

NONPROJECT DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

FILE NO(S): Z18-884COMP

PROPONENT: Washington State Department of Ecology (Agent: Dwight Hume, Land Use Solutions and Entitlement)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: This proposal is to change parcels 35062.3609, 35062.3610, and 35062.3619 from "Residential 4-10 Land Use" and RSF zoning to "Office Land Use" and O-35 zoning (same as adjacent parcel to the east). The subject parcels are approximately 37,000 square feet (0.85 acre) total. No specific development proposal is being approved at this time.

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL, INCLUDING STREET ADDRESS, IF ANY:

The subject site is three parcels located on the northeast corner of North Madison Street and West Princeton Avenue, (4502-4508 N Madison St and 4601 N Monroe St / parcels 35062.3609, 35062.3610, and 35062.3619). The concerned property totals approx. 37,000 square feet (0.85 acre).

Legal Description: Lots 10 through 15 of Block 36, Monroe Park Addition in the City of Spokane, County of Spokane, Washington State.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Spokane

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

- [] There is no comment period for this DNS.
- [] This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in section 197-11-355 WAC. There is no further comment period on the DNS.
- [X] This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for at least 14 days from the date of issuance (below). Comments regarding this DNS must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on September 10, 2019 if they are intended to alter the DNS.

Responsible Official: Heather Trautman

Position/Title: Director, Planning Services **Phone:** (509) 625-6300

Address: 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201

Date Issued: August 27, 2019

Signature: 

APPEAL OF THIS DETERMINATION, after it has become final, may be made to the City of Spokane Hearing Examiner, 808 West Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane WA 99201. The appeal deadline is Noon on September 18, 2019 (21 days from the date of the signing of this DNS). This appeal must be on forms provided by the Responsible Official, make specific factual objections, and be accompanied by the appeal fee. Contact the Responsible Official for assistance with the specifics of a SEPA appeal.

Environmental Checklist

File No. Z18-884COMP

Purpose of Checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for Applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

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 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.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "*does not apply*."

IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (Part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

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A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: Department of Ecology Annual Amendment
2. Name of applicant: Department of Ecology
3. Address and phone number of applicant or contact person: Dwight Hume
9101 N Mt. View Lane, Spokane WA 99218, 509-435-3108
4. Date checklist prepared: October 2018
5. Agency requesting checklist: City of Spokane Planning Services
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): Upon
Completion of this amendment and zone change, spring 2020.
7. a. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. Yes, the existing parking lots will be upgraded, and a new parking lot added within the current Office designation located south of the existing DOE Office building.
b. Do you own or have options on land nearby or adjacent to this proposal? If yes, explain. No
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to his proposal. Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.
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. Yes, parking lot improvements as stated above.

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10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. **Amend designation to Office, zone change to O-35; building permits, landscape plan approval; drainage plan review and approval.** _____

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. **Change designation to Office at 4502 and 4508 N Madison; convert to accessory structure to store emergency response equipment for DOE.** _____

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information to 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 application related to this checklist. **The existing houses are located at the NEC of Madison and Princeton.** _____

13. Does the proposed action lie within the **Aquifer Sensitive Area (ASA)? The General Sewer Service Area? The Priority Sewer Service Area? The City of Spokane?** (See: Spokane County's ASA Overlay Zone Atlas for boundaries.) _____

14. The following questions supplement Part A.

a. Critical Aquifer Recharge Area (CARA) / Aquifer Sensitive Area (ASA)

- (1) Describe any systems, other than those designed for the disposal of sanitary waste, installed for the purpose of discharging fluids below the ground surface (includes systems such as those for the disposal of stormwater or drainage from floor drains). Describe the type of system, the amount of material to be disposed of through the system and the types of material likely

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to be disposed of (including materials which may enter the system inadvertently through spills or as a result of firefighting activities).

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- (2) Will any chemicals (especially organic solvents or petroleum fuels) be stored in aboveground or underground storage tanks? If so, what types and quantities of material will be stored?

Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit. _____

- (3) What protective measures will be taken to insure that leaks or spills of any chemicals stored or used on site will not be allowed to percolate to groundwater. This includes measures to keep chemicals out of disposal systems.

Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit. _____

- (4) Will any chemicals be stored, handled or used on the site in a location where a spill or leak will drain to surface or groundwater or to a stormwater disposal system discharging to surface or groundwater?

Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit. _____

b. Stormwater

- (1) What are the depths on the site to groundwater and to bedrock (if known)?

Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit. _____

- (2) Will stormwater be discharged into the ground? If so, describe any potential impacts?

Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit. _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

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1. Earth

- a. General description of the site (circle one): **flat**, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountains, other: _____

- _____
- _____
- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? N/A
- _____
- _____
- _____
- 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. **Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.**
- _____
- _____
- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. **Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.**
- _____
- _____
- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill: **Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.**
- _____
- _____
- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. **Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.**
- _____
- _____
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? **Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.**
- _____
- _____
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion or other impacts to the earth, if any: **Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.**
- _____
- _____

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2. Air

- a. What type 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. _____

Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit. _____

- 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:

Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit. _____

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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.

N/A _____

- (2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. **N/A** _____

- (3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from the surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

N/A _____

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

N/A

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

N/A

- (6) Does the proposal involve any discharge of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

N/A

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b. GROUND:

- (1) Will groundwater be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

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- (2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sanitary waste treatment facility. Describe the general size of the system, the number of houses to be served (if applicable) or the number of persons the system(s) are expected to serve.

Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.

c. WATER RUNOFF (INCLUDING STORMWATER):

- (1) Describe the source of runoff (including stormwater) 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.

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Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit. _____

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

Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit. _____

- d. PROPOSED MEASURES to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any.

Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit. _____

4. Plants

- a. Check or circle type of vegetation found on the site:

_____ Deciduous tree: *alder, maple, aspen, other.*

_____ Evergreen tree: *fir, cedar, **pine**, other.*

_____ **Shrubs**

_____ **Grass**

_____ Pasture

_____ Crop or grain

_____ Wet soil plants, *cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other.*

_____ Water plants: *water lilly, eelgrass, milfoil, other.*

_____ Other types of vegetation.

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? **Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.** _____

- c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site. **None** _____

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

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any: Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.

5. Animals

- a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site 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:* _____
other: _____

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

None

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

No

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

None

6. Energy and natural resources

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.
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- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. _____

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- 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:

Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.

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. **Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.**

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- (1) Describe special emergency services that might be required. **Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.**

- (2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: **Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.**

b. NOISE:

- (1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? **Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.**

- (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.

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- (3) Proposed measure to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:
Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit. _____

8. Land and shoreline use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?
Site: S/F Dwellings, DOE Office and associated parking lots; NW: "C" Store and retail; West: Office and S/F; North: S/F and Retail; South: S/F and Church; East: S/F. _____

- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe. **No** _____

- c. Describe any structures on the site. **SF Dwellings** _____

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, which? **Yes, both houses and accessory structures to be removed.** _____

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

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? **R 4-10** _____

- 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? If so, specify. **No** _____

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

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

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: **One renter is being relocated**

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

Compliance with applicable development standards

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9. Housing

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

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high-, middle- or low-income housing. **2**

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: **None**

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? **Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.**

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

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: **Compliance with applicable development standards** _____
- _____
- _____

11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? **Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.** _____
- _____
- _____

- 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: **Indirect lighting and downcasting of outdoor lighting.** _____
- _____
- _____

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? **N/A** _____
- _____
- _____

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. **No** _____

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- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: None

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

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

None

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

None

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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. Monroe to Princeton to Madison or Wellesley to Madison to Princeton.

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

- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate? Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.

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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). No

e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail or air transportation? If so, generally describe. No

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak would occur. Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.

(Note: to assist in review and if known indicate vehicle trips during PM peak, AM Peak and Weekday (24 hours).)

g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.

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. No

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any: None

16. Utilities

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.

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- 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. **Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit.**

C. SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, swear under penalty of perjury that the above responses are made truthfully and to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that, should there be any willful misrepresentation or willful lack of full disclosure on my part, the agency must withdraw any determination of Nonsignificance that it might issue in reliance upon this checklist.

Date: 10/29/18

Signature: [Signature]

Please Print or Type:

Proponent: Dwight Hume

Address: 9101 N Mt. View Lane

Phone: 509-435-3108

Spokane WA 99218

Person completing
form (if different
from proponent): Same

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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Staff member(s) reviewing checklist: _____

Based on this staff review of the environmental checklist and other pertinent information, the staff concludes that:

- ☐ A. there are no probable significant adverse impacts and recommends a Determination of Nonsignificance.
- ☐ B. probable significant adverse environmental impacts do exist for the current proposal and recommends a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance with conditions.
- ☐ C. there are probable significant adverse environmental impacts and recommends a Determination of Significance.

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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 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?

Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit. _____

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

Non-project action. To be determined at time of building permit. _____

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

None _____

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

None _____

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

No impacts _____

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

None _____

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, flood plains or prime farmlands?

No

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

None

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 proposal will not affect adjacent land use because of the existing land use pattern and/or separation from other S/F uses by streets.

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

Development per applicable development standards of the City of Spokane.

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

No impacts

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

None

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

No conflicts with other state or federal regulations.

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Date: 10/29/18 Signature: D. Hume

Please Print or Type:

Proponent: Dwight Hume Address: 9101 N Mt. View Lane

Phone: 509-435-3108 Spokane WA 99218

Person completing form (if different from proponent): _____

SAME Address: _____

Phone: _____

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