



## Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) Adoption/Addendum

**Date of Issuance:** June 3, 2024

**Proposal Name:** City of Snoqualmie, 2044 Comprehensive Plan

**File No:** SEPA2024-0003

**Lead Agency:** City of Snoqualmie

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**Applicant:** City of Snoqualmie, Community Development Department

**Location:** Citywide

**Project Description:** City's 2044 Comprehensive Plan; a non-project action used in planning for the city future growth.

**Documents incorporated by reference:** The City of Snoqualmie 2023 Comprehensive Plan, The City of Snoqualmie Environmental Checklists, dated 10-09-2014 and 06-03-2024, LDC, Inc. 2044 Growth Targets Analysis dated February 1, 2024.

**Document being adopted:** Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) City of 2032 Snoqualmie Comprehensive Plan, prepared by City of Snoqualmie and issued 09-19-2014.

**Description of document being adopted:** Determination of non-significance studying the environmental impacts of the City of Snoqualmie 2032 Comprehensive Plan update and adoption.

**Addendum to DNS:** As provided WAC 197-11-600(4)(c) and Part Six WAC 197-11-625 Addenda-Procedures this addendum provides additional information and analysis that does not substantially change the environmental analysis and alternatives in the original DNS.

The City has identified and adopted the existing DNS as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

This DNS Adoption/Addendum is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). No appeal period has been provided.

**Responsible SEPA Official:**

  
Emily Arteche (Jun 3, 2024 19:10 PDT)

Jun 3, 2024

Responsible Official Signature  
Emily Arteche, Community Development Director

Date

**Documents available:** The adopted documents are available to view upon request.

# **SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**

## **Purpose of checklist**

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization, or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

## **Instructions for applicants**

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. **You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown.** You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

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.

## **Instructions for lead agencies**

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

## **Use of checklist for nonproject proposals**

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B, plus the [Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions \(Part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in "Part B: Environmental Elements" that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

## A. Background

- 1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:** *City of Snoqualmie 2024 Comprehensive Plan Amendment (“Periodic Update”)*
- 2. Name of applicant:** *City of Snoqualmie Community Development Department.*
- 3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:** *38624 SE River St, Snoqualmie, WA 98065, Emily Arteche, 425-888-5337, earteche@snoqualmiewa.gov*
- 4. Date checklist prepared:** June 3, 2024
- 5. Agency requesting checklist:** *City of Snoqualmie*
- 6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):** *City Council action on the Proposed Amendment is approximately November 2024.*
- 7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.** *The proposal is a non-project action to adopt a periodic update to the City of Snoqualmie Comprehensive Plan.*
- 8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.** *The proposal is a non-project action to adopt a periodic update to the City of Snoqualmie Comprehensive Plan. No environmental information aside from this SEPA checklist has been prepared or is planned 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.** *There are no known pending private applications within city limits that would be affected by the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan update.*
- 10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.**  
*The Snoqualmie City Council must approve and adopt the Comprehensive Plan update by ordinance, following the City Planning Commission review. As Snoqualmie is a city planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA), the Washington State Department of Commerce (DOC), Growth Management Services unit must be notified when adopting Amendments, providing a 60-day window for plan comment.*

**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. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)**

*This SEPA Checklist evaluates the adoption of the Snoqualmie Comprehensive Plan 2044 periodic update (the “Proposal”), which is a non-project action. The update to the Comprehensive Plan will include updated goals and policies that will manage growth, while protecting the health, welfare, and quality of life for residents during the 20-year planning period. Overall, population projections have been reduced for the horizon planning year, which will result in a proportional reduction in population-related impacts associated with the Proposal compared to those analyzed by prior SEPA documents.*

**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.**

*Once adopted by the Snoqualmie City Council, the Comprehensive Plan update applies to the entire City and its Urban Growth Area, as designated in the King County Comprehensive Plan.*

## B. Environmental Elements

### 1. Earth

**a. General description of the site:**

*N/A, non-project SEPA applies city-wide.*

**Circle or highlight one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other:**

**b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?**

*N/A, non-project SEPA applies city-wide.*

**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 SEPA applies city-wide. No agriculturally-designated lands exist within the City; the Soil Survey Geographic database (SSURGO) Database/NRCS soils primarily note Edgewick silt loam C, Nooksack silt loam C, Puget silty clay loam D, Seattle Much D and Si silt loam C within the City. For a full City soil map, see the City of Snoqualmie Stormwater Management Plan Figure 2-3 Soils.*

**d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.**

*N/A, non-project SEPA applies city-wide.*

**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 SEPA applies city-wide.*

**f. Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.**

*N/A, non-project SEPA applies city-wide.*

**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 SEPA applies city-wide.*

**h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.**

*N/A, non-project SEPA. Future development would also have a project level SEPA review by the City prior to construction unless deemed categorically exempt.*

## 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 SEPA.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

N/A, non-project SEPA.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any.

N/A, non-project SEPA. Future development will have project level SEPAs by the City prior to construction unless deemed exempt. Future development would also be subject to the City's clearing and grading regulations, SMC 15.20, and performance standards for air quality, SMC 17.55.080(B).

## 3. Water

### a. Surface Water:

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 most notable water bodies in the City of Snoqualmie include the Snoqualmie River, the Mill Pond or Borst Lake, the Meadowbrook Slough, and Kimball Creek (both the main and east fork); Coal creek, which runs through the Snoqualmie Urban Growth Area, is a tributary to Kimball Creek, which flows into the Snoqualmie River. There are also multiple wetlands within the City.*

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 SEPA.

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 SEPA.

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

N/A, non-project SEPA.

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

*The proposed update is to the Comprehensive Plan, which applies citywide. Some portions of the city are within the 100-year floodplain of the Snoqualmie River, as depicted on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps.*

**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 SEPA.*

**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 a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

**2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (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 SEPA.*

**c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):**

**a) 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 Comprehensive Plan Period Update is a non-project action and is not site-specific. The existing City water supply is from Canyon Springs, a natural spring located outside city limits, and from groundwater wells within the city. The periodic update will not result in the withdrawal of any ground water, or the discharge of any water to ground water, other than that which naturally infiltrates. To the extent that any public development in a future CIP necessitates that the City acquire additional water rights, any potential impacts will be evaluated as part of project-specific environmental review under SEPA and/or pursuant to RCW 90.03 and/or 90.44. No additional water rights are anticipated to be needed at this time.*

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

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

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

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

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

N/A, non-project SEPA. The potential for water runoff impacts from future public developments will be evaluated under project-specific environmental review under SEPA unless categorically exempt; public development is also required to comply with SMC 15.18 Surface Water and Storm Water Management. These Chapters of the Snoqualmie Municipal Code will ensure that the environmental impacts of exempt actions are managed below the threshold of significance. Other projects will be subject to additional project-specific SEPA review.

#### 4. Plants

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

- 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?

N/A, non-project SEPA.

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

N/A, non-project SEPA.

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

Not applicable. The Proposal is not site-specific. Future development will be subject to the City's Clearing and Grading regulations, SMC 15.20, which include requirements for retention of significant trees, and where applicable, will be subject to the Landscape Requirements of SMC 17.70, which include requirements for use of native plant species. These Chapters of the Snoqualmie Municipal Code will ensure that the environmental impacts of exempt actions are managed below the threshold of significance. Other projects will be subject to additional project-specific SEPA review.

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

N/A, non-project SEPA.

## 5. Animals

a. List any birds and other animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.      *NA, non-project SEPA.*

Examples include:

- Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: ducks, geese
- Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: fox, raccoon, coyote, squirrel, rodents
- Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other: torrent, mountain whitefish, sucker

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

*Local habitat could support/is compatible with the species of gray wolf, northern spotted owl, heron, osprey and pileated woodpecker. However, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) may not have specific occurrence data on particular parcels, and there is varying habitat support and potential for different species throughout the City and urban growth area. Bear have also been spotted in the City, and there is a known Roosevelt Elk presence. Future public development would have to consider species based on individual proposals when impacts could be more specifically predicted and articulated..*

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

*Like much of the Pacific Northwest, the City of Snoqualmie is located within the Pacific Flyway migratory bird corridor.*

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

*The City has preserved in perpetuity large areas of open space that provide significant wildlife habitat and movement corridors between portions of the larger regional open space system. These include the ~500-acre Meadowbrook Farm open space, jointly owned by Snoqualmie and North Bend, which creates an open space separator between the two towns; ~120 acre Snoqualmie Falls viewshed open space; 8.5-acre Snoqualmie Point Park (which adjoins DNR and Forest Service lands), ~216 acre Three Forks Natural Area, and the 9-acre Snoqualmie River open space. Through development the City has also protected an extensive system of wetlands, streams and their buffers within both upland and floodplain areas of the City. The City has zoned Snoqualmie riverfront areas as open space, and has acquired and converted numerous parcels to open space. Future public development would be subject to the City's Critical Area regulations of SMC Chapter 19.12. Future development would also have a project-level SEPA review by the City prior to construction unless determined to be exempt.*

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

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

## 6. Energy and Natural Resources

1. 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 SEPA. Changes in the Periodic Update do not affect energy availability within the City.*

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

*N/A, non-project SEPA. Changes proposed in the Periodic Update have do not impact solar potential in the City.*

- 3. 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 SEPA. Future construction must comply with applicable building codes and energy requirements.*

## **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 because of this proposal? If so, describe.**

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

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

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

- 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 SEPA.*

- 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 SEPA.*

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

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

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

*Future development would be subject to all applicable requirements of the Building Code, SMC Title 15 – Buildings and Construction, which includes Flood Hazard Regulations (SMC Ch. 15.12), Surface Water and Storm Water Management, and Clearing and Grading (SMC 15.20) regulations, as well as building, fire, mechanical and energy code requirements. These Chapters of the Snoqualmie Municipal Code will ensure that the environmental impacts of exempt actions are managed below the threshold of significance. Other projects will be subject to additional project-specific SEPA review.*

**b. Noise**

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

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

- 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 SEPA.*

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

*This is a non-project action that will not generate direct noise impacts. Future development would be subject to the performance standards for noise, SMC 17.55.080(F), and SMC Chapter 9.36 Public Disturbance Noise. Future development would also have project-level SEPA review by the City prior to construction unless determined to be exempt.*

**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 SEPA.*

- 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 because 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 non-forest use?**

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

- 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 SEPA**

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

*N/A, city-wide non-project SEPA.*

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

*N/A, city-wide non-project SEPA.*

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

*N/A, city-wide non-project SEPA.*

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

*N/A, city-wide non-project SEPA.*

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

*N/A, city-wide non-project SEPA. Various shoreline master program environments exist throughout the City.*

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

*N/A, city-wide non-project SEPA. Environmentally sensitive areas occur throughout the City and its UGA and include wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat areas, geologic hazard areas, aquifer recharge areas and floodplains.*

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

*N/A, city-wide non-project SEPA. The Periodic Update is not site-specific. As of April 1, 2023, the Washington State Office of Financial Management estimated that 14,500 people live in the City of Snoqualmie.*

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

*N/A, city-wide non-project SEPA. No people are expected to be displaced as a result of the Proposal.*

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

*N/A, city-wide non-project SEPA.*

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

*N/A, city-wide non-project SEPA. Future development would be subject to all applicable requirements of the City's Zoning Code – SMC Title 17.*

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

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

## **9. Housing**

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

*A 2024 Growth Targets Analysis performed by LDC, Inc., demonstrated that the City can accommodate and the Periodic Update plans for 719 additional residential units during the current planning period. The Periodic Update could also result in the construction of additional emergency housing or shelters, permanent supportive housing, or transitional housing units. These units would likely be oriented towards low-income households or households with special supportive needs and would be a mix of low-, and middle-income housing.*

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

*No housing units are expected to be eliminated as a result of the Proposal.*

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

*N/A, non-project SEPA. The Periodic Update will not result in significant adverse impacts to housing within the City.*

## **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 SEPA.*

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

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

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

*N/A, non-project SEPA. Future development would be subject to the design review standards in SMC 17.79, which requires design review for all types of developments specified in SMC 17.80.030 and site plan review for all types of development specified in 17.80.035. Future development would also have a project-level SEPA review by the City prior to construction unless determined exempt.*

## 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 SEPA.*

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

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

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

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any.

*N/A, non-project SEPA. Future development would be subject to the performance standards for light and glare in SMC 17.55.080(E), which prohibits glare beyond property boundaries. Future development would also have a project-level SEPA review by the City prior to construction unless determined categorically exempt.*

## 12. Recreation

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

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

c. 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 SEPA. The Periodic Update will not result in significant adverse impacts to recreational opportunities in the City.*

## 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? If so, specifically describe.

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

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.

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

- 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.**

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

- 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.**

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

## **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 SEPA.*

- 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?**

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

- c. 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 SEPA.*

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

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

- e. 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 non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?**

*N/A, non-project SEPA.*

- f. 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.**

N/A, non-project SEPA.

**g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any.**

*The Proposal is a non-project action and is not site-specific. State Route 202, Snoqualmie Parkway, and Meadowbrook Way are the main, principal arterials through the City. SR202 connects runs generally north-south, connecting with SR 203 in Fall City, with I-90 in North Bend, with Meadowbrook Way, and with the Snoqualmie Parkway, which connects to Interstate-90 and State Route 18 at I-90 milepost 25. SR 202 Meadowbrook Way also connects West North Bend Way, a King County roadway, to SR 202. Other minor and collector arterials connect with these principal arterials and local access roads to provide access and distribute traffic throughout the city. Future development must comply with all applicable development regulations and will also have a project-level SEPA review by the City prior to construction unless it determined to be exempt.*

## **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 SEPA.

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

N/A, non-project SEPA.

## **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 SEPA.

**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 SEPA.

## 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.

Type name of signee: Andrew Levins



Position and agency/organization: Land Use Planning Consultant; Van Ness Feldman

Date submitted: 6/3/2024

## D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

IT IS NOT REQUIRED to use this section 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?**

*This non-project SEPA Checklist is related to the Periodic Update of the City of Snoqualmie Comprehensive Plan. The Periodic Update does not plan for or include facilities or land uses that would significantly increase discharges to water, emissions to air, production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances, or the production of noise. During the current planning period, the Periodic Update could result in some additional development, housing, and employment that is forecasted to occur in the City. This development could result in a proportional and incremental increase in the amount of discharges to water, emissions to air, storage and use of hazardous substances, and production of noise. These impacts are generally expected to be similar to that of existing levels occurring in the City, and are not expected to be significant. The potential for specific, new, adverse impacts to occur will be studied as part of future SEPA review associated with all SEPA non-exempt projects. Other environmental impacts of exempt-projects will be managed below the threshold of significance as a result of regulations imposed by the Snoqualmie Municipal Code.*

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

*No significant impacts are likely, and no measures are necessary or proposed to avoid or reduce such increases.*

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

*The Periodic Update could result in new development, housing, and employment forecast to occur within the City of Snoqualmie during the current planning period. As this new development would be subject to the development standards, critical area ordinance, and shoreline master program established by the SMC, significant impacts to plants, animals, fish, or marine life are not generally expected as a result of the Periodic Update. The potential for specific future impacts that may occur will be studied as part of SEPA review associated with future SEPA non-exempt projects.*

- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:**  
*No significant impacts are likely, and no measures are necessary to avoid or reduce such impacts.*

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

*The Periodic Update could result in new development, housing, and employment within the City of Snoqualmie that is forecast to occur within the current planning period. The impacts on energy depletion and natural resources are expected to be similar to the current levels of development within the City of Snoqualmie and are not expected to increase significantly and are expected to occur within the City where these uses are already allowed. No significant impacts to energy or natural resources are expected.*

- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:**  
*No significant impacts are likely, and no measures are necessary to avoid or reduce such impacts.*

**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 Periodic Update could result in new development, housing, and employment forecast to occur within the City of Snoqualmie during the current planning period. As this new development would be subject to the development standards, critical area ordinance, and shoreline master program established by the SMC, and would be subject to future project-specific SEPA review for non-exempt projects, no significant impacts to specially designated lands are expected.*

- **Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:**  
*No significant impacts are likely, and no measures are necessary to avoid or reduce such impacts.*

**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 Periodic Update modifies population and employment projects within the City of Snoqualmie and identifies potential strategies to accommodate future growth. The Periodic Update proposes the redesignation of various properties within the City and its UGA to accommodate projected needs for future housing and employment growth. The Periodic Update does not propose*

*modifications to, or land uses that are incompatible with, the city's Shoreline Master Program. The Snoqualmie Shoreline Master Program will be added to the Comprehensive Plan as a new element as part of the Proposal. Because land use impacts will continue to be managed below the threshold of significance via the appropriate application of the Snoqualmie Municipal Code and the Snoqualmie Master Program, and because overall population projections have been reduced in the planning horizon year, no significant impacts are anticipated.*

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:**  
*No significant impacts are likely, and no measures are necessary to avoid or reduce such impacts.*

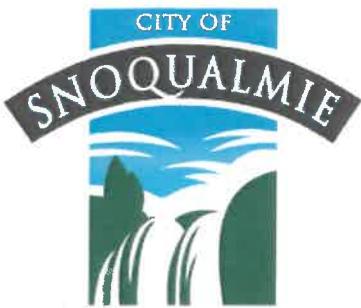
**6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?**

*The Periodic Update could result in additional users of the transportation system or on public services and utilities associated with the growth forecasts projected during the current planning period. This growth could result in a proportional and incremental increase in demand on transportation infrastructure, public services, and utilities. The Periodic Update also projects transportation, public service, and utility demand increases throughout the current planning period, and plans to provide adequate levels of service throughout the current planning period. No significant adverse impacts are expected.*

- **Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:**  
*No significant impacts are likely, and no measures are necessary to avoid or reduce such impacts.*

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

*No conflicts with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment have been identified. The Proposal is consistent with the State regulation requiring periodic updates to maintain the applicability of the Comprehensive Plan.*

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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Project Name:** **Update Amendments to the City of Snoqualmie Comprehensive Plan**

**Issuance Date:** September 19, 2014

**Publication Date:** September 24, 2014

**Applicant:**  
City of Snoqualmie  
PO Box 987  
Snoqualmie, WA 98065

**Description of Proposal:**

The proposed action is adoption of a Resolution approving the updated City of Snoqualmie Comprehensive Plan. General updates include a restated Vision and update of element goals, policies and objectives within a new Vision and Policy Plan Element; addition of an Economic Development Element; addition of an Implementation Element, which includes the 6-year Capital Improvement Plan; and elimination of a separate Annexation Element, with annexation policies and topics included within the Policy Plan and Land Use Elements, respectively. The amendments include updates to the 20 year growth targets as allocated by the 2012 King County Countywide Planning Policies and updates to population and employment projections. Updates are made to element text and maps to reflect growth and development that has occurred within the City since the last update. More specifically, the update revises land use designations for approximately 300 acres within the Snoqualmie Hills portion of the City's Urban Growth Area - from Planned Residential to Business Park and Innovative Mixed Use designations; and two acres of area designated for residential and commercially-designated uses in the Historic Snoqualmie Planning Area are changed to Mixed Use and Form-Based Retail/Office Commercial. The proposed amendments are consistent with updates required by the State Growth Management Act.

**Lead Agency:** City of Snoqualmie

**Threshold Determination:**

The City of Snoqualmie (lead agency for the proposal) has determined that the proposed amendments to the City of Snoqualmie Comprehensive Plan will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment, pursuant to RCW 43.21C.240. An environmental impact statement is therefore not required under RCW 42.21.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed Environmental Checklist and Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions. This information is available to the public upon request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 1970-11-340(2). The City will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance. Comments must be submitted by 5:00 PM on October 8, 2014 and may be sent to Nicole Sanders at the address below.

**Responsible Official:** Nancy Tucker, Planning Director

**Address:** P.O. Box 987, Snoqualmie, WA 98056

**Determination Date:** October 9, 2014

**Signature:**

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