

DATE: April 5, 2025
TO: Interested Agencies
FROM: Byron Gumz, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments
SUBJ: **City of Wapato Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan Update**
Notice of Environmental Review and Notice of Hearing

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

The City of Wapato is updating its Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan. The plan is a guide for the maintenance and development of the park system over the next six years. It includes an inventory of the existing facilities and amenities as well as identifying potential park improvements.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The City of Wapato has determined that the project does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and is issuing the attached Determination of Non-Significance. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after reviewing the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the City of Wapato. This information is available to the public on request.

REQUEST FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS:

Agencies, tribes, and the public are encouraged to review and comment on the proposed project. There is a 14-day comment period for this review. All written comments received by April 19, 2025 will be considered. Please send your written comments to the address below:

Yakima Valley Conference of Governments
Attn: Byron Gumz
311 North 4th Street, Suite 204
Yakima, WA 98901

PLEASE REFERENCE THE WAPATO PARKS PLAN IN YOUR COMMENT LETTER

A public hearing is scheduled before the Wapato City Council on April 21, 2025 at 7 p.m. at the Wapato Community Center, 1109 S. Camas Ave., Wapato, WA 98951. Written comments may be provided at the hearing. Interested parties may request copies of the hearing notice or participate in the hearing. If you have any questions on this proposal, please call Byron Gumz, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) Regional Land Use Manager, at (509) 759-7994 or by email at Byron.Gumz@yvcog.us.

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Determination of Non-Significance

April 5, 2025

Lead agency: City of Wapato

Agency Contact: Byron Gumz, YVCOG

Project Name: City of Wapato Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan Update

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The City of Wapato has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030. We have reviewed the attached Environmental Checklist and accompanying application. This information is available at the City of Wapato City Hall and the YVCOG office.

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

The plan provides for the future needs and development of the Wapato Park System. Actions taken to implement that plan will receive individual review, and if necessary, separate SEPA review.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and the comment period will end on April 19, 2025.

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Signature



Date

4/4/2025

Appeal process: Appeals of SEPA final threshold determinations are made to City Council within 14 days. The notice shall be filed in writing with the City Clerk, accompanied by the filing fee.

MEMBERS

SEPA¹ 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.

¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/Checklist-guidance>

A. Background

[Find help answering background questions²](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

[2025-2030 City of Wapato Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan](#)

2. Name of applicant:

[City of Wapato](#)

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

[City of Wapato](#)

[Attn: Jeff Schumacker](#)

[205 E 3rd St.](#)

[Wapato, WA, 98951](#)

4. Date checklist prepared:

[March 10, 2025](#)

5. Agency requesting checklist:

[City of Wapato](#)

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

[Final approval by City Council in June, 2025.](#)

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

[The Comprehensive Plan will outline Park and Recreation activities for the years 2025-2030.](#)

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

[2016 SEPA Checklist and DNS – SEPA # 201600473](#)

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.

[None known](#)

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. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-A-Background>

The 2025-2030 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan will provide guidance to the City of Wapato over the next 6 years. It outlines the existing amenities located within the City's parks, and provides for future repairs and improvements in line with funding availabilities.

- 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 plan is for the incorporated city limits of Wapato.

B.Environmental Elements

1. Earth

Find help answering earth questions³

- a. General description of the site:**

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

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

The City of Wapato contains minimal slopes throughout the city limits.

- 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 City of Wapato contains various soils throughout the community. Being a non-project action, there are no specific soils identified.

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

This is a non-project action; therefore, this does not apply.

- 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 is a non-project action; therefore, this does not apply.

- f. Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.**

This is a non-project action; therefore, this does not apply.

³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-earth>

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

[This is a non-project action; therefore, this does not apply.](#)

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

[This is a non-project action; therefore, this does not apply.](#)

2. Air

[Find help answering air questions⁴](#)

- 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.**

[This is a non-project action; therefore, this does not apply.](#)

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

[This is a non-project action; therefore, this does not apply.](#)

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

[This is a non-project action; therefore, this does not apply.](#)

3. Water

[Find help answering water questions⁵](#)

- a. Surface:**

[Find help answering surface water questions⁶](#)

- 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.**

[There are no streams or water bodies located near the City of Wapato's parks.](#)

- 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](#)

- 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.**

⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-Air>

⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water>

⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Surface-water>

This is a non-project action; therefore, this does not apply.

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

This is a non-project action; therefore, this does not apply.

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

None of the parks are currently located within the FEMA 100-year Floodplain.

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.**

This is a non-project action; therefore, this does not apply.

b. Ground:

Find help answering ground water questions⁷

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 wells are required for the parks system.

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.**

The parks use either bathrooms or porta-potties for domestic sewage. No other type of waste is generated within the parks that would be discharged.

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.**

Stormwater has the potential to be generated on site, which will seep into the ground or be managed according to stormwater management manuals.

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

No.

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

No.

⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Groundwater>

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

None.

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?

[This is a non-project action; therefore, this does not apply.](#)

- 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.

None at this time. Future development in the parks may include native vegetation species.

- 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](#)⁸

- 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.

Examples include:

⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-5-Animals>

- **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.

Migratory birds migrate down the adjacent Yakima River corridor.

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

None at this time. Future programs within the parks may include measures to support native species, such as pollinators.

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](#)⁹

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.

There may be increased need for electricity for lighting that would be installed at parks. Facilities that require heating would potentially need electricity or natural gas.

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

No

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.

Future construction of structures will be designed to meet or exceed energy code requirements.

7. Environmental health

[Health Find help with answering environmental health questions](#)¹⁰

⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-6-Energy-natural-resou>

¹⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-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 because of this proposal? If so, describe.

None known

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

None known at this time.

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.

None known at this time.

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.

Construction equipment would have fuel and oil.

4. Describe special emergency services that might be required.

None.

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

None.

b. Noise

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

None.

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)?

There are noises associated with construction and development activities. There is expected noise from routine maintenance of park facilities, such as lawnmowers. Long term there will likely be noise associated with use of the parks, such as baseball games or soccer matches.

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

The parks typically close at dusk.

8. Land and shoreline use

[Find help answering land and shoreline use questions](#)¹¹

- 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.**

[Does not apply. This is a non-project action.](#)

- 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?**

[Does not apply. This is a non-project action.](#)

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.**

[There are several park structures throughout the park system, such as shelters and restroom facilities.](#)

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

[No.](#)

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

[All parks are zone PF – Public Facility](#)

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

[All parks have a Future Land Use Map designation of Public.](#)

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

[There are no shorelines within the Wapato city limits that impact parks and recreation facilities.](#)

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

[No critical areas have been designated within parks and recreation facilities.](#)

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

[Does not apply. This is a non-project action.](#)

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

[Does not apply. This is a non-project action.](#)

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

¹¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-8-Land-shoreline-use>

[Does not apply. This is a non-project action.](#)

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

[Does not apply. This is a non-project action.](#)

- m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:**

[Does not apply. This is a non-project action.](#)

9. Housing

[Find help answering housing questions](#)¹²

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

[Does not apply. This is a non-project action.](#)

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

[Does not apply. This is a non-project action.](#)

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

[Does not apply. This is a non-project action.](#)

10. Aesthetics

[Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)¹³

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?**

[Does not apply. This is a non-project action.](#)

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

[Does not apply. This is a non-project action.](#)

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

[Does not apply. This is a non-project action.](#)

¹² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-9-Housing>

¹³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-10-Aesthetics>

11. Light and glare

[Find help answering light and glare questions](#)¹⁴

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

[There may be lighting from parking lot lights and potentially ball fields.](#)

- 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:**

[None.](#)

12. Recreation

[Find help answering recreation questions](#)

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

[Wapato currently has 5 parks, totaling 53.05 acres. Including Apas Park, which is 1.45 acres, the total area for parks and recreation within Wapato is 54.5 acres.](#)

- 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:**

[None.](#)

13. Historic and cultural preservation

[Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)¹⁵

- 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.**

[None known at this time.](#)

¹⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-11-Light-glare>

¹⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-13-Historic-cultural-p>

- 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 known at this time.

- 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 is a non-project action. Therefore, no survey has been completed at this time.

- 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.

Prior to any land disturbing activities, the Yakima Nation and the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation will be notified of the work to identify any potential impacts to cultural and historic resources in the vicinity of the work proposed.

14. Transportation

Find help with answering transportation questions¹⁶

- 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.

Does not apply. This is a non-project action.

- 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?

Does not apply. This is a non-project action.

- 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).

Does not apply. This is a non-project action.

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

Does not apply. This is a non-project action.

- 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

¹⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-14-Transportation>

the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

Does not apply. This is a non-project action.

- 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.

Does not apply. This is a non-project action.

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

The transportation impacts of potential new park facilities will be addressed and reviewed at the time of planning and development.

15. Public services

Find help answering public service questions¹⁷

- 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.

Generally, improvements to the park system may increase the number of users. An increase in the number of park uses would increase the possibility for public service needs, such as first responders.

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

None.

16. Utilities

Find help answering utilities questions¹⁸

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

Generally, common municipal utilities are available for the park system.

- 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.

Does not apply. This is a non-project action.

C. Signature

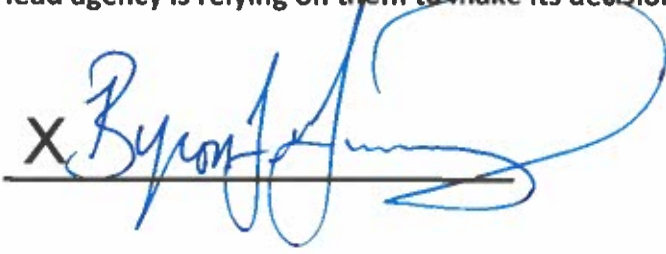
Find help about who should sign¹⁹

¹⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-15-public-services>

¹⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-16-utilities>

¹⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-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.

X 

Type name of signee: Byron Gumz
Position and agency/organization: YVCOG Regional Land Use Manager
Date submitted: 4/4/2025

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

[Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet²⁰](#)

Do not 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?

Not likely.

- Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

All future proposals will undergo environmental review on an as-needed basis.

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

Not likely.

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

Future projects will be designed to have minimal to no impact on plants, animals, and fish.

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

²⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-d-non-project-actions>

Not likely.

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

Future construction of structures will be designed to meet or exceed energy code requirements.

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?**

Not likely. The parks within the Wapato Park System are not located in areas identified as environmentally sensitive areas, including known historic or cultural sites.

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

All future proposals will undergo site specific review on an as-needed basis to ensure that identified impacts are avoided or mitigated.

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?**

Not likely. The parks are located in a way that does not create an incompatible use with surrounding uses.

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

All future proposals will undergo site specific review on an as-needed basis to ensure that identified impacts are avoided or mitigated.

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

There may be increasing use of the park system as new facilities are developed and potential programs are started, which would therefore increase the number of people travelling to and from the parks.

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

All future proposals will undergo site specific review on an as-needed basis to ensure that identified impacts are avoided or mitigated.

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

Not applicable.