



# CITY OF SELAH

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ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST



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## INTRODUCTION

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 agency 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.

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Government 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". Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

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

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply". IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project applicant," and "property of site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

## BACKGROUND

1. **Name of proposed project, if applicable:** City of Selah 2020-2021 Shoreline Master Program (SMP) and Critical Area Ordinance (CAO) Update Amendments.
2. **Name of applicant:** City of Selah
3. **Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:** Jeff Peters, City of Selah Community Development Supervisor, 222 Rushmore Road, Selah, WA 98942, (509) 698-7372.
4. **Date checklist prepared:** September 22, 2020
5. **Agency requiring checklist:** CITY OF SELAH

6. **Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):** N/A – Non Project Action
7. **Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.**  
None at this time.
8. **List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.**  
None.
9. **Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals or other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.**  
None pending.
10. **List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.**  
SEPA determination, City of Selah Planning Commission Public Hearing, Washington State Department of Ecology Acceptance, and City Council 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.**  
  
This proposal includes amendments updating the City of Selah’s Shoreline Master Program and Critical Area Ordinance consistent with the City’s required periodic review of its Shoreline Master Programs (SMPs) (WAC 173-26-090). The proposed amendments are intended to keep the SMP and CAO current with amendments to state laws and rules, changes to local plans and regulations, changes in local circumstances, and new or improved data and information. Specific changes to the City’s SMP and CAO are detailed in the Selah SMP GAP Analysis Report, and SMP and CAO ordinances at <https://selahwa.gov/planning/shoreline-master-program-update>.
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.**  
  
City Limits.
13. **Taxation parcel numbers(s):** Not Applicable.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT**

**EVALUATION FOR AGENCY USE ONLY**

**B. Environmental Elements (Attach additional sheets if necessary)**

**1. Earth**

- a. **General description of the site (circle one):** Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other: All of the above.
- b. **What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?**

N/A – Non-Project Action.

- 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.**  
N/A – Non-Project Action.
- d. **Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.**  
N/A – Non-Project Action
- 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.**  
N/A – Non-Project Action
- f. **Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.**  
N/A – Non-Project Action: The City’s SMP and CAO ordinances includes regulations to reduce erosion.
- g. **About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?**  
N/A – Non-Project Action
- h. **Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:**  
N/A – Non-Project Action: The City’s SMP and CAO ordinances includes regulations to reduce erosion.

**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.**  
N/A – Non-Project Action
- b. **Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.**  
N/A – Non-Project Action
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:**  
N/A – Non-Project Action

**3. Water**

- a. **Surface:**
  - 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.**  
N/A – Non-Project Action: The City’s SMP and CAO jurisdiction applies primarily to the Naches and Yakima Rivers.
  - 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.**  
N/A – Non-Project Action
  - 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.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- 4) **Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- 5) **Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.**

N/A – Non-Project Action: The City’s SMP and CAO ordinances provides for regulation of construction within the 100-Year Floodplain.

- 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.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

**b. Ground:**

- 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.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- 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.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

**c. Water Runoff (including storm water):**

- 1) **Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (including quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- 2) **Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- 3) **Does the proposal alter, or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:** N/A – Non-Project Action: The City’s SMP and CAO ordinances includes provisions to control erosion for new development.

**4. Plants**

- a. **Check the types of vegetation found on the site:**

**deciduous trees: 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, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other**
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other**
- other types of vegetation**

b. **What kind of and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?**

N/A – Non-Project Action

c. **List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

g. **Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:**

N/A – Non-Project Action: The City’s SMP and CAO include regulations to preserve and enhance stream, wetland, and riparian vegetation.

h. **List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

## 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:**

**Bird: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:**

**Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:**

**Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other: All of the above.**

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

There are few threatened or endangered species known to live in or around the city limits of Selah; however this proposal does not involve any change to the land.

d. **Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.**

Migratory birds may use property within the City limits; however, this proposal does not involve any change to the land or habitat, and is considered a Non Project Action.

e. **Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:**

N/A – Non-Project Action

e. **List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

## 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.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

b. **Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- 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.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

## 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 the proposal? If so, describe.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- 1) **Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- 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.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- 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.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- 4) **Describe special emergency services that might be required.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- 5) **Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- b. **Noise**

- 1) **What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, construction, operation, other)?**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- 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.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- 3) **Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:**

N/A – Non-Project Action

## 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.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- 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 non-farm or non-forest use?**

Many of the properties within the City of Selah have been used for agriculture purposes in the past.

- 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:**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- c. **Describe any structures on the site.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- d. **Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- e. **What is the current zoning classification of the site?**

The zoning classifications in which the proposed uses could be allowed are Low Density Single-Family, Residential, Single-Family, Residential, Two-Family, and Residential, Multi-Family.

- f. **What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?**

The Future Land Use designations in which the proposed uses could be allowed are Low Density Residential, Moderate Density Residential, and High Density Residential.

- g. **If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?**

N/A – Non-Project Action: This proposal is to update the City of Selah’s Shoreline Master Program and Critical Area Ordinance.

- h. **Has any part of the site been classified critical area by the city or county? If so specify.**

N/A – Non-Project Action: This proposal is to update the City of Selah’s Shoreline Master Program and Critical Area Ordinance.

- i. **Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- j. **Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- k. **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- l. **Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:**

This proposal is to update the City of Selah’s Shoreline Master Program and Critical Area Ordinance.

- m. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:**

N/A – Non-Project Action

## 9. Housing

- a. **Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- b. **Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:**

N/A – Non-Project Action

## 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?**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- b. **What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:**

N/A – Non-Project Action

## 11. Light and Glare

- a. **What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- b. **Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- d. **What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- e. **Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:**

N/A – Non-Project Action

## 12. Recreation

- a. **What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- f. **Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.**

N/A – Non-Project Action



- g. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:**

N/A – Non-Project Action

### 13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

- a. **Are there any buildings, structures, or places 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? If so, specifically describe.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- b. **Are there any landmarks, features or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation. This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Is 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.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- 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 archaeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- d. **Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or reduce or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Pleas indicate plans for the above and any permits that may be required.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

### 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.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

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

N/A – Non-Project Action

- c. **How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- 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).**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- e. **Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- f. **How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volumes would be trucks (such as commercial and non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- g. **Will the project 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.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- h. **Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:**

N/A – Non-Project Action

**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.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- f. **Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

**16. Utilities**

- a. **Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

- 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.**

N/A – Non-Project Action

**C.SIGNATURES**

**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.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Proponent or Person Completing Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NON-PROJECT ACTIONS (do not 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 proposed ordinance changes will not affect how land uses discharge to water, emissions to the air, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances, or the production of noise.

**Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:**

As the proposal will not increase any of the above environmental conditions, no measures to avoid or reduce these conditions have been proposed.

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

The proposed ordinance changes should have a positive effect on plants, animals, fish, or marine life, as the SMP and CAO ordinance will be compliant with state law.

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

The proposed ordinance changes should have a positive effect on conserving plants, animals, fish, or marine life, as the SMP and CAO ordinance will be compliant with state law.

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

The proposed amendments do not involve regulations dealing with energy or natural resources.

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

None Proposed

- 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, floodplain, or prime farmlands?**

The proposed ordinance changes should have a positive effect on 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, floodplain, or prime farmlands as the SMP and CAO ordinance will be compliant with state law.

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

See attached SMP and CAO.

- 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 proposed ordinance changes should have a positive effect on land and shoreline uses, as the SMP and CAO ordinance will be compliant with state law (see SMP and CAO for specifics).

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

None Proposed

- 6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?**

None Proposed

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

None Proposed

- 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 will not conflict with any local, state, or federal laws, or requirements for the protection of the environment, as this proposal brings the City's local SMP and CAO ordinance into compliance with state law.