

**Cloverdale Bioretention Project
SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)**

Description of Proposal

The proposed Cloverdale Bioretention Project (hereafter, Project or proposal) would be constructed along S Cloverdale St at 5th Ave S in the lower Duwamish River watershed in southwest Seattle. Bioretention cells would be constructed in the existing gravel street right of way (ROW) adjacent to the travel lanes. Stormwater runoff from streets that currently drain to the Duwamish Waterway would be routed to the bioretention cells and would filter through the cells' plants and soil media before being collected in underdrains and discharged to the City of Seattle's piped stormwater conveyance system. After the Project is constructed, SPU would perform regular operation, monitoring, and maintenance activities such as vegetation management and sediment removal from storm drain structures.

The Project includes the following major work elements:

1. New asphalt path, bioretention cells, and street trees along the north side of S Cloverdale St;
2. Underdrains and piping to connect the new bioretention cells to the existing public storm drain system;
3. Removal of the existing gravel shoulder and paved driveways to allow construction of proposed improvements;
4. New ADA-compliant curb ramp at the intersection of S Cloverdale St and 5th Ave S; and
5. Driveway and associated pavement restoration in areas where they are disturbed by construction of the bioretention cells and pathway.

Proponent

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Location of Proposal

The Project is in South Park neighborhood of the City of Seattle, King County, Washington and is located entirely in the ROW for S Cloverdale St at, and west of the intersection with, 5th Ave S. The Project is in Section 32, Township 24, Range 4.

Lead Agency

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

This Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen (14) days from the issuance date below.

A copy of the environmental checklist is available online at <http://www.seattle.gov/utilities/neighborhood-projects/construction-impacts>.

Public and Agency Comments

Comments on this DNS must be submitted by April 22, 2021 and must be sent by email to:

Betty Meyer, SEPA Responsible Official
Seattle Public Utilities
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Signature: _____

Betty Meyer

Issue Date: April 8, 2021

Appeals

Appeals of this DNS must be accompanied by an \$85 filing fee and must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on April 29, 2021. Please see the Office of the Hearing Examiner web site for Temporary Operating Rules During COVID-19: <http://www.seattle.gov/hearing-examiner>