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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Proponent: Department of Planning and Development Services
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Description of Proposal: Proposed non-project proposal to amend Snohomish County Code (SCC) Title 30 to adopt an updated Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and associated code amendments. Ordinance is titled:

RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT; ADOPTING THE FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY WASHINGTON AND INCORPORATED AREAS WITH THE ACCOMPANYING FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS; UPDATING SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD REGULATIONS; AMENDING CHAPTERS 30.43C AND 30.65 AND SUBTITLE 30.9 OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE

Proposed Amendments

This is a non-project proposal to update Snohomish County Code (SCC) Title 30 to replace interim official controls that were adopted as Ordinance 20-029 to permanently adopt the FIS and FIRMs that will become effective on June 19, 2020, and to update special flood hazard area regulations. Specifically, the ordinance will add a new subsection to designate a floodplain administrator and assign duties and responsibilities, add provisions for livestock flood sanctuaries, adopt standards for development in shallow flooding and coastal high hazard areas, and amend subtitle 30.9 SCC to update and add definitions to ensure consistency with National Flood Insurance Program standards. Additionally, this ordinance will adopt amendments to the permitted uses in the portions of the density fringe that fall within the urban growth areas.

Lead Agency: Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services

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 October 28, 2020, 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 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.

For further information, contact Mitchell Brouse, Planning and Development Services, (425) 388-5127 or Mitchell.Brouse@snoco.org. Please include your full name and mailing address in any email comments.

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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 on the impacts from this proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts if possible) to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

A. Background

1. Name of proposed project:

Adoption of updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Snohomish County and associated code amendments.

2. Name of applicant:

Snohomish County, Department of Planning and Development Services.

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

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4. Date checklist prepared:

October 5, 2020

5. Agency requesting checklist:

Snohomish County, Department of Planning and Development Services

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

Planning Commission briefing: July 28, 2020

Planning Commission public hearing: August 25, 2020

County Council public hearing: Tentatively, November 2020

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

This proposal is for a non-project action to permanently adopt updates to the flood hazard regulations within Snohomish County Code. Site-specific actions may be proposed by private or public entities in the future, which will be reviewed for compliance with the regulations in effect at the time of application.

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

This non-project proposal is consistent with the policies and goals of the adopted GMA Comprehensive Plan, which included an EIS, that was adopted on June 3, 2015. Additional environmental information and studies have been prepared for these proposed code amendments by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Flood Insurance Study (FIS), prepared by FEMA, that is proposed to be adopted by this proposal is a comprehensive environmental study intended to identify flood risk throughout Snohomish County and is used to inform these proposed amendments.

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.

This is a non-project proposal, which affects the regulation of special flood hazard areas within unincorporated Snohomish County. Project-specific proposals affecting unincorporated Snohomish County special flood hazard areas may be under consideration at any given time.

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

Adoption by the Snohomish County Council is required for this non-project proposal.

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.

1. This non-project proposal will replace the interim official controls that were adopted as an emergency action by Ordinance 20-029
2. This non-project proposal will update Snohomish County Code (SCC) Chapters 30.43C, 30.65, and subtitle 30.9 SCC to ensure that Snohomish County Code is in compliance with state and federal National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations and to adopt the updated Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).
3. This non-project proposal will amend SCC 30.65.040 and SCC 30.65.240(2) to facilitate permanent adoption of the FIS and FIRMs with an effective date of June 19, 2020;
4. This non-project proposal will adopt new sections SCC 30.65.070 and SCC 30.65.075 to designate and assign duties and responsibilities to the Floodplain Administrator;
5. This non-project proposal will adopt new sections, SCC 30.65.290 and SCC 30.65.295, to include development standards for shallow flooding areas and coastal high hazard areas, respectively; and
6. This non-project proposal will amend the permitted uses in the portions of the density fringe area that also fall within the urban growth area of the City of Snohomish. It will amend the permitted uses to include certain industrial and industrial related uses.
7. This non-project proposal will update existing and add new definitions to ensure consistency with state and federal NFIP Standards.

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 non-project proposal affects special flood hazard areas throughout all of unincorporated Snohomish County. Special flood hazard areas are shown on the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency with the effective date of June 19, 2020.

B. Environmental Elements

1. Earth

a. General description of the site:

(Circle one): **Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other** all
of the above

Lands within the jurisdiction of Snohomish County include a variety of terrain such as flat, rolling, hilly, and steep slopes. The lands that are proposed to be affected by this non-project proposal are those located within the special flood hazard areas of Snohomish County.

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

Slopes in excess of 100% can be found within the jurisdiction of Snohomish County.

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.

A range of soil types is found within the jurisdiction of Snohomish County. This non-project proposal will not remove soils in agricultural lands designated as of long-term commercial significance.

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. In particular, flooding includes mudslides which are caused by an overflow of waters of rapid runoff of surface waters.

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.

As a non-project proposal, no filling or grading is proposed. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include a review of any proposed grading or filling activity.

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

As a non-project action, no erosion will occur as a direct result of this proposal. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review,

which would include a review of any proposed clearing and construction that might result in erosion.

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

As a non-project 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 non-project proposal, no erosion reduction or control measures are proposed or required. Future site-specific development or land use action not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to project level SEPA and regulatory review and would require the implementation of applicable County regulations to reduce or control erosion or other impacts to the earth.

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**

As a non-project 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 non-project proposal, no measures to reduce or control emissions are required or proposed. Future site-specific development or land use action not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to project level SEPA and regulatory review and would require the implementation of applicable County regulations to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any.

3. Water

- a. Surface Water:**

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds,**

wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

There are several streams, seasonal streams, and bodies of water located within Snohomish County. While this is a non-project proposal with no site-specific action, most surface water bodies within Snohomish County have special flood hazard areas shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).

- 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 non-project action, this proposal will not require any work in, or adjacent to, the described waters. Future site-specific development or land use actions not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to project level SEPA and regulatory review and would require the implementation of applicable County regulations to reduce or control activities near surface water bodies, if any.

- 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 non-project proposal, 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 non-project proposal, 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.**

This is a non-project proposal that specifically affects all properties within a 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.**

As a non-project action, no discharges of waste materials to surface waters will occur as a result of this proposal.

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

As a non-project proposal, 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 non-project action, no waste material will be discharged from septic tanks or other sources as a result of this proposal. Future development or land use actions not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 that would likely result in discharges from stormwater runoff would be subject to project-level SEPA and regulatory review.

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.**

As a non-project action, no runoff will occur as a result of this proposal. Any future site-specific development or land use action proposal would be subject to a separate SEPA and development permit review, which would address runoff management.

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

As a non-project action, no runoff will occur as a result of this proposal. Any future site-specific development or land use action proposal not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA and development permit review, which would address runoff management.

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

As a non-project action, no drainage patterns will be affected as a result of this proposal. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA and permit review, which would address drainage.

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

As a non-project proposal, no measures are proposed or required to reduce impacts to surface or groundwater. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA and permit review.

4. Plants

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

All types of the above vegetation occur in various locations throughout the county including within the areas of special flood hazards that are shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM).

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

As a non-project action, no vegetation will be removed as a direct result of this proposal. Any future site-specific development project not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA evaluation of any proposed vegetation removal or alteration.

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

Threatened and endangered vegetation species can be found in various locations throughout Snohomish County.

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

As a non-project action, no measures to preserve or enhance vegetation are required for this proposal. Any future site-specific development or land use action not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA and permit review, which would include a review of any proposed landscaping or measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site. The U.S Fish and Wildlife Services provides listing for ESA species under its jurisdiction; and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife provides listing for priority habitat species under its jurisdiction. These resources are consulted for mitigation of impacts from site-specific proposals under consideration.

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

All types of noxious weeds and invasive species occur throughout the county.

5. Animals

- a. **List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.**

Birds: **hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:** _____

Mammals: **deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:** _____

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

All of the above animal species may be found in various locations throughout the county including those areas affected by this non-project proposal.

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

Threatened and endangered bird, animal and fish species can be found in various locations throughout Snohomish County.

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

Yes. Wildlife species do migrate through the county, but as a non-project action, this proposal will not impact migratory species.

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

As a non-project proposal, no measures to preserve or enhance wildlife are required or proposed. Any future site-specific development project not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include review and implementation of measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any. The U.S Fish and Wildlife and National Marine Fisheries Services provide listing for ESA species under their jurisdiction; and the Washington State

Department of Fish and Wildlife provides listing for sensitive species under its jurisdiction. These resources are consulted for mitigation of impacts from site-specific proposals under consideration.

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

All types of invasive animal species exist throughout the county.

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 non-project proposal, energy will not be consumed.

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

As a non-project 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 non-project action, energy conservation features are not applicable to this proposal. Any future site-specific development project not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include review and implementation of measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.

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 non-project action, no environmental health hazards will result as a consequence of this proposal.

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

As a non-project proposal, this is not applicable. Any future site-specific development project not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include identification of known or possible contamination, if any.

- 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.**

As a non-project proposal, this is not applicable. Any future site-specific development project not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include identification of existing hazardous chemicals/conditions, if any.

- 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.**

As a non-project proposal, this is not applicable. Any future site-specific development project not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include a review of toxic or hazardous chemicals stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project, if any.

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

As a non-project action, no special emergency services are required by this proposal.

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

As a non-project action, no measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards are required for this proposal. Any future site-specific development project not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include review and implementation of measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.

b. Noise

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

This non-project proposal will not be affected 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 non-project proposal will not generate noise.

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

As a non-project proposal, no measures to reduce or control noise impacts are required or proposed. Any future site-specific development project not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include review and implementation of measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. **What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.**

This non-project proposal affects all areas of special flood hazard potential within unincorporated Snohomish County. Special flood hazard areas are often located within and adjacent to rivers, lakes, streams, and other watercourses and bodies of water.

The current uses along these areas are typically agriculture, forestry, pasture, open space, but can include commercial, industrial, and residential uses. Any future site-specific development project not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include review and implementation of measures to reduce or control impacts to adjacent properties, if any.

- 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?**

This non-project proposal does pertain to all areas of special flood hazard within unincorporated Snohomish County, including property that may have been, may be, or is currently being used as working farmlands or working forestlands.

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:

As a non-project action, this proposal could affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest lands as a result of new mapping designations, which could affect how certain working farms or forest lands are regulated.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

As a non-project action, no structures will be demolished as a result of this proposal.

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

This non-project proposal pertains to all zoning classifications found in Snohomish County Code title 30.

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

This non-project proposal pertains to all land use designations.

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

This non-project proposal could pertain to all shoreline master program designations.

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

This non-project proposal could change special flood hazard critical area designations on some properties based on new mapping information.

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

As a non-project proposal, this is not applicable.

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

As a non-project proposal, this is not applicable.

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

As a non-project action, no measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts are required by this proposal.

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

As a non-project proposal, the proposed code amendments are compatible with the land uses and plans.

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

Adoption of the proposed code amendments regarding agricultural accessory structures (based on new FEMA guidance) may have a minor impact on agricultural operations that are located within the special flood hazard areas. The proposal does include provisions for the development of livestock flood sanctuaries, which will help to protect agricultural operations from impacts to livestock due to flooding.

This non-project proposal does not change existing land uses and plans related to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance so no measures to control land uses and plans are necessary. However, mapping changes of the boundaries of special flood hazard areas (SFHA) may have an effect on a limited amount of agricultural and forestland acreages that were not previously located in the SFHA or some areas that were previously in the SFHA which may now be outside the hazard areas.

9. Housing

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

As a non-project action, no housing units would be provided by this proposal.

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

As a non-project action, no housing units would be eliminated by this proposal.

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

As a non-project action, no measures to reduce or control impacts on housing are required or proposed.

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 non-project proposal, this is not applicable.

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

As a non-project proposal, this is not applicable.

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

As a non-project action, no measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts are required or proposed.

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 non-project action, no light or glare will occur as a result of this proposal.

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

As a non-project proposal, this is not applicable.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

As a non-project action, no measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts are required or proposed.

12. Recreation

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

The non-project action affects all land in unincorporated Snohomish County. That land has opportunities for hunting, fishing, bird watching and many other recreational activities.

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

This non-project proposal will not displace any existing 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 non-project action, no measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation are proposed or required.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.**

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.**

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.**

Not applicable to this non-project proposal

- 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.**

As a non-project proposal, no measures to reduce or control impacts on historic or cultural resources are proposed or required.

14. Transportation

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

Various highways and state routes and local streets service Snohomish County.

- 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?**

Various transit services exist in Snohomish County.

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

As a non-project proposal, no parking spaces are proposed or required.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?**

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

- 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.**

As a non-project action, the proposal will not interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets.

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

As a non-project proposal, 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, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.**

As a non-project action, this proposal will not result in an increased need for public services.

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

As a non-project proposal, 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 _____

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

- 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 non-project proposal, 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: _____

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D. Supplemental sheet for non-project actions

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

The proposal will not likely cause an increase in these types of discharges or emissions. Slight modifications to the locations of designated special flood hazard areas may result in a change to where project-specific discharge or emission impacts may occur, but, those modifications will not likely result in an increase in discharges to water, emissions to air, release of toxic or hazardous substances, or production of noise.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

Measures to avoid or reduce increased impacts on air and water quality are mitigated through site-specific project-level environmental review.

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

As a non-project action, this proposal is unlikely to cause a change in the impacts on plants, animals, fish, or marine life. Slight modifications to special flood hazard area designations are proposed by this ordinance, which may change where project-specific affects may occur, but future site-specific development will be subject to the County's critical area regulations under title 30 Snohomish County Code, which includes provisions to protect streams, wetlands, and wildlife.

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

Measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish or marine life are incorporated into the County's critical areas regulations which would be applicable to project-level proposals. Future site-specific land activity not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would also be subject to project-level environmental analysis and threshold determinations.

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

The proposal would not likely cause a depletion of energy or natural resources.

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

Measures to conserve natural resources, such as soils and flood processes are incorporated into the proposed code amendments of this non-project proposal.

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?

The proposed code amendments of this non-project proposal would further facilitate governmental protection of environmentally sensitive floodplain areas which often include parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened and endangered species and their habitat, historic and cultural sites, wetlands and prime farmlands through the implementation of best science into the mapping of flood risk and through the adoption of updated floodplain management regulations that ensure compliance with state and federal regulations.

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

This is a non-project proposal which designates special flood hazard areas that are subject to specific development regulations to reduce the impacts of flooding activity, such as limiting the types of uses that can locate in those designated areas, specifying the size and location of structures and land disturbing activity, and directing how project-specific proposals will be reviewed and enforced.

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?

The proposal is not likely to affect land and shoreline use. The County's Shoreline Management Plan regulates development in the shoreline and the code amendments proposed with this non-project proposal will work in collaboration with shoreline regulations to restrict uses in shoreline areas by placing limitations on development in floodplain areas. This proposal does not encourage incompatible land or shoreline uses.

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

The proposed code amendments have been reviewed for consistency with the County's comprehensive plan, development regulations, and Shoreline Management Program (Chapters 30.44 and 30.67 SCC) to avoid or reduce impacts.

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

This non-project proposal is unlikely to directly or indirectly increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities.

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

Since this proposal is unlikely to directly or indirectly increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities, measures to reduce impacts are not applicable.

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

This non-project proposal does not conflict with any law or requirements to protect the environment. The code amendments proposed would facilitate continued compliance with state and federal National Flood Insurance Program regulations.






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