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SEPA Environmental Checklist

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

2016 King County Open Space Plan Update (non-project action)

2. Name of applicant:

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks

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

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4. Date checklist prepared:

November 16, 2015

5. Agency requesting checklist:

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks

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

The Open Space Plan is scheduled to be finalized and signed by the King County Executive in the first quarter of 2016.

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

The Open Space Plan is included as part of the overall King County Comprehensive Plan. Any project actions that occur as a result of these plan updates would complete a project specific SEPA analysis.

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

The Open Space Plan builds on and is informed by the planning efforts and public processes of other County plans and initiatives including:

- King County Comprehensive Plan
- King County Strategic Plan
- King County Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan (2016)
- King County Strategic Climate Action Plan (2015)
- King County Parks, Trails and Open Space Replacement Levy Ordinance 17568 (2013)
- King County Parks Levy Task Force Report (2012)
- Regional Trails Inventory and Implementation Guidelines (2004)
- Parks Omnibus Ordinance 14509 (2002)
- 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.

None

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

Metropolitan King County Council Approval

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.

King County Parks underwent a major update to its open space plan in 2010. This update is minor in comparison and emphasizes King County Parks' goals of implementing the county-wide Strategic Plan (recently updated in 2015) as it relates to public engagement, environmental and social justice, and climate change. Many of the other changes simply clarify existing policy or remove duplicative text. Other specific changes include:

- Updated inventory information to reflect existing conditions, classifications, and park names
- Updated budget information for the division including a description of the levy funding and private funding from business and community partnerships and grant programs.
- Clarified the definitions of the five components of the Open Space system (i.e., Recreation Parks, Multiuse Sites, Natural Areas, Working Forests, and Regional Trails) specifically:
 - o The Regional Trail System is being managed and developed as more than just a recreational facility, but also as nonmotorized regional transportation corridor that focuses on filling "gaps" in the system, providing connections to regional destinations, and providing equal access.

- King County will now be developing and implementing forest management plans for forests on all types of park lands, not just working forest lands. The active stewardship associated with a forest management plan will improve the ecological value of our forests.
- Listed the advisory committees that provide input and recommendations on a variety of issues affecting the management of the lands and assets of the park system
- Reiterated King County's commitment to a public input process
- Clarified that King County is continuing its shift from just providing parks and recreation to becoming a steward for open space and natural areas.
- Defined that the goals of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) align with the division's goals of:
 - 1. Taking care of what we have.
 - 2. Growing/connecting regional open space and natural lands.
 - 3. Improving regional trails system and regional mobility.
 - 4. Making parks more accessible.
- Updated policies to better reflect King County's commitment to preservation, conservation, and forest stewardship.

A full draft of the updated Open Space Plan is available for review on the King County website: http://www.kingcounty.gov/services/parks-recreation/parks/about/public-notices.aspx

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

This is a non-project action that is applicable to all King County owned open spaces.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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.

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

2. Air

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

The updated plan incorporates the goals of the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan to reduce the need for driving and to decrease greenhouse-gas emissions by continuing to support expansion of the Regional Trail System as a non-motorized transportation option.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

3. Water

a. Surface Water:

 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.

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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 is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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 is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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 is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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 is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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 is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

- 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 is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

4. Plants

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_deciduous tree:	alder, maple, aspen
evergreen tree:	fir, cedar, pine
shrubs	•
 _grass	
 pasture	
crop or grain	

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

 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?

King County will be conducting forest management activities on many open space properties.. This may involve periodic thinning of trees as defined by a forest stewardship plan specific to each property. In general, the active stewardship provided by King County in association with these plans will improve the ecological value of King County forest land. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects that include forest management.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

5. Animals

a. <u>List</u> any birds and <u>other</u> 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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

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

In general, the active stewardship provided by King County in association with forest management plans will improve the ecological value of King County forest land thus preserving and enhancing wildlife habitat.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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.

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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:

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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.

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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 is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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 is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

b. Noise

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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 is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

8. Land and shoreline use

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If

resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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 is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

9. Housing

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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?

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

11. Light and glare

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

12. Recreation

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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 is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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.

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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.

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

14. Transportation

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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?

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

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 is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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 is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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 is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

15. Public services

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

This is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

16. Utilities

a. Utilities currently available at the site:

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 is not applicable to this non-project action. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

C. SIGNATURE

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

Signature: Connu & Blu

Name of Signee: Connie Blumen, Natural Resources Program Manager

Position and Agency/Organization:

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Parks and Recreation Division

Date Signed: 1/-23-2015

Supplemental sheet for non-project actions

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

These plan updates will not increase the likelihood of discharges to water, emissions to air, production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

No impacts are expected and so no measures are proposed.

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

These plan updates includes policy updates that support King County's commitment to preservation, conservation, and forest stewardship. The types of projects that align with and support those goals are the same sorts of projects that are likely to improve ecological habitat value for plants, animals, fish and marine life.

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

No impacts are expected and so no measures are proposed.

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

These plan updates will not increase the likelihood of depletion of energy or natural resources. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

As part of King County Ordinance 17709, the King County Energy Plan, and the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan, King County requires the incorporation of green building and sustainable development practices in all County capital projects, including planning, design, construction, remodeling, renovation, operations, and maintenance of any King County-owned or financed capital project. Project elements that are analyzed as part of this requirement include, but are not limited to, environmental quality, energy conservation, life cycle cost analysis, and resource efficiency.

As part of this effort, recycling efforts in parks will continue, and additional effort will be made to further encourage and promote recycling in the parks. Use of recycled products will continue when appropriate. Salvage and reuse of materials from structure demolition will be done when feasible.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

These plan updates includes policy updates that support King County's commitment to preservation, conservation, and forest stewardship. The types of projects that align with and support those goals are the types of projects that would protect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated for government protect.

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

No impacts are expected and so no measures are proposed.

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?

These plan updates do not directly affect land or shoreline use and thus would not allow or encourage uses incompatible with existing plans. The plan does not change the laws or regulations that govern these areas. Projects that align with King County's goal of preservation, conservation, and forest stewardship would protect existing land and shoreline uses defined in existing plans.

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

No impacts are expected and so no measures are proposed.

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

These plans updates would not increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities. A project specific SEPA analysis would be completed for future projects.

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

No impacts are expected and so no measures are proposed.

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

These plan updates will not conflict with laws and requirements for protection of the environment. These plan updates include policy updates that support King County's commitment to preservation, conservation, and forest stewardship. Projects that support these goals would further the protection of the environment.