

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 [Find help answering background questions](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: Jensen Park Improvements

2. Name of applicant: City of Arlington

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: Sarah Lopez, 360-403-3448
slopez@arlingtonwa.gov 238 N Olympic Ave Arlington WA, 98223

4. Date checklist prepared: 11-17-2023

5. Agency requesting checklist: City of Arlington

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): 2024

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. Yes, installation of a bicycle pump track, likely in 2025

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. No

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.
Building permit

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.)

Installation of a pre-fabricated 2 room restroom and enlargement of the existing parking lot with a sidewalk. Installation of water and sewer lines to the restrooms and power.

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.

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B. Environmental Elements

1. Earth [Find help answering earth questions](#)

- a. **General description of the site: 2.77 acres, formerly agricultural/pasture grass. It is a developed park with parking lot, picnic shelter, sidewalks, and playground. The remainder of the park is mowed lawn.**

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

- b. **What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? .56 percent**
- 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.**

The three test pits conducted for this study encountered a layer of topsoil that extended to a depth of approximately 1.0 to 1.5 feet. Beneath this layer of topsoil, a medium dense, brown to black, gravelly, silty sand with cobbles was encountered to a depth of approximately 3.0 to 4.5 feet. This soil was interpreted to be undocumented fill. At the third test pit, soils underlying the topsoil were observed to be a medium dense, brown to gray, poorly graded sand with gravel and cobbles to a depth of 9.0 feet. These soils were interpreted to be native Marysville Sand soils. This has been chosen as the location for stormwater mitigation. No groundwater was located in the test pits. The Design Infiltration Rate was determined to be 10.0 in/hr for underlying soils at depths below 3.0 feet.

- d. **Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. No**
- 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.**
No filling. Excavating for slab for restroom building and for the expansion of the parking lot. Approximately 3,400 square feet of surface.
- f. **Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. No.**

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? Approximately 8.4 percent**

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any. The area is flat, there should not be any erosion.**

2. Air [Find help answering air questions](#)

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. Emissions from heavy construction equipment to prepare the site and emissions from asphalt paving of the parking lot.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. No.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any. Do not let equipment idle when not in use.

3. Water [Find help answering water questions](#)

a. Surface Water: [Find help answering surface water questions](#)

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.
Portage creek is adjacent to the property at the north boundary. It flows into South Slough, then the Stillaguamish River.

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 creek is more than 200 feet away.

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. No.

5. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. No

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. No

b. Ground Water: [Find help answering ground water questions](#)

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, City of Arlington water will be used and City sewer and stormwater systems.

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, City sewer and stormwater systems will be used. New public restrooms will discharge sewage into the City's system.

c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):

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 runoff from the parking lot will flow into a new infiltration system onsite under the parking lot. Infiltration system is 15ft by 30ft. Includes 6 inch perforated storm drain pipe, 1.5 feet of treatment sand below 2 feet of washed 2inch spalls or permeable ballast, enclosed in non woven geotextile fabric, under structural backfill and asphalt pavement.

Restroom roof runoff will flow into in-ground infiltration system.

From Drainage report: The site will meet the basic level of treatment, as the project does not meet the thresholds for enhanced treatment, phosphorous removal, or oil treatment as described in [Section V-3](#) of the SWMMWW. Pollutant generating impervious areas (PGIS) will drain to an infiltration system that utilizes an 18" layer of sand for filtration, as the existing soils do not meet the site suitability requirements of SSC-6. The sand layer will be below the gravel infiltration system. The system is similar to that used by permeable pavements for treatment, as part of BMP T5.15, whereby stormwater passes through a gravel storage layer, followed by a sand layer, and then final infiltration into the native soil.

- a) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. No.

b) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. No.

c) Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any. Controlled with storm system described above.

4. Plants [Find help answering plants questions](#)

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? Existing landscape shrubs around the existing parking lot will be removed to extend the parking lot.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. None known.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any. Planting shrubs around the front parking lot area after construction is complete.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. None known.

5. Animals [Find help answering animal questions](#)

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. Songbirds, possibly salmon in Portage creek.

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. None known.

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

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any. No affected, but plans to add more trees to site.

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. None known.

6. Energy and Natural Resources [Find help answering energy and natural resource questions](#)

- 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.
Electrical heat for restrooms.
- 2. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. No.
- 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. None.

7. Environmental Health [Find help with answering environmental health questions](#)

- 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.
No.

- 1. Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.
None.
- 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.
Natural Gas pipeline.
- 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. None.
- 4. Describe special emergency services that might be required. N/A
- 5. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.
Construction are will be closed to the public until complete.

b. Noise

1. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? Equipment operation during the construction period of the project.
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)? Short term construction noise for excavation and paving. Hours will be approximately 7am to 7pm.
3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any. This is a City of Arlington project, we will respect the neighborhood for noise impacts during construction.

8. Land and Shoreline Use [Find help answering land and shoreline use questions](#)

- 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. Current use is park land, adjacent use is residential townhomes and single-family homes. We are improving the park, this may increase traffic to the park.
- 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? Prior to City ownership the site was farmland, but it has been approximately 20 plus years since and now the area is developed into housing.
 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? No
- c. Describe any structures on the site. Existing picnic shelter will be removed so we can load-in the new restroom facility from a truck with crane.
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? Yes, picnic shelter frame will be removed.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? Public/Semi Public
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? Public/Semi Public
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? N/A
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify. No
- 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. N/A
- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any. Existing park improvement.
- m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any. None.

9. Housing [Find help answering housing questions](#)

- 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. N/A

10. Aesthetics [Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? Restroom height is 10feet 2 inches. Building is concrete.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? None.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any. None. Closest neighbor has wood fence.

11. Light and Glare [Find help answering light and glare questions](#)

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? Exterior lighting on restroom building for safety in twilight/nighttime 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. Use appropriate lighting that adheres with City's code.

12. Recreation [Find help answering recreation questions](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? At the site – park – open space and playground.

- 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. We are locating the restroom close to the parking so that we don't use valuable park space. We are increasing parking to increase access to the park.

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation [Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)

- 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 that are known. This is a developed park site.
- 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. Consultation with the Stillaguamish Tribe.
- 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. If any found during construction, Tribe would be notified and consulted before continuing.

14. Transportation [Find help with answering transportation questions](#)

- 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. Jensen Park Lane is a through street connecting neighborhoods and shopping area. Connecting streets are Olympic Place and 204th Street. 204th Street connects to State Route 9.
- 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? Not directly, but public transit bus stop is 1,894 feet away on 204th Street.
- 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). No.
- d. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. No.

- 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?

We are not expecting significant increase in traffic for this project. If we build a bicycle pump track in 2025 there will be an increase in park users, mostly weekends from 9am to 7pm. This

- 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. No.
- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any. Increasing parking lot to lessen impact on the on-street parking.

15. Public Services [Find help answering public service questions](#)

- 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. N/A

16. Utilities [Find help answering utilities questions](#)

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer
- 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. Electricity – PUD Snohomish County, Water- City of Arlington, Sewer- City of Arlington.

C. Signature [Find help about who should sign](#)

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.

11/17/2023

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Signed by: 1028b761-4e3b-46d2-a6eb-6879ea0fc44a

Type name of signee: Sarah Lopez, City of Arlington

Position and agency/organization: Community Engagement Director

Date submitted: 11/17/2023

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet](#)

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?

- **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?

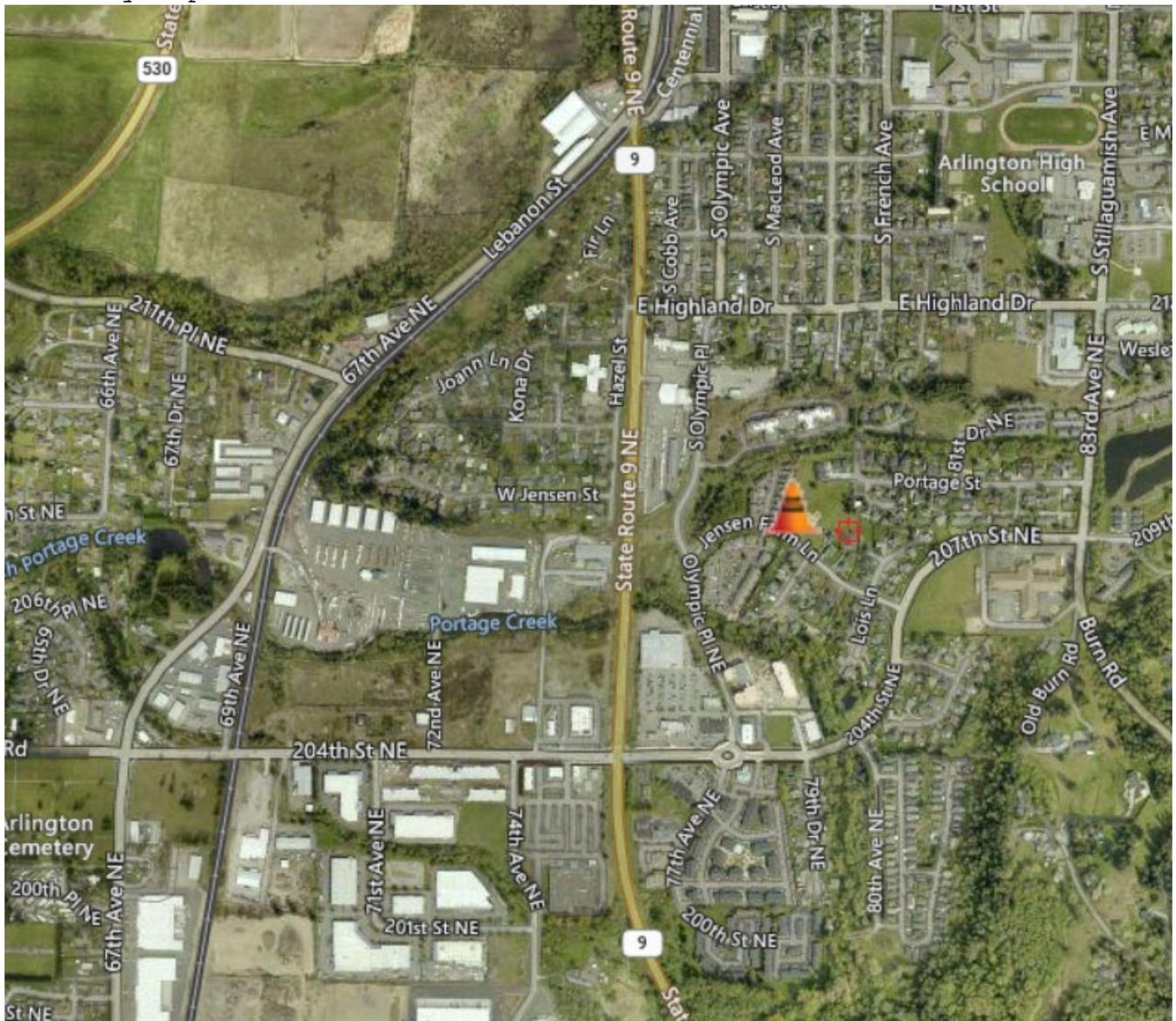
- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:**

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. No.

Vicinity map:



Jensen Park 00875500099900



Project area:



2 Single User Fully Accessible Flush Restrooms

