



Snohomish County

## DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

**Proponent:** Snohomish County Council  
County Administration Building  
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 609  
Everett, WA 98201

**Description of Proposal:** Proposed ordinance amending the Snohomish County Code titled:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-\_\_\_ RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT, AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS CHAPTER OF THE COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Proposed amendments:

This is a non-project proposal that would amend policy DP-3 in the Countywide Planning Policies for Snohomish County (CPP) to allow, in certain cases consistent with state law, other CPPs, and the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan, capacity-neutral urban growth area land swaps between different urban growth areas.

**Lead Agency:** Snohomish County Council


**Threshold Determination:** The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) **IS NOT** required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review by Snohomish County of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with this agency. This information is available for public review upon request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by **April 3, 2018**, to the responsible official at the address listed below.

**Appeals:**

This DNS together with the subsequent legislative action by the County Council to amend the County Code may be appealed to the Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board. **THIS DNS MAY BE APPEALED ONLY WHEN SUCH APPEAL IS COMBINED WITH THE APPEAL OF THE UNDERLYING ACTION PURSUANT TO SCC 30.73.100. THE APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE PUBLISHED NOTICE OF THE NOTICE OF ACTION ISSUED SUBSEQUENT TO THE FINAL DECISION BY THE COUNTY.** The Notice of Action describing the final decision by the County to pursue or not pursue the proposed action will be published in the County's paper of record. Any appeal must be filed with the Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board, at PO Box 40953 Olympia WA 98504-0953 within 60 days following publication in the paper, or as otherwise stated in the Notice of Action or provided by law.

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## SNOHOMISH COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

### **Purpose of Checklist:**

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

*This checklist is for an ordinance amending policy DP-3 in the Countywide Planning Policies for Snohomish County (CPP) to allow, in certain cases consistent with state law, other CPPs, and the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan, capacity-neutral urban growth area land swaps between different urban growth areas.*

### **Use of Checklist for Nonproject Proposals:**

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D).

#### **A. BACKGROUND**

1. Name of proposed project: *Code amendment ordinance titled:*  
ORDINANCE NO. 18-\_\_ RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT,  
AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS CHAPTER OF THE  
COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY
2. Name of applicant:  
  
*Snohomish County*
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:  
  
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4. Date checklist prepared:  
  
*March 14, 2018*

5. Agency requesting checklist:

**Snohomish County**

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

**Planning Commission briefing and public hearing:  
County Council public hearing:**

**N/A  
Anticipated April 4,  
2018**

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

*The Snohomish County Council is currently considering two comprehensive plan amendment requests under its public participation docketing program. The applicants have requested an expansions of the urban growth area and associated rezones around 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE northeast of Bothell and southwest of Mill Creek.*

*The applicants have offered several options for offsetting or partially offsetting the urban growth area expansion (necessary because the county's latest land capacity analysis shows adequate capacity to accommodate projected growth), including potential reductions in the urban growth area in two locations in unincorporated Snohomish County: one within Everett's future annexation area and one within Granite Falls' future annexation area. The option, presented for both applications, which would swap urban growth area from Granite Falls' future annexation area to the southwest urban growth area along 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE would rely on the countywide planning policy amendment addressed by this environmental checklist.*

*The Snohomish County Council will hold a continued public hearing on April 11, at which the council may (a) place one or both applications, including one or more of the options presented for each, on the county's docket for further processing and a potential decision by the council in 2020, or (b) decline to place the applications on the county's docket for further processing, (c) modify or supplement the applications, or (d) continue the public hearing to a later date.*

*If one or both comprehensive plan amendment proposals, including modified or alternative proposals, is placed on the docket by the county council, those proposals would be the subject of a new environmental review.*

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

*Draft Environmental Impact Statement (issued September 8, 2014) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (issued June 3, 2015) for the Snohomish County 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update.*

*Draft Environmental Impact Statement (issued May 2006), Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (issued July 2007), and Final Environmental Impact Statement (issued April 2008) for VISION 2040.*

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

*None that I am aware of.*

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

*No government approvals or permits are required for this proposal other than county council approval of the countywide planning policy amendment. The Puget Sound Regional Council would be asked to certify that the amendment is consistent with the multicounty planning policies, regional transportation plan.*

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 of project description.)

*The proposal would amend countywide planning policy DP-3 to provide the county with the flexibility to expand an Urban Growth Area in one location while contracting a different Urban Growth Area in another location without resulting in a net increase of population or employment land capacity. Existing countywide planning policy DP-3 limits capacity-neutral urban growth area land swaps to the same urban growth area.*

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.

*This proposal potentially affects portions of unincorporated Snohomish County adjacent to the urban growth area boundary where potential capacity-neutral urban growth area land swaps could be proposed in the future. The county's urban growth area currently has a perimeter of about 191 miles, not counting Puget Sound shoreline.*

## **B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS**

### **1. Earth**

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

*Lands adjacent to the urban growth area boundary include a variation of terrain such as flat, rolling, hilly and steep slopes.*

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

*Slopes in excess of 33% can be found adjacent to the urban growth area boundary.*

- 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 prime farmland.

***A range of soil types are found within the jurisdiction of Snohomish County, including adjacent to the urban growth area boundary.***

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

***Certain areas within Snohomish County have a history of surface instability associated with periods of heavy rainfall. Other areas have a history of more deep-seated instability associated with landslide activity. Some of these areas may be located near the urban growth area boundary.***

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

***As a nonproject action, no filling or grading is proposed.***

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

***As a nonproject action, no erosion will occur as a direct result of this proposal.***

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

***As a nonproject action, no impervious surface coverage will occur as a result of this proposal.***

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

***As a nonproject action, no erosion reduction or control measures are proposed or required.***

**2. Air**

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial woodsmoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

***As a nonproject action, no emissions to air will occur as a result of this proposal.***

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

***Not Applicable***

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

***As a nonproject action, no measures to reduce or control emissions are required or proposed.***

**3. Water**

a. Surface:

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

*There are many streams, seasonal streams, and bodies of water located within unincorporated Snohomish County, including adjacent to the urban growth area boundary.*

- 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.

*As a nonproject action, this proposal will not require any work in, or adjacent to the described waters.*

- 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.

*As a nonproject action, no fill or dredge material will be placed or removed from surface water or wetlands.*

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

*As a nonproject action, no surface water withdrawals or diversion will be required.*

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

*There are several floodplains within unincorporated Snohomish County, including some adjacent to the urban growth area boundary.*

- 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.

*As a nonproject action, no discharges of waste materials to surface waters will occur as a result of this proposal.*

b. Ground:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

*As a nonproject action, no groundwater will be withdrawn or discharged.*

- 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.

***As a nonproject action, no waste material will be discharged from septic tanks or other sources as a result of this proposal.***

c. Water Runoff (including storm water):

- 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.

***As a nonproject action no runoff will occur as a result of this proposal.***

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

***As a nonproject action, waste materials will not enter ground or surface waters as a result of this proposal.***

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

***As a nonproject action, no additional measures are required for or appropriate as a result of this proposal.***

4. **Plants**

a. Check or circle 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  
 wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other  
 water plants: water lily, eel grass, milfoil, other types of vegetation

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

***As a nonproject action, no vegetation will be removed as a result of this proposal.***

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

***U.S Fish and Wildlife Services provides legal listing for ESA species under its jurisdiction.***

***National Marine Fisheries Service provides legal listing for ESA species under its jurisdiction.***

***Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife provides legal listing for ESA species under its jurisdiction.***



***Washington State Department of Natural Resources provides legal listing of ESA species under its jurisdiction.***

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

***As a nonproject action, no measures to preserve or enhance vegetation are associated with this proposal.***

**5. Animals**

- a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:  
birds: **hawks, heron, eagle, songbirds**, other: \_\_\_\_\_  
mammals: **deer, bear, elk, beaver**, other: \_\_\_\_\_  
fish: **bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish**, other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

***U.S Fish and Wildlife Services provides legal listing for ESA species under its jurisdiction.***

***National Marine Fisheries Service provides legal listing for ESA species under its jurisdiction.***

***Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife provides legal listing for ESA species under its jurisdiction.***

***Washington State Department of Natural Resources provides legal listing of ESA species under its jurisdiction.***

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

***Yes. Wildlife species do migrate through the county, including through areas adjacent to the urban growth area boundary, but as a nonproject action the proposal will not impact migratory species.***

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

***As a nonproject action, no measures to preserve or enhance wildlife are required for or appropriate as a result of this proposal.***

**6. Energy and Natural Resources**

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

***As a nonproject action, energy will not be consumed as a result of this proposal.***

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

***As a nonproject action, there will be no impact on solar energy as a result of this proposal.***

- 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:

***As a nonproject action, energy conservation features are not applicable to this proposal.***

**7. Environmental Health**

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

***As a nonproject action, no environmental health hazards will result as a consequence of this proposal.***

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

***While the proposal may eventually affect geographic patterns and types of demand for special emergency services, as a nonproject action, no special emergency services are required.***

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

***As a nonproject action, measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards are not applicable to this proposal.***

- b. Noise

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

***This nonproject action will not be effected by 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.

***This nonproject action will not generate noise.***

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

***As a nonproject action, no measures to reduce or control noise impacts are required or proposed.***

**8. Land and Shoreline Use**

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

***A wide range of land uses are present in unincorporated Snohomish County along and on either side of the urban growth area boundary.***

- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

***This nonproject action potentially affects all of unincorporated Snohomish County along and on either side of the urban growth area boundary, some portions of which are currently or have previously been used for agriculture.***

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

***Not applicable to this nonproject action.***

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

***As a nonproject action, no structures will be demolished as a result of this proposal.***

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

***The full range of Snohomish County zoning classifications (see SCC 30.22.100, .110, and .120) are present in unincorporated Snohomish County.***

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

***Nearly the entire range of Snohomish County comprehensive plan land use designations are present in unincorporated Snohomish County on either side of the urban growth area boundary.***

- 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 an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

***This nonproject action potentially affects all of unincorporated Snohomish County on either side of the urban growth area boundary, some portions of which have been classified as "environmentally sensitive" areas.***

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

***As a nonproject action, no people would reside or work on the site as a result of this proposal. Future comprehensive plan amendments dependent upon this proposal may eventually affect development regulations and geographic patterns and types of demand for housing and/or employment.***

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

***As a nonproject action, no people would be displaced as a result of this proposal.***

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

***As a nonproject action, no measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts are required by or appropriate for this proposal.***

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

***The proposed code amendments are compatible with relevant land use plans and regulations, as detailed in section 2 of the proposed ordinance (Ord. No. 18-\_\_\_)***

**9. Housing**

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

***As a nonproject action, no housing units would be provided by this proposal. Future comprehensive plan amendments dependent upon this proposal may eventually affect development regulations and geographic patterns and types of demand for housing.***

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

***As a nonproject action, no housing units would be eliminated by this proposal. Future comprehensive plan amendments dependent upon this proposal may eventually affect development regulations and geographic patterns and types of demand for housing, which may involve displacement or replacement of existing housing stock in areas that would be added to the urban growth area.***

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

***As a nonproject action, no measures to reduce or control impacts to housing are required or appropriate for the proposal.***

**10. Aesthetics**

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

***As a nonproject action, no structures are proposed.***

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

***As a nonproject action, no views will be altered or obstructed as a result of this proposal.***

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

***As a nonproject action, no measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts are required or appropriate for the proposal.***

**11. Light and Glare**

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

***As a nonproject action, no light or glare will occur as a result of this proposal. Future comprehensive plan amendments dependent upon this proposal may eventually affect development regulations and geographic patterns and types of***

***light and glare, including the potential for additional light and glare in areas added to the urban growth area coupled with a reduced potential for additional light and glare in areas removed from the urban growth area.***

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

***As a nonproject action, no light or glare that could be a safety hazard or interfere with views will result from this proposal.***

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

***Not Applicable***

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

***As a nonproject action, no measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts are required or appropriate for the proposal.***

## **12. Recreation**

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

***Hunting, fishing, bird watching and many other recreational opportunities exist throughout Snohomish County.***

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

***This nonproject action will not displace any existing recreational uses. Future comprehensive plan amendments dependent upon this proposal may eventually affect development regulations and geographic patterns and types of recreational uses.***

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

***As a nonproject action, no measures to control impacts on recreation or provide recreation opportunities are required or appropriate for the proposal.***

## **13. Historic and Cultural Preservation**

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to this site? If so, generally describe.

***This nonproject action affects all of unincorporated Snohomish County, some portions contain places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers.***

- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

***This nonproject action affects all of unincorporated Snohomish County, some portions contain places or items of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance.***

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

***As a nonproject action, no measures to reduce or control impacts to places or items of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance are required or appropriate for the proposal.***

**14. Transportation**

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

***This nonproject action affects all of unincorporated Snohomish County adjacent to the urban growth area boundary, which includes many public streets and highways.***

- b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

***This nonproject action affects all of unincorporated Snohomish County adjacent to the urban growth area boundary, portions of which are served by public transit.***

- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

***As a nonproject action, parking spaces will not be created or eliminated.***

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

***As a nonproject proposal, new transportation improvements are not required or proposed. Future comprehensive plan amendments dependent upon this proposal may eventually affect transportation demand and the provision of transportation facilities and services, including the potential for additional transportation needs in areas added to the urban growth area coupled with a reduced potential for additional transportation needs in areas removed from the urban growth area.***

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

***This nonproject action affects all of unincorporated Snohomish County, many portions of which benefit from or are adjacent to water, rail, and air transportation facilities.***

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

*This nonproject action will not generate any vehicular trips per day. Future comprehensive plan amendments dependent upon this proposal may eventually affect vehicular transportation demand, including the potential for additional traffic in and around areas added to the urban growth area coupled with a reduced potential for additional traffic in and around areas removed from the urban growth area.*

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

*As a nonproject action, no measures to reduce or control transportation impacts are proposed or required.*

**15. Public Services**

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

*Future comprehensive plan amendments dependent upon this proposal may eventually affect geographic patterns and types of demand for emergency services such as medical, fire, and police protection.*

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

*As a nonproject action, no measures to reduce or control impacts on public services are proposed or required.*

**16. Utilities**

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

*This nonproject action affects all of unincorporated Snohomish County adjacent to the urban growth area boundary, many portions of have utilities available.*

- 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.

*As a nonproject action, no utilities are proposed or required.*

**C. SIGNATURE**

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

Signature:



Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Legislative Analyst  
Snohomish County Council

**Date Submitted: March 14, 2018**

## OPTIONAL

### D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT 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 of 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?

*As a nonproject action, no direct impacts will likely occur to water resources or air quality, and no additional noise will likely be produced. Future comprehensive plan amendments dependent upon this proposal may eventually affect patterns of discharge to water emissions to air, production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances, or production of noise. However, it is impossible to predict specific impacts, and each comprehensive plan amendment dependent upon this proposal would require its own environmental review under the State Environmental Policy Act.*

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

*As a nonproject action, no direct impacts will likely occur to plants, animals, fish, or marine life. Future comprehensive plan amendments dependent upon this proposal may eventually affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life. However, it is impossible to predict specific impacts, and each comprehensive plan amendment dependent upon this proposal would require its own environmental review under the State Environmental Policy Act.*

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

*As a nonproject action, no measures to protect or conserve plants, animals or marine life are required, appropriate, or proposed.*

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

*As a nonproject action, this proposal is not likely to deplete energy or natural resources. Future comprehensive plan amendments dependent upon this proposal may eventually affect energy or natural resources. However, it is impossible to predict specific impacts, and each comprehensive plan amendment dependent upon this proposal would require its own environmental review under the State Environmental Policy Act.*

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

*As a nonproject action, there are no proposed measures to protect or conserve energy or natural resources.*

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?

***As a nonproject action, this proposal is not likely to directly affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for government protection. Future comprehensive plan amendments dependent upon this proposal may eventually affect environmentally sensitive areas. However, it is impossible to predict specific impacts, and each comprehensive plan amendment dependent upon this proposal would require its own environmental review under the State Environmental Policy Act.***

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

***As a nonproject action, measures to protect environmental resources are not applicable.***

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 a nonproject action, this proposal will not directly affect land and shoreline use. Future comprehensive plan amendments dependent upon this proposal would affect land use and shoreline use by increasing the size of the urban growth area in one location, with associated rezones and additional development potential, while concurrently reducing the size of the urban growth area in another location, with associated rezones and reduced development potential. However, it is impossible to predict specific impacts, and each comprehensive plan amendment dependent upon this proposal would require its own environmental review under the State Environmental Policy Act. Any future comprehensive plan amendment would be required under state law, multicounty planning policies, and countywide planning policies to be consistent with existing plans.***

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

***As a nonproject action, specific measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are not applicable. The Countywide Planning Policies for Snohomish County include numerous other policies, which are not proposed for amendment, designed to avoid shoreline and land use impacts.***

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

***As a nonproject action, this proposal would not directly increase demands on transportation or public services. Future comprehensive plan amendments dependent upon this proposal would affect demands on transportation or public services use by increasing the size of the urban growth area in one location, with associated rezones and additional development potential, while concurrently reducing the size of the urban growth area in another location, with associated rezones and reduced development potential. However, it is impossible to predict specific impacts, and each comprehensive plan amendment dependent upon this proposal would require its own environmental review under the State Environmental Policy Act.***

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

***As a nonproject action, specific measures to avoid or reduce transportation and public service impacts are not applicable. The Countywide Planning Policies for Snohomish County include***

**numerous other policies, which are not proposed for amendment, designed to respond to, coordinate, and mitigate transportation and public service impacts.**

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

**The proposal is not expected to result in conflicts with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for protection of the environment.**