



SEPA SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Application fee of \$190 is due upon submittal.

All posting, notification, and postage costs will be billed to the applicant *WWMC 20.14.065(F) & 20.14.085(G)*

Site Address:

Applicant Name:

Phone:

E-mail address:

Mailing Address:

Property Owner:

Phone:

E-mail address:

Mailing Address:

Related applications (e.g. subdivision):

Required Documents:

Completed SEPA Environmental Checklist and fees

N/A Site plan of the subject property

N/A Vicinity map

N/A Critical Areas Report (e.g. wetlands, streams) meeting requirements of WWMC 21.04. if required

N/A Trip Generation Report and/or Traffic Impact Analysis

N/A Preliminary Storm Report, if required

N/A Geotechnical Report

I certify, by checking this box and printing my name below, that the information submitted in this application packet is true and accurate. Determination of information to be in error could result in revocation of permit.

I understand that this application is not deemed filed until fees are paid.

Date:

Printed Name of Property Owner or Owner's Authorized Agent

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](https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-A-Background)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

City of Walla Walla 2024 Development Code Update

2. Name of applicant:

Lisa Wasson Seilo, Planner, City of Walla Walla Development Services

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

55 E Moore Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362. (509) 524-4717

4. Date checklist prepared:

08/05/2024

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Walla Walla

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

To be determined; adoption tentatively scheduled for October 2024

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

No - non-project action. Any future projects that result from this code change will be evaluated under SEPA guidelines at that time, as appropriate.

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

The 2018 Walla Walla Comprehensive Plan, and Final Environmental Impact Statement, issued May 22, 2018.

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 specific property or parcel is covered by this non-project/ non-site-specific action.

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

Washington State Department of Commerce review for code changes is required.

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.)

See attached narrative.

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,

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

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.

No specific site - city wide.

B. Environmental Elements

1. Earth

[Find help answering earth questions](#)³

- a. General description of the site:

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

The City of Walla Walla is generally flat with a gradual slope that is higher in the east and lower in the west portions of the city.

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

Not applicable.

- 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.

Walla Walla largely has Yakima series soils, loams that are well drained.

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

Walla Walla generally has a moderate liquefaction potential.

- 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.

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A - non-project action - not specific to one parcel.

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

- h. **Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.**
N/A - non project action.

2. Air

[Find help answering air questions](#)⁴

- 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.**

N/A - non project/ non site specific action

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

N/A - non project/ non site specific action

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

N/A - non project/ non site specific action

3. Water

[Find help answering water questions](#)⁵

- a. **Surface:**

[Find help answering surface water questions](#)⁶

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.**

Walla Walla has many year-around streams throughout the city, including Mill Creek, Yellowhawk Creek, Garrison Creek, and others.

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 - non site specific action.

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.**

N/A

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>

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

No - non project action.

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

Some portions of the southern end of Walla Walla are within a 100-year floodplain for Russell Creek.

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.

No - non project action.

b. Ground:

[Find help answering ground water questions](#)⁷

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 – non-project action. Any water used within the city for any projects that might stem from this code update would use City Water, not wells.

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.

None, non-project action. Any waste material that would be a result of any project from this code change would be required to use the City's municipal wastewater system.

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.

Not applicable - non-project action.

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

No – non-project action.

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

No. Any projects that might result from the code change would be required to handle their own stormwater impacts on the site.

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:**

Any project resulting from the code change would be subject to the City of Walla Walla stormwater code and the Eastern Washington Stormwater Manual.

4. Plants

[Find help answering plants questions](#)

- a. **Check the types of vegetation found on the site:** Non-site specific action
- 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?**
None, non-project action
- c. **List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.**
Not applicable - non project action
- d. **Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.**
Not applicable - non project action
- e. **List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.**
Not applicable - non project action

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>

Non-site specific action/ project

- **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.

Bull trout, steelhead

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

Pacific Flyway

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

None - non site specific action

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

Not applicable - non project action

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.

None, non-project action

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

No, non project action

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.

None, non-project action. Any project resulting will need to abide by Washington State Energy Code requirements.

7. Environmental health

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

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.

No, non-project action.

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>

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

None - non site specific action. Some sites in Walla Walla remain contaminated from past uses (former gas station sites, Sudbury landfill, etc).

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.

Natural gas pipelines run through Walla Walla. All ground-disturbing projects are required to call before digging to ensure no impact.

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.

Not applicable - non project action

4. Describe special emergency services that might be required.

None, non-project action

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

N/A, non-project action. Any potential future project would be subject to SEPA unless categorically exempt.

b. Noise

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

General traffic noise throughout Walla Walla, in northern portions of the city, some aircraft noise from Walla Walla Regional Airport flights.

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)?

None, non project action

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

Not applicable, non project action

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.

Land use depends on the specific site, this is a non-site specific 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

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>

not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

Not applicable, non site specific 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, non project action

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

Not applicable, non project action

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

Not applicable, non site specific action

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

Not applicable, non project action

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

Not applicable, non project action

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

Not applicable, non site specific action

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

No, non project action

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

Not applicable, non site specific action

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

None, non project action

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

Not applicable, non project action

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

None, non site specific action

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

None, non site specific 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.**
Not applicable
- b. **Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**
Not applicable, non project action
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:**
None, 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?**
Not applicable, non site specific action
- b. **What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?**
Not applicable
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:**
Not applicable, non project action

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?**
Not applicable, non project action
- b. **Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?**
No, non site specific action
- c. **What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?**
None, non project action
- d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:**
Not applicable

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>

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>

12. Recreation

[Find help answering recreation questions](#)

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

Not applicable, non project action

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

No it would not, as this is a non site specific action

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

None, non project action

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.

Walla Walla has multiple buildings on the local, state, and national registers. The Downtown District was recently listed on the national register of historic places. No impacts to structures, non-project action

- 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.

Walla Walla is the homeland of the Cayuse, Walla Walla, and Umatilla people. No impacts, non-project action.

- 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.

None, non site specific action

- 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.

None, non project action

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>

14. Transportation

[Find help with answering transportation questions](#)¹⁶

- 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.**
Walla Walla's Road network is made up of all street classifications, including private lanes. No impacts, 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?**
Walla Walla Valley Transit serves the City of Walla Walla as well as the City of College Place.
- 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).**
No, non site specific action
- d. **Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.**
No, 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 the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?**
Not applicable, 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.**
No, non site specific action
- g. **Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:**
None, non project action

15. Public services

[Find help answering public service questions](#)¹⁷

- 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.**
No, non project action
- b. **Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.**
None, non project action

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>

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>

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:

All of these utilities are available throughout Walla Walla

- 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.

None, non project action

C. Signature

[Find help about who should sign¹⁹](#)

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:

Position and agency/organization:

Date submitted:

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.

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>

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

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?**

The proposed code changes are not expected to result in the above increases.

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:**

None proposed

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

The proposal is unlikely to have significant impacts on plants, animals, or fish. No changes proposed to the critical areas code. There are proposed changes relating to animal kennels, which will hopefully result in more flexibility for the siting of kennels.

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

None proposed.

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

The code updates are not expected to deplete energy or natural resources.

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

The code updates are not expected to directly protect or conserve energy, as none are directly related to energy and natural resources.

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?**

The proposal is unlikely to result in impacts to environmentally sensitive areas, as none of the code changes relate to parks, floodplains, etc.

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

Any projects would be subject to SEPA review and mitigation unless otherwise categorically exempt.

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?**

No code changes are directly related to shoreline use, and no code changes that would introduce incompatibilities.

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

None proposed.

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

The proposed code changes are not expected to increase demands on transportation or public services.

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

None proposed.

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 local, state, or federal laws or requirements for environmental protection.