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## ***Grant County Planning Department ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST***

SEPA Fee \$300

RCW 197-11-960

(Fee Chg 5/09)

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### **Purpose of 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 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.

### **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." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about government 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 impact.

### **Use of checklist for non-project proposals:**

Complete this checklist for non-project proposals, even though answers may be "Does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (PART D)

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

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*For photocopying purposes please fill this form out in black ink or type. Thank you.*

**A. BACKGROUND**

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:
2. Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Parcel Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Section \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_
3. Contact person/agent (if applicable)  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date checklist prepared:
5. Agency requesting checklist:
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes explain.
8. List any environmental information you know that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.
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.
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

11. Give a 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.
  
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.

*TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:*

**B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS**

**1. EARTH**

- a. General description of the site (check one):  flat,  rolling,  hilly,  steep slopes,  mountains,  other (describe):
  
- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent of slope)?
  
- 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 prime farmland.
  
- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so describe.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.
  
- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.
  
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings?).
  
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.

**2. AIR**

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.
  
- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.
  
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any.

**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.
  
- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) of the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.
  
- 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.
  
- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.
  
- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.
  
- 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.

b. Ground:

- 1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

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.

c. Water Runoff (including storm water):

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.

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

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

**4. PLANTS**

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

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|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other           | <input type="checkbox"/> shrubs  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other              | <input type="checkbox"/> grass   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> crop or grain  | <input type="checkbox"/> pasture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> wet soil plants: Cattail, buttercup, bullrush, other |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other   |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other types of vegetation                            |                                  |

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



- 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.

**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.

- 1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.
- 2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.

- b. Noise

- 1) What type of noise exists in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?
- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.
- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any.

**8. LAND AND SHORELINE USE**

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.
- c. Describe any structures on the site.
- d. Will any structure be demolished? If so, what.
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.
- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.

**9. HOUSING**

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low- income housing.
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low income housing.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any.

**10. AESTHETICS**

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structures(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?
  
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?
  
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any.

**11. LIGHT AND GLARE**

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?
  
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?
  
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?
  
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any.

**12. RECREATION**

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?
  
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.
  
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any.

**13. HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATIONS**

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any.

**14. TRANSPORTATION**

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.
- b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the existing street system? Show on site plans, if any.
- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?
- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).
- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.
- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.
- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any.

**15. PUBLIC SERVICES**

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

**16. UTILITIES**

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

**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.

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT**

**D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT 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?

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

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

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

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

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

- 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, flood plains, or prime farmlands?

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

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

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

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

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

## PRE-APPLICATION REVIEW CONFERENCE WAIVER

Pre-application conferences are intended as an informal discussion and review of possible applications to assist the applicant in discovery of appropriate county regulations, standards, application materials and review processes, that would be required of a project, as well as to identify environmental issues that may arise in connection with the application for proposed development.

- However, the requirement for the pre-application conference may be waived by the administrative official with the concurrence of the applicant.

Application No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby request a waiver to the pre-application conference as provided in the Grant County Local Project Review Ordinance (Ord. #97-192-CC). I have been provided with copies of the county ordinances and other related information concerning this application. Furthermore, I have read and understand the requirements and will be providing all the necessary information needed for the formal review process of this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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### ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Upon consideration of the application and supplemental materials and information submitted thus far by the applicant, Administrator finds that:

- 1) the application itself **is / is not** relatively simple; and
- 2) the administrative official had made a good faith determination that the applicant **will / will not** be harmed by the failure to hold a pre-application conference.

The above request for a waiver of the Pre-Application Conference requirement is hereby **APPROVED / DENIED**.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Project Planner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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## **LAND USE ACTIVITY**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, legal owner  
of Parcel (s) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize  
\_\_\_\_\_ to act as my agent, in the  
\_\_\_\_\_ application filed in the  
Grant County Planning Department.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Owner Signature

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Legal Owner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Date