



**CITY OF SULTAN
DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

Project: 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan Update

Applicant Name: City of Sultan Planning Department

Location of Proposal: All parcels within the City of Sultan.

Description of Proposal: This is a non-project action that is proposing to update the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan. The Plan will also be used in the Sultan Comprehensive Plan update.

Lead Agency: City of Sultan

Threshold Determination:

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) **IS NOT** required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after reviewing the proposal. This information is available to the public for review upon request at Sultan City Hall, 319 Main Street, Sultan, WA 98294 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. This information is also available online at <http://ci.sultan.wa.us/planning-projects/>

This Determination of Non-significance is issued using the DNS process in WAC 197-11-340; there is a comment period and an appeal period on the DNS.

() There is no comment period for the DNS.

(X) This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days.

Date of Determination and Issuance: August 29, 2020

Deadline for Submitting Comments/Appeals: September 12, 2020

Responsible Official:

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Comment Period:

There is a fourteen calendar day comment period for this Determination of Non-significance. (**Comment deadline: September 12, 2020**). Comments on the DNS addressing environmental issues shall be submitted to the City of Sultan Planning Department at the address below.

Appeals:

Appeals to the above Determination of Non-Significance must be filed with the City of Sultan within fourteen calendar days of the date of issuance above (**Appeal deadline: September 12, 2020**). Appeals must be filed in writing with the City of Sultan Planning Director at the address below. Appeals must be filed in accordance with SMC 17.04.240 "Appeals". Appeals shall set forth the specific reason, rationale, and/or basis for the appeal.

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To learn more about a project:

- Call the City of Sultan Planning Department at 360.793.2231.
- Review the project file at the Planning Department at Sultan City Hall, 319 Main Street, Sultan WA.
- Hours 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily.

To Comment on a project:

- Submit written comments to the Planning Department at the address below. All comments received prior to the issuance of a department decision or recommendation will be reviewed. To ensure that comments are addressed in the decision or recommendation, they should be received by the Planning Department before the end of the comment period.
- Comments on a project scheduled for a hearing before the hearing examiner may be made by submitting them then in writing to the Planning Department prior to the open record hearing or submitting three (3) copies at the hearing or by testifying verbally at the hearing.

- You may become a party of record for a project by 1) submitting original written comments and request to become a party of record to the City Planning Department prior to the hearing; 2) testifying at the hearing, or 3) entering your name on a sign-up register at the hearing. NOTE: Only persons who submit written or oral testimony to the permit-issuing authority may appeal the decision.

HOW TO REACH US

The Planning Department for the City of Sultan is located at 319 Main Street, Sultan WA 98294. For information about the project or to view the project file, contact Andy Galuska, Planning Director, at 360.793.1311 or andy.galuska@ci.sultan.wa.us or Cyd Donk, Assistant Planner, at 360.793.1099 or cyd.donk@ci.sultan.wa.us

SEPA CHECKLIST

Purpose of the 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 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 a 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 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 non-project proposals:

For non-project proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans, and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the supplemental sheet for non-project 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 the proposed project, if applicable:

This is a non-project action.
2020 City of Sultan Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan Update

2. Name of applicant:

City of Sultan
Attn.: Will Ibershof

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

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4. Date checklist prepared:

July 2020

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Sultan, WA

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

Preparation of the 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan and submittal to City Council: September 2020.

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.

None. The development of the newly proposed park will include an additional environmental review.

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 a non-project action.

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

2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan to be adopted by reference in the Sultan Comprehensive Plan Update as a City of Sultan Resolution.

11. Give a 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 asks 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 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan that will guide the city's future parks, recreation, and open space operations, maintenance, and development activities. The 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan is Sultan's 15-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 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan itself will not cause impacts on the environment; some of the future actions identified in the 2020 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 areas, 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 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan will apply to the entire City of Sultan.

B. Environmental Elements [\[help\]](#)

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

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

The 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan will apply 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 agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

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

d. Are there surface indications or a 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, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate the source of fill.

Filling and grading may be required for the completion of projects listed in the 2020 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 the City of Sultan development guidelines.

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.

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 [\[help\]](#)

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 the 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 the available plans.

Projects associated with the 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan may require work adjacent to the 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 the 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 the anticipated volume of discharge.

No.

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 that are 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.

N/A

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including stormwater) 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, a 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 reviews will be prepared.

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

No.

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

Projects associated with the 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan will follow the City of Sultan development guidelines.

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

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

Sultan and Snohomish County are aware of the various noxious weeds and threatened and/or endangered plants that are throughout the area (*Noxious Weeds List | Snohomish County, WA - Official Website, 2020*).

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

N/A

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

See reference:

Noxious Weeds List | Snohomish County, WA - Official Website. (2020).

<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/750/Noxious-Weeds-List>

5. **Animals** [help]

- a. List any birds and other animals that 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 _____

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

- b. List any threatened and 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 on threatened or endangered species will be evaluated when projects or plan updates are implemented (*Invasive Plants | Snohomish County, WA - Official Website, 2020*).

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

Portions of the City of Sultan serve as a 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.

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

None known. See reference for more information about the invasive species within Snohomish County:

Invasive Plants | Snohomish County, WA - Official Website. (2020).

<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/3936/Invasive-Plants>

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.

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 [\[help\]](#)

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.

N/A

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.

N/A

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.

N/A

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

N/A

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

N/A

b. Noise

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

Noise exists throughout the city. Specific noise impacts of implementing actions of the 2020 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 the site.

N/A

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

None.

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 Sultan contains many land uses.

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 non-forest use?

The City of Sultan contains many land uses.

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 Sultan contains many different structures.

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

Specific projects that implement the 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan could include demolishing structures. An 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 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan 2010 is intended as a 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 a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

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

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

The City of Sultan has a population of 5,180 (Office of Financial Management, 2019). The Plan projects future needs for a 2035 population of 8,369.

See reference:

Washington State Office of Financial Management. (2019) Population Growth, City of Sultan. Retrieved from

<https://www.ofm.wa.gov/washington-data-research/population-demographics/population-estimates/april-1-official-population-estimates>

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 projected land uses and plans if any:

The 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan Update is consistent with the City of Sultan Comprehensive Plan.

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

N/A

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:

N/A

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?

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 [\[help\]](#)

- 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 and safety projects are identified.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

- 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 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open

Space Plan identifies these opportunities and the project's needs for recreational opportunities through the year 2035.

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:

No. This Plan will result in the enhancement of recreational opportunities.

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 Sultan has places and objects listed on national, state, or local preservation registers. The proposed plan will not affect any of these buildings, structures, or sites.

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 City of Sultan has landmarks of historic, archeological, scientific, and cultural importance within the boundaries. The proposed plan will not affect any of these buildings, structures, or sites.

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.

To the extent that specific projects that implement the 2020 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.

d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for the loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

None proposed. This Plan is a non-project action and will not have any proposed measures.

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 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan will affect the entire city's parks system.

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?

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

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal 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 or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

N/A

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

No.

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 trucked (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

N/A

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.

N/A

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

N/A

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.

To the extent that specific projects implemented in the 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan result in an increased need for public services, then an 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.

To the extent that specific projects implemented in the 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan result in an increased need for public

services, then an environmental review will be conducted once more information is available about the specific projects.

16. Utilities [help]

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

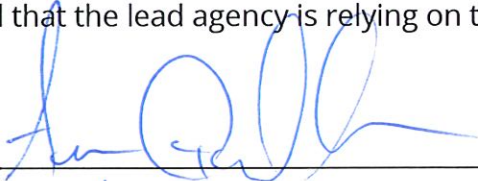
There are a number of utilities currently available in the City of Sultan.

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 the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

To the extent that specific projects implemented in the 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan use utilities, then an environmental review will be conducted at the time when more information is available about the specific projects.

C. Signature [help]

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 Andy GALUSKA

Position and Agency/Organization PLANNING DIRECTOR, CITY OF SULTAN

Date Submitted: 8/26/20

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D. Supplemental sheet for non-project 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?

It is unlikely that there will be an increase in emissions, discharges, and pollutants associated with the proposal.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

None needed.

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

By proposing more use of the parks, there may be a slightly increased impact on the plants, fish, and animals.

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

The Plan will promote the safe use of the parks for individuals, plants, animals, fish, and marine life and establish maintenance activities to address the impacts of park use

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

No impact is likely.

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

No mitigation needed.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or understudy) 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 effect on environmentally sensitive areas and areas designated for governmental protection. The proposal will promote environmentally-friendly use of urban parks and recreation facilities.

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

- Regular park maintenance
- Designing parks to prevent intrusion into environmentally sensitive areas.

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 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan will have a beneficial effect on land and shoreline use by providing protection for these areas and will be compatible with the Sultan Land-Use Plan and Sultan Shoreline Plan.

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

None needed.

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

This plan is unlikely to significantly increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities. A new Community Park is proposed in the

eastern part of the city. The new park may lead to increased vehicle trips, though access to this park can be accommodated with existing infrastructure.

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

The proposed park would require traffic analysis and mitigation to know the extent of the demands on transportation or public services and utilities.

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

The 2020 Parks, Recreation, Open Space Plan is consistent with the City of Sultan Comprehensive Plan and will be referenced in the upcoming update of the Comprehensive Plan.

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