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SEPA Environmental Checklist

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

2022 King County Open Space Plan Update (nonproject action)

2. Name of applicant:

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks

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

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4. Date checklist prepared:

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5. Agency requesting checklist:

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks

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

The Open Space Plan is scheduled to be finalized and signed by the King County Executive in the first quarter, or early second quarter, of 2022.

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

The Open Space Plan is included as part of the overall King County Comprehensive Plan. Any future project actions that occur as a result of these plan updates will complete a project specific SEPA analysis.

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

The Open Space Plan builds on and is informed by the planning efforts and public processes of other County plans and initiatives, including:

- [King County Comprehensive Plan](#)
- [King County Strategic Plan](#)
- [King County Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan](#)
- [King County Strategic Climate Action Plan](#)
- [King County Parks, Trails, and Open Space Replacement Levy](#)

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.

None.

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

King County Council Approval is the only government approval required for adoption of the proposed plan.

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.

King County's *Open Space Plan: Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas 2022 Update* establishes both a strategic and functional plan for King County Parks and Recreation Division (Parks), and also complies with the Washington State Growth Management Act and Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office requirements. Parks plays a unique role in the provision of parks, trails, and open space, providing regional facilities while also serving as a direct service provider in unincorporated areas. The Open Space Plan:

- Provides a framework guiding King County in expanding, planning, developing, stewarding, maintaining, and managing its complex system of 205 parks, 175 miles of regional trails, and 32,000 acres of open space.
- Updates Parks' 2016 plan, reflecting the many changes Parks has undergone in recent years.
- Reconfirms the agency's mission and goals of stewarding regional and local parks, regional and backcountry trails, natural areas, and forests to provide recreation and environmental benefits.

- Addresses the King County Strategic Plan’s goals of achieving environmental and social justice, public engagement, environmental and financial sustainability, quality local government, and regional collaboration.

This update also coincides with Parks’ increasing focus in two areas:

- Providing more equitable service and access to parks, trails, and open space.
- Framing Parks’ work – and the benefits of its many natural assets – in the larger context of King County’s environmental goals and objectives.

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.

This is a nonproject action that is applicable to all King County-owned open spaces, totaling almost 30,300 acres in fee and almost 144,000 acres in conservation easement. The majority of King County-owned open spaces are located in unincorporated King County, but there are some located in urban areas, including Kirkland, Renton and Covington. Additionally, this plan applies to regional trails owned and managed by King County Parks.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site

This plan is a nonproject action with no identifiable proposed site but pertains to all of the open spaces owned by King County Parks. These areas can be flat, rolling, hilly, steeply sloped, mountainous, or a combination. Sites this plan applies to also include waterbodies such as rivers, lakes, streams and wetlands. A project specific SEPA analysis will be completed for future projects in Parks open space.

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

This plan is a nonproject action with no identifiable site but includes open spaces owned by King County Parks, some of which have steep slopes on site. Any future projects in these areas will be subject to existing regulations, and a project-specific SEPA analysis will be completed for future projects with site-specific slope percentages.

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.

This plan is a nonproject action with no identifiable site, but soil in unincorporated King County generally reflects geologically recent glacial and alluvial (river and stream)

activity, as well as human activity. A project-specific SEPA analysis will be completed for future projects with site-specific soil conditions.

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

This plan is a nonproject action with no identifiable site but does include open spaces owned by King County Parks, some of which have unstable soils, typically associated with steep slopes. Any future projects in these areas will be subject to existing regulations, and a project-specific SEPA analysis will be completed for future projects detailing soil stability at the site.

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.

This plan is a nonproject action with no identifiable site. Any proposed project that includes filling, excavation or grading will be subject to existing clearing and grading regulations and a project-specific SEPA analysis will be prepared including filling, excavation and grading quantities.

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

This plan is a nonproject action with no identifiable site. Any project that will include clearing or construction (or other use that could potentially cause erosion) will develop a site specific erosion control and sedimentation plan, will be subject to existing regulations, and will require that a project specific SEPA analysis be prepared.

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

This plan does not have any direct impacts to impervious surface percentages; any development projects that change the amount of impervious surface on a site will be subject to existing regulations and will require that a project specific SEPA analysis be prepared.

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

Because the proposed plan is a nonproject action that will not have any direct impacts, no specific measures to control erosion or other impacts to the earth have been proposed as part of this plan. Future projects will be subject to existing regulations and will develop a project specific erosion and sedimentation control plan, including implementation of best management practices such as silt fences, minimization of clearing limits, and covering of unstable soils.

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.**

The updated plan incorporates the goals of the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan to reduce the need for driving and to decrease greenhouse-gas emissions by continuing to support expansion of the Regional Trail System as a non-motorized transportation option. The updated plan also supports forest conservation and restoration actions that will sequester carbon, a beneficial outcome for climate resilience.

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

The plan update is a nonproject action that will not be directly affected by off-site sources of emissions or odor. This potential affect will be analyzed for future projects as part of a project specific SEPA analyzed.

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

The plan update is a nonproject action and will not have any direct impacts to air emissions. Any future projects will be subject to existing regulations and will require that a project-specific SEPA analysis be developed.

3. Water

- a. Surface Water:**

- 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.**

The plan update is a nonproject action with no identifiable site, although numerous streams, lakes, ponds and wetlands are located within King County Parks-owned open spaces. Any future projects with the potential to affect these water bodies will be subject to existing regulations and will require a site specific SEPA analysis be prepared to determine any affects to nearby surface water bodies.

- 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.**

The plan update is a nonproject action that will not directly require any work over, in or adjacent to the described waters. Existing federal, state and local regulations will apply to any development projects within 200 feet of waters and a project-specific SEPA analysis will be completed for future projects.

- 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.**

The plan update is a nonproject action that will not directly result in the placement or removal of any fill or dredge material. A project-specific SEPA analysis will be completed for future projects with specific amounts of fill and dredge material as applicable.

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

The plan update is a nonproject action that will not directly require any surface water withdrawals or diversions. A project-specific SEPA analysis will be completed for future projects with specific amounts of withdrawals or diversions.

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

The plan update is a nonproject action with no identifiable site, but several open spaces owned by King County Parks are located in the 100-year floodplain. Any future projects in these areas will be subject to existing regulations and will require a project-specific SEPA analysis be developed.

- 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.**

The plan update is a nonproject action that will not directly involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters. Any future projects that will potentially cause discharges of waste materials to surface waters will require a project-specific SEPA analysis be developed.

b. Ground Water:

- 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 general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

The plan update is a nonproject action and will not directly involve any withdrawals or groundwater or discharge to groundwater. Any development projects that will potentially use groundwater or discharge to groundwater will be subject to all existing state, local and federal regulations concerning groundwater removal and protection and will require a project-specific SEPA analysis be developed.

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: 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.

The plan update is a nonproject action that will not directly result in any discharge of waste material into the ground. Any future projects that will potentially result in the discharge of waste material into the ground will be required to treat and dispose of the waste in a manner compatible with state and local regulations and will require a project-specific SEPA analysis be developed.

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.

The plan update is a nonproject action that will not directly affect water runoff. Any future projects that will potentially impact water runoff will be subject to existing regulations and will have to comply with the King County Surface Water Design Manual (or local equivalent in incorporated areas). Future project will also require a project-specific SEPA analysis be developed.

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

The plan update is a nonproject action that will not directly result in any waste material entering ground or surface waters. Any development projects that might affect materials entering ground or surface waters will be subject to existing state, local and federal regulations protecting surface and ground waters and will require a project-specific SEPA analysis.

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

The plan update is a nonproject action with no identifiable site. A site specific drainage analysis consistent with existing regulations will be prepared for any future projects in King County Parks-owned open spaces. Future projects will also require a project-specific SEPA analysis be developed.

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

The plan update is a nonproject action that will not have any direct impacts to surface or groundwater runoff or drainage patterns. Any development projects will be subject to existing local, state and federal regulations for surface or groundwater runoff and will require a project-specific SEPA analysis be developed.

4. Plants

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen

evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine

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

The plan update is a nonproject action with no identifiable site, but open spaces owned by King County Parks contain a variety of vegetation types. King County Parks does not own land that produces crops for agriculture production.

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

The plan update is a nonproject action that does not directly result in the removal or alteration of vegetation; however, King County will be conducting forest management activities on many open space properties. This may involve periodic thinning of trees as defined by a forest stewardship plan specific to each property. In general, the active stewardship provided by King County in association with these plans will improve the ecological value of King County forestland. In support of other environmental initiatives, like the Strategic Climate Action Plan, King County Parks will conduct these forestry activities as well as invasive plant removal throughout county-owned parks. A project-specific SEPA analysis will be completed for future projects that include forest management other types of vegetation removal or alteration.

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

The plan update is a nonproject action with no identifiable site, but there are no known federally listed or endangered plant species in King County. However, there are several species in the King County listed as threatened or endangered according to the Washington State Natural Heritage Program and it likely that some of these species occur on or near King County open spaces. Any future projects will be consistent with existing regulations for species protection and will require a project-specific SEPA analysis that will examine any vegetation species on site.

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

The plan update is a nonproject action with no identifiable site, however the plan encourages actions to support environmental initiatives such as the Strategic Climate Action Plan, the 30-Year Forest Plan and the Clean Water Healthy Habitat strategic plan. To achieve goals set in

these plans, King County Parks will plant native trees and shrubs in open spaces throughout King County to encourage forest diversity and preserve or enhance habitat.

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

This plan update is a nonproject action with no identifiable site, however noxious and invasive weeds are located throughout King County Parks open spaces. Regulated noxious weeds are treated and/or removed by licensed King County employees or contractors. Non-regulated invasive weeds are usually treated or removed when native plantings and restoration projects are planned.

5. Animals

a. List any birds and other animals which 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

The plan update is a nonproject action with no identifiable site, but a variety of birds, mammals and fish, including all of those listed above, are found throughout open spaces in King County.

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

The plan update is a nonproject action with no identifiable site. However, there are federally listed threatened and endangered species throughout King County, including, but not limited to, the northern spotted owl, streaked horned lark, yellow-billed cuckoo, Oregon spotted frog, bull trout, Puget Sound Chinook salmon and Puget Sound steelhead. Any future projects will do an analysis to identify any site specific known threatened and endangered species. Future projects will be required to follow all existing federal, state, and local regulations for the protection of these species and will require a project-specific SEPA analysis be developed.

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

The plan update is a nonproject action with no identifiable site, but King County is within the Pacific Flyway migratory pathway, which is a major north-south route of travel for migratory birds in America, extending from Alaska to Patagonia. Migrating and nesting birds will be protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and other existing regulations for future projects.

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

In general, the active stewardship provided by King County in association with forest management plans and native plant restoration will improve the ecological value of King County forestland and open space thus preserving and enhancing wildlife habitat.

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

The plan update is a nonproject action with no identifiable site. Invasive animal species are found throughout King County, and any future projects will require a project-specific SEPA analysis be developed that will identify known invasive species at the project site.

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.

This plan update is a nonproject action that will not result in any direct energy needs. Any future projects will be subject to existing energy codes and regulations and will require a project-specific SEPA analysis be developed to analyze energy needs.

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

The plan update is a nonproject action that will not have any direct solar energy needs. Any future projects will require a project-specific SEPA analysis be developed to assess potential affects to the use of solar energy.

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:

The plan update is a nonproject action that will not have any direct impacts to energy use or energy conservation. Any future projects that will incorporate energy use will be subject to current building and energy codes and will have to comply with the King County Green Building Ordinance. ,In addition, future projects will require a project-specific SEPA analysis be developed.

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.

The plan update is a nonproject action that will not directly cause any environmental health hazards. Generally speaking, one of the goals of projects in King County open spaces is to reduce exposure to environmental health hazards. Any future projects will be regulated by existing local and state regulations on hazardous waste and will require project-specific SEPA analysis be developed to assess these potential hazards.

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

This plan update is a nonproject action that does not have an identifiable site. Contaminated sites do exist within King County and any future projects will require a project-specific SEPA analysis to determine if the project site is contaminated.

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.

This plan update is a nonproject action that does not have an identifiable site. Sites with hazardous chemicals/conditions exist within King County and any future projects will require a project-specific SEPA analysis to determine if the project site is contaminated.

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.

This plan update is a nonproject action that does not have an identifiable site. Any future projects will require a project-specific SEPA analysis that will describe hazardous chemical storage, and will be in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

This plan update is a nonproject action that will not require any special emergency services.

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

This plan update is a nonproject action that will not have any direct impact on the environment, so no measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards are proposed. Any future projects will require a project-specific SEPA analysis to identify measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards following existing regulations as applicable.

b. Noise

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

This plan update is a nonproject action with no identifiable site that can be evaluated for noise levels. Any future projects will require a project-specific SEPA analysis to determine site specific noise levels.

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.

This plan update is a nonproject action that will not have any direct noise impacts. Future projects will require a project-specific SEPA analysis to assess the type and level of noise that might be created.

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

This plan update is a nonproject action that will not have any direct noise impacts so no measures to reduce or control are proposed as this time.

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 plan update is a nonproject action with no identifiable site and so will not have any direct impacts on current land uses or nearby properties. This plan update supports environmental initiatives that will help restore forest and native habitat on King County Parks-owned open spaces. Any future projects will require a project-specific SEPA analysis to determine land use impacts at project sites and nearby properties.

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 as a result 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?

The plan update is a nonproject action with no identifiable site and will not have any direct impacts to working farmlands or forestlands. The plan does support forestry work to improve forest ecology and habitat by thinning old and diseased trees and planting diverse species. Any of this work, or other future project work, will require a project-specific SEPA analysis be developed.

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 plan update is a nonproject action that will not directly affect or be affected by the normal business operations of working farms or forests.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

The plan update is a nonproject action that does not have an identifiable site, but King County Parks owns and maintains various structures throughout its open space system. These vary from operational shops that provide employee workspace to facilities maintained for the purpose of public use including, but not limited to, community centers, picnic facilities, camp sites, play areas, and bridges.

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

The plan update is a nonproject action that does not have an identifiable site. King County Parks has a program specifically for demolition of derelict or unnecessary structures when new open space properties are acquired. All structure demolition is done following existing federal, state, and local regulations. Demolition of a structures on

acquired open space properties is typically exempt from additional SEPA analysis under WAC 197-11-800(2)(g); however, for structures that do not meet the exemption criteria, the project will require a project-specific SEPA analysis be developed.

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

The plan update is a nonproject action that does not have an identifiable site. Many of the open spaces owned and maintained by King County Parks are in unincorporated King County and include, but are not limited to, areas zoned Rural Area, Residential, Forest. King County code does not currently include a separate zoning code for Parks. Some open spaces, as well as regional trails, are located within cities and follow zoning regulations of the associated city. Any activity on these open spaces is consistent with the city's and / or county's zoning restrictions.

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

The plan update is a nonproject action that does not have an identifiable site. King County open spaces are typically, but not exclusively, designated as *King County open space system* in the comprehensive plan. Any activities on open spaces and regional trails owned and maintained by King County Parks are consistent with comprehensive plan designations.

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

The plan is a nonproject action that does not have an identifiable site. Unincorporated King County includes a variety of shoreline master program designations and proposed development projects on sites will comply with any applicable existing shoreline regulations and will require a project-specific SEPA analysis be developed.

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

The plan is a nonproject action that does not have an identifiable site. There are critical areas found on many open spaces owned and maintained by King County Parks. Any future projects will comply with existing critical area code and will require a project-specific SEPA analysis to determine critical areas and assess potential impacts on site.

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

The plan is a nonproject action that does not have an identifiable site. People are not allowed to reside on any King County Parks-owned or -maintained open space or regional trail. A few open spaces allow camping by permit. King County Parks employees work on all sites within its open space system. King County Parks currently employs approximately 125 permanent staff members in the Operations and Maintenance Section and hires approximately 125 additional temporary seasonal staff each year.

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

The plan is a nonproject action that does not have an identifiable site and does not directly displace any people; however, the plan supports the Land Conservation Initiative to purchase the last remaining high quality open spaces in King County. Some of these lands have homes on site where people did reside, but all acquisitions are voluntary (the property owner is a willing seller to King County). Some sites are acquired that have homes in critical areas or floodplains, and those sites are restored with native habitat after acquisition, resulting in environmental benefits.

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

This plan is a nonproject action that does directly result in any displacements. Thus no measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts are proposed.

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

This plan is a nonproject action but was drafted to be compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans.

m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

This plan is a nonproject action and will not directly impact agricultural and forestlands. Any future projects proposed will require a project-specific SEPA analysis that will examine any potential effects to nearby agricultural and forest lands.

9. Housing

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

This plan is a nonproject action that will not have direct impacts to housing. King County Parks does not typically provide any housing units open space property.

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

This plan is a nonproject action that will not have direct impacts to housing. Refer to the answer to Question 8.j for more information.

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

This plan is a nonproject action that will not have direct impacts to housing and thus no measures are proposed to reduce impacts.

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?**

This plan is a nonproject action that does not directly involve the construction of any structures; however, parks related structures are sometimes constructed in King County open space. Future projects will require a project-specific SEPA analysis to assess the impacts from proposed structures.

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

This plan is a nonproject action that does not directly have an impact to views. Future projects will require a project-specific SEPA analysis to assess any impacts to existing views.

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

This plan is a nonproject action that does not directly impact aesthetics thus no measures are proposed to reduce or control impacts..

11. Light and glare

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

This plan is a nonproject action that does not directly cause any light or glare; however, King County Parks projects in open space often include security, pathway, or sports field lighting. Future projects will require a project-specific SEPA analysis to assess potential light or glare impacts associated with the project.

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

This plan is a nonproject action that does not directly cause any light or glare. Future projects will require a project-specific SEPA analysis to assess whether potential light or glare could result in a safety hazard or interfere with views.

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

This plan is a nonproject action that does not have an identifiable site that will be affected by light or glare. Future projects will require a project-specific SEPA analysis to assess whether existing sources of light or glare will affect the proposal.

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

This plan is a nonproject action that will not have any direct impacts on light or glare thus no measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts is proposed.

12. Recreation

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

This plan is a nonproject action that does not have an identifiable site, however recreation is a major component of King County Parks-owned open spaces and there are many designated and informal recreational opportunities throughout the system.

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

This plan is a nonproject action that will not directly displace any existing recreational uses.

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

This plan is a nonproject action that will not have direct impacts to recreation, but will indirectly, through policy development, support more recreation opportunities throughout the King County Parks open space system.

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 located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.

This plan is a nonproject action with no identifiable site. King County Parks does maintain a small number of buildings, structures or sites that are over 45 years old. Any future projects to these sites, or others, will be required to comply with local, state and federal historic property and cultural resource rules and regulations and will require a project SEPA analysis.

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.

This plan is a nonproject action with no identifiable site. However, landmarks, features and other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation exist throughout unincorporated King County and on open spaces owned and maintained by King County Parks. King County Historic Preservation Program maintains a database with resources that have been identified on King

County properties by past studies. All future projects and activities that disturb the ground or that have the potential to impact significant historical above-ground resources will consult with the King County Historic Preservation Program prior to ground disturbance and will comply with existing historic and cultural resource regulations.

- 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.**

This plan is a nonproject action that will not have any direct impacts to cultural and historic resources. All future projects will consult with the appropriate parties and review applicable existing surveys, maps, and GIS data following existing federal, state, and local regulations to assess potential impacts.

- 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.**

This plan is a nonproject action that will not have any direct impacts to cultural and historic resources, thus no measures are proposed.

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.**

This plan is a nonproject action that does not have an identifiable site. Future projects will develop a project-specific SEPA analysis to identify public streets and highways the site.

- 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?**

This plan is a nonproject action that does not have an identifiable site. Various King County Parks-owned open spaces are served by public transit, but not all. Future projects will develop a project-specific SEPA analysis to identify proximity to public transit at the site.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or nonproject proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?**

This plan is a nonproject action that will not create or eliminate any parking. Future projects will develop a project-specific SEPA analysis to assess parking impacts.

- d. 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).**

This plan is a nonproject action that will not directly impact roadways or streets. The plan does support the continued construction and linking of King County Parks' regional trail system. Any future projects that will create new trails will require a project SEPA analysis.

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

This plan is a nonproject action that will not have any direct impacts to transportation facilities. Future projects will develop a project-specific SEPA analysis to assess transportation use.

- f. 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?**

This plan is a nonproject action that will not directly generate any vehicular trips. Future projects will develop a project-specific SEPA analysis to assess traffic impacts as applicable.

- g. 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.**

This plan is a nonproject action that will not directly affect the movement of agriculture or forest products. Future projects will develop a project-specific SEPA analysis to assess this impact as applicable.

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

This plan is a nonproject action that will not have any direct impacts to transportation volumes thus no measures to reduce or control impacts are proposed.

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.**

This plan is a nonproject action that will not directly result in any increased need for public services. Future projects will develop a project-specific SEPA analysis to assess this impact as applicable.

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

This plan is a nonproject action that will not directly result an any increased need for public services thus no measures to reduce or control impacts are proposed.

16. Utilities

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:

This plan is a nonproject action with no identifiable site. The plan will have no direct connection to utilities. Future projects will develop a project-specific SEPA analysis to assess utilities available at the site.

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.

This plan is a nonproject action with no identifiable site. The plan will have no direct connection to utilities. Future projects will develop a project-specific SEPA analysis to assess the need for utilities at the site.

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.

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Signature: _____ Date: 1/12/2022
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King County Parks and Recreation Division

Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

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?

These plan updates will not increase the likelihood of discharges to water, emissions to air, production, storage, or release of toxic hazardous substances; or production of noise. Generally speaking, the acquisition and protection of open space in King County will decrease the likelihood for these types of discharges. A project and site specific SEPA analysis will be completed to assess this potential impact for future projects in King County Parks open spaces.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

No impacts are expected and so no measures are proposed.

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

This plan includes policy updates that support King County's commitment to preservation, conservation and forest stewardship. The types of projects that align with and support these goals are the same sorts of projects that are likely to improve ecological habitat value for plants, animals, fish and marine life.

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

No impacts are expected and so no measures are proposed.

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

This plan update will not increase the likelihood of depletion of energy or natural resources. A project and site specific SEPA analysis will be completed to assess this potential impact for future projects in King County Parks open spaces.

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

As part of King County Ordinance 17709, the King County Energy Plan, and the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan, King County requires the incorporation of green building and sustainable development practices in all County capital projects, including planning, design, construction, remodeling, renovation, operations, and maintenance of any King County-owned or financed capital project. Project elements that are analyzed as part of this requirement include, but are not limited to, environmental quality, energy conservation, life cycle cost analysis and resource efficiency.

As part of this effort, recycling efforts in parks will continue, and additional effort will be made to further encourage and promote recycling in the parks. Use of recycled

products will continue when appropriate. Salvage and reuse materials from structure demolition will be done when feasible.

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?

This plan update includes policy updates that support King County's commitment to preservation, conservation and forest stewardship. The types of projects that align with and support those goals are the types of projects that will protect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designed for government protection.

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

No impacts are expected and so no measures are proposed.

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?

This plan update does not directly affect land or shoreline use and will not allow or encourage uses incompatible with existing plans. The plan does not change the laws or regulations that govern these areas. Projects that align with King County's goal of preservation, conservation, and forest stewardship will protect existing land and shoreline uses defined in existing plans.

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

No impacts are expected and so no measures are proposed.

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

This plan update will not directly increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities. A project and site specific SEPA analysis will be completed to assess this potential impact for future projects in Parks open space.

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

No impacts are expected and so no measures are proposed.

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

This plan update will not conflict with laws and requirements for protection of the environment. This plan update includes policy updates that support King County's commitment to preservation, conservation, and forest stewardship. Projects that support these goals would further the protection of the environment.