

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**  
**Beacon Hill Complex –**  
**John H. Shields Trailhead Improvements**  
**Shoreline Substantial Development Permit**  
**FILE NO. Z24-179SSDP**

**Date:** March 12, 2024

**To:** Interested Parties, City Departments and Agencies with Jurisdiction.  
(Distribution list on reverse side)

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**Subject:** **Make Beacon Hill Public-Phase 2 – John H. Shields Trailhead Improvements – Request for Comments**

**Applicant/ Owner:** City of Spokane Parks & Recreation  
Contact: Mike Light  
808 W Spokane Falls Blvd #5  
Spokane, WA 99201

**Agent:** Ardurra  
Contact: Vince Barthels  
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**Location Description:** The proposal is located primarily at **Parcel 35024.0001**.  
Some additional shoreline planting work is also proposed on **parcel 35013.0201**.  
SE 1/4, SEC. 02, T. 25 N., R. 43 E., W.M. and SE 1/4, SEC. 01, T. 25 N., R. 43 E., W.M.

**Description of Proposal:** This trailhead improvement project is a part of the larger City of Spokane Parks and Recreation project known as “Make Beacon Hill Public – Phase 2”. The existing John. H Shields Park straddles the Spokane City and Spokane County municipal boundary and is situated north of Upriver Drive, which is north of the Spokane River. The John H. Shields East portion of the project, which is located in the City limits, includes improving parking spaces to the existing paved parking lot, installation of a children’s play area, pavement of existing pathways, installation of fencing and boulders for safety, and building a concrete staircase to connect adaptive trails and a rock-climbing area. As mitigation for the removal of some onsite plantings, the project’s Habitat Management Plan also calls for replacement plantings on parcel 35013.0201. The project is located in the Shoreline Jurisdiction and is therefore subject to shoreline regulations; a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit is required for the portion of work in the City limits. Other improvements to the John H. Shields West are located across the jurisdictional boundary in Spokane County; those shoreline applications are being processed by Spokane County under files SMA-251-24 and SMA-252-24.

**Legal Description:** See Planning for full legal description.

**SEPA:** This project is subject to SEPA. The entire project action (the Make Beacon Hill Public – Phase 2 project) is being reviewed under one SEPA Checklist, which is being processed by Spokane County with files SMA-251-24 and SMA-252-24.

**Current Zoning:** Residential 1 (R1)

**REPORT NEEDED BY: 5 P.M. April 26, 2024.** If additional information is required in order for your department or agency to comment on this proposal, please notify Planning and Development as soon as possible so that the application processing can be suspended while the necessary information is being prepared. Under the procedures of SMC 17G.061, this referral to affected departments and agencies is for the following:

- 1) The determination of a complete application. If there are materials that the reviewing departments and agencies need to comment on this proposal, notice of such must be provided to the applicant;
- 2) Provides notice of application;
- 3) Concurrency Testing, **please note one of the following:**
  - a) (✓) This application is subject to concurrency and agency is required to notify this department that applicant meets/fails currency; OR
  - b) ( ) This application is exempt from concurrency testing but will use capacity of existing facilities.

Under the revised procedures of SMC 17G.061, this referral to affected Departments and Agencies is to provide notice of a pending application. **THIS WILL BE THE LAST NOTICE PROVIDED TO REFERRAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES UNLESS WARRANTED.**

If there are materials that the reviewing Departments and Agencies need to comment on this proposal, notice of such must be provided to the Applicant. The lack of comment by any referral agency will be considered to be acceptance of this application as Technically Complete.

\* - The lack of comment including concurrency by any referral agency will be considered acceptance of this application as technically complete and meeting concurrency requirements.

\*\* - Please forward your comments to Patty Kells, Planning and Development at least 2 working days before the "Report needed by" date shown on the front page.

### **DISTRIBUTION LIST FOR COMMENTS**

**PROJECT NAME: "Make Beacon Hill Public-Phase 2 – John H. Shields Trailhead Improvements"**  
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#### **Federal and Tribal Agencies**

- Bonneville Power Administration, Attn: Amanda Raymond
- Coeur d'Alene Tribe
- Kalispel Tribe
- Spokane Tribe of Indians, Attn: Randy Abrahamson  
NW 1/4, SEC. 31, T. 26 N., R. 43 E., W.M
- U.S. Postal Service, Attn: Danette Taylor
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: Jess Jordan

#### **Washington State Agencies**

- WA Department of Natural Resources, Attn: Aquatics Team
- WA Department of Commerce, Attn: Scott Kuhta
- WA Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation, Attn: Sydney Hanson
- WA Department of Ecology, Attn: SEPA Register
- WA Department of Ecology, Eastern Region, Attn: Cindy Anderson, Matt Fisher, Meagan Hayes
- WA Department of Transportation, Attn: Greg Figg
- WA Department of Fish & Wildlife, Attn: Kile Westerman

#### **City Departments**

- Asset Management, Attn: Dave Steele
- Capital Programs, Attn: Inga Note
- City Attorney, Attn: James Richman
- Code Enforcement, Attn: Luis Garcia & Jason Ruffing
- Construction Management
- Development Services Center, Attn: Addressing,
- Engineering Services, Attn: Joelle Elison
- Fire Dept, Attn: Dave Kokot & Brian Schaeffer
- Historic Preservation, Attn: Megan Duvall & Logan Camporeale
- Integrated Capital Management, Attn: Scotty Allenton
- Library Services, Attn: Andrew Chanse
- Neighborhood Services, Attn: Patrick Striker
- Parks Department, Attn: Garrett Jones
- Development Services Center, Attn: Dermott Murphy
- Planning Department, Attn: Tirrell Black
- Police Department, Attn: Kevin Keller

#### **City Departments – continued**

- Solid Waste, Attn: Rick Hughes
- Street Operations, Attn: Gerald Okihara, Jared Thomas
- Tax and Licenses, Attn: Cara Geiger
- Wastewater Management, Attn: Raylene Gennett, Angie Tagnani
- Water Department, Attn: John Saywers

#### **County Departments**

- Spokane County Public Works, Attn: Steven Forster
- Spokane County Planning Department, Attn: Scott Chesney
- Spokane County Engineering Dept
- Spokane Regional Health District, Attn: Eric Meyer
- Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency, Attn: April Westby

#### **Other Agencies**

- American Medical Response
- Avista Utilities, Attn: Christina Janssen & Sherri Mattocks
- Cheney School District Operations, Attn: Jeff McClure
- City of Airway Heights, Attn: Heather Trautman & Zack Becker
- District 81 Capital Projects, Attn: Greg Forsyth
- Inland Power, Attn: Connie Nelson
- Mead School District Facilities & Planning, Attn: Ned Wendle
- Spokane Airport, Attn: Lisa Corcoran
- Spokane Aquifer Joint Board, Attn: Tonilee Hanson & Jeremy Jenkins
- Spokane Transit Authority, Attn: Jeff Hall, Tara Limon & Brian Jennings
- Spokane Regional Transportation Council, Attn: Ryan Stewart
- Spokane Valley Planning Department, Attn: Lori Barlow & Chaz Bates
- Williams Northwest Pipeline, Attn: Michael Moore
- Spokane Public Schools, Attn: Shawn Jordan
- Spokane River Keepers, Attn: Katelyn Scott