

**Routine Maintenance and Repair of Publicly-Owned Drainage System Facilities
SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)**

Description of Proposal

SPU conducts routine operation, maintenance, and repair of publicly owned drainage system facilities throughout the City of Seattle. Some of this work is conducted wholly or in part on lands covered by water and must be reviewed for environmental impacts.

For efficiency, SPU has chosen to conduct a system-wide environmental review for three categories of drainage system facilities: open channel drainage system facilities, enclosed drainage system facilities, and drainage system pond facilities. Open channel drainage facilities include ditches and culverts, bioswales, and riparian enhancement projects. Enclosed drainage facilities include piped infrastructure, treatment vaults, diversion structures, trash racks and similar structures. Pond drainage facilities include stormwater detention pond cells, channels or lakes, treatment pond cells or channels, and all hydraulically connected drainage appurtenances such as pipes, engineered wetlands, ditches and culverts, bioswales, riparian enhancements, and structures such as vaults, maintenance holes and diversion structures. Three of the pond facilities have pipe outfalls: Haller Lake, Bitter Lake and Green Lake. Three of the facilities included in the pond drainage facility category are storage tanks: Washington Park Tank, Harrison Street Tank, and East John Detention Pipe.

For each facility, SPU would determine the specific work to be performed and the timing of the work, subject to various permit requirements and work prioritization. Work would include one or more of the following eight routine types of maintenance and repair activities:

1. Sediment and Debris Removal
2. Vactoring and Jetting
3. Vegetation Control
4. Anchoring Large Woody Material (LWM)/Habitat Restoration
5. Beaver Dam Management
 - a. Beaver Dam Maintenance
 - b. Beaver Exclusion Devices
6. Mechanical Improvements and Repairs/Replacement
7. Safety Improvements
8. Monitoring Equipment Installation, Repair/Replacement

The proposed maintenance and repair work would utilize Best Management Practices (BMPs) designed to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts on water bodies and aquatic life. Work would also comply with other regulations protecting water quality, endangered species, shorelines, and sensitive areas. The work would use the following general methods and BMPs:

1. Delineation of Work Areas
2. Temporary Bypass of Streamflow
3. Vactoring and Jetting
4. Excavating
5. Bank/Retaining Wall Stabilization
6. Addition or Maintenance of Habitat Elements
7. Site Restoration/Landscaping

Proponent

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Location of Proposal

The subject facilities are located throughout the City of Seattle and include approximately 55 open channel sites, 50 enclosed sites, and 22 drainage system ponds.

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 at:

- Seattle Public Utilities, General Manager/CEO's Office Main Reception Area, Seattle Municipal Tower, Suite 4900, 700 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, Washington
- Seattle Central Library, Public Review Documents, Level 5 Reference
- Online at <http://www.seattle.gov/utilities/documents>

Public and Agency Comments

Comments on this DNS must be submitted by April 25, 2019 and must be sent to:

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Signature: _____


Betty Meyer

Issue Date: April 11, 2019

Appeals

Appeals of this DNS must be accompanied by an \$85.00 filing fee and must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on May 2, 2019. Delivery of appeals filed by any form of USPS mail service may be delayed by several days. Allow extra time if mailing an appeal.

- Written appeals must be sent to:
City of Seattle Hearing Examiner
700 5th Avenue Suite 4000
P.O. Box 94729
Seattle, WA 98124-4729
- Appeals can be filed electronically. Details on electronic filing procedures are available under “e-File” at the Office of the Hearing Examiner’s web site: <http://www.seattle.gov/examiner/>
- Filing fees must be paid by the appeal deadline and can be paid *via* check (made payable to the City of Seattle) or credit/debit card (Visa and MasterCard only). Credit/debit card payments can be made in-person or over-the-phone.
- You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Please refer to the Hearing Examiner Rules of Practice and Procedure for rules that govern appeals. These rules are available on the Hearing Examiner’s website at www.seattle.gov/examiner/rules-toc.htm or by calling 206-684-0521.

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