



King County

Department of
Natural Resources and Parks

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-Significance for Amendments to King County Floodplain Regulations

- Date of Issuance:** May 21, 2009
- Project:** This is a non-project action as defined under WAC 197-11-704 to amend floodplain regulations in King County Code chapter 21A.24. These code amendments are proposed as a result of a Community Assistance Visit (CAV) conducted on January 15, 2009 by Washington State Department of Ecology on behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assess King County's compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program. The CAV identified deficiencies in the regulations for the AO (shallow flooding) flood zone and an inappropriate allowance for a civil engineer to complete a FEMA Elevation Certificate. Additional changes are included in this ordinance to facilitate the correction to sub-grade crawl spaces, which were identified through field inspections of floodplain development as part of the CAV.
- Location:** Unincorporated King County floodplains along the six major river systems, which are the South Fork Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Sammamish, Cedar, Green and White Rivers, and their significant tributaries, the Tolt, Raging, Miller and Greenwater Rivers. The floodplain regulations also apply along other tributaries and smaller streams, including, but not limited to Tokul Creek, Kimball Creek, Coal Creek (Snoqualmie), Issaquah Creek, Fifteen Mile Creek, and Holder Creek.
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- Zoning:** All zones
Community Plan: All community plans
Drainage Subbasin: All drainage subbasins
Section/Township/Range: All STR's

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This finding is based on review of the environmental checklist dated May 19, 2009. A copy of the SEPA Threshold Determination and the environmental checklist are available electronically for download <http://edit.kingcounty.gov/environment/waterandland/flooding/code-update.aspx>.

Threshold Determination

The responsible official finds that the above-described proposal does not pose a probable significant adverse impact to the environment after reviewing the environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. The responsible official finds this information reasonably sufficient to evaluate the environmental impact of this proposal. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c)

Comments

Pursuant to KCC 20.44.120 there is no administrative appeal of this threshold determination. Written comments on the proposed draft ordinance should be addressed to the County contact listed above.

Comment deadline:


5:00 PM on Monday, June 8, 2009

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5.20.09
Date