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PRELIMINARY*

**DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**This determination will become final if no formal appeals are filed and/or reconsideration requests are duly received*

for

2024 Stormwater Comprehensive Plan

SEPA Standalone, SEPA Checklist

Project # PLSSP20240067

[Online Permit File](#)

Date of Issuance:	October 31, 2024
Description of Proposal:	<p>The City of Puyallup's updated Stormwater Comprehensive Plan (SWCP) updates the 2012 SWCP to enhance stormwater management, support growth, and address evolving regulatory needs. The updated 2024 SWCP revises the project list in the Capital Facilities Plan to align with current demands and priorities. Key actions include setting Level of Service Goals to ensure stormwater services meet community expectations, conducting a comprehensive Stormwater Drainage System Evaluation to assess current conditions and capacity, and identifying and prioritizing Recommended Improvements to address infrastructure needs.</p> <p>The SWCP also summarizes drainage and water quality issues, identifies capital and programmatic solutions with estimated costs, and outlines existing, improved, and new stormwater management programs. In addition, it provides a framework for repair and replacement programs targeting stormwater pump stations, infrastructure (pipes and structures), and culverts. An Implementation Plan will guide project funding and scheduling, supporting effective stormwater management, sustainable development, and the City's long-term infrastructure goals.</p>
Location of Proposal:	City-wide – Non-project specific action
Proponent:	<p>Kelton Parker, Stormwater Engineering Office of the City Engineer 333 S. Meridian Puyallup, WA 98371 (253) 435-3649 kparker@puyallupwa.gov</p>
Lead Agency Responsible Official:	<p>Katie Baker, AICP City of Puyallup Planning Division 333 S. Meridian</p>

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A. PROJECT SPECIFIC MATERIALS (INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE – WAC 197-11-635):

The subject Threshold Determination herein and associated environmental findings are based upon review of the following documents submitted by the applicant and official responses from the city in regard to the underlying permit(s). These documents are incorporated by reference, in accordance with WAC 197-11-635, and are available for public review on [the City's online permit portal](#).

- SEPA Project Checklist, received July 01, 2024
 - Draft Stormwater Comprehensive Plan, dated September 18, 2024
1. Notice of Application (NOA) date, consistent with WAC 197-11-355 (Optional DNS Process)
 - i. Notice sent on July 9, 2024. Comment period expired July 26, 2024
 - ii. List of recipients, comments received, and copy of NOA materials available on [the City's online permit portal](#).

B. RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY

The SEPA Responsible Official for the City of Puyallup hereby makes the following findings of consistency based upon a review of the environmental checklist and attachments, other information and studies on file for the project, and the policies, plans, and regulations designated by the City of Puyallup as a basis for the exercise of substantive authority (see PMC 21.04), and under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C.

Issuance of this threshold determination does not constitute approval of the permit. This proposal will be reviewed for compliance with all applicable City codes that regulate the applicable development activities, including, but not limited to, the International Fire/Building/Residential Codes, City of Puyallup Engineering Standards, Zoning Code, Surface Water Design Manual, Impact Fees, and the Critical Areas Ordinance.

DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Upon review of applicable documentation, the responsible official of the lead agency hereby finds that this proposed permit action would not result in a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. The lead agency has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state, or federal laws or rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240 and WAC 197-11-158. Our agency will not require any additional mitigation measures under SEPA.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required, under RCW 43.21C.030 (2) (c). This finding is made pursuant to RCW 43.21C, PMC 21.04.120 and WAC 197-11 after reviewing a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. The responsible official finds this information reasonably sufficient to evaluate the environmental impact of this proposal. This information is available to the public upon request.

COMMENTS

Comments on this preliminary DNS must be submitted within 14 days or by **3:00 p.m.** on November 15, 2024 to the Responsible Official at City of Puyallup Development Services Center. Comments will be accepted by mail, or (preferably) by email.

- Please mail to: Development Services Department, Attn: Michelle Ochs, 333 S Meridian, Puyallup, WA 98371.
- To submit comments electronically (preferred), please send via email to: Planning@PuyallupWA.gov and contact the case planner below.
- Chris Beale, Senior Planner at (253) 841-5418 or CBeale@PuyallupWA.gov

APPEALS

Consistent with WAC 197-11-545 regarding commenting parties and agencies, an appeal the DNS may be filed via a written request with the SEPA Responsible Official by applicable parties and agencies within 10 days of expiration of the comment period.

Appeals will ONLY be accepted electronically. Please visit <https://permits.puyallupwa.gov/Portal> to submit an appeal. Contact the staff person listed below with any questions about submitting an appeal.

- Chris Beale, Senior Planner at (253) 841-5418 or CBeale@PuyallupWA.gov

Prior to submittal and payment of the \$650.00 appeal fee, consult PMC 21.04.205 regarding SEPA Appeals or contact the SEPA Responsible Official at Planning@PuyallupWA.gov or (253) 864-4165 to ask about the appeal procedures. Be prepared to make specific factual reasons, rationale, and/or the basis for the appeal. This determination will become final if no formal appeals are filed and/or reconsideration requests are made by the expiration date listed above.

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Chris Beale
Senior Planner

October 31, 2024
Date



Katie Baker, AICP
City of Puyallup SEPA Responsible Official

October 31, 2024
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Attachments:

- A. Environmental Checklist

B. Draft Stormwater Comprehensive Plan ([linked electronically](#))