or volunteer native species. The mitigation planting areas will be managed to remove non-native plant species that may encroach into the area.

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

Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*), reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), creeping buttercup (*Ranunculus repens*), herb-Robert (*Geranium robertianum*), field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), spotted jewelweed (*Impatiens capensis*), and climbing nightshade (*Solanum dulcamara*).

5. **Animals** [\[help\]](#)

- 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:** ducks

mammals: **deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:**

fish: **bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other** _____

According to the WDFW Priority Habitats and Species (PHS) database and the Statewide Washington Integrated Fish Distribution (SWIFD) mapping, resident coastal cutthroat trout have been documented in Scriber Creek in the project area. Coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) are documented as occurring in Scriber Creek downstream of the project area south of I-5. A variety of songbirds, waterfowl, small mammals, and amphibians are likely associated with the park habitat.

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

According to the SWIFD, Scriber Creek and Scriber Lake are gradient accessible to Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), steelhead trout (*O. mykiss*). Both species are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Information for Planning and Consultation tool identifies several ESA listed wildlife species as potentially occurring at or near the project site. The project area does not provide suitable habitat for any of those species.

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

The Scriber Lake Park and the project area are mapped by the PHS as a terrestrial Biodiversity Area and Corridor which contains breeding habitat for lowland tree-dwelling species. Pacific flyway for birds and migration corridor for fish species.

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

Temporarily disturbed areas and portions of the existing trails and the north lookout that will be abandoned will be restored with native vegetation to improve and create habitat for wildlife. Non-native and invasive plant species will be removed from areas where native plants will be installed.

The boardwalk is designed for construction primarily within the footprint of the existing mulch trails that circumnavigate Scriber Lake Park. The western portion of the trail, currently situated within the Scriber Lake wetland boundary, will be abandoned and the new access trail will be constructed upslope in upland. The boardwalk will separate park users from surface water which will help to reduce impacts to water quality and aquatic habitat from recreation.

Vegetation clearing is minimized, and no fill or grading in Scriber Lake is associated with the project. The boardwalk construction will occur during the summer months, when inundation within Scriber Lake will be low. No pile driving is proposed for those portions of Scriber Lake where inundation/ponded surface water will be present. Direct impacts to fish during construction are avoided. Native vegetation will be installed in the removed view overlook area along the northern portion of the lake and on those portions of the mulch trail that will not be overbuilt by the boardwalk. The restored vegetation areas represent 5,532 square feet of the project area. Any non-native invasive vegetation present within the project footprint will be removed.

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

No invasive animal species have been documented at or near the site.

6. Energy and Natural Resources [\[help\]](#)

- 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

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

No

- 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 proposed.

7. Environmental Health [\[help\]](#)

- 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

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

None identified.

- 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 identified.

- 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.

A stormwater pollution prevention plan will be developed in conjunction with trail construction.

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

No special emergency services are anticipated.

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

None are proposed.

b. Noise

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

Nearby traffic noise.

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.

Construction noise; pedestrian noise.

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

None proposed.

8. Land and Shoreline Use [\[help\]](#)

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.

The site is currently a City of Lynnwood owned community park that provides passive recreational use (walking, fishing) around the Scriber Lake wetland/shoreline. Existing adjacent land-use is multi-family residential and commercial to the east and west, single-family residential to the south and 196th Street (SR 524) and associated commercial properties to 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 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?

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

c. Describe any structures on the site.

Existing structures in Scriber Lake Park include public restrooms, an over-the-water floating dock walkway and two small over-the-water trail crossings. The park includes a parking lot and asphalt and mulch trails for pedestrian access.

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

One to two cubic yards of treated wood that currently borders the mulch trails will be removed and disposed of off-site at a permitted facility. An overlook area along the northern portion of the lake will be removed and restored with native vegetation.

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

P-1 Public

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

Parks, Recreation, Open Space

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.

The City of Lynnwood's wetland, stream, frequently flooded areas, and critical aquifer recharge maps identify Scriber Lake, Scriber Creek, and their associated wetlands and the floodplain within the project site as critical areas.

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

None

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

None

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

None, as there are no displacements.

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

No measures proposed. The project is compatible with the existing park use.

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

None

9. Housing [\[help\]](#)

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

None

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

None

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

None

10. Aesthetics [\[help\]](#)

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

Wood handrails on bridges and lookouts are the tallest proposed structures and will be approximately 5.75 feet above existing ground surface, depending on location.

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

No views within the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed as a component of the project.

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

Vegetation removal will be minimized and restored as necessary with native species.

11. Light and Glare [\[help\]](#)

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

None.

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

No.

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

Headlights from the parking lot and adjacent motor vehicle traffic may affect trail users.

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

None proposed.

12. Recreation [\[help\]](#)

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

The project is located within Scriber Lake Park. Wilcox Park is located immediately to the north (bifurcated by SR524/196th St SW) and Sprague's Pond Park is located approximately 700 linear feet to the south, connected by the Scriber Creek Trail.

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

No. The project will enhance access to the recreational use of Scriber Lake Park.

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

The design will improve ADA accessibility and will allow increased year-round access to the park. The current mulch trail system that connects to the existing floating dock becomes seasonally flooded which reduces user access during temporary periods of park closures in the winter season.

13. Historic and cultural preservation [\[help\]](#)

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.

Based on a cultural resources assessment completed for the project, there are no archaeological sites or historic structures recorded within or adjacent to the site, and none that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Please refer to the Cultural Resources Consultants Technical Memorandum #2100C-1 for additional information.

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.

There is no such evidence.

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.

Assessment was done through an examination of local archival, environmental, and archaeological datasets; a field investigation at the project location involving a subsurface survey; and contacting the Snohomish, Snoqualmie, Stillaguamish, and Tulalip Tribes. Please refer to the Technical Memorandum #2100C-1 for a summary of the work completed.

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.

No adverse effects are anticipated based on the assessment. If project activities result in the discovery of

archaeological materials, work will halt and follow an inadvertent discovery protocol described in the Technical Memorandum #2100C-1.

14. Transportation [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

198th St SW provides a direct route to the parking lot for motor vehicles, but the park can also be accessed along 196th St SW and 56th Ave W.

The project result may result in temporary closures of the Park and rerouting of traffic during construction. Standard traffic control plans with flagger(s) to stop traffic where construction equipment blocks public R/W lands to access site will be used.

- 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?

196th St SW and 56th Ave W are served by transit. The closest bus stops are near the intersection of 196th St SW and Scriber Lake Rd, and near the intersection of 56th Ave W and 200th St SW. Lynnwood Link Extension will begin service in 2024.

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

The project will improve two ADA parking spaces in the parking lot. No parking spaces will be eliminated. The parking area may be temporarily inaccessible during construction.

- 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).

The project will be improving existing public non-motorized transportation facilities.

- Portions of the Scriber Lake Park mulch trails will be replaced with grated boardwalk, which will improve ADA access and reduce seasonal Park closures due to flooding.
- Upland asphalt and gravel trails will have an asphalt overlay applied, which will improve ADA access
- A new asphalt trail will be installed that will provide ADA access from the parking lot to the restroom building.

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

No.

- 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?

The project may slightly increase the yearly average number of vehicular trips to the Park as trails will be accessible year-round.

- 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.

No.

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

None proposed.

15. **Public Services** [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

- Trail users could require emergency services.

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

To aid emergency responders, areas that appear to be drivable but that cannot support vehicles will be signed. Markings along the trail for locating people along trails, such as mile markers, will also be installed to facility emergency response.

16. **Utilities** [\[help\]](#)

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

- 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.

There are no utilities proposed for this project.

C. Signature [\[HELP\]](#)

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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D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [\[HELP\]](#)

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

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

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

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

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:

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.