

DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

Description: **Dr. Jose Rizal Park Renovation Project** – Seattle Parks and Recreation is proposing to renovate the developed upper tier of Jose Rizal Park adjacent to 12th Avenue South which covers approximately one (1) acre of the total 8-acre park. The proposed work includes renovating the existing restroom, play area, terraced seating space, shelter, and parking lot. No work is proposed in the lower tier of the park which contains an orchard, off-leash dog park and paths. The areas between the upper and lower tiers of the park are forested and slope at 100% in some areas. There are twenty (20) parking stalls located within the park. Parking will be reduced to one accessible stall and one loading/staff parking area. There is on-street parking available on the street(s) bordering the park. Approximately 1,050 cubic yards of excavation is proposed to complete the project. The site contains identified Environmentally Critical Areas – Steep Slope areas associated with the north and west facing hillsides and Wildlife Habitat associated with the forest nature of portions of the park. The project may be phased over time as funding becomes available.

Proponent: **Seattle Parks and Recreation**

Location: **Dr. Jose Rizal Park, 1007 12th Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98144**


Lead agency: **Seattle Parks and Recreation**

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.

- There is no comment period for this DNS.
- This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of publication (August 29, 2024).

Written comments must be submitted by September 13, 2024.

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Date: 08/27/2024 Signature: 

Please contact: David Graves, Strategic Advisor, Seattle Parks and Recreation if you have questions or written comments about this determination.

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You may appeal this determination to **Office of the Hearing Examiner at PO Box 94729, Seattle, WA 98124-4729** or 700 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4000, Seattle, WA 98104 no later than **5:00 pm on September 20, 2024** by **Appeal Letter** and **\$85.00 fee**. You should be prepared to make specific factual objection(s). Contact the Seattle Examiner to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals.

City of Seattle

ANALYSIS AND DECISION OF
SEATTLE PARKS AND RECREATION

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Address of Proposal: **Dr. Jose Rizal Park, 1007 12th Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98144**

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION

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SEPA DETERMINATION: Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

BACKGROUND DATA

Dr. Jose Rizal Park is an approximately eight (8) acre park in the Northwest corner of Beacon Hill. The park contains forested hillsides that face west/northwest. The upper tier of the park, located adjacent to 12th Avenue South, is relatively flat. This approximately 1-acre area of the park includes a restroom building, a play area, picnic shelter, terraced seating and a parking lot with twenty (20) stalls. The lower tier of the park is less developed and forested with an orchard, trails and a dog off-leash area (OLA). Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) staff worked with the community on an extensive public outreach and design process to reimagine the park and create a design representative of the local community’s needs. SPR is now moving that design forward. The project will likely be constructed in phases as funding becomes available. To the west and north of the park is the Interstate 5 and 90 interchange; to the east across 12th Avenue is the old PacMed hospital building which now houses the Seattle Central College Health Education Center. South of the park, across South Judkins Street are multi-family residences. In addition to the on-site parking, there is on-street parking available surrounding the park.

There are identified Environmentally Critical Areas (ECAs) located on the site, as shown on the City’s GIS database. Steep Slope ECAs are indicated associated with the north and west facing hillsides and a Wildlife Habitat ECA associated with the forest nature of portions of the park. There are no other ECAs on or adjacent to the site.

PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION

As indicated in the Checklist, this project will make significant improvements to the upper tier developed area of the park. Specific improvements include:

- New play areas for different age groups and abilities.
- Removal of the existing 20-stall parking area creation of two new stalls
- Gathering Circle
- Improved pathways
- New lawn and plantings
- Seating; existing terraced seating area will remain
- New picnic shelter
- A renovated restroom building

Note that some of the proposed site improvements are dependent on the available funding and potential grant awards. The scope of the construction work includes earthwork, asphalt and/or concrete pavement, wet and dry utilities including lighting, playground installation, planting and irrigation. Site excavation, fill, and grading is sitewide to remove existing paving and lawn and install new paving areas, footings for furnishings, play area safety surfacing with aggregate subbase, new plantings and new lawn. Excavation associated with the proposed construction activities is estimated to be approximately 1,050 cubic yards.

Expected construction activities include demolition of existing site elements, machine excavation and grading, excavation for poured in place footings, assembly and installation of site furnishings and play equipment and installation of asphalt and/or concrete paving, retaining wall(s) and lawn. All applicable BMP's for construction site management will be implemented during construction.

ANALYSIS – SEPA

Initial disclosure of potential impacts from this project was made in the applicant's environmental checklist, dated March 13, 2024. The basis for this analysis and decision is formed from information in the checklist, project plans, the lead agency's familiarity with the site and experience with review of similar projects.

The SEPA Overview Policy (SMC 23.05.665) discusses the relationship between the City's code/policies and environmental review. The Overview Policy states, in part, "[w]here City regulations have been adopted to address an environmental impact; it shall be presumed that such regulations are adequate to achieve sufficient mitigation". The Policies also discuss in SMC 23.05.665 D1-7, that in certain circumstances it may be appropriate to deny or mitigate a project based on adverse environmental impacts. This may be specified otherwise in the policies for specific elements of the environment found in SMC 25.05.675. In consideration of these policies, a more detailed discussion of some of the potential impacts is appropriate.

Short Term Impacts

The following temporary or construction-related impacts are expected: hydrocarbon emissions from construction vehicles and equipment; increased dust caused by construction activities;

potential soil erosion and disturbance to subsurface soils during site work; increased noise and traffic from construction equipment and personnel.

Several adopted codes and/or ordinances provide mitigation for some of the identified impacts. The Stormwater, Grading and Drainage Control Code requires that soil erosion control techniques be initiated for the duration of construction. Erosion will be prevented by implementation of a required Temporary Erosion Control and Sedimentation Plan. Best Management Practices, such as mulching and seeding will be implemented at the site to minimize erosion during construction. Puget Sound Clean Air Agency regulations require control of fugitive dust to protect air quality. The Building Code provides for construction measures and life safety issues. The Noise Ordinance regulates the time and amount of construction noise that is permitted in the city. Compliance with these codes and/or ordinances will lessen the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

The impacts associated with the construction are expected to be minor and of relatively short duration. Compliance with the above applicable codes and ordinances will reduce or eliminate most adverse short-term impacts to the environment. However, impacts from construction traffic and construction noise on the surrounding neighborhood and impacts to recreation during the closure and reconstruction of the park elements warrant further discussion.

Construction Traffic

The site is close to arterial streets which provide convenient truck access consistent with the requirements of the Street Use Ordinance. As noted above, materials will need to be excavated, removed and/or imported and graded across the site. There will be limited construction traffic beyond materials, equipment and construction workers entering and leaving the site. The site is adjacent to 12th Avenue South, a collector arterial, which provides access to the surrounding arterial network. Given the proximity of City arterials, construction access and materials hauling can be accommodated consistent with City requirements and with little or no impacts to the surrounding neighborhood. As such, traffic impacts associated with the project construction are not anticipated to be significant and thus no conditioning is necessary or warranted.

Noise

Construction activities will be confined to weekdays. Hours of construction are limited by the Seattle Noise Ordinance, SMC ch. 25.08, to 7:00 a.m. and ten 10:00 p.m. on weekdays (SMC 25.08.425). The reality of the local construction industry is that contractors typically work from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; the likelihood that any construction activities will occur up to 10 p.m. is slight. The Noise Ordinance also regulates the loudness (dB) of construction activities, measured fifty (50) feet from the subject activity or device. The City has dedicated noise inspectors to monitor construction activities and respond to construction complaints. Compliance with the City's Noise Ordinance and coordination with the school and the school district will prevent any significant adverse short-term noise impacts and thus no further conditioning is necessary or warranted.

Recreation

The developed upper tier of the park may be closed during the construction, either in whole or in part, depending on available funding and phase of the project, which will impact the availability of recreational opportunities in the neighborhood. There are other parks with play areas in the neighborhood including Beacon Hill, Daejon and Jefferson Parks. The public will be directed to nearby recreation facilities for recreational opportunities during construction. In addition, the lower

tier of the park including the trails and OLA will be accessible and open during construction of the proposed park improvements. Since there are other recreational resources in the neighborhood, no significant adverse temporary open space/recreation impacts are anticipated, and no mitigation is warranted or necessary.

Compliance with applicable codes, ordinances and regulations will be adequate to achieve sufficient mitigation.

Long Term Impacts

Recreation

The improved amenities at the park will provide upgraded and enhanced recreational amenities in the immediate neighborhood which currently don't exist. The proposed improvements won't permanently displace any organized or informal recreational opportunities at the park. No significant long-term adverse recreation impacts are anticipated, and no mitigation is warranted or necessary.

Traffic & Parking

Once construction is completed there will be fewer on-site parking stalls. The site will continue serve the immediate neighborhood and may also draw users from other neighborhoods. The site is well served by public transit and there is on-street parking adjacent to the park to accommodate people that drive to use the new amenities. No significant adverse traffic and/or parking impacts associated with the improvements to an already developed playfield are anticipated and thus no mitigation is warranted or necessary.


Upon completion of the project, no long term adverse environmental impacts are anticipated and thus no conditioning is necessary or warranted.

DECISION

This decision was made after the responsible official, on behalf of the lead agency, reviewed a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the responsible department. This constitutes the Threshold Determination and final decision on application of SEPA's substantive authority and mitigation provisions. The intent of this declaration is to satisfy the requirement of the State Environmental Policy Act (RCW 43.21.C), including the requirement to inform the public of agency decisions pursuant to SEPA.

- Determination of Non-Significance. This proposal has been determined to not have a significant adverse impact upon the environment. An EIS is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(C).
- Determination of Significance. This proposal has or may have a significant adverse impact upon the environment. AN EIS is required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(C).

Signature: _____


David Graves, AICP, Strategic Advisor
Planning & Capital Development Branch
Seattle Parks and Recreation

Date: August 27, 2024

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:

Dr. Jose Rizal Park Renovation

2. Name of applicant:

Seattle Parks and Recreation

Attn: Morteza Behrooz, Sr. CPC

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

300 Elliott Avenue West, Suite 100

Seattle, WA 98119

C: 206-612-8780

4. Date checklist prepared: 03/13/2024

Project is currently undergoing community consultation and is anticipated to finalize the Schematic Phase by Q2 2024.

5. Agency requesting checklist:

Seattle Parks and Recreation

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

Planning	Q1 2023
Design	Q2 2024
Construction	Q4 2025
Close-Out	Q4 2027

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

No.

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

Geotechnical Engineering – Haley & Aldrich Inc_2023

Arborist Report – Tree Solutions Inc_2023

Landslide-prone / steep slope areas (40%) area(s) identified west side of site.

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.

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

No.

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

Building Permit

Grading Permit

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.)

Renovation of existing restroom building.

The existing restroom was constructed in 1980 as a typical separated gender facility with two toilet stalls for women, a toilet stall and urinal for men, and a central plumbing chase. The structure consists of load-bearing concrete unit masonry walls on concrete spread footings and exposed wood beam and rafter roof framing. The final layout will include two all-gender accessible rooms, a storage and plumbing chase.

Renovation of play area.

The play area will be renovated and/or relocated on site.

Renovation of the park table land area (TBD subject to grant and other funding per the Elevate initiative)

The area of the park fronting on 12th Ave is the subject of the park redevelopment. This area is approximately 500ft (along 12th Ave.) x 60ft i.e. approximately 30,000 sq. ft. This area currently includes a parking lot, shelter, jr. play area, grassy knoll, a Dr. Jose Rizal bust and monument, and a terraced seating area. It is anticipated that the new design includes a reduced parking lot, new play area, new shelter and multi-purpose open green area and a terraced seating space.

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.

1007 12th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144

B.Environmental Elements

1. Earth

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a. General description of the site:

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

Jose Rizal Park includes an approximately 550 ft. long frontage along 12th Ave. S and a 80 ft frontage along S Judkins St. referred to as the “upper level”. This 1-acre portion of the park is immediately adjacent to the park ravine on the west side and houses the existing restroom, play area, terraced seating space, shelter, and parking lot. While there are some relatively flat and some areas sloped at 29% within this active area of the park, the average slope in this area follows the approximately 9% slope along 12th Ave. S running south to north. The park includes a “lower level” consisting of an orchard, dog park and paths, that are not being evaluated for renovation under this project. The areas between the upper and lower tiers of the park are forested and slope at 100% in some areas.

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

29% however the part of park site to be redeveloped is sloped at 9% on average.

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 site soil includes existing fill that is underlain by native sand with silt and gravel and gravel with silt and sand over very stiff silt. The site soils are generally mapped by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Web Soil Survey as very gravelly sandy loam.

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

The Washington DNR lists a pre-historic (>150 years old) landslide with the Dr. Jose Rizal Park slope. 12th Ave S was closed for two years in the 1940’s due to some movement along the slope, and slope repair work was performed to stabilize the slope. We performed a slope reconnaissance recently and did not observe evidence of significant recent slope movement in the project vicinity.

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.

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

Disturbed areas/quantities:

Restroom Renovation:	200 cu. ft.
Playground replacement:	28,000 cu. ft. (1037 cu. Yds)
Full Park renovation (subject to funding):	28,200 cu. ft.

Details per below:

- Restroom building renovation includes:
 - Removal of asphalt pathways of approximately 4 ft. wide and 150 ft. long and replacing them with new topsoil, total of approximately **100 cu. ft.**
 - Removal of old asphalt, excavating up to 1 ft. deep and replacing with compacted fill for new asphalt of approximately **50 cu. ft.**
 - Installation of new landscape wall of approx. 25 ft length and 2 ft. depth below surface includes excavation/backfill of approximately **50 cu. Ft.**
- Playground Replacement includes:
 - Removal of existing playground of approximately 100 sq. ft. and backfilling as needed with import fill and topsoil of approximately **300 cu. ft.**
 - Removal of parts of current asphalt parking lot of about 7200 sq. ft. up to approximately 3 ft. deep and backfill with new clean compacted imported material of approximately 2 ft. deep for a total export of approximately **14,400 cu. ft.**
 - Installation of new landscape wall of approx. 250 ft length and 2 ft. depth below surface includes excavation/backfill of approximately **500 cu. Ft.**
- Other Park areas renovation (TBD subject to available funding):
 - Approximately 20,000 sq. ft. of disturbance and on average with approx. **10,000 cu. ft.** of import.

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

No?

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

Approximately 30%

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

Standard erosion and silt migration control measures during construction.

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.**

Construction machinery such as excavators, backhoes and trucks operating during construction.

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

None.

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

None.

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.**

No.

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.**

N/A.

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.

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

No.

- 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.

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.

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.

N/A.

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.**

Source of runoff will be storm water to drain through landscape areas to storm structures on site and ultimately to a municipal reinforced concrete stormwater pipe main line. This mainline connects to a King County storm system ultimately draining to the East Waterway on Elliot Bay.

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

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

No.

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

The proposal reduces the overall amount of existing hard surfaces namely parking lot area reduction. Drainage patterns will be altered to better control velocity, quantity and quality of discharge to the municipal storm system.

4. Plants

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- 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?

4 trees will be removed:

- 1 Crataegus laevigata (English hawthorn) – condition ‘Good’, Structure ‘Fair’. DSH is 8.2”.
- 1 Crataegus laevigata (English hawthorn) – condition ‘Good’, Structure ‘Good’. DSH is 15.1”.
- 1 Malus sp. (Crabapple) – condition ‘Good’, Structure ‘Fair’. DSH is 8.2”.
- 1 Acer palmatum (Japanese maple) – Condition ‘Good’, Structure ‘Fair’. DSH is 14.1”

- 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.**

Yes. Native plants and measures to enhance vegetation will be incorporated.

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

None known.

5. Animals

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- 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:

- **Birds:** Songbirds, pigeons, crows
- **Mammals:** Squirrels
- **Fish:** N/A

- 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 are found in this area of Seattle but mostly at water sources that provide rest for migratory species along the Pacific Flyway. However, the site in this project offers no water for any migratory birds.

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

N/A

- 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.**

Electrical services for lighting.

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>

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>

- 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.**

None.

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.

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

None known.

- 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.

- 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.**

None anticipated.

- 4. Describe special emergency services that might be required.**

Site is accessible from 12th Ave S for any emergencies.

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

None anticipated.

b. Noise

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

There are no noises outside ordinary city sounds.

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>

- 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)?**

Short term typical noise of excavator, loader, truck use during 7 am – 6 pm. No long-term implications associated with the new project other than typical noise from children’s play at play area.

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

N/A

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.**

Current use is Park/recreational. Residential neighborhood to the south. Seattle Pacific health center is located to the east across 12th Avenue South. The use will not change because of implementing this project.

- 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?**

No

- 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?**

N/A

- c. Describe any structures on the site.**

One SPR owned one-story brick and pitched roof restroom building of approximately 940 sq.ft.

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

No.

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

Neighborhood Residential 3 (NR3).

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

City-owned Open Space (park).

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>

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

N/A

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

Yes - Steep Slope, Potential Slide Area, Wildlife Habitat Environmentally Critical Areas (ECAs) are present across the park.

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

None.

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

None.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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.

None.

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

None.

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

N/A

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>

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?**

N/A

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

None.

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

The site has views to the downtown skyline that will remain unobstructed.

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?**

N/A

- 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:**

N/A

12. Recreation

[Find help answering recreation questions](#)

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

The park currently includes a terraced seating area for gatherings and a junior play area. There are no other recreational opportunities in the immediate vicinity.

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

No.

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>

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

During construction resident can visit alternative locations for recreation and play such as Lewis Park, Sturgus Park, Deajeon Park, Katie Black's Garden and Beacon Hill Playground.

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.**

No.

- 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.

- 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.**

City Landmark registry and GIS data.

- 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.**

N/A.

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.**

Park's main frontage is on 12 Avenue South. Existing curb cut (north) will remain.

- 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?**

Yes. Public transit stop - Lines 36 and 60.

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>

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>

- 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.

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

No.

- 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?**

This project does not change the existing use except for improvements of the park facilities. This may increase vehicular trips as safety improves over time. The current parking lot includes 20 parking stalls, which are not typically used by park users; the lot is a major crime and safety concern. The new design reduces the parking lot to one accessible stall and one loading/staff parking area. There is on-street parking available on the street(s) bordering the park.

- 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

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

N/A

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.**

No.

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

N/A

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:**
- 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.**

Existing utilities will continue to be utilized.

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.

Morteza Behrooz

Type name of signee: Morteza Behrooz

Position and agency/organization: OOC CPC Supervisor, Seattle Parks and Recreation

Date submitted: August 3, 2024

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>





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PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE

PLAY HILLCLIMB

POLLINATOR HILLCLIMB

5-12 PLAY SPACE

GATHERING CIRCLE HILLCLIMB

MIDBLOCK CROSSING

SEATING

2-5 PLAY SPACE

GATHERING CIRCLE

ACCESSIBLE ROUTE

ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCES SHOWN AS CIRCLES

NEW PICNIC SHELTER W/ ACCESSIBLE PICNIC TABLES

NATIVE PLANTINGS

FLUSH TRANSITION FROM LAWN TO SIDEWALK

EXISTING ART PIECE TO REMAIN

SEATING

2' TALL STAIRCASE

EXISTING TERRACED SEATING TO REMAIN

RESTROOM BUILDING

ACCESSIBLE VAN PARKING

NEED FOR RETAINING WALL AND GUARDRAIL ALONG WEST EDGE OF STEEP SLOPE, NORTH OF PICNIC SHELTER

SEATING

SEATING

6' TALL STAIRCASE

HILLSLIDE CLIMBING PLAY FEATURE

6' TALL STAIRCASE

EXISTING CONNECTION TO ORCHARD / OFF-LEASH AREA

NATIVE PLANTINGS

6' TALL STAIRCASE

EXISTING DRINKING FOUNTAIN

SEATING

7' TALL STAIRCASE

INFORMAL TRAIL

OVERHEAD BANNERS

CELEBRATION LAWN

INFORMAL TRAIL

BUST TO REMAIN, PLINTH TO BE MODIFIED FOR SIMPLICITY, PLAZA SPACE TO INCLUDE PHILLIPINE-INSPIRED PAINT MARKINGS

