

# SEPA Checklist

City of Arlington  
Parks & Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) 2023  
And  
Comprehensive Plan Chapter 7 - Parks,  
Recreation and Open Space Element

Arlington, Washington

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## **Introduction**

This document addresses the items of Washington's State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental checklist, as identified in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-960. The information provided herein has been carefully considered and is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

### **A. BACKGROUND**

**1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:**

*Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element and Arlington Parks & Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) and Comprehensive Plan Chapter 7 Update*

**2. Date checklist prepared:**

*January 2022*

**3. Agency requesting checklist:**

*City of Arlington  
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**4. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):**

*The Arlington Parks & Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) provides the foundation for the acquisition and development of park and recreation facilities within and recreation programming for the city of Arlington. It includes a discussion of facility needs over the next 20 years and presents a 6-year capital facilities program. The 6-year CFP identifies the costs for implementation and the potential source(s) of funding. Individual projects will undergo additional SEPA review as necessary prior to master planning, design, and construction.*

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

*Yes. The PRMP will be reviewed and adopted as an element of the overall city Comprehensive Land Use Plan. In addition, the PRMP will likely be updated every 5 to 6 years in conjunction with updates to the City Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) will likely be updated annually and guide future budget discussions. Specific proposals will be developed for individual planned park projects.*

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

*The PRMP relies on previous, community-based plans to ensure consistency and avoid duplication. Recent plans include the 2019 Arlington Comprehensive Plan and Capital Facilities Plan (currently being updated) and the 2016 Arlington Parks & Recreation Master Plan (PRMP). Additional environmental studies will be conducted on various projects as they are proposed for development. These additional environmental studies could include wetland assessments and/or delineations, archaeological site surveys, slope stability studies, and project specific SEPA compliance.*

**7. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.**

*The PRMP's 6-Year Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) identifies projects that have received budget appropriations but that have not been fully implemented. These are mostly neighborhood and community parks enhancements that are funded or will be funded by the local general fund and/or grants.*

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

*The PRMP must be reviewed and adopted by the Arlington City Council by ordinance. In addition, various approvals or permits could be required for individual park projects at the time of implementation. These may include federal, state, and local fisheries hydraulics, grading, shoreline, floodplain, endangered species act, and/or wetlands permits and approvals. Some projects may involve the submittal of grant applications and similar documents that would be approved by the Arlington City Council.*

**9. 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 project involves adoption of the PRMP by the Arlington City Council. The PRMP gives an overview of parks and recreation planning in the Arlington urban growth area - identifying a system of parks, open spaces, trails, and special facilities. The plan identifies benefits of the parks system, lists park goals, objectives, and policies, and proposes a 6-20-year schedule of park projects. The purpose of the plan is to identify a park system throughout the Arlington area that addresses citizens' needs and interests and environmental concerns. The plan focuses on providing urban parks and facilities within walkable distances of residential areas.*

*The PRMP requires minor updates to Chapter 7 - Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan to utilize the new master plan.*

**B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS**

**1. SOILS**

**a. General description of the site (underline one): flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other .**

*The planning area for this project covers the City of Arlington, located in the northwestern part of Snohomish County, Washington.*

*The Arlington urban growth area has moderate topographic changes with steep bluffs overlooking the Stillaguamish River and rolling hills on plateaus 100 to 200 feet above sea level. Flood plains and riparian areas associated with Portage, Prairie, Kruger, Quilceda, Eagle, and March Creeks occupy a portion of the UGA.*

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

*Since the plan identifies general locations for many projects rather than specific park locations, the steepness of specific park projects cannot be identified at this time.*

**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.**

*The USDA soils classification system identifies a wide variety of soil types for Snohomish County. These soil types may be classified under two major associations for the Arlington area. These are Alderwood and Everett.*

*Since the plan identifies general locations for many projects rather than specific park locations, soil type(s) of specific projects cannot be identified at this time.*

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

*Since the plan identifies general locations for many projects rather than specific park locations, soil stability of particular projects cannot be identified at this time.*

- e. **Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.**  
*Specific plans for earthmoving and fill will be developed as individual parks or trails are proposed.*
- f. **Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.**  
*The development of parks or trails could cause some amount of erosion during clearing and/or construction. Detailed engineering plans will be prepared to avoid and/or minimize impacts to potentially unstable slopes, and erosion control plans will be submitted when construction of the specific projects are proposed.*
- g. **About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?**  
*Park improvements may include some impervious surfaces. Fully developed parks typically have hard-surface paths and play areas, as well as parking areas and restroom structures. Trail corridors may be paved or built with a compacted, impervious surface. Specific areas affected will be determined during master planning and design of specific sites.*
- h. **Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:**  
*Detailed design plans will be submitted when specific parks are proposed, including drainage and erosion control plans. Geotechnical studies will be completed for projects within potentially unstable slope areas. All designs will comply with or exceed the standards of the city erosion control ordinances.*
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.**  
*Dust and automotive exhaust would likely be released during construction of parks. However, emissions will be temporary, lasting only for the duration of construction. Dust is expected to be minimal and localized at the point of active construction.*
- b. **Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.**  
*Since the plan identifies general locations for many projects rather than specific projects, off-site sources of emissions or odor cannot be identified.*
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:**  
*The use of dust suppressants, such as periodic watering or watering of traveled areas, will occur on a routine basis to minimize particulate matter during construction. In addition, equipment not in use will be shut off, and all trucks transporting materials capable of producing fugitive dust will use appropriate covers. Disturbed soil areas with the potential for generating fugitive dust will be stabilized with mulch and vegetation cover following construction. Specifications will be included in the proposed project construction contract provisions to ensure all regulations related to the control of fugitive dust will be met. In addition, dust control measures will be implemented in conformance with appropriate erosion control measures and other applicable regulations.*

**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 the type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.**

*The plan proposes park improvements, trails, natural areas, and greenspaces, and/or habitat areas along water bodies in the Arlington urban area including portions of Portage, Prairie, Kruger, Quilceda, Eagle, and March Creeks. In addition, wetland areas that might be impacted by proposed parks will be identified when specific park locations are proposed. Wetland assessments and/or delineations will be conducted within these areas prior to site-specific planning as appropriate.*

- (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.**

*Several projects identified in the PRMP are located adjacent to or in close proximity to water features, such as the proposed Portage, Kruger, Quilceda, and March Creek trails. Park and trail improvements will be designed to minimize impacts to water features, shorelines, and other sensitive resources. Final design for specific projects would be subject to review under SEPA, Shoreline Management, and other federal, state, and local permit and approval/review processes.*

- (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.**

*Individual trail segments or other park improvements could require grading, leveling, filling, and related activities. Detailed engineering plans, including quantities, will be prepared at the time of site-specific planning.*

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

*The development of individual trail segments or other park improvements may involve some level of surface water diversion. Detailed engineering plans will be prepared at the time of site-specific planning, and efforts will be made to minimize impacts to surface water resources.*

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

*The plan identifies trail corridors and parks with segments that will likely lie within the 100-year flood plain. Detailed locations will be identified when specific parks or trail segments are proposed for development. Most parks and trail segments will not involve structures or fill that would cause flood plain impacts; however, where park or trail development might cause impacts, all federal, state and local flood plain provisions will be met.*

- (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.**

*None anticipated, other than surface water runoff.*

**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.**

*Since the plan identifies general locations for many projects rather than specific projects, the withdrawal or discharge of groundwater cannot be identified at this time.*

- (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.

*Public restrooms may be constructed within parks and at trail entry points in some unserved locations. Portable/pumped and self-composting facilities for human waste are two alternatives, along with permanent/ pumped, septic, or sewer facilities.*

**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.

*Surface water runoff will be generated from impervious parking areas, trail surfaces, restroom facilities, and shelters. Detailed drainage plans will be submitted at the time of site-specific planning.*

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

*No specific development plans exist that would facilitate wastewater entering ground or surface waters. The future use of septic systems would require extraordinary circumstances and would be regulated by the Snohomish County Public Health Department.*

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

*Detailed drainage plans will be submitted at the time of site-specific planning. Public restroom facilities will comply with all local and state requirements.*

**4. PLANTS**

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

- Deciduous tree: alder, maple, cottonwood, other
- Evergreen tree: fir, cedar, other
- Shrubs
- Grass
- Pasture
- Crop or grain
- Wet soil plants
- Water plants
- Other types of vegetation

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

*Since the PRMP proposes development of park and trail facilities, vegetation is likely to be removed, but detailed plans are unavailable at this time. Clearing, grading, construction, and landscaping details will be addressed in the site plan design.*

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

*The identification of threatened or endangered plant species will occur through site-specific development proposals.*

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

*The PRMP proposes acquisition and development of parks and urban trails. Site plans developed at the time of facility design will consider planting programs and mitigation requirements. Special consideration will be given to the enhancement of the natural shoreline, water quality protection/enhancement, wetlands, and habitat enhancement. State and federal agencies will be consulted to identify and protect threatened and/or endangered species.*

5. ANIMALS

- a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:  
mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:  
fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

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

*There are currently several threatened or endangered species that may be found in Snohomish County and in the Arlington UGA. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Species of Concern (SOC) List identifies animal species designated by the State as Endangered, Threatened, Sensitive, or Candidates for listing including bald eagle, chinook salmon, chum salmon, coho salmon, and steelhead trout.*

*The presence of any endangered, threatened, or sensitive species will be confirmed during the planning and design phase of each individual project. Projects developed under the PRMP will be designed to avoid and minimize impacts to state and federally listed species to the greatest extent practicable. Projects involving unavoidable impacts to listed species or habitat will be permitted in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.*

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

*Yes, the planned area is part of migration routes for the following species:*

**Anadromous Fish.** *The Puget Sound provides highly important habitat for a variety of migratory fish species including salmon and steelhead populations. Snohomish County contains numerous rivers and streams that have historically supported these species. Each of these waterways continues to provide habitat to these species and the continued health and/or recovery of these waterways will be an important factor in the recovery of these species.*

**Migratory Birds.** *Snohomish County is located along an avian migratory corridor known as the Pacific Flyway, which extends from the Bering Sea in Alaska along the Pacific Coast to South America. Snohomish County provides significant habitat (e.g., lakes, wetlands, floodplain, and forests) for migrating and wintering waterfowl, neotropical migrant birds, and others.*

**Terrestrial Wildlife.** *Snohomish County contains numerous important wildlife corridors. These areas provide a means for wildlife movement and migration patterns between breeding and wintering areas. Primary wildlife corridors within the Arlington UGA are located within the riparian corridors associated with the area's creeks and river. These corridors are important in that they maintain connectivity between habitat and open space areas that are located throughout the city. These corridors also often provide the only means for terrestrial wildlife to move through urban areas and other areas disturbed by development activities.*

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

*Implementation of the plan will have positive long-term beneficial effects on wildlife. The PRMP proposes projects that involve acquisition of parcels for management as natural areas and open space. Acquisition and designation of such areas will act to protect and conserve environmentally sensitive areas, including habitat for sensitive plant, fish, and terrestrial wildlife species. There could be short term impacts because of the construction of some park/facility development projects. Project impacts will be assessed on a project specific basis.*

*Construction practices best suited to minimize impacts to plant and animal species will be specified. Projects identified in the PRMP will be constructed in a manner that limits disturbance and minimizes impacts to riparian and stream habitat as much as possible. For example, construction limits will be clearly marked in the field to minimize unnecessary disturbance; in-water work will be performed during the WDFW-approved in-water work window; and areas of ground disturbance will be replanted with native species following construction.*

**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.**

*Electrical service will typically be provided to parks, trailheads, and urban trail corridors where restrooms and safety lighting are required. Electrical service will also be provided for heating, lighting, and operating recreation facilities, such as swimming pools and activity centers. Gas, oil, and electricity will be used during construction of parks and recreation facilities.*

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

*The PRMP recommends park and trail improvements that are not anticipated to affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties.*

- 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:**

*Not applicable.*

**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.**

*Since the proposal is for urban parks, recreation, and open space plan, environmental health hazards associated with the proposal are not anticipated.*

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

*The acquisition and development of parks, trails, and recreation facilities could affect the need for emergency services. Several factors need to be considered, including location of parks and trails, neighboring properties, number of users, user hours, types of activities, transportation systems, parking, and other support facilities. Vehicle patrol would serve parks and trails located along roadways. A trail located away from a transportation corridor may require a specialized program of patrol, such as mountain bike patrols. Park, trail, trailhead, and recreation facility design will consider provisions for emergency services and crime prevention, such as security lighting, emergency phone service, fencing, and access for emergency vehicles.*

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

*Since environmental health hazards are not anticipated, mitigation measures are not proposed.*

**b. Noise**

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

*Road systems are located throughout the urban area and will be close to many of the proposed project areas. In addition, equipment noise and truck traffic from various commercial and industrial operations and traffic and railroad noise will affect the proposed parks and trail corridors to varying degrees depending on location.*

- (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.**

*The PRMP recommends new park projects. Minimal temporary noise would be created at the time of construction, during normal working hours. Use of trails may trigger low level, pedestrian type noise, the frequency and level of which is difficult to predict but is anticipated to be in the same category found in any area frequented by walkers, hikers, and bike riders. Proposed parks may produce higher noise levels associated with recreation activities such as ball games. Noise impacts will be addressed in detail at the time of development review of individual park projects or trail segments to insure compatibility with adjacent land uses.*

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

*Restricted hours of construction and use, along with open space buffers, landscaping, and grade changes between the parks and trail routes and adjacent property owners would be some of the measures considered to reduce or control noise impacts and will be presented in detail at the time of development review of individual parks or trail segments.*

## **8. LAND AND SHORELINE USE**

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

*Proposed projects in the PRMP are distributed widely throughout the city. Current use within project areas also varies. Proposed parks are, by design, located in residential areas. Trails and open space are within or near a wide range of land uses including residential, commercial, and industrial. Recreation facilities, such as swimming pools and community centers, are typically located in commercial areas, although they may also be found in residential and industrial areas.*

- b. **Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.**

*The PRMP calls for parks, trails, open space, and recreation facilities in urban areas. Most of this urban land was used historically for agricultural activities but has long since been converted to urban designations and/or uses. In a few areas, farm-related activities continue.*

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

*Since the parks projects have not been designed, specific on-site structures are not known at this time.*

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

*Since the parks projects have not been designed, requirements for demolition of structures are unknown at this time.*

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

*Parks, open spaces, trail corridors, and recreation facilities proposed in the PRMP are located within a wide range of zoning areas, including residential and commercial.*

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

*Parks, open spaces, trail corridors, and recreation facilities proposed in the PRMP are located within a wide range of comprehensive plan designations. The most common designation is residential for neighborhood and community parks.*

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

*Shorelines-of-the-state include portions of Portage, Kruger, Quilceda, and March Creeks.*

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.**  
*Yes, potential parks, urban open space, greenways, and trail corridors may cover areas with various environmentally sensitive designations. These include: 100-year floodplain, Shoreline Master Program jurisdiction areas, and designated wetlands under SEPA ordinance.*
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?**  
*Not applicable.*
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?**  
*No displacement is anticipated because of this plan.*
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:**  
*Not applicable.*
- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:**  
*The proposed PRMP is consistent with the provisions of the existing Arlington Comprehensive Plan. The proposed plan also supports goals, objectives, and programs that have been identified in preceding updates.*
- 9. HOUSING**
- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**  
*The PRMP will not result in new housing units.*
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**  
*Specific park plans have not been developed; however, no housing units have been identified for elimination in implementing the plan's 6-year Capital Facilities Plan (CFP).*
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:**  
*Since no impacts to housing are anticipated, mitigation measures are not proposed.*
- 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?**  
*Restrooms are typically constructed in developed parks and are considered during the design of trailheads and some special facilities. Picnic shelters are also found in parks. Fencing and interpretive signage may be planned for parks and along specific trail segments. Restrooms would be of concrete block construction, with a maximum height of 15 to 18 feet. Picnic shelters would be constructed of wood/steel and be of similar height. Fences would likely be chain link (or wood, where appropriate), up to 6 feet high. Fencing may be higher if associated with ballfields.*
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?**  
*View impacts will be analyzed when specific park or trail alignments are proposed for development. Detailed plans will be prepared at the time of site-specific planning. Proposed parks and trails could offer the public greater view and access opportunities where there is currently limited or no access.*

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

*With proper and sensitive design relating to landscaping, changes in grade and other mitigation measures, aesthetic impacts will be minimized. Park and trail design will minimize impacts to adjacent residents and ensure privacy with the possible use of fencing, planting, native rock, and grade changes.*

**11. LIGHT AND GLARE**

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

*Lighting for safety and security will be addressed in the site plan design. Lighting for evening use of athletic fields will be addressed during future site design. Use restrictions on evening use will reduce impacts to residential areas near sports facilities.*

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

*Lighting features will be designed to not obstruct views or interfere with traffic safety.*

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

*There are no off-site sources of light or glare that are anticipated to affect this proposal.*

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

*Lighting impacts will be addressed at the time of site-specific planning. Lighting systems and hardware will be designed to minimize or eliminate impacts to adjacent residential uses or transportation corridors.*

**12. RECREATION**

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

*The PRMP identifies acquisition, expansion, and/or development of parks, trails, and natural areas adequate to serve the urban growth area at the standard established in the plan.*

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

*The proposed park system will enhance and create additional recreational opportunities and provide linkages via a system of trails. Federal, state, and local regulations will require management plans to ensure protection of resources, especially in areas that support threatened, endangered, or at-risk species. For example, water-contact activities in these areas may be replaced by interpretative and viewing activities. In some cases, resource protection may require prohibiting access.*

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

*The proposed PRMP provides park facilities and recreation opportunities that help meet the public's need to recreate. Focusing recreation activities in appropriate areas reduces the use of and potential threat to sensitive wildlife habitat.*

**13. HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION**

**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.**

*No sites located in Arlington are on the National Register of Historic Places or the Washington State Heritage Register. However, historic preservation officials emphasize that comprehensive field investigations of archaeological sites have not been conducted, and that artifacts are probably not confined to sites already identified.*

**b. Generally, describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.**

*Not applicable.*

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

*Preservation officials have emphasized the need for cultural resource evaluations and inventories on sites that have a greater potential for historic significance. Such surveys will be performed, as appropriate, with avoidance and/or mitigation measures to be identified and implemented on a site-specific basis. SEPA policy addressing archaeological resources would likely require an archaeological survey prior to development of most of the proposed park and trail sites.*

**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.**

*The PRMP includes projects that are generally accessible from public streets and roadways. Proposed parks anticipate pedestrian access and accommodate both pedestrian and automobile access. Some facilities, such as trail corridors, have limited access points, which is desirable based on the intended use of the amenity.*

**b. Is the site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?**

*The city is currently served by Community Transit route 220 between Arlington and Mount Vernon and Arlington and Everett.*

**c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?**

*Parking will be provided at parks and special facilities. Limited parking may be provided at trail entry points. Natural areas will have little or no parking, except for areas intended for interpretation or that provide another amenity.*

**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).**

*Parks and special facilities developed in the urban area may require local road improvements, such as half-street improvements on road frontage and ingress/egress improvements. These issues will be resolved during individual planning processes for each site, and through development and transportation review by public agencies.*

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

*The PRMP identifies trails along or near Portage, Kruger, March, and Quilceda Creeks, adjacent to portions of the rail corridor extending south to Marysville, and around the Arlington Municipal Airport.*

**f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.**

*Vehicular trips will vary with site type, amenities, location, design, use policies, weather, and other factors. Site-specific vehicle trips are unknown at this time but will be assessed during site plan preparation.*

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

*Implementation of the trails component of the plan will provide improved non-motorized vehicular access to employment, residential, and recreational facilities.*

**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.**

*Developing new parks and special facilities with active recreational uses will attract patrons. This will increase the likelihood that fire, police, and emergency medical services may be needed.*

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

*The greatest sense of safety comes from the presence of public patrons utilizing the parks and trails, and from public stewardship of the parks and trails. Several measures will be considered in the planning stages of an individual project that may reduce or control perceived or potential impacts such as: hours of operation, access gates, emergency service access requirements, and environmental designs utilized for crime prevention.*

**16. UTILITIES**

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

*These services are generally available throughout the Arlington UGA.*

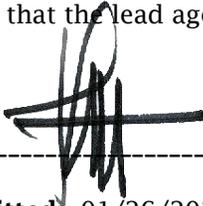
- b. **Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.**

*Trails generally require none of these services; however, portable restrooms may be used at times when trail use reaches high levels. Parks may require electricity for safety lighting and/or irrigation. Parks need water, electricity, and sewage services to operate restrooms. The service needs of recreation facilities, such as swimming pools and community centers, may vary slightly, but will typically need water, electricity, refuse, and sewage services. Specific utility needs will be addressed as individual parks, recreation facilities, or trail segments are designed and engineered.*

**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.

Signature



Date Submitted: 01/26/2022

## **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?**

*The proposed PRMP identifies acquisition, development, and improvement of various types of park facilities. Among these facilities, community parks and recreation facilities have the greatest potential to cause the listed conditions. These facilities may have roadways, parking lots, and buildings with impervious surfaces that concentrate water runoff. Automobile traffic and parking may increase emissions into the air and increase noise levels. Based on facility design and vegetation, fertilizers, and other chemicals may be used during maintenance activity. Dust and automotive exhaust would likely be released during park construction.*

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

*Auto emissions and demand for parking at community parks and recreation facilities could be reduced through increased use of nonmotorized transportation. Implementing the proposed trail systems is a measure to reduce use of automobiles to access park facilities*

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

*The PRMP calls for the protection of the area's most significant natural corridors as greenspace, natural areas, and/or wildlife habitat. These natural corridors include areas that provide important habitat for a variety of plants, animals, and fish, and are found both inside and outside the Arlington UGA. Construction of parks or trails in these areas would increase public access and use. Without proper facility design and management, public use and overuse can harm the value of wildlife habitat.*

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

*The PRMP identifies as one of its goals the statement to "Preserve and protect significant environmental features." Acquisition and designation of such areas will act to protect and conserve environmentally sensitive areas, including habitat for sensitive plant, fish, and terrestrial wildlife species.*

*Short-term impacts to plants, fish, and wildlife may be avoided or reduced through appropriate design and construction practices, and through adherence to applicable local, state, and federal environmental regulations. Projects developed under the parks plan will be designed to avoid and minimize impacts to federally and state listed species to the greatest extent practicable, and projects involving unavoidable impacts to listed species or habitat will be permitted in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations. The potential for impacts resulting from increased public access and overuse may be avoided by routing access away from the most sensitive areas, utilizing vegetative buffer to protect sensitive habitat, and restricting access to nesting or breeding locations during certain periods.*

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

*The proposal is not expected to deplete energy or natural resources.*

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

*The PRMP encourages nonmotorized transportation, which will minimize consumption of petroleum resources. In addition, the proposal encourages the preservation, appreciation, and accessibility of natural resource corridors within the Arlington UGA.*

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?**

*As noted earlier, parks and trails may be within or adjacent to areas designated as 100-year floodplain, potentially unstable slopes, wetlands, shorelines as governed by the Shoreline Management Act, archaeological or historical resources, and habitat for threatened or endangered species. The PRMP identifies acquisition and designation of these areas as greenspace, natural areas, wildlife habitat and, where appropriate, trail corridors.*

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

*A thorough inventory and analysis of alternative sites will precede final park, trail and/or facility placement. This analysis will consider restrictions resulting from government regulation of wetlands, floodplains, grading, shorelines, hydraulics, and other pertinent government programs and regulations. Individual parks and trail segments will be designed to protect environmentally sensitive areas and will be subject to additional SEPA review. Methods to be used include, but will not be limited to, routing parks and trails away from the most sensitive environmental areas, providing vegetative and earth buffers to screen park and trail users from sensitive habitat features, and incorporating habitat restoration work into the overall park and trail design. Site specific details will be evaluated when individual park and trail segments are proposed for development.*

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 PRMP supports continued public acquisition of shoreline areas for appropriate recreational uses and development of these sites in a manner that will preserve the natural characteristics of the shoreline.*

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

*Projects proposed and implemented under the PRMP will be subject to further environmental and land use review, as appropriate, to ensure consistency with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations.*

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

*The PRMP calls for a system of neighborhood parks, community parks, trails, and recreation facilities that is designed to accommodate alternative modes of transportation. If successful, there would be a decreasing reliance on the automobile and a corresponding decline in the demands on the existing transportation system. If transportation patterns and modes do not change, new parks and facilities could increase traffic demands on existing transportation facilities.*

*Implementing the PRMP may increase the need for law enforcement services. The type of law enforcement service needs are influenced by several factors, including type, size, and location of parks and trails, levels of development, neighboring properties, number of users, hours of use, transportation systems, parking, and other support facilities. Vehicle patrol would serve parks and trails located along roadways. Parks and trails located away from transportation corridors may require specialized patrols, such as the mountain bike patrols. Park, trail, and trailhead design will consider provisions for crime prevention, such as security lighting, emergency phone service, clearing and pruning landscaping, fencing, a neighborhood watch program and access for emergency vehicles.*

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

*Proposed neighborhood parks are distributed throughout the UGA to enable walking or bicycling to them as a means to reduce demands on the transportation system.*

**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 PRMP is in compliance with local, state and federal regulations, and all development of future parks and trail segments shall also comply with all local, state, and federal regulations.*