

SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Application Name: Covington Community Park, Phase I
Application File Number: SEPA11-05 (Associated with CIP 1010)
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Project Location: The subject property is located at the SW corner of the intersection of 180th Avenue SE and SE 240th Street in the City of Covington, King County, Washington (NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 22 North, and Range 4 East, W.M.). Parcel Nos. 2422059182, 2422059085, 2422059001, and 2422059020. (Figure 1- Attached)

Project Description: The City is proposing to construct an active and passive recreational park. The complete project includes parking, ball fields (soccer & baseball), unstructured open space/lawn area, playgrounds, picnic shelters, tennis and basketball courts and trails. The project will be constructed in phases. This SEPA determination is for Phase 1 only. A separate SEPA threshold determination will be issued prior to construction of Phase 2 of the park. (Figure 3- Attached)

Phase 1 development includes construction of one full-size natural grass soccer field; parking for approximately 30 vehicles; minor street improvements to SE 240th Street (addition of 5 feet of asphalt and 5-foot gravel shoulder); related utilities and storm drainage; trails (wood chipped) and wetland mitigation for Wetland C. Phase 1 development would disturb approximately 4.2 acres of the property. (Figure 2- Attached)

Little Soos Creek flows through the southwest corner of the subject property, west of a Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) power line corridor and is classified as a Type F Stream. Ten wetlands have been identified on the subject property. There are three Category II wetlands (Wetlands H, J and K) and seven Category III wetlands (Wetlands A-G) located on the subject property. Phase 1 Wetland impacts are limited to Wetland C and a small portion of Wetland G for a total of 0.13 acres. No park facilities will be constructed within the Soos Creek 100 year floodplain. Mitigation measures for critical area impacts are included in the associated reports and outlined in the SEPA Checklist.

Environmental Documents: Cultural Resources Assessment for the Proposed Covington Community Park, King County, Washington (Draft) (Paragon Research Associates, January 2010), Covington Community Park, Critical Areas Report and Final Mitigation Plan (ESA Adolfson, March 2011), Preliminary Storm Drainage Report, Covington Park 240th and 180th, 30% Master Plan (All Phases)(Pace Engineers, Inc., October 28, 2009), Transportation and Parking Analysis technical memorandum (Draft), (Heffron Transportation Inc., February 22, 2010), Geotechnical Report Proposed Covington Park 180th Avenue SE/SE 240th Street, Covington Washington (Draft) (Landau Associates, July 22, 2009), Covington Community Park Master Plan Summary Report (MacLeod Reckord, March 2009), Wetland Study 180th/240th Street Park Master Plan, Covington technical memorandum (ESA Adolfson, August 26, 2008), and other information on file with the lead agency.

Attachments: Figure 1- Vicinity Map, Figure 2- Phase 1 Site Plan, Figure 3- Park Master Plan

Responsible Official/
Lead Agency

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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 review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

 X This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days. Comments must be submitted and received by the City of Covington by September 30, 2011.

Comments and Appeals Notice

Comments and appeals on this DNS may be submitted by first class mail or delivered to the responsible official at the above lead agency address. Any notice of appeals must be filed in writing, with the required filing fee paid in cash or check and received within 14 calendar days of the end of the comment period at Covington City Hall Offices by October 14, 2011 at 5 PM. You must make specific factual objections, identify error, harm suffered, or identify anticipated relief sought and raise specific issues in the statement of appeal. Contact the Community Development Department at Covington City Hall to ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals.