

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST
WAC 197-11-960

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: Puyallup Shoreline Master Program Periodic Update
2. Name of applicant: City of Puyallup
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

Puyallup Planning Division
Attn: Kendall Wals
333 South Meridian
Puyallup, WA 98371

4. Date checklist prepared: February 2, 2022
5. Agency requesting checklist: Dept. of Ecology
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

The City of Puyallup's SMP update is anticipated to be completed in 2022.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

N/A - This is a non-project proposal.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

The proposed periodic update is a limited update to the presently adopted SMP. The present SMP has a number of background environmental studies, including a characterization and inventory report (July, 2007), cumulative impacts analysis (Dec. 2007), addendum to 2007 characterization report (April, 2013), shoreline restoration plan (2014), SEPA Determination (P-14-0079, Dated October 6, 2014)

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.

No. At the date of this Checklist, the city is not processing shoreline substantial development permits for affected shoreline areas.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Department of Ecology approval.

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.)

The periodic update is largely based on required changes to the local SMP document based on an audit of required changes, as outlined in the Ecology periodic update checklist (available on file with Lead Agency).

Other substantive changes include modifications to the city's critical areas ordinance (PMC 21.06) and changes to the residential development standards in the Puyallup SMP to improve clarity of regulations and administration of the policies of the SMP.

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 of 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.

Included is a map of the city's shoreline planning areas. These are all locations within the banks of and upland areas of Clarks Creek and the Puyallup River, within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Puyallup. Upland areas include all locations above the ordinary high water mark of both water bodies to a distance of 200', and may include areas further than 200' for wetlands that are associated hydrologically to each water body.

D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS *(see attached)*

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Project Description: Puyallup Shoreline Master Program (SMP) periodic update 2022

CHECKLIST NO.: _____

Use this supplemental checklist for "non-project" actions which are different or broader than single site-specific project such as plans, policies and program. 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 how the extent of 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?

Proposed changes to the SMP will not increase discharges, emissions, or release of toxic or hazardous substances, or the production of noise. The changes improve the degree of consistency and coordination of the current policies and regulations with state SMP policies and rules as well as local regulations, such as the adoption of revisions to the Critical Areas Ordinance. It is expected that the changes will improve the administration of policies and regulations within the Shoreline, and by doing so, slightly enhance environmental protection from potentially harmful discharges, emissions, releases, and noise.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

The existing SMP includes restrictions on uses, activities, and development within SMP jurisdiction that prevent the discharge of water or release of toxic or hazardous substances into the water are existing measures which address this area of the environment. The standard requires no net loss of environmental functions within the shoreline.

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

Proposed changes will not adversely affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life in any significant manner anticipated. By increasing the degree of consistency of the SMP with state guidelines and improving its usability in administration, the Puyallup SMP would improve the administration of policies and regulations within SMP jurisdiction, and by doing so it may be expected to slightly improve conditions for plants, animals, and fish.

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

The existing SMP establishes a standard of no net loss of environmental functions within the shoreline. This is intended to preserve and protect existing habitat for existing plants, animals, and

fish through the policies and regulations in the SMP. Provisions of the SMP also encourage the restoration and enhancement of ecological functions that should positively affect habitat for native plants, animals, and fish. These regulations are not being substantially modified in a manner which would require additional analysis of impacts and is not anticipated to cause harm.

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

This proposal has no effect on energy depletion. Proposed changes will not deplete natural resources. By increasing the degree of consistency of the SMP and improving its usability, it should improve the administration of policies and regulations within SMP jurisdiction, and by doing so it may slightly restore natural resources within the shoreline area.

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

Proposed changes will not negatively affect environmentally sensitive or protected areas. By increasing the degree of consistency of the SMP and improving its usability, it should improve the administration of policies and regulations within SMP jurisdiction, and by doing so it may improve protections.

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?

Proposed changes will not negatively affect environmentally sensitive or protected areas. By increasing the degree of consistency of the SMP and improving its usability, it should improve the administration of policies and regulations within SMP jurisdiction, and by doing so it may improve protections.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

The existing SMP establishes a standard of no net loss of environmental functions within the shoreline. This is intended to preserve and protect environmentally sensitive and protected areas through the policies and regulations in the SMP. Provisions of the SMP also encourage the restoration and enhancement of ecological functions that should positively affect environmentally sensitive and protected areas.

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?

Proposed changes will not negatively affect land and shoreline use or compatibility. By increasing the degree of consistency of the SMP and improving its usability, it should improve the administration of policies and regulations within SMP jurisdiction, and by doing so it should slightly improve the compatibility of land use and shoreline plans.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

The proposal itself aims to improve the compatibility of land use and shoreline planning efforts as well as provide clarity on the application of such plans to shorelands.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation nor public services and utilities?

The proposed changes to the SMP do not impact the transportation network in a manner that would induce demand, nor does the adoption of the plan amendments create an impact on public services or utilities.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

N/A

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

The proposed amendments are designed to fulfil the SMP update requirements and are not known to or anticipated to cause any inconsistencies with other state, local, or federal laws. The city will send out the amendments to for formal review and consultation with other agencies, including Tribal governments.

SIGNATURE

I hereby state that I am the owner or authorized agent listed above, and certify that all information contained above and in exhibits attached hereto are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that the processing of this application may require additional supporting material upon request to City staff.

RIGHT OF ENTRY: By signing this application the applicant grants unto the City and its agents the right to enter upon the premises for purpose of conducting all necessary inspection to determine compliance with applicable laws, codes, and regulations. This right of entry shall continue until a certificate of occupancy is issued for the property.

Signature of Applicant: Kendall Wals

Date: 2/2/2022