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Notice of Application

Project File No.: SEPA-20-08 (Stormwater Comprehensive Plan update)
Project Location: City limits, City of Wenatchee
Applicant/Owner: City of Wenatchee
Application Date: August 17, 2020
Determination of Complete Date: August 20, 2020
Notice of Application Date: August 21, 2020

Proposed Project Description: The proposal is to adopt a comprehensive stormwater plan for the City of Wenatchee. The municipal stormwater system boundary is city limits, City of Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington. This plan updates the comprehensive stormwater plan prepared for the City in 2010. The plan recommends a stormwater management program that relies on a combination of regulation, education, operation and maintenance, and capital projects to protect natural resources and improve the City's municipal separate stormwater system. A copy of the stormwater comprehensive plan update is available on the City of Wenatchee's stormwater page: <https://www.wenatcheewa.gov/government/public-works/stormwater>.

SEPA Threshold Determination: The City of Wenatchee has determined the proposed project will not have probable significant adverse impacts on the environment and has issued a determination of nonsignificance (DNS), pursuant to RCW 43.21C and WAC 197-11-340(2), on **August 21, 2020**. The City will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance of the DNS. This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file.

Permits Required: The plan will be presented to the Wenatchee City Council for approval on September 10, 2020. Additional permits and approvals for individual projects may be required. As the plan is implemented, this may include approvals from the Washington State Department of Ecology, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington Department of Natural Resources, and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Public Review and Comment Period: PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS APPLICATION IS ENCOURAGED, and will be accepted through 5:00 PM on **September 4, 2020**. Agencies, tribes, and the public are encouraged to review and comment on the proposed project and its probable environmental impacts. Written comments must be submitted to the Department of Community Development, 1350 McKittrick Street, Suite A, Wenatchee, WA 98801; Attention: Lexine Long or email llong@wenatcheewa.gov for additional information or to review application materials.

The complete file on this matter may be found on the City of Wenatchee Public Notice Portal: <https://ci-wenatchee-wa.smartgovcommunity.com/PublicNotice/PublicNoticeHome>. Please contact the project planner, Lexine Long, by email (llong@wenatcheewa.gov) or by phone (509-888-3249) for additional information or to make alternative arrangements to review the file.

Review Process: After considering timely comments, the goals and policies of the Wenatchee Urban Area Comprehensive Plan, the regulations of the Wenatchee City Code, and all other relevant code and ordinance requirements, all of which will be used for project review, mitigation, and consistency, the responsible official will issue a threshold determination per WAC 197-11-355. The threshold determination may be appealed as provided for in WCC Section 13.11.03.



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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE
ISSUED BY
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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Proponent: City of Wenatchee

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: City limits, City of Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington.

Lead agency: City of Wenatchee, Department of Community Development

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 of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

- There is no comment period for this DNS.
- This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.
- 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 **September 4, 2020**.

Responsible official: Glen DeVries, AICP

Phone: (509) 888-3252

Position/title: Community Development Director

Project Contact: Lexine Long

Phone: (509) 888-3249

Position/Title: Associate Planner

Address: 1350 McKittrick St., Suite A, Wenatchee, WA 98801

Date: August 21, 2020

Signature _____

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 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 [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: *City of Wenatchee Comprehensive Stormwater Plan, August 14, 2020*

2. Name of applicant: *City of Wenatchee*

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

*1350 McKittrick Street, Suite A, Wenatchee WA 98801
509-888-3225
Contact: Jessica Shaw, Deputy Public Works Director-Utilities*

4. Date checklist prepared: *August 17, 2020*

5. Agency requesting checklist: *City of Wenatchee*

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

The plan proposes a schedule of stormwater projects for the next 20 years, action items to meet goals of the stormwater utility, and a financing strategy.

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

Yes, the City will implement the actions items and projects set forth in the Chapters 2 and 6 of the comprehensive stormwater plan.

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

General information about environmental characteristics in the planning area, including climate, soils, and groundwater, is included in Chapters 1 and 5. Additional environmental information may need to be prepared during the design of projects included in the plan.

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.

The City is working on a General Hydraulic Project Approval from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife to perform maintenance work on the portions of the canyon drains located in the right-of-way.

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

The plan will be presented to the Wenatchee City Council for approval. Additional permits and approvals for individual projects may be required. As the plan is implemented, this may include approvals from the Washington State Department of Ecology, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington Department of Natural Resources, and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

The proposal is to adopt a comprehensive stormwater plan for the City of Wenatchee. This plan updates the comprehensive stormwater plan prepared for the City in 2010. The plan recommends a stormwater management program that relies on a combination of regulation, education, operation and maintenance, and capital projects to protect natural resources and improve the City's municipal separate stormwater system.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The municipal stormwater system boundary is city limits, City of Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington. A map of the current city limits can be found in the Development Resources Map under Public Works: <https://maps.wenatcheewa.gov/portal/apps/sites/#/publichome>

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 area includes all degrees of slope, from flat to vertical cliffs east of Ohme Gardens. The steepest slopes are typically adjacent to the Wenatchee River and Columbia River.

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.

Typically, the soil in the Wenatchee Valley consists of silty sand with interbedded gravel, sand and cobbles. USDA Soil Conservation Service soil descriptions for the Wenatchee Area are listed as Burch-Cashmont association and the Bjork-Zen association.

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

The City of Wenatchee Community Development Department developed maps in 2018 of the geologically hazardous areas within the City. The map can be found at the following link: <https://www.wenatcheewa.gov/home/showdocument?id=21022>

- 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.

There will be trenching, excavation and backfill for stormwater infrastructure installation and repair. The amount will vary greatly by project. Existing soils will be used to backfill excavations as appropriate and feasible.

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

Erosion is possible during construction. Temporary best management practices will be implemented during construction to prevent erosion.

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

Stormwater projects are typically within the existing right-of-way. Stormwater infrastructure associated with road extensions and expansions may result in additional impervious surfaces.

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

Construction-phase stormwater best management practices will be implemented in accordance with the current version of the Stormwater Management Manual for Eastern Washington.

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.

There will be temporary emissions to the air from construction projects. Erosion best management practices will be implemented to prevent dust.

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

None.

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

Construction-phase stormwater best management practices for erosion control will be implemented.

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.

The east boundary of the City of Wenatchee is the Columbia River. Five other surface water bodies run through the City of Wenatchee into the Columbia River: Squilchuck Creek, Dry Gulch, No. 2 Canyon Drain, No. 1 Canyon Drain and the Wenatchee River.

- 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.

Yes, some of the proposed projects will occur adjacent to the local water bodies. For project locations and descriptions please refer to the Stormwater Capital Projects Story Map under Public Works at the following website:

<https://maps.wenatcheewa.gov/portal/apps/sites/#/publichomehttps://www.wenatcheewa.gov/home/showdocument?id=21022>

- 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.

Maintenance of the canyon drains in City right-of-way may require the removal of sediment. The City is working on a General Hydraulic Project Approval from the Washington State Department Fish and Wildlife for this work.

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

No surface water withdrawals or diversions are anticipated at this time.

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

Yes. Some of the proposed projects will occur in the 100-year floodplain. The flood zones are a layer that can be found in the Development Resources Map under Public Works:

<https://maps.wenatcheewa.gov/portal/apps/sites/#/publichome>

- 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, illicit discharges are prohibited under Wenatchee City Code 4.10.

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.

- 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 material will be discharged into the ground from implementing this plan.

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.

The purpose of this plan is to manage stormwater in compliance with the current state and federal regulations. Stormwater is collected from properties within the City and Chelan County and discharges through the municipal separate stormwater system to the previously noted surface water bodies (3.a.1) as well as to underground infiltration facilities.

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

As discussed in Chapter 2 of the plan, the City implements an illicit discharge detection and elimination program to protect groundwater and surface water from waste materials and other illicit discharges.

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

Projects proposed in the plan may include on-site retention, detention or re-direction of stormwater.

- 4) Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

Projects will be designed to prevent flooding and protect water quality.

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

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

deciduous tree: alder, **maple, aspen, other: fruit trees**

evergreen tree: **fir, cedar, pine, other**

shrubs

grass

pasture

crop or grain

Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.

wet soil plants: **cattail**, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other

water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

other types of vegetation: **landscaping, sagebrush and other shrub steppe native**

vegetation

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

The amount of vegetation removed or altered is expected to be minimal. Most projects will occur in the right-of-way. Where appropriate, landscaping will be replaced and open land stabilized with native vegetation.

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

There are no threatened or endangered plant species known to be on or near the project sites. The Ute's Lady's Tresses Orchid, a threatened species, has potential to be in riparian areas and Gray's Cyrphana, a state sensitive species, exists in Chelan County.

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

Vegetated areas that are disturbed by projects will be landscaped or reseeded with native vegetation as appropriate to the individual project.

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

Please see the following website for the noxious weeds in the planning area:

<http://www.co.chelan.wa.us/noxious-weed/pages/weed-list?parent=All%20About%20Weeds>

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.

X birds: **hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: Chukar, Quail, Pheasant, typical urban birds (crows, pigeons, etc...), several species of water birds frequent the Columbia and Wenatchee River**
X mammals: **deer**, bear, elk, beaver, other: **rabbit, racoon, coyote, rodents, groundhog, moose, cougar**
X fish: bass, **salmon, trout**, herring, shellfish, other

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

Bald Eagles are occasionally seen along the Columbia River and the Wenatchee River. At times, during spawning season, Bull Trout, Upper Columbia River Steelhead, and Upper Columbia River spring run of Chinook salmon.

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

The Columbia River and Wenatchee River are salmon and trout migration routes. Mule deer also migrate seasonal into the City and surrounding areas.

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

Implementation of the Wenatchee Valley Stormwater Management Program outlined in Chapter 2 of the plan protects water quality and local wildlife habitat. For major projects, the potential effects(s) on

wildlife will be reviewed with natural resources agencies responsible for the area and appropriate measures determined in conjunction with their personnel.

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

None known.

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.

The municipal stormwater system will primarily be run by gravity. Energy will be needed only for lift stations, utility offices and associated equipment. Electricity will be the most widely used energy source.

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

No, all elements of the project are located underground or at ground level.

- 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:

The municipal stormwater system is designed to use gravity and lift station pumps will only be used when no other options are available. Structures will meet energy conservation codes.

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.

No.

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

Within the City of Wenatchee, the Washington State Department of Ecology has identified contaminated sites. Industrial sites and old orchard land are the most frequently found to have contamination.

- 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.

In addition to stormwater infrastructure, there are several existing underground utilities; natural gas, electricity, domestic water, and sanitary sewer. The location of these utilities will be identified during design of the projects in this plan.

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

None known.

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

None anticipated.

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

Underground utilities will be located and marked before excavation commences in order to reduce the likelihood of hitting and breaking these utility lines. Past uses of land and the clean-up status of potential project sites will be considered during the design of stormwater projects. Contaminated soils will be handled in accordance with state and federal regulations.

b. Noise

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

Existing noise will not affect this project.

- 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.

There will be short-term construction noise during projects. The completed projects will not generate any noise.

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

Construction will typically take place during daytime hours. Long term noise will not result from this the implementation of this plan.

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 City of Wenatchee includes commercial, industrial, and residential land uses. The implementation of this plan is intended to protect properties from flooding and support future development.

- 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 agricultural or forest land will be converted by this planning document.

- 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.

The City of Wenatchee includes a large variety of structures.

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

The plan does not identify any structures for demolition.

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

Current zoning within the City includes a variety of classifications for residential, commercial, industrial, and mixed uses. Please refer to the City zoning map, effective January 12, 2020: <https://www.wenatcheewa.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=22626>

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

Please refer to the following website for information on the comprehensive plan designation: <https://www.wenatcheewa.gov/government/community-and-economic-development/planning/long-range-planning/comprehensive-plan>

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

The following map shows the current shoreline master program designations for the City: <https://www.wenatcheewa.gov/home/showdocument?id=9791>

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

Areas of the City of Wenatchee have been determined to be critical areas. Please refer to following map: <https://www.wenatcheewa.gov/home/showdocument?id=21022>

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

According to the Washington State Office of Financial Management, the estimated population of the City of Wenatchee in 2020 was 35,140.

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

None.

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

None needed.

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

Future land and densities were used in planning and calculations. This plan will be issued to Chelan County, Tribes and other organizations who may have an interest.

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

None needed.

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 needed.

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?

All proposed new structures will be located underground and/or at ground level.

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

None.

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

None needed.

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

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

No light or glare will be produced.

- 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?

None.

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

None needed.

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

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

The City of Wenatchee has many parks and miles of trails along the riverfront and into the foothills.

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

No.

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

None needed.

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.

The City of Wenatchee, which has several buildings on one or more preservation registers. The City will contact the State Historic Preservation Office before proceeding with any project that may affect potentially historic structures.

- 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.

The confluence of the Wenatchee River and Columbia River was an important site to Native Americans.

- 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.

Project areas will be reviewed for possible cultural and archaeological investigation as part of the design process. During construction areas with high risk for encountering artifacts (e.g. along the waterfront) measures developed in concert with the tribes having jurisdiction will be used.

- 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 needed, an Inadvertent Discovery Plan will be developed and implemented during

construction of projects.

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.

The City has numerous streets within city limits. Please refer to the Development Resources Map under Public Works: <https://maps.wenatcheewa.gov/portal/apps/sites/#/publichome>

- 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?

Yes, the Link Transit bus system serves the area. There is also an Amtrak station located at Kittitas and South Columbia.

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

None.

- 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).

No. Some of the stormwater projects in the plan support proposed road improvements and new roads.

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

The City's municipal separate stormwater system is located in the vicinity of railroad and some of the proposed projects are in the railroad right-of-way.

- 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?

No additional vehicular trips per day will be generated by the plan.

- 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 needed.

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.

No.

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

None needed.

16. Utilities

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:

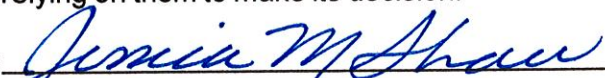
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
other

c. 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.

The plan is specific to the stormwater utility, which is owned and operated by the City of Wenatchee. The plan also includes proposed projects to repair, replace, expanded and improve the stormwater system.

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: 

Name of signee Jessica Shaw

Position and Agency/Organization Deputy Public Works Director-Utilities, City of Wenatchee

Date Submitted: August 17, 2020

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?

The plan includes projects related to new development which during larger rain events will result in more stormwater discharging to local surface water bodies.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

The current stormwater program and Wenatchee City code require new development and redevelopment disturbing greater than 1 acre and projects less than an acre that are part of a larger common plan of development to retain the 10-year, 24-hour stormwater event on site. This reduces the impact of new development and redevelopment.

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

One of the goals of the Wenatchee Stormwater Management program outlined in the plan is to protect water quality. The program includes multiple elements to prevent stormwater pollution and protect natural habitats: Public Education and Outreach, Public Involvement and Participation, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control, Post-Construction Stormwater Management for New Development and Redevelopment, Municipal Operations and Maintenance, Monitoring and Assessment and Recordkeeping and Reporting.

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

The City of Wenatchee will continue to implement the Wenatchee Valley Stormwater Management Program.

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

The plan is not anticipated to deplete energy resources and the intent of the Wenatchee Valley Stormwater Management Program is to protect natural resources.

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

The City of Wenatchee will continue to implement the Wenatchee Valley Stormwater Management Program to preserve natural resources. The City will also seek to implement energy efficient options in designing capital projects when applicable and feasible.

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 plan is meant to protect the natural environment and prevent damage from flooding. While some of the proposed capital projects are in the floodplain, the intent of the projects is to mitigate flooding and protect water quality.

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

This plan proposes projects and actions to protect the natural environment and reduce urban flooding.

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 comprehensive stormwater plan is meant to support current and future land use in the City of Wenatchee. The plan is not anticipated to encourage incompatible land or shoreline uses.

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

Not needed.

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

The plan for the municipal separate stormwater system is not anticipated to increase demands on transportation, public service or utilities. Capital projects proposed in the plan are intended to support future demands on the stormwater utility and protect water quality.

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

The City of Wenatchee has prepared this comprehensive stormwater plan to address future demands on the stormwater system, including a capital improvement program, strategic action items and financial planning.

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

The plan will be reviewed and approved in accordance with local, state, and federal laws and is not expected to conflict with local, state or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. The Wenatchee Valley Stormwater Management program was prepared in accordance with the current Eastern Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit under the National Discharge Elimination System and State Waste Discharge General Permit for Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewers in Eastern Washington in compliance with the provisions of The State of Washington Water Pollution Control Law, Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington and The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (The Clean Water Act), Title 33 United States Code, Section 1251 et seq.