

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:

Arlington Center

2. Name of applicant:

Alexey Ancheyev

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

15445 53rd Avenue S, Suite 110, Tukwila, WA

206-453-4545

4. Date checklist prepared:

12-26-2023 (applicant)

3-4-2024 (city staff)

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Arlington

6. Proposed timing of schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

February 20, 2024 to April 20, 2024 for clearing and grading of illegal fill.

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

No. This SEPA and Grading Permit is removing the illegal fill on the property. Future projects will require a new SEPA Checklist and Permits.

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

SEPA.

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

No.

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

Grading Permit

Flood Hazard Permit

NPDES Permit

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

The project proposed to re-grade the site to remove the illegal fill that was placed on the property. Need to Add Correct Quantities

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 required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

2127 State Route 530 NE

Parcel Number: 31050800201000

B.Environmental Elements

1. Earth

- a. General description of the site:

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

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

4%

- 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.

Puget Silty Clay Loam per NRCS Soil Classification.

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

No indications or known history of unstable soils.

- 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.

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

Yes. Erosion is possible during the removal of the illegal fill material from the site if left exposed. The proper ESC Measure will be in place.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

None. No impervious surfaces are proposed for the removal of the fill.

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

Best Management Practices per DOE Stormwater Pollution Prevention and TESC Controls to prevent erosion during and after construction. Examples include silt fencing, construction gravel entrance, and management of construction practices not grading during wet weather. A Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead is required to monitor the site.

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.

Only generated by the operating of equipment during excavation and removal of fill.

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

None Known. Highway 530 and I-5 create off-site emissions and odor that can affect the site.

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

Implementation of dust control to reduce fugitive dust emissions during removal of fill. A Construction Management Plan is provided. Construction equipment emissions will comply with all State and Federal Regulations for Emissions.

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.

Yes. The Stillaguamish River is Approximately a half mile north of the site.

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.**

No. The removal of the fill does not require work over, in or adjacent to the Stillaguamish River.

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.**

None.

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

None.

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

Yes. The entire project is located within a 100-year floodplain, under Zone AE

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

b. Ground:

1. **Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

No. Groundwater will not be withdrawn.

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.**

None.

c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):

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.**

Stormwater report

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

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

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

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?

The existing vegetation was removed during the illegal fill of the property site. Additional vegetation is not proposed to be removed because the project only removes the fill that was added to the site.

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

None on the site. Unknown species near the site.

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

None proposed with this project. This only addresses the removal of the illegal fill that was placed on the property. Grass will be planted to restore the site back to its original state.

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

Blackberries that were not removed during the illegal grading on the site.

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.**

Examples include:

- **Birds:** hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- **Mammals:** deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- **Fish:** bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

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

Endangered Species located near the site include Swan Species, Sockeye, Cutthroat, and Chinook.

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

Yes, this site is located within the Pacific Flyway, which is a north-south flyway for migratory birds.

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

None.

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

None Known.

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.**

None. This is for the removal of illegal fill on the site.

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

No.

- 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.**

None.

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.**

Yes. The construction vehicles on the site.

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

None known. Possible contamination of the soil from semi-trucks parking on the fill site.

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.**

None known.

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.**

No hazardous chemical products are being stored on the site.

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

None.

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

Emission control, proper material storage, and proper drainage control on the site.

b. Noise

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

None will affect the project. There is noise related to traffic and vehicles from State Route 530 and I-5.

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)?**

Traffic and construction equipment. Monday to Saturday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Construction hours will meet the city requirements.

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

Limitation to equipment usage only when it is necessary. Construction noise from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am Monday to Saturday is prohibited. Construction hours to follow the city requirements as per City of Arlington noise standards of AMC 9.20.060.

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.

The site was vacant and after the illegal fill of the site it was being used for the parking and storage of semi-trucks, which is not an allowed use per the City of Arlington Land Use Code. The adjacent properties to the east and south have commercial uses, residential to the west, and farmland to the north. The illegal fill did have harmful effects on nearby and adjacent properties because the property is within the floodplain. Unauthorized fill in the floodplain can result in potential property damage if not done per regulations.

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 nonforest use?

No. The site has not been used as farmland since approximately 2005.

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?

The illegal fill on the site affects the working farm fields to the north.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

No existing structures are located on the site.

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

None.

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

Highway Commercial

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

Highway Commercial

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

The property is not designated in the shoreline master program.

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

The FEMA section map 53061C038OF shows the property is within Flood Zone AE.

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

None.

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

None.

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

None needed.

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

The removal of the illegal fill will bring the site back to its original state. The previous and extended use of the property is not allowed.

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

Before the illegal fill the site was compatible, besides the use of the property. The illegal fill created an impact on neighboring agricultural properties. With the removal of the fill, it will restore the site to prefill condition.

9. Housing

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

None.

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

None.

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

None. No housing is being proposed or removed.

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?**

No structures are proposed.

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

No views will be altered or obstructed.

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

None.

11. Light and glare

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

During the removal of the illegal fill, construction equipment lighting during the working hours.

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

No.

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

None.

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

None. No new lighting is proposed. Only construction lights from operating equipment is proposed on the site and most of the work will be done during daylight hours.

12. Recreation

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

Blue Stilly County Park along the river at the end of 27th Avenue NE.

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

No.

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

Removal of illegal fill will not impact recreational opportunities.

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.

No.

- 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.**

None Known.

- 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.**

Title Report from County records.

- 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.**

GIS Studies and Historic Maps. Studies for development of I-5 did not discover any Historical significance within this site.

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.**

The site takes access from the south from SR 530. The construction access is shown on the site plan.

- 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?**

No.

- 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).**

The existing road to the site will be used by trucks to remove the illegal fill from the site.

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

No water, rail, or air transportation will be used for the removal of the illegal fill.

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

None.

- 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.**

Yes, for the temporary time period the movement of agricultural and forest products on the road will be impacted due to the truck movement at the construction site for the removal of the fill.

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

All the ESC Measures will be intact at the site. Access pad with gravel to be installed and vehicle wheel washing is required before leaving the site. A traffic management plan is needed as well.

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.**

No.

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

There are no direct impacts on public services.

16. Utilities

- a. **Circle 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.**

No new utilities are proposed during the removal of illegal fill.

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.

X

Type name of signee:

Position and agency/organization:

Date submitted:

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

Do not 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?

- **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 or conserve energy and natural resources 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, floodplains, 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.