



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

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## PROJECT INFORMATION

**PROJECT NAME:** PARCC Plan Update

**SEPA FILE NUMBER:** SEPA-2016-02035

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Park, Arts, Recreation, Culture, & Conservation (PARCC) Plan 2017-2022: This is an update of the 2010 PARCC Plan, which is a functional plan for the Parks and Recreation Department

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Citywide

**SITE ADDRESS:**

**APPLICANT:** David Shaw

**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

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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 12/30/2016.**

### **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 01/12/2017**, by submitting a completed City of Redmond Appeal Application Form available on the City's website at [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov) or at City Hall. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections.

**DATE OF DNS ISSUANCE:** December 14, 2016

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

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:** Robert G. Odle  
Planning Director

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**RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:** Linda E. De Boldt  
Public Works Director

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**Address:** 15670 NE 85th Street Redmond, WA 98052

**CITY OF REDMOND**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**  
**NON-PROJECT ACTION**  
*(Revised 5/27/15)*

**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.

Planner Name: CBeam  
Date of Review: 12/1/16



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<p>7. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):</p> <p>This functional plan is updated every six years, and includes short term (2017 - 2022) and long term (2023 - 2030) plans. Some capital projects proposed in this plan could be completed in the next six years, before the plan is updated again. Additional projects may be added to the capital improvement plan as growth or demand requires before the next PARCC Plan update.</p> <p>8. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal?  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No    If yes, explain.</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>No environmental studies have been prepared for this plan. A review of the City's Critical Areas and Shoreline Master Plan was conducted in preparation of this proposal. More environmental investigation will be conducted during the planning and design phases of individual projects.</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No    If yes, explain.</p> <p>Some of the projects listed in the PARCC Plan are underway and are undergoing more specific planning, design or construction and are following City, State and Federal regulations, as applicable. An example includes Downtown Park. Some projects will require city, county, state or federal permits.</p>	<p>CB - Planning Commission review and recommendation Q4 2016 &amp; Q1 2017; City Council review and approval Q1 2017</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB - Environmental checklist</p> <p>CB - These projects would also be subject to project action SEPA.</p>

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<p>11. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.</p> <p>This plan must be approved by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for the City of Redmond to be eligible for state and federal grant funding.</p> <p>(See attachment for full response)</p>	<p>CB - City of Redmond Comprehensive Plan Amendment; filing with the State Dept. of Commerce</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 is a functional plan for the parks and recreation department that recommends capital projects that will implement policies within the Parks, Recreation and Arts Element of the Comprehensive Plan for 2017 - 2030. The projects will include renovations and new construction of parks, trails and recreation facilities citywide. Many of the projects will occur on existing land with parks and trails and some will require acquisition of new land for proposed projects.</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>The proposal is citywide. Some project sites are identified and owned by the City and other sites are proposed in a neighborhood, but a specific site has not yet been identified.</p>	<p>CB</p>

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<p><b>B. <u>SUPPLEMENTAL</u></b></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>Most projects would only potentially impact air quality during construction through the use of diesel vehicles. The air impacts are anticipated to be minimal. Parks are located throughout the City, typically in residential or commercial areas where traffic and sports would be the most common generators of noise. Gasoline-powered tools and machines will be used for mowing grass and maintaining landscaping at parks.</p> <p>Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:</p> <p>Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be utilized for both construction and operations phases to reduce air emissions, production of noise, and other potential issues.</p> <p>(See attachment for full response)</p> <p>2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?</p> <p>These details will be identified during individual project design and reviewed in a project specific environmental review and permitting process.</p> <p>Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish or marine life are:</p> <p>The City is committed to designing parks and trails sustainably, which includes enhancing wildlife habitat, from wetlands and streams to forests.</p> <p>(See attachment for full response)</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB - Not likely to significantly impact. Parks projects include enhancing resource areas.</p> <p>CB</p>

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<p>3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?</p> <p>Water, gas and electrical power will be used during the construction of parks, trails and recreation facilities. These resources will also be used in their operation, though to a lesser degree for trails.</p> <p>Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:</p> <p>The City plans to develop new structures to LEED standards whenever possible including provisions for energy efficient windows, ventilation systems, heating, power, and more. The City will also encourage alternative forms of transportation to parks by connecting parks and trails, providing better bicycle and walking facilities, and through education.</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>Many park and trail sites have sensitive area or shoreline designations within their properties. At times trails may occur within one of these areas. There are also a number of historic sites in the parks system, and a number of these are actively functioning in a park capacity. Some of the parks have old farmsteads including homes, barns, and outbuildings that are used for recreation programs. In the future some of these are planned to be used for environmental education.</p> <p>Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:</p> <p>Whenever possible, work is avoided in sensitive areas. Measures are taken during construction to avoid erosion or other contamination of these resources. The PARCC Plan proposes to repair and renovate historic structures and sites, including at Conrad Olsen Park, Farrel-McWhirter Park, and the Adair House at Anderson Park.</p>	<p>CB - Impact likely minimal.</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB - Not likely to significantly impact. Individual park improvements are subject to the City's environmental regulations and project action SEPA.</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>As City projects, all proposed projects will meet Code requirements and goals of the Comprehensive Plan. Proposed projects may propose minimally invasive trails so that people have occasional visual access to shoreline areas.</p> <p>Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:</p> <p>Land use impacts will be minimized by locating parks and trails across the city in a geographically equitable fashion. This will reduce land use impacts by enabling the community to walk or travel only a short distance to reach a park or trail. Shoreline impacts will be minimized by designing trails and other uses near shorelines to minimize impact on wildlife, habitat and water resources, in collaboration with City staff in Planning and Natural Resources.</p> <p>6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?</p> <p>Some of the City's parks are served by transit, typically those located in Downtown and Overlake neighborhoods, with some opportunities in other neighborhoods as well. Construction of well-attended community parks and recreation centers could place additional demand on these services. A community center with a pool could increase water demand. As new projects are developed, more fire and police services may be needed.</p> <p>Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:</p> <p>The City will work to encourage non-motorized transportation to parks and trails by improving non-motorized connections to these facilities and providing for bicycle facilities in parks. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles will be used in the design of new projects to reduce demand on the police.</p> <p>More details will be available during the design phase of individual projects.</p>	<p>CB - Not likely to significantly affect.</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</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 are known at this time.</p> <p>Additional detail will be developed and provided during the planning and design phases of individual projects.</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.

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Name of Signee: David A. Shaw

Position and Agency/Organization: Senior Park Planner

Relationship of Signer to Project: Project Manager

Date Submitted: November 22, 2016