

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR A SHORELINE SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT
“Sister Cities Garden” FILE # Z1400017SSDP**

Notice is hereby given that the Sisters Cities Association applied for an administrative Shoreline Substantial Development Permit on March 31, 2014. The application was certified complete on April 23, 2014. This application is for improvements to Riverfront Park, specifically the former Expo '74 Japanese Pavilion Site, which is determined to be within Shoreline Jurisdiction of the Spokane River. The project will include pathways, landscaping, interpretive signage and design improvements.

Any person may submit written comments on the proposal or call for additional information at:

*Planning & Development Department
Attn: Tami Palmquist, Associate Planner
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APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applicant: City of Spokane Parks & Recreation Department
Leroy Eadie, Director

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Public Comment Period: Written comments may be submitted on this application by **June 2, 2014 at 5 pm** (30 days from the posting and mailing of the Notice of Application). Written comments should be sent to the Planning & Development Department at the mail or email address listed above.

SEPA: This proposal is exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

Description of Proposal: The Sister Cities Association, together with the City of Spokane Parks & Recreation Department, plans to make improvements to what was once the Expo'74 Japanese Pavilion Site. This project consists of refurbishing and re-landscaping of portion of Riverfront Park north and west of Howard Street Bridge. Site will have signage, sculpture and landscaping to educate public about Spokane's Sister Cities relationship. Eventually, the Sister Cities hopes to add sculptures representing each of its Sister Cities.

Construction activities will include removal of old concrete and water feature; regarding of site; addition of new concrete walkways, lawn, trees, shrubs, signage and seating. It is anticipated that up to 2.5 feet of fill will be needed to fill in the old water feature depression.

Location Description: Former Expo '74 Japanese Pavilion Site in Riverfront Park. 510 N Howard St., Spokane, WA. (18-25-43)

Legal Description: A full legal description of the subject property is available in the Planning & Development Department, located on the 3rd Floor of City Hall, 808 West Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201-3329.

Current Zoning: The proposal is located in the Downtown General Zone (with a 150 foot height limitation; DTG-150) with Land Use designations of Open Space.

Environmental Designations: The majority of the project boundary is located within 200-feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of the Spokane River, a shoreline of statewide significance. The City of Spokane Shoreline Master Program designates this area in the Urban Intensive Environmental Designation. It is designated as located within the Downtown Shoreline Design District. It is located within the It is also in the Zone 2 Riparian Habitat Area (RHA).

Process: A Notice of Application will be posted on the property and mailed to all **property owners** and **taxpayers** of record, as shown by the most recent Spokane County Assessor's record, and **occupants** of addresses of property located within a four hundred foot radius of any portion of the boundary of the subject property, including any property that is contiguous and under the same or common ownership and control. The Notice of Application will initiate a 30-day public comment period in which interested person may submit written comments to the address of the City Staff. Once the public comment period has ended, the Planning Director will issue a Decision within 10 days. This decision is appealable to the Hearing Examiner under conditions set forth in Spokane Municipal Code Section 17G.060.210. Administrative Shoreline Permit decisions after final decision by the Director have an additional appeal period to the Shorelines Hearings Board, see SMC 17G.060.210. **Only the applicant and persons submitting written comments may appeal the decision of the Planning Director.**

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