

2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

This is non-project action – 2010 City of Sultan Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

2. Name of applicant:

City of Sultan
Attn.: Deborah Knight

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

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4. Date checklist prepared: September 13, 2010

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Sultan, WA

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

Preparation of 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and submittal to City Council:
November 2010

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

No.

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

City of Sultan, Comprehensive Plan Environmental Impact Statement (2004 and 2008)
City of Sultan, SEPA DNS for the 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan, 2010

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.

No. This is non-project action.

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

2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan 2004 to be adopted by reference in the 2010 Sultan Comprehensive Plan Update as a City of Sultan Resolution.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the site of the project. 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 proposed non-project action is the adoption of the 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan that will guide the City's future parks, recreation and open space operations, maintenance and development activities. The 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan is Sultan's 20-year functional plan, describing the strategies and policies that would implement the City's Comprehensive Plan - Parks Element.

This is a programmatic-level SEPA checklist review analyzing potential environmental impacts of a non-project action.

The 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan itself will not cause impacts to the environment; some of the future actions identified in the 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan may cause environmental impacts. Future project actions will be evaluated for environmental impacts separately, subject to SEPA requirements.

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 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan applies to the entire City of Sultan.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

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

The 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan applies to the entire city of Sultan. Topography varies from flat to rolling hills including steep slopes in some areas.

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

The city of Sultan has a variety of steep slopes. There is no specific project site.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

The City of Sultan has a variety of soil types, mostly glacial in nature.

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

When specific projects, or plan updates, are ready for implementation, analysis of soils type will be conducted during the specific environmental review.

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

Filling and grading may be required for the completion of projects listed in the 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. When specific projects, or plan updates, are ready for implementation filling and grading requirements will be evaluated.

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

Erosion could occur as a result of clearing, construction or use for projects associated with this plan update. Erosion will be evaluated when specific projects or plan updates are ready for implementation.

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

Impervious surface calculations will be prepared when specific projects are ready for implementation during the project-specific environmental review.

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

When projects are ready for implementation, they will follow City of Sultan development guidelines.

2. Air

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

None.

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

No.

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

None.

3. Water

a. Surface:

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

The city of Sultan contains numerous bodies of water among them several creeks and the Sultan and Skykomish rivers.

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.

Projects associated with the 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan 2004 may require work adjacent to waters described above. When projects are ready for implementation they will be designed to meet the City's development codes with respect to stormwater.

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.

N/A

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

N/A.

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

Portions of existing parks are within the 100-year floodplain. No project impacts are planned within the floodplain associated with this non-project work.

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.

b. Ground:

1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? 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.

N/A.

c. Water Runoff (including storm water):

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

When specific projects or plan updates, are evaluated specific SEPA review will be prepared.

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

No. When specific projects or plan updates, or projects, are evaluated specific SEPA review will be prepared.

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

Projects associated with the 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan 2004 will follow the City of Sultan development guidelines.

4. Plants

- a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:
 deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
 evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
 shrubs, grass, pasture, crop or grain
 wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
 water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
 other types of vegetation

There are a number of vegetation types within the city of Sultan boundaries.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

5. Animals

- a. Circle any birds and animals that 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:

There is no specific project site. Many bird, fish and animal species, including salmon, live within the City's boundaries.

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

Chinook salmon, bull trout, bald eagles are present in or near the city of Sultan. Impacts to threatened or endangered species will be evaluated when projects or plan updates are implemented.

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

Portions of the City of Sultan serve as migration corridor for birds and fish such as the Skykomish River.

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

This project is a Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan that will result in the creation and maintenance of new protected Open Space and habitat areas.

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.

N/A.

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

N/A.

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:

N/A.

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.

No.

b. Noise

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

Noise exists through the City. Specific noise impacts of implementing actions of the 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan, if any, will be considered in the project-level environmental review.

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 site.

N/A.

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

None.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

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

The City of Sultan contains many land uses.

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

See above.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

The City of Sultan contains many different structures.

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

Specific projects that implement the 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan could include demolishing structures. Environmental review will be completed when the specific projects are identified.

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

The City of Sultan contains many zoning classifications.

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

The 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan 2004 is intended as functional plan to implement the Parks Element of the Comprehensive Plan Update 2010.

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

The City of Sultan has several shoreline designations within the boundaries.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

The City of Sultan contains areas that are designated as "environmentally critical sensitive areas". They are located through out the city and include some existing City owned parks areas.

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

The city of Sultan has a population of 4,555 (2010). The Plan projects future needs for a 2025 population of 11,119.

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

None.

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

N/A.

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

The 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Update is consistent with the City of Sultan Comprehensive Plan Update 2010.

9. Housing

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:

N/A.

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?

There are no proposed structures associated with this non-project action.

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

None.

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

N/A.

11. Light and Glare

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

N/A. This would be evaluated during the project-level environmental review when the specific transportation projects are identified.

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

See above.

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

See above.

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

See above.

12. Recreation

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

The City of Sultan has many designated and informal recreational opportunities within the boundaries. The 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan identifies these opportunities and projects needs for recreational opportunities through the year 2025.

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. This Plan will result in the enhancement of recreational opportunities.

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

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

The City of Sultan has places and objects listed on national, state, or local preservation registers.

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

The City of Sultan has landmarks or historic, archeological, scientific, cultural importance within the boundaries.

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

To the extent that specific projects that implement the 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan can reduce or control impacts to historic and cultural preservation, environmental review and the appropriate mitigation measures, will be analyzed when the specific-project level environmental review is prepared.

14. Transportation

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

The 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan affects the entire city's parks system.

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

Some of the park and recreational areas within the City of Sultan are accessed by bus transit.

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

The appropriate project-level environmental review will be completed when the specific parking projects and programs are identified.

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

N/A.

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

N/A.

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

N/A.

15. Public Services

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

To the extent that specific projects implemented in the 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan result in an increased need for public services, then environmental review will be conducted once more information is available about the specific projects.

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

16. Utilities

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

There are a number of utilities currently available in the City of Sultan.

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 immediate vicinity which might be needed.

To the extent that specific projects implemented in the 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan use utilities, then environmental review will be conducted at the time when more information is available about the specific projects.

C. Signature

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

Signature: _____

Date submitted: _____

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SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS

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

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent 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?

There should be no increase associated with the proposal.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

None. Specific implementing projects will require individual environmental review.

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

By preserving open space and habitat, the proposal will have a beneficial impact on plants, fish and animals.

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

No impact.

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 proposal will result in a beneficial affect on environmentally sensitive areas and areas designated for governmental protection.

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 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan will have a beneficial affect on land and shoreline use by providing protection for these areas.

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

There will be no effect for existing parks. A new Community Park is proposed concurrent with expected development within the City and its urban growth area. There may be increased vehicle trips to the new park.

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

The 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan is **consistent** with the City of Sultan Comprehensive Plan Update 2008 and will be referenced in the 2010 Update of the Comprehensive Plan.

Attachments: 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan