

**Lake City Floodplain Park
SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)**

Description of Proposal

The Lake City Floodplain Park Project is a partnership project between Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation (SPR), and Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group. The Project would restore natural stream, wetland, and riparian conditions on a former residential property and provide passive recreation opportunities to the community. Ecological enhancements would reconnect North Branch Thornton Creek to a floodplain, remove bank armoring, remove invasive vegetation, establish hyporheic flows, install large woody material, and establish native vegetation. Park improvements would include passive-use amenities such as a trail/boardwalk/footbridge system and gathering spaces. To accommodate floodplain excavation, an approximately 170-foot section of King County Wastewater Treatment Division's existing 27-inch diameter sewer main would be drained then abandoned in-place and a new 270-foot section of 30-inch diameter sewer main would be buried outside the constructed floodplain footprint. The completed project will be co-managed by SPU and SPR.

Proponent

Seattle Public Utilities
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Location of Proposal

The Project is west of 24th Ave NE and north of NE 125th St in the City of Seattle's Olympic Hills neighborhood. Located approximately 0.4 miles west of Lake City Way, the Project site includes two City of Seattle-owned parcels (2126049012 [2318 NE 125th St] and 9132100039 [2398 NE 125th St]) (Section 21, Township 26N, Range 04E) totaling approximately 46,034 square feet. The legal description for each parcel is included here:

PARCEL 2126049012 – (PER DEED REC. NO. 20190904000142): BEGINNING AT A POINT 396 FEET WEST OF SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, W.M., IN KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON; THENCE NORTH 330 FEET; THENCE WEST 132 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 330 FEET; THENCE EAST 132 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; EXCEPT THE SOUTH 30 FEET THEREOF LYING WITHIN EAST 125TH STREET; AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION THEREOF CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF SEATTLE FOR STREET PURPOSES BY DEED RECORDED UNDER KING COUNTY RECORDING NUMBER 6527513.

PARCEL 9132100039 – (PER KING COUNTY ASSESSORS): LOT 8, WALLERS FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SEATTLE.

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:

<https://www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/projects/lake-city-floodplain-park-development>

Public and Agency Comments

Comments on this DNS must be submitted by March 23, 2026 and must be sent by email to:

Nathan Hart, SEPA Responsible Official
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Signature: Nathan Hart Digitally signed by Nathan Hart
Date: 2026.03.04 11:47:25 -08'00' Issue Date: March 9, 2026
Nathan Hart

Appeals

Appeals of this DNS must be accompanied by an \$120 filing fee and must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on March 30, 2026. Please see the Office of the Hearing Examiner web site for Temporary Operating Rules During COVID-19: <http://www.seattle.gov/hearing-examiner>