



ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

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

Use of checklist for non-project proposals:

Complete the checklist for non-project proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." In addition, complete the supplemental sheet for Non-project Actions (part D).

For non-project actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:
City of La Center Trail Project
2. Name of applicant:
City of La Center
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:
City of La Center Public Work
305 NW Pacific Highway
La Center, WA. 98632
c/o Tony Cooper, P.E., City Engineer
4. Date checklist prepared:
January 08, 2016
5. Agency requesting checklist:
City of La Center
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):
Environmental Permitting-February to March 2016
Construction June to August 2016
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.
A future bathroom may be constructed for the proposed park east of La Center Road.
8. List any environmental information you know about, that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.
Identifying impacts to critical areas or shorelines adjacent to the trails and reviewing impacts by application of the city's Critical Areas Ordinance.
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 applications are pending for governmental approval.
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.
It is possible that La Center critical area and shoreline permits may be required and that state fish and wildlife permits may be needed to construct some of the trails or boardwalk.
11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)
 1. *Cafeteria Trail-Exhibit A1 and A2 (permits)*

- Gravel pedestrian trail from E. 4th Street to existing trail in Sternwheeler Park. Approximately 1,100 lineal feet.
2. Ivy Trail-Exhibit B and B1
 - Gravel pedestrian trail from Ivy Avenue to existing trail south of school property. Approximately 1,000 lineal feet.
 3. New City Trail-Exhibit C
 - Gravel pedestrian trail from E. Avenue to West 7th Street. Approximately 500 lineal feet.
 4. High School Trail-Exhibit D
 - Option 1: Gravel pedestrian trail from La Center High School and traversing along private property to Brezee Creek. Then a boardwalk across Brezee Creek connecting to an existing gravel trail on the west side of Brezee Creek. Approximately 900 lineal feet.
 - Option 2: Gravel pedestrian trail from La Center High School then south along Highland Road and traversing along private property to Brezee Creek. Then a boardwalk across Brezee Creek connecting to an existing gravel trail on the west side of Brezee Creek. Approximately 1,250 lineal feet.
 5. West Trail-Exhibit E
 - Gravel pedestrian trail from and existing gravel trail north of West 16th Avenue and continuing along West F. Place. Approximately 170 lineal feet.
 6. Southwest Trail-Exhibit F & F1
 - Gravel pedestrian trail just north of the Lewis River along D. Avenue then west along W. 2nd Street then connecting to the existing trail on West E. Avenue. Approximately 600 lineal feet.
 7. New City Park Trail and Park-Exhibit G, G1 and G2
 - Short section of gravel pedestrian trail on the west side of La Center Road Bridge then easterly under the bridge to an existing gravel trail on the east side of the bridge.
 - Construct a new park on the east side of La Center Road just south of La Center Road Bridge. The park will be accessed with gravel access Road from Pollock Road to the park. The park will consist of a grasserete or gravel parking lot with a grass pedestrian area with picnic tables and barbecue pits. A concrete pedestrian walkway will be provided from the parking lot to the grass area and to a future bathroom. A gravel 5-foot wide boat launch will be constructed to allow non-motorized boats access the Lewis River.

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.

*See schematic key map and exhibits located on the City of La Center Website
http://www.ci.lacenter.wa.us/city_departments/pdfs/SEPA_TrailMap_CriticalAreas.pdf.*

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

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

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?
2:1 slope along Brezee Creek.
- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (the example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, and muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.
A combination of Hillsboro Silt Loam, Washougal Loam, Suavie Silty Clay Loam. No prime farmland will be disturbed.
- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.
Yes Clark County GIS indicates a presence of Landslide Hazard Areas along the trail system near Brezee Creek and Lewis River. There has been one slide along the existing trail along Brezee Creek last year.
- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed.
Once the trail alignments are cleared of vegetation the existing soil will be used to build the trail. There may be as much as 200 cubic yards of fill that may be needed to build the trails. Aggregate base will be imported to build the trails.
Indicate source of fill.
Until a contractor is hired, the city will not know the location of fill that may be used to build the trails. It will most likely be a local borrow pit that is used to obtain fill.
- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.
No erosion is anticipated due to construction as the contractor will be required to install erosion control measures such as silt fence, hydroseeding, straw and slope protection per the City of La Center Ordinance.
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?
No impervious surface will be installed as part of the trail projects. The trail walking surface will be aggregate base and will not be used by any vehicular traffic except for construction and yearly maintenance.
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:
Silt fence, hydroseeding, straw and slope protection per the City of La Center Ordinance.

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, and industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.
Normal construction vehicles will be used such as an excavator and dump trucks. These vehicles will have appropriate emission control per state law. No dust is anticipated during construction measures will be required by the contractor to control dust if it occurs.

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

None.

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

3. Water

- a. Surface:

- i. 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.

Yes. Brezee Creek is adjacent to the trail as well as existing wetland presence as indicated by Clark County GIS. Brezee Creek flows to the Lewis River. The Lewis River is also adjacent to the proposed park and non-motorized boat ramp.

- ii. 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.

Yes. The trails noted as the Cafeteria Trail, High School Trail are adjacent to Brezee Creek. The Southwest Trail, River Trail and the Park with boat launch are adjacent to the Lewis River. See trail plans on City website.

- iii. 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.

No fill or dredge material is anticipated to be necessary to construct the trails or park. The trails will be built to not impact wetland. The High School Trail across Brezee Creek will be built above the creek as a boardwalk and will not impact wetlands.

Indicate the source of fill material.

No fill in the creek or wetland.

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

No surface water withdrawals or diversions are anticipated.

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

Yes. The City Park Trail and proposed park are located in the floodway fringe. See Exhibit G for the approximate vicinity of the floodway.

- vi. 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. No waste material will be generated from construction or result in completion of the trails.

- b. Ground:

- i. Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No water will be withdrawn or discharged.

- ii. 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 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.

None.

- c. Water runoff (including storm water):

- i. 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?

Stormwater will sheet flow from the trails to existing vegetation adjacent to the new trails.

Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Yes. Stormwater from the trails will flow along existing vegetation before flowing to Brezee Creek or the Lewis River.

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

No.

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

Existing vegetation adjacent to the trails will be used to control the amount of additional stormwater generated from the trails. This existing vegetation will impede the stormwater flow so it will not cause erosion or added sediment to the adjacent Brezee Creek and Lewis River.

4. Plants

- a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

Yes Deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

Yes Evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

shrubs

Yes grass

pasture

crop or grain

wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other

water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

Yes other types of vegetation

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

Blackberry plants, ferns, ivy and dead trees will be removed to build the trails.

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

None known.

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

Seeding native grass will be done as part of the fill or cut slope adjacent to the trails.

5. Animals

- a. Circle any birds and animals which 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:

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

No known endangered species are known adjacent to the trails.

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

Pacific flyway.

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

Construction of trails through the urban area will disturb wildlife.

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.

None.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties?

No.

If so, generally describe.

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal?

No energy conservation is anticipated for this project.

List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

No energy impacts are anticipated.

7. Environmental health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemical, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

No.

- i. Describe special emergency services that might be required.

No emergency services are anticipated on the trails. The bed of the trails will be wide enough to allow emergency vehicle passage if necessary.

- ii. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

- No health hazards are known to existing along the trails.*
- b. Noise
- i. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?
- No known*
- ii. 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.
- The only construction noise will be generated and it will occur generally during 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, consistent with the City of La Center Ordinance of construction hours.*
- iii. 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 current use of each trail varies. The proposed Cafeteria Trail and High School Trails are adjacent to Brezee Creek. West Trail, New City Trail and Southwest Trail are adjacent to existing houses. Ivy Trail is located south of the La Center Elementary/Middle School. The River Trail and Park are located near the Lewis River and are in Shoreline areas. The trails will be accessed by existing roadway and other existing trails.*
- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.
- None of the areas adjacent to the trails are used for agriculture*
- c. Describe any structures on the site.
- No structures exist on the site for the trails.*
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?
- No structures will be demolished to build the trails.*
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?
- The zoning classifications vary for the proposed trails and include Park/Open space, Residential and commercial. See the map entitled Trails with Land Use Map on the City of La Center Website: http://www.ci.lacenter.wa.us/city_departments/pdfs/SEPA_TrailMap_Zoning.pdf*
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?
- The comprehensive plan designations vary for the proposed trails and include: Public Facilities, Open Space, Urban Residential and Commercial. See the map entitled Trails with Land Use Map on the City of La Center Website.*
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?
- The shoreline designations near the proposed trails are Medium Intensity and Urban Conservancy.*
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.
- Some of the trail segments will cross or be adjacent to La Center Critical Areas, including, shoreline, wetlands, riparian area and steep slopes. Any impacts to critical areas or attendant buffers will require city critical area review, LCMC 18.300.*

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?
None. The trails will be used by the public.
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?
None.
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:
None.
- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:
The proposed trails and park are designed to implement the La Center Parks and Trail Master Plan and Capital Facility Plan.

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
None. This is not a development.
- c. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
None.
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:
None.

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?
No height to the trails. Only some fill is necessary to build the trails.
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?
None.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:
Construction of the trails will add aesthetic views.

11. Light and glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?
No lights will be constructed.
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?
No.
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?
None.
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:
No measures necessary.

12. Recreation

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

The proposed trails will provide access for the public along to walk along Brezsee Creek and connection to existing trails. The proposed park will provide a picnic area and dock access for non-motorized boats to the Lewis River.

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

No. It will enhance walking and public access to the river consistent with the city's comprehensive plan and shoreline master program.

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

None.

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.

None.

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

No known historic, archaeological, scientific or cultural importance of any areas along the proposed trails.

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

Compliance with state law if cultural resources are encountered during construction.

14. Transportation

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

The proposed trails will generally be away from public streets. However access will be provided along 4th Street to this trail. The park can be accessed from Pollock Road and parking will be provided at the end of Pollock Road for the park. Some of the proposed trails complete connections to roadside sidewalks that are part of the trail system.

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

No public transit exists near the trails. However there is a CTRAN stop on Cedar Avenue, just north of 4th Street, which is approximately 1,000 feet away from the Cafeteria Trail entrance.

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

New parking spaces are not an element of this project. There are approximately six to twelve parking spaces near the trailheads.

- 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).

No.

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

The river park will have a boat launch to access the Lewis River, but this is for recreation not for transportation.

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

None.

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

The trails can be used to connect to some sidewalks. But in general this will not significantly reduce transportation impacts.

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.

No.

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

None.

16. Utilities

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

No services available.

- 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 project will not generate the need for new utilities. When the city extends sewer service across the river it will extend a sewer lateral to the river park. That project is unfunded and will be subject to future review.

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: Anthony Leo Coyey Date: 1/26/16