



STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA) DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

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PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT NAME: Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and PARCC Plan

SEPA FILE NUMBER: SEPA-2020-00148

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Proposed amendments to the Trails Map in the PARCC Plan and new policies related to the recently adopted Parks and Trails Strategic Management Plan, American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) Parks and Trails Transition Plan, Tree Canopy Strategic Plan, and Facilities Strategic Management Plan.

PROJECT LOCATION: citywide

SITE ADDRESS: 15670 NE 85TH ST
REDMOND, WA 98052

APPLICANT: Jeff Aken

LEAD AGENCY: City of Redmond

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the requirements of environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed through the City's regulations and Comprehensive Plan together with applicable State and Federal laws.

Additionally, the lead agency has determined that the proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment as described under SEPA.

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.**

CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

PROJECT PLANNER NAME: Cathy Beam

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IMPORTANT DATES

COMMENT PERIOD

Depending upon the proposal, a comment period may not be required. An "**X**" is placed next to the applicable comment period provision.

There is no comment period for this DNS. Please see below for appeal provisions.

'X' This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2), and the lead agency will not make a decision on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments can be submitted to the Project Planner, via phone, fax (425)556-2400, email or in person at the Development Services Center located at 15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, WA 98052. **Comments must be submitted by 04/02/2020.**

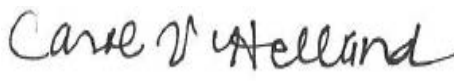
APPEAL PERIOD

You may appeal this determination to the City of Redmond Office of the City Clerk, Redmond City Hall, 15670 NE 85th Street, P.O. Box 97010, Redmond, WA 98073-9710, **no later than 5:00 p.m. on 04/17/2020**, by submitting a completed City of Redmond Appeal Application Form available on the City's website at www.redmond.gov or at City Hall. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections.

DATE OF DNS ISSUANCE: March 19, 2020

For more information about the project or SEPA procedures, please contact the project planner.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Carol V. Helland
Planning Director

SIGNATURE: 

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Dave Juarez
Public Works Director

SIGNATURE: 

Address: 15670 NE 85th Street Redmond, WA 98052

CITY OF REDMOND
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST
NON-PROJECT ACTION
(Revised May 2018)

Purpose of the 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 City of Redmond 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" and indicate the reason why the question "does not apply". It is not adequate to submit responses such as "N/A" or "does not apply"; without providing a reason why the specific section does not relate or cause an impact. Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later. If you need more space to write answers attach them and reference the question number.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the City 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. When you submit this checklist the City may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Review Planner Name: CBeam

Date of Review: 2/26/2020

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<p>7. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):</p> <p>March: Tech Committee, SEPA Determination April - May: Planning Commission June - July: PHS, Council</p>	<p>CB This is a 2020 schedule.</p>
<p>8. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, explain.</p> <p>In 2020-21 Staff will undertake an evaluation of the RZC's related codes to tree preservation which may result in code revisions.</p> <p>Staff is creating an ADA transition plan for city-owned and managed facilities.</p>	<p>CB</p>
<p>9. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared or will be prepared directly related to this proposal.</p> <p>ADA - WT Consultants conducted an access audit of all 47 parks and 39 miles of trails to develop a transition plan for Redmond;'s parks and trails per Title II of the 1990 American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) Tree Canopy Strategic Plan conducted an analysis of existing and potential tree canopy using LIDAR and GIS.</p>	<p>CB</p>
<p>10. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, explain.</p> <p>N/A This is a non-project action.</p>	<p>CB</p>

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<p>11. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.</p> <p>City Council ordinance adoption</p>	<p>CB - Comprehensive Plan Amendment</p>
<p>12. 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.</p> <p>This package consists of proposed policy amendments to the Comprehensive Plan except for a Trails Map update in the PARCC Plan. The proposed amendments are the outcome of recently adopted planning documents including the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan: Parks and Recreation, Tree Canopy Strategic Plan, and Facilities Strategic Management Plan.</p>	<p>CB</p>
<p>13. 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</p> <p>Proposals have citywide impacts, however, 2 policies are No. Redmond specific: N-NR-4 Conserve and strive to enhance existing significant natural features, incl. steep slopes, wetlands, streams, creeks, trees, and fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas. N-NR-13 Require retention and promote the health of landmark trees. Require sidewalk designs that meander around the tree(s) and respective drip-lines, or include them within curb bulbs in locations along arterials where sufficient existing ROW unless said location would prove a danger to public safety.</p>	<p>CB - Essentially the policies are citywide.</p>

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<p>B. <u>SUPPLEMENTAL</u></p> <p>Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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?</p> <p style="background-color: #e0ffe0; padding: 5px;">N/A - the proposal is a non-project action. Proposed alterations of parks and trails, or ADA access projects would be designed and built in a manner that avoids or reduces discharge to water and air, and avoids creating noise or hazardous substances.</p> <p>Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:</p> <p style="background-color: #e0ffe0; padding: 5px;">N/A - the proposal is a non-project action. Proposed alterations of parks and trails, or ADA access projects would be designed and constructed consistent with Redmond's zoning code, and local, state and federal environmental standards.</p> <p>2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?</p> <p style="background-color: #e0ffe0; padding: 5px;">N/A - the proposal is a non-project action. Any proposed alterations to parks, trails or ADA access projects would be designed and built in a manner that avoids or reduces negative impacts to plants, animals, fish, and marine life.</p> <p>Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish or marine life are:</p> <p style="background-color: #e0ffe0; padding: 5px;">N/A - the proposal is a non-project action. Any proposed alterations to parks, trails or ADA access projects would be designed and constructed consistent with Redmond's zoning code, and local, state and federal environmental standards.</p>	<p style="background-color: #ffffcc; padding: 5px;">CB - Proposal not likely to cause.</p> <p style="background-color: #ffffcc; padding: 5px;">CB</p> <p style="background-color: #ffffcc; padding: 5px;">CB - Proposal not likely to affect.</p> <p style="background-color: #ffffcc; padding: 5px;">CB</p>

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<p>3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?</p> <p>N/A - the proposal is a non-project action. Any proposed alterations to parks, trails or ADA access projects would be designed and built in a manner that avoids or reduces depletion of energy and natural resources.</p> <p>Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:</p> <p>N/A - the proposal is a non-project action. Any proposed alterations to parks, trails or ADA access projects would be designed and constructed consistent with Redmond's zoning code, and local, state and federal environmental standards.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>N/A - the proposal is a non-project action. Any proposed alterations to parks, trails or ADA access projects would be designed and built in a manner that avoids or reduces impact to environmentally sensitive areas.</p> <p>Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:</p> <p>N/A - the proposal is a non-project action. Any proposed alterations to parks, trails or ADA access projects would be designed and constructed consistent with Redmond's zoning code, and local, state and federal environmental standards.</p>	<p>CB - Proposal not likely to deplete energy and natural resources.</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB - Proposal not likely to affect these areas.</p> <p>CB</p>

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<p>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?</p> <p>N/A - the proposal is a non-project action Any proposed alterations to parks, trails or ADA access projects would be designed and built in a manner that avoids land or shoreline uses that are incompatible with existing plans.</p> <p>Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:</p> <p>N/A - the proposal is a non-project action. Any proposed alterations to parks, trails or ADA access projects would be designed and constructed consistent with Redmond's zoning code, and local, state and federal environmental standards.</p>	<p>CB - Proposal not likely to affect land and shoreline uses.</p> <p>CB</p>
<p>6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?</p> <p>N/A - the proposal is a non-project action. Proposed policies that address ADA access to parks and trails will likely encourage more visitors to these facilities.</p> <p>Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:</p> <p>N/A - the proposal is non-project action. Amending the Comprehensive Plan by the proposed policies would allow the City to promote the development of energy management technologies as part of efficiently meeting the City's energy needs through techniques, such as benchmarking buildings for energy performance, optimizing input energy requirements, and initiating incentive programs for net-zero energy structures (proposed UT-77).</p>	<p>CB - Proposal not likely to increase demands on these services.</p> <p>CB</p>

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<p>7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.</p> <p>No conflicts with local, state, or federal laws for the protection of the environment are anticipated.</p>	<p>CB</p>

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.

Applicant Signature: **Jeff Aken** Digitally signed by Jeff Aken
Date: 2020.02.04 15:08:11 -08'00'

Name of Signee: Jeff Aken

Position and Agency/Organization: Senior Park Planner

Relationship of Signer to Project: Project Manager

Date Submitted: 2/4/20