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Subject: FW: CA update
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From: West, Steve T (DFW) [<mailto:Steve.West@dfw.wa.gov>]
Sent: Monday, May 29, 2017 3:36 PM
To: Adam Trimble
Subject:

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on "SEPA Environmental Checklist Review- Application #E 2017-2" (City of Longview Critical Areas [CAO] Update). The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) reviewed the document and finds it to be thorough. Having said that, it appears that there is no mention of the Long Bell Pond, located near the mouth of the Cowlitz River. This pond, although significantly altered still provides fish habitat (documented presence) as well as amphibian and avian habitat. The WDFW suggests including this water body in the City of Longview CAO update.

Regards,



May 15, 2017

To: Washington State E.C.Y., Environmental Review Section
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From: John Brickey, Director of Community Development/Building Official

Subject: SEPA Environmental Checklist Review - Application #E 2017-2

Project: The proposal is to update the City of Longview's Critical Areas Ordinance that was adopted in 2002 and then updated in 2009. The Critical Areas Ordinance is codified in Longview Municipal Code as Chapters 17.10 and 17.12. The proposal is a non-project action and affects properties citywide in Longview, Washington.

The applicant has submitted an Environmental Checklist for review under WAC 197-11, the SEPA Rules.

Critical areas for lands subject to the Shorelines Management Act are regulated through the Shorelines Master Program for Longview, Washington.

The SEPA Responsible Official has determined that this proposal will not likely have an adverse impact on the environment and has issued a DNS on this application. Please review the attached SEPA documents and provide your written comments to me no later than **6:00 p.m. May 29, 2017**.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Adam Trimble, Planner at (360) 442-5092 or me at (360) 442-5080.

Thank you.

Attachments: Draft Critical Area Regulation updates.

Cc: Applicant: Steve Langdon, Planning Manager
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**DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE
SEPA RULES - WAC 197-11-970**

Description of Proposal: E 2017-2-- The proposal is to update the City of Longview's Critical Areas Ordinance that was adopted in 2002 and then updated in 2009. The Critical Areas Ordinance is codified in Longview Municipal Code as Chapters 17.10 and 17.12.

Proponents: Steve Langdon, Planning Manager
City of Longview
P.O. Box 128
Longview, WA 98632
Phone: 360-442-5083

Location of Proposal, Including Street Address, if any: The non-project action affects properties city-wide. The City of Longview is located in Cowlitz County.

Lead Agency: City of Longview, Washington

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



The comment period for this DNS ends at 6:00 on May 29, 2017.

Responsible Official: John Brickey

Position/Title: Director/Building Official

Department: Community Development

Address: PO Box 128, Longview, WA 98632

Contact Person: Adam Trimble, Planner

Phone: (360) 442-5092

Date: May 15, 2017

Signature:

John H. Brickey

A. background [\[help\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: [\[help\]](#) *City of Longview Critical Areas Ordinance Update (Application No. E 2015-2)*
2. Name of applicant: [\[help\]](#)
City of Longview, Community Development
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: [\[help\]](#)
Steve Langdon, Planning Manager
360-442-5083
1525 Broadway/PO Box 128
Longview, WA 98632-7080
4. Date checklist prepared: *May 4, 2017*
5. Agency requesting checklist: *City of Longview*
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): *The Longview Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the update on June 7, 2017. The City Council is expected to consider and then adopt the update by the end of July.*
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. [\[help\]](#)
The nonproject Critical Areas Ordinance update will be subject to review as needed in the future following adoption, and any subsequent amendments will require separate environmental review.
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. [\[help\]](#) *None*
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. [\[help\]](#)
None known.
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. [\[help\]](#)
City Council adoption of an ordinance
11. 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. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.) [\[help\]](#)
The proposal is to update the City of Longview's Critical Areas Ordinance that was adopted in 2002 and then updated in 2009. The Critical Areas Ordinance is codified in Longview Municipal Code as Chapters 17.10 and 17.12. The City is approximately 13.7 square miles in size. The City of Longview Draft Critical Areas Ordinance Update is attached.

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. *The City of Longview is located in Cowlitz County which is located in Southwest Washington.*

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS [\[help\]](#)

1. Earth

a. General description of the site [\[help\]](#)

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous,

other Most of the City and its Planning Area is located on the Columbia and Cowlitz river valley bottoms and is relatively flat. The City and its Planning Area also includes hillsides to the north and Mt. Solo. Slopes vary substantially in these areas.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? [\[help\]](#)

Steep slopes 15 percent and greater are found in the City.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

According to US Natural Resources Conservation Service soil surveys, the predominant soil in the lowlands is the Caples- Clato- Newberg general soil type unit. These soils are very deep, artificially drained and well drained soils on flood plains. The predominant soil on the hillsides is the Hazeldell-Olympic (H-O) and the Kelso-Kalama-Minniece (K-K-M) general soil type units. The H-O soils are very deep and deep, well drained soils; on benches, terraces, hillsides and mountain slopes. The K-K-M soils are very deep, somewhat poorly drained and moderately well drained soils; on terraces and terrace escarpments.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

Within Longview, the areas with the most unstable soils and a history of landslides (active and ancient) are primarily located in the upland areas of Longview. Isolated locations are also documented around Mt. Solo. Much of Longview was dredged and filled during the initial layout of the City, which means most of the low-lying areas are at risk of liquefaction during a major seismic event.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. [\[help\]](#)

As a nonproject action, the updated Critical Areas Ordinance will not result in fill and grade activities. Indirectly, future site-specific development that may be allowed under the ordinance may include filling and grading. Future site-specific project actions would be subject to further environmental review on a case-by-case basis.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.
As a nonproject action, the Critical Areas Ordinance Update will not result in erosion. Indirectly, future site-specific development, which may be allowed under the Critical Areas Ordinance may result in clearing and construction activities with the potential for erosion. Future site-specific project actions would be subject to further environmental review on a case-by-case basis. Potential erosion during construction will be mitigated according to federal, state and local regulations.
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?
Does not apply to the Critical Areas Ordinance Update, a nonproject action. Zoning, surface water management, and other standards will regulate the extent of impervious surfaces on future site-specific development.
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: [\[help\]](#)
Not applicable

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. *Adoption of the Critical Areas Ordinance Update would not, in itself, have direct effects on air quality.*
- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. *Not applicable*
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: *None.*

3. Water

- a. Surface Water: [\[help\]](#)
- 1) 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.

The Columbia and Cowlitz rivers, a number of creeks and intermittent watercourses such as Clark Creek, and a ditch system drain the Longview Planning Area Boundary. The Columbia River receives water from the Cowlitz River and the other drainages. Lake Sacajawea is an integral part of the City's park system and is considered to be the City's crown jewel. The water source for Lake Sacajawea is from the Cowlitz River and groundwater.
- 2) 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. *Not applicable.*

- 3) 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. Indicate the source of fill material. *Not applicable.*
- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. *Not applicable.*
- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. *Longview is protected from flooding by a system of levees and ditches. Longview has some frequently flooded areas associated with the Columbia and Cowlitz rivers, the Barlow Point area, and some of the drainage ditches around the City. Approximately 4% of the City is within the 100-year floodplain. Many of these areas contain wetlands, particularly along the Columbia and Cowlitz river shorelines.*
- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. *Not applicable.*

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. *Not applicable.*
- 2) 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 following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, 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.
The Critical Areas Ordinance Update is a nonproject action and does not directly impact groundwater. Per state requirements, the draft CAO update is designed to protect critical aquifer recharge areas. Future site-specific project actions would be subject to further environmental review on a case-by-case basis.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) 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? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.
The Critical Areas Ordinance Update is a nonproject action and does not directly impact water resources. Development allowed by the proposed Critical Areas Ordinance Update may add impervious surfaces that would result in stormwater runoff. Future site-specific project actions would be subject to further environmental review on a case-by-case basis.
- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. *Not applicable.*

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. *Not applicable.*

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

The Critical Areas Ordinance update is designed to provide an additional level of review for critical areas such as geologic hazard areas. Thus, the potential for runoff to impact sensitive lands is minimized.

4. Plants [\[help\]](#)

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site: [\[help\]](#)

- ☐ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- ☐ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- ☐ shrubs
- ☐ grass
- ☐ pasture
- ☐ crop or grain
- ☐ Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- ☐ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- ☐ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- ☐ other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? [\[help\]](#)

The City of Longview contains a variety of vegetation types, including deciduous, evergreen, wetland, and other plants. The Critical Areas Ordinance Update is a nonproject action and does not impact plants directly. Future site-specific project actions would be subject to further environmental review on a case-by-case basis.

c. List threatened and 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: *Not applicable.*

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. *Not applicable.*

5. Animals

a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. Examples include: [\[help\]](#)

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

In the fringes and more rural portions of the City and its Planning Area, there is habitat for hawks, owls, pheasants, ravens, grouse, black-tailed deer, and an occasional elk or black bear. A variety of bird life and small mammals have adapted to the more urbanized areas of the City. The Critical Areas Ordinance Update is a nonproject action and does not impact animals directly. Future site-specific project actions would be subject to further environmental review on a case-by-case basis.

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

The Cowlitz and Columbia rivers in Longview provide habitat for seasonal and year-round fish species that are listed by the Federal Government as threatened, including steelhead trout (summer and winter runs), anadromous salmon and Eulachon (smelt). Other threatened or endangered species that may visit the area include; Bald Eagles, Columbia Whitetail Deer and seals and sea lions.

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

Longview is located within the Pacific Flyway migration route utilized by waterfowl migrating to and from Alaska and northern Canada. Consequently, numerous waterfowl use the wetlands, ponds, and surrounding marine waters as a migratory rest stop, or as a permanent wintering area.

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

The Critical Areas Ordinance update is designed to provide an additional level of review for critical areas such as wetlands and fish and wildlife conservation areas. Thus, the potential for development to adversely impact these sensitive areas is minimized.

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. *Not applicable.*

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. *As a nonproject action, the proposal will not create any additional needs for energy.*
- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. *Not applicable.*
- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: *Not applicable.*

7. Environmental health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe. *As a nonproject action, the Critical Areas Ordinance Update proposal will*

not impact environmental health. Future site-specific project actions would be subject to further environmental review on a case-by-case basis.

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.
Not applicable.
- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity. *Not applicable.*
- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project. *Not applicable.*
- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required. *Not applicable.*
- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: *Not applicable.*

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? *Not applicable.*
- 2) 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. : *Not applicable.*
- 3) 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? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe. *The City of Longview has a typical mix of residential, commercial, industrial and public/semi-public land uses for a small city.*
- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use? *Not applicable.*
 - 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how: *Not applicable.*
- c. Describe any structures on the site. *Not applicable.*

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? *Not applicable.*
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? *Not applicable.*
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? *Not applicable.*
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? *Not applicable.*
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify. *City regulations identify shorelines of the City, one-hundred-year floodplains and geologic hazard area as environmentally sensitive areas. All critical areas as identified in the City's Critical Areas Ordinance are also designated as environmentally sensitive.*
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? *Not applicable.*
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? *Not applicable.*
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: *Not applicable.*
- L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: *Not applicable.*
- m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: *Not applicable.*

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. *Not applicable.*
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. *Not applicable.*
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: *Not applicable.*

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? *Not applicable.*
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? *Not applicable.*
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: *Not applicable.*

11. Light and glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? *Not applicable.*
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? *Not applicable.*
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? *Not applicable.*
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: *Not applicable.*

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? [\[help\]](#)
Parks and recreation facilities serving the residents of Longview include City and County facilities. The City of Longview maintains over 435 acres of park and open space land that offer active and passive recreational opportunities to residents and preserve natural areas of the community. Facilities owned and operated by Longview include 3,600 feet of shoreline access, 48 acres of surface water, and 5.6 miles of trails. Most of the existing trail miles are located around Lake Sacajawea.

The basic building blocks of the parks and recreation program are the neighborhood and community parks. Other components include regional parks; special use facilities such as an art center, memorial building, racquet and fitness complex, and senior citizen center; golf course; bikeway; and pedestrian paths.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. *No*
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: *Not applicable.*

13. Historic and cultural preservation

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe. *Not applicable.*
- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources. *Not applicable.*

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc. *Not applicable.*
- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required. *Not applicable.*

14. Transportation

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

The primary roadway system for Longview's Planning Area is composed of state highways; Ocean Beach Highway (State Route 4) provides the primary east-west roadway through the city. It provides the City's northern access point to the I-5 Corridor and primarily serves the commercial and residential areas, especially the West Longview area. State Route 432, also known as Industrial Way, connects the city to the I-5 Corridor in the southern end of the city. SR 432 directly accesses the Port of Longview, the large industrial complexes of Longview Fibre and Weyerhaeuser, and the City's Mint Farm Industrial Park. SR 411 provides a north-south link through the eastern edge of the city. It also provides a direct connection into the industrial area and is a commuter route for local residents accessing the employment centers. Although the city limits of Longview do not include the I-5 Corridor, access to I-5 for the City's residents and commercial and industrial activities is critical to the City's growth and economy.

A hierarchy of minor arterials, neighborhood connectors and local streets and roads serve the remainder of the Longview Planning Area.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

Transit for Longview residents is provided by the RiverCities Transit. The City contracts with the Cowlitz Transit Authority to provide public transit within the urbanized areas of Longview and Kelso. RiverCities Transit operates paratransit service, which serves disabled, medical, and special needs clientele.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? *Not applicable.*
- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). *Not applicable.*

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.
The City of Longview has direct access to other transportation modes. The deep draft marine terminal facilities at the Port of Longview, Weyerhaeuser, and the former aluminum plant facility generate a tremendous amount of truck and rail activity, primarily along the SR 432 Corridor. In addition to the marine operations, Longview is also impacted by rail activities and access to the industrial areas. Improvements to the I-5/SR 432/Talley Way interchange will have a direct impact on growth in Longview. The majority of traffic movement in the interchange area is generated by the industrial and commercial employment centers, as well as residential areas.
- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? *Not applicable.*
- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe. *Not applicable.*
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: *None.*

15. Public services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. *Not-applicable to this nonproject action.*
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. *Not-applicable to this nonproject action.*

16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
other _____ *The City of Longview has typical urban utilities*
- 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. *Not-applicable to this nonproject action.*

C. Signature

I declare under penalty of the perjury laws that the information I have provided on this form/application is true, correct and complete:

Signature: _____

Name of signee: *Steven L. Langdon*

Position and Agency/Organization: *Planning Manager*

Date Submitted: *May 4, 2017*

D. supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

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.

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?

The proposal is not likely to cause a significant increase in any of the above.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

The Critical Areas Ordinance update is designed to provide an additional level of review/protection for critical areas such as wetlands and fish and wildlife conservation areas. Thus, the potential for development to adversely impact these sensitive areas is minimized.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

The proposal is not likely to cause a significant adverse impact on any of the above.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

The Critical Areas Ordinance update is designed to provide an additional level of review/protection for critical areas such as wetlands and fish and wildlife conservation areas. Thus, the potential for development to adversely impact these sensitive areas is minimized.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

The proposal is not likely to significantly deplete energy or natural resources.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

The critical areas ordinance is designed to help protect natural resources such as wetlands.

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?

The proposal is not likely to cause a significant adverse impact on any of the above.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:
The Critical Areas Ordinance update is designed to provide an additional level of review for critical areas such as wetlands, floodplains, and fish and wildlife conservation areas. Thus, the potential for development to adversely impact these sensitive areas is minimized.

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?
The proposal is not likely to cause a significant adverse impact on any of the above. The Critical Areas Ordinance is designed to ensure that development is compatible with sensitive areas as identified in the CAO.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:
The City is applying the Comprehensive Plan goals, objectives and policies of the Land Use Element and the Natural Environment Element to the update of the Critical Areas Ordinance. Critical areas for lands subject to the Shorelines Management Act are regulated through the Shorelines Master Program for Longview, Washington.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?
The proposal is not likely to cause a significant increase on the demands of any of the above.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:
None

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

The City of Longview is not fully subject to the Growth Management Act (GMA). Communities not fully planning under GMA are still required to prepare a Critical Areas Ordinance for the orderly physical development of the jurisdiction. The draft Critical Areas Ordinance Update is designed to meet or exceed these minimum requirements.

No known conflicts exist based on an analysis of the Critical Areas Ordinance in relation to local, state and federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

