



# CITY OF SNOHOMISH

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## STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA) 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. 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 [\[help\]](#)

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

### USE OF CHECKLIST FOR NONPROJECT PROPOSALS [\[help\]](#)

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.



Project #:	SEPA 20-0009	
Date:	2/25/2020	Staff Intake: KNA



**A. BACKGROUND** [\[help\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

City of Snohomish General Sewer Plan

2. Name of applicant:

City of Snohomish, Public Works Department

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

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4. Date checklist prepared:

**February 24, 2020**

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Snohomish, Public Works Department  
Washington State Department of Ecology

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

The proposed date for adoption of the General Sewer Plan and Wastewater Facilities Plan (Plan) by the Snohomish City Council is expected to be in 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 is a non-project action adopting the Plan. In addition to the capital improvement plan (CIP) outlined in the Plan, incremental sanitary sewer facilities may be constructed in conjunction with private development, as they occur.

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

Snohomish County 2035 Comprehensive Plan (Adopted in 2015). City of Snohomish General Sewer Plan and Wastewater Facilities Plan (May 2005). City of Snohomish Comprehensive Plan (Revised March 2016)

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.

Property owners and developers have and are expected to apply for approval of development that will require sanitary sewer service. These developments are not addressed specifically in the Plan, but the Plan accounts for necessary sewer collection and treatment improvements to support such development. All project-level improvements will be subject to environmental review at the time of their application. As such, no pending proposals affect this non-project action.

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

The Plan must be reviewed and approved by the Washington State Department of Ecology. The plan must also be reviewed by Snohomish County and the Snohomish City Council.

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Any future non-exempt projects will be subject to a separate SEPA review process.



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 Plan includes and/or considers the following regarding the City's sewer collection and treatment systems:

- Current and historical information about the City's sewer collection and treatment systems
- Current and projected future land uses and populations
- Current and projected future wastewater flow rates and loads
- Applicable permits and regulations
- Current and projected future collection system hydraulics
- Current and projected future wastewater treatment capacity needs and performance
- Collection and treatment system reliability and obsolescence
- Evaluation of wastewater treatment alternatives
- Identification of recommended collection and treatment system improvements related to necessary upgrades, replacement and/or expansion
- Costs of recommended improvements
- Recommended capital improvement plan (CIP)
- Financial analysis of rate impacts resulting from recommended CIP

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 City of Snohomish sewer service area covered in the Plan includes the area within the City limits and portions of the designated Urban Growth Area (UGA). The City of Snohomish is located in Snohomish County with the City of Everett about 5 miles northwest. The Snohomish River borders the city to the south. The north end of the city extends towards Highway 2 and the city is bordered by the Pilchuck River on the east side. The portion of the UGA south of the Snohomish River is not part of the sewer service area considered in the Plan. The current UGA does not extend north of Highway 2.

## B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

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

a. General description of the site (circle one):

Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other \_\_\_\_\_

Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes.

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

The City's topography is generally moderately sloped up and away from the river valley. Though there are steep slopes in specific locations, this non-project action will not impact slopes, and any subsequent project work will be reviewed separately for SEPA compliance where required.

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.

Soils and soil types are not impacted by this non-project action. An extensive discussion of the soils and their properties can be found in the USDA soil survey of Snohomish County area.

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Non-project action to adopt an updated General Sewer Plan (GSP). The GSP is a planning document prepared in accordance with WAC 173-240-050. Draft plan available on City website at: <https://www.snohomish.wa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5998>



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

Unstable and steep slopes are not impacted by this non-project action. Any subsequent project work will include a separate site specific review will determine impacts to soils and slopes and SEPA compliance.

- 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.

No filling or grading is proposed as part of this non-project action. Fill or grading related to subsequent project work will be reviewed separately for SEPA compliance.

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

No clearing or construction is proposed as part of this non-project action.

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

No construction is proposed as part of this non-project action.

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

No specific measures are proposed as part of this non-project action. Subsequent project work will be evaluated separately as part of a site specific review for compliance with SEPA and other applicable regulations.

## 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.

This non-project action will not impact air quality. Air quality will be evaluated separately for subsequent project work as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

This non-project action will not generate odors or emissions. Potential for odors or emissions will be evaluated separately for subsequent project work as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

This non-project action will not generate odors or emissions. Potential for odors or emissions will be evaluated separately for subsequent project work as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

- 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.

The City of Snohomish is bordered by the Snohomish River to the south and the Pilchuck River to the east. Blackmans Lake is located in the middle of the city limits. There are also numerous streams, creeks and wetlands throughout the city. Impacts on shoreline, surface water, seasonal streams and wetlands will be evaluated separately for subsequent project work as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance.



- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

This non-project action will not impact shoreline. Potential shoreline impacts will be evaluated separately for subsequent project work as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

This non-project action will not involve filling or dredging. Potential impacts from fill and dredging activities will be evaluated separately for subsequent project work, as applicable, as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

This non-project action will not involve surface water withdrawals or diversions. Potential impacts from surface water withdrawals or diversions will be evaluated separately for subsequent project work as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance. However, none of the potential projects in the recommended CIP involve surface water withdrawals or diversions.

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

Portions of the city bordering the Snohomish and Pilchuck Rivers are within the 100-year floodplain. This non-project action does not impact floodplain areas specifically. Any subsequent project work within the floodplain will comply with applicable floodplain management regulations and city code and will be evaluated as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance. WWTP site is within the 100-year floodplain. Although the WWTP is protected by berms, it is required that future infrastructure at the WWTP susceptible to flood damage must be above grade for additional flood protection. This will need to be applied to potential projects at the WWTP in the recommended CIP.

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

This non-project action does not directly affect the discharge of waste material to surface waters. However, the potential projects in the recommended CIP are aimed at further reducing combined sewer overflows to the Snohomish River and further improving effluent quality from the WWTP that is discharged to the Snohomish River. Any subsequent project work will need to comply with the City's NPDES permit and will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

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.

This non-project action does not directly affect groundwater. Any subsequent project work will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance. It is expected that potential projects in the recommended CIP may require temporary withdrawal of groundwater for the purpose of dewatering excavations during construction, but no permanent groundwater withdrawals or discharges to groundwater are envisioned.

- 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.

This non-project action will not require discharge of waste material to groundwater. Potential projects in the recommended CIP are meant to expand sewer service to include areas where septic systems are currently used, which would reduce the discharge of waste material to groundwater. Existing health regulations control the location, type and density of development where septic tanks exist or may be proposed.



c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

This non-project action will not impact surface and stormwater. It is expected that potential projects in the recommended CIP will reduce the occurrence of combined sewers by separating sanitary and storm sewers in some locations. Additionally, specific projects may increase or decrease the impervious area and resulting runoff. Impacts on stormwater flow and runoff from subsequent project work will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

This non-project action will not impact ground or surface waters. Potential impacts to ground and surface waters will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

This non-project action will not impact drainage patterns. However, potential projects in the recommended CIP will reduce the occurrence of combined sewers by separating sanitary and storm sewers in some locations. Possible impacts to drainage patterns will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

This non-project action will not impact surface water, groundwater or drainage patterns. Measures to reduce or control such impacts will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

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

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

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

This non-project action will not directly affect vegetation. However, potential projects in the recommended CIP may require removal or alteration of existing vegetation. Impacts to vegetation will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

This non-project action will not directly impact threatened or endangered species. The potential for such impacts will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

Landscaping is not proposed as part of this non-project action. Applicable regulations for open space and plantings will be considered as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.



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

This non-project action has no impact on noxious weeds or invasive species. Flora will be evaluated for subsequent project work as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

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

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:  
 mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:  
 fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other \_\_\_\_\_

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

This non project action will not have a direct impact on wildlife. Impacts to wildlife will be evaluated for subsequent project work as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance. Chinook salmon and bull trout both use the bordering waterways for incoming and outgoing migration.

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

The Pacific Flyway is a major north-south migratory route for birds that encompasses most of western Washington, including the City of Snohomish. Impacts to wildlife will be evaluated for subsequent project work as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

This non-project action will not directly impact wildlife, so there are not proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife. Such measures will be evaluated for subsequent project work as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

This non-project action will not have an effect on invasive animal species. Potential impacts will be evaluated for subsequent project work as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance.

**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.

No energy is required for this non-project action. Energy consumption will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance. Potential projects in the recommended CIP may increase or also decrease energy consumption.

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

This non-project action will not affect solar access. Solar access will be evaluated for subsequent project work as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance.



- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

None. The city used the Washington State Energy Code to enhance electricity conservation. Energy conservation features will be considered as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

**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.

This non-project action does not involve any environmental health hazards. Potential environmental health hazards will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance. Potential projects in the recommended CIP involve elimination of chlorine gas at the WWTP in exchange for a less hazardous chemical (peracetic acid) for disinfection.

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

This non-project action does not impact know contamination or potential for contamination. These impacts will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

- 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.

This non-project action does not impact existing hazardous chemical or conditions. Such impacts will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance. Potential projects in the recommended CIP involve elimination of chlorine gas at the WWTP in exchange for a less hazardous chemical (peracetic acid) for disinfection.

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

This non-project action does not impact storage, use or production of hazardous chemicals. Such impacts will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance. Potential projects in the recommended CIP involve eliminating storage and use of chlorine gas for disinfection at the WWTP in exchange for a less hazardous chemical (peracetic acid).

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

This non-project action does not require any special emergency services. The potential need for such services will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

No measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards are necessary as part of this non-project action.

- 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 action will not impact noise levels. Impact to noise levels will be considered as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.



- 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 action will not create or impact noise levels. Impact to noise levels will be considered as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

Noise levels are regulated by city code. Subsequent project work will need to comply with regulations for noise under the city code.

**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.

Land use in the City of Snohomish is primarily residential and commercial with some industrial, parks and open space. This non-project action will not impact current land uses. Additionally, potential projects in the recommended CIP are also not expected to impact current land uses. Impacts to current land uses will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

- 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?

There are no designated forest or agricultural land use areas in the city limits or UGA. However, there are a couple areas classified as Urban Horticulture land use at the south end of the city. Impacts to current land uses will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

This non-project action will not affect or be affected by surrounding forest or farmland. The impact to or from surrounding forest or farmland will be considered as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

This non-project action does not impact any structures. Impacts to existing structures will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance. Potential projects in the recommended CIP involve work at the WWTP and pump stations where structures currently exist.

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

No structures will be demolished as part of this non-project action. Potential projects in the recommended CIP (e.g., replacement of the Rainier Pump Station wet well and the Ferguson Pump Station) may require demolition of existing structures, but such demolition activities will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

Current zoning classifications within the city limits and UGA include single family, low density residential, medium density residential, high density residential, Pilchuck district, business park, commercial, historic business, mixed use, industry, airport industry, parks, open space and urban horticulture. Zoning in the City of Snohomish is according to the official zoning map, adopted March 2015.

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City's Land Use map can be found online at <https://www.snohomish.wa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/476>

The GSP has applicability throughout City limits. Zoning information is available on City website at <https://www.snohomish.wa.gov/177>



- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?  
The comprehensive plan land use designations are the same as the zoning classifications identified above with the addition of designations for right-of-way and open water.
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?  
Not applicable for this non-project action.
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.  
There are environmentally sensitive areas located in the city limits and UGA. These can include wetlands, floodplain, geologically hazardous areas, creeks and rivers. These are identified in the City of Snohomish Comprehensive Plan. Environmentally sensitive areas will be evaluated for subsequent project work as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance.
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?  
Not applicable to this non-project action.
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?  
None for this non-project action.
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:  
Not applicable to this non-project action.
- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:  
None applicable for this non-project action.
- m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:  
None applicable for this non-project action.

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

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.  
Not applicable to this non-project action.
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.  
Not applicable to this non-project action.



- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:  
Not applicable to this non-project action.

**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?

This non-project action has no effect on structure height. Any addition or modification of structures for subsequent project work will need to comply with the city building code.

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

This non-project action will not impact views. Impacts to views must comply with city code and will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:  
None applicable for this non-project action.

**11. Light and glare** [\[help\]](#)

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

This non-project action will not produce any light or glare. Light and glare impacts will be considered as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

This non-project action will not produce any light or glare. Light and glare impacts will be considered as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

This non-project action will not produce any light or glare. Light and glare impacts will be considered as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:  
None applicable for this non-project action.

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

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

Not applicable to this non-project action.

City of Snohomish has several existing parks, not proposed for alteration under this plan adoption



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

This non-project action will not displace any recreational uses. Displacement of recreational uses will be considered as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance/

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

None applicable for this non-project action.

### **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 located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.

This non-project action will not impact any existing buildings, structures or sites. Such impacts will be considered for subsequent project work as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

This non-project action will not impact any existing landmarks or historic resources. Such impacts will be considered for subsequent project work as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance.

- 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 action.

- 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.

None applicable for this non-project action.

### **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.

State Route 2 and State Route 9 are the main connectors between the City and the surrounding areas. There is also an extensive system of arterials and local streets. The location of and access to streets and highways will be evaluated for subsequent project work as part of the site specific review for SEPA compliance.



- 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?

The City is served by Community Transit, which provides fixed routes, paratransit, zone service and van pools.

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

This non-project action will not impact parking. Parking requirements for subsequent project work will need to comply with city code.

Parking regulated under Chapter 14.235 SMC

- 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).

This non-project action will not necessitate new or improved streets. Transportation facilities will be evaluated for subsequent project work as part of the site specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

The various modes of transportation will be evaluated for subsequent project work as part of the site specific review for SEPA compliance, but are not expected to utilize transportation.

- 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?

This non-project action will not impact vehicular trips. Trip generation and cumulative impact will be evaluated for subsequent project work as part of the site specific review for SEPA compliance, but are not expected to have any significant impact.

- 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.

This non-project action will not impact movement of agricultural or forest products. Such impacts will be evaluated for subsequent project work as part of the site specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

None applicable for this non-project action.

**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.

This non-project action will not impact public services. The need for public services will be evaluated for subsequent project work as part of the site specific review for SEPA compliance.



- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.  
None applicable for this non-project action.

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

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:

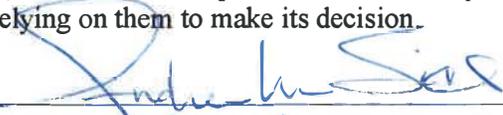
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,  
other \_\_\_\_\_

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

This non-project action will not directly impact utilities. However, potential projects in the recommended CIP will directly impact sanitary sewer and may require new or modified electricity, water and/or telephone utilities to support the project. The provision of utilities will be evaluated for subsequent project work as part of the site specific review for SEPA compliance.

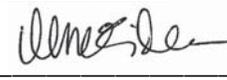
**C. Signature** [\[help\]](#)

The information and answers provided in this Environmental Checklist (including Supplement for Non-project Actions, if applicable) 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: 

Date Submitted: 02 / 24 / 2020

Agency Evaluation completed by: Brooke Eidem Date: 3/9/2020

Signature: 



**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?

This non-project action will not effect discharges to water, emissions to air or production, storage or release of hazardous substances. However, potential projects in the recommended CIP are meant to accommodate growth within the sewer service area. This growth will result in increased discharge from the WWTP to the Snohomish River. Potential projects in the recommended CIP are also meant to further reduce the occurrence of combined sewer overflows and inflow into the sanitary sewer system, which would conversely decrease discharge to the Snohomish River in certain instances. Potential projects in the recommended CIP are meant to eliminate the use of chlorine gas for disinfection at the WWTP and replace it with a less hazardous chemical as well.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

Effects on discharges to water, emissions to air or production, storage or release of hazardous substances and recommended mitigation measures will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

This non-project action will not affect plants, animals, fish or marine life. However, as stated above, potential projects in the recommended CIP may impact discharge to the Snohomish River where fish and marine life are present. Such impacts will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

Effects on plants, animals, fish or marine life will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance. This may include a new mixing zone study to evaluate the impacts on increased volume of discharge and changes in discharge characteristics from the WWTP into the Snohomish River.

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

This non-project action will not impact energy or natural resources. Impacts to energy and natural resources will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

Subsequent project will be reviewed under the Washington State Energy Code and city code for compliance with applicable regulations aimed at conserving energy and 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?

This non-project action does not impact environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated for protection. Effects on such areas will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance.

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Current local, state, and federal development regulations will adequately address discharge to water, emissions to air, toxic or hazardous substances and production of noise.

Plan adoption is not anticipated to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life.



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

Although potential projects in the recommended CIP are not anticipated to impact environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated for protection, the impacts to these areas will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance to determine if mitigation measures are necessary and 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?

This non-project action will not impact shoreline and land use. Impacts from subsequent project work will be evaluated as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

Although potential projects in the recommended CIP are not anticipated to significantly impact shoreline and land use, impacts to shoreline and land use will be evaluated as part of a project specific review for SEPA compliance to determine if any identified impacts can be reduced or avoided altogether.

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

This non-project action will not impact demands on transportation, public services or utilities. Impacts from subsequent project work will be evaluated as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance.

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

Not applicable to this non-project action. Potential projects in the recommended CIP are not anticipated to impact demands for transportation or public services. However, potential projects in the recommended CIP are meant to increase the capacity, reliability and performance of sanitary sewer service. Additionally, new or modified electrical or water service may be needed in support of those projects. Impacts to utilities, transportation and public services from subsequent project work will be evaluated as part of a site specific review for SEPA compliance. Additionally, subsequent project work will be reviewed by the city planning department, public works department and local health district.

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 action is consistent with all local, state and federal requirements for protection of the environment. Subsequent project work will also be reviewed to maintain consistency with local, state and federal requirements.