

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:

City of Ellensburg General Sewer Plan (GSP)
(NON-ACTION PROJECT)

The document will be referred to as the GSP for the remainder of this checklist.

The complete draft GSP can be found at the following link, for review:

<https://kjcnet.sharepoint.com/sites/CityofEllensburgGSPASI/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FCityofEllensburgGSPASI%2FShared%20Documents%2FGeneral%2F09%5FReport%2FGSP%2FEcology%20Draft%20GSP%2FEllensburg%20Draft%20GSP%2Epdf&parent=%2Fsites%2FCityofEllensburgGSPASI%2FShared%20Documents%2FGeneral%2F09%5FReport%2FGSP%2FEcology%20Draft%20GSP&p=true&ct=1762462983878&or=Outlook%2DBody&cid=197CC365%2D5A58%2D424C%2DA6E8%2D7581C1F053E8&ga=1>

2. Name of applicant:

City of Ellensburg Public Works Department

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

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4. Date checklist prepared:

November 2025

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Ellensburg

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

The final draft GSP has recently been submitted to the Department of Ecology for their review and comments. It is anticipated that the Final GSP will be completed early 2026 and taken before City Council for acceptance at that time.

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

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

This plan will provide a 20-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). These projects will be implemented based on need and available funding. Individual projects that proceed to construction will be individually permitted and will have individual SEPA applications, as required.

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

No specific environmental information has been prepared for this GSP.

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.

Not applicable to the GSP but will be evaluated on a project-specific basis at the time of the project design.

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

The GSP is currently being reviewed and must be approved by the Department of Ecology in accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-240-050.

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.)

The GSP provides a 20-year plan for maintaining, improving, and increasing the capacity of the sewer collection and treatment systems within the City's sewer service area. The plan was prepared by the City's consultant Kennedy Jenks. The plan has eleven (11) sections, which are described below. For individual projects listed in the 20-year CIP, high-level costs estimates, implementation year, and project descriptions are provided. These projects will be implemented based on need and available funding. Individual projects that proceed to construction will be individually permitted and will have individual SEPA applications and other necessary permitting, as required.

Section 1: Executive Summary – A brief summary of the entire document.

Section 2: Introduction – Provides a summary of relevant background information, regulatory requirements, NPDES permit compliance status, and identifies related documents and sources of planning information.

Section 3: Planning Area Characteristics – A description of the Ellensburg sewer system service area characteristics and an overview of the service area boundaries and extents.

Section 4: Historical and Projected Flows and Loads – A description of the historical and projected flows and loads to the City’s WWTF for the planning period.

Section 5: Existing Wastewater Facilities – A summary of the existing wastewater sewer collection system and treatment facility.

Section 6: Business Risk and Vulnerability Assessment – Provides an evaluation of treatment unit processes and collection system infrastructure to identify vulnerabilities and failure modes. The data was gathered, and conclusions were developed based on several workshops with the Kennedy Jenks, City O&M, and Engineering staff, as well as site visits to critical infrastructure.

Section 7: Wastewater Collection System Analysis – A summary of the collection and conveyance system analysis, including existing conditions and planning projections.

Section 8: Wastewater Treatment Facility Analysis – A description of the current condition and capacity of the City’s existing wastewater facilities. This section includes an identification of deficiencies used to inform capital improvements discussed in later sections.

Section 9: Operations and Maintenance – A summary and description of the organizational structure and responsibilities for the City’s operations and maintenance activities.

Section 10: Capital Improvements Plan – A summary and prioritized list of the recommended capital improvements, including recommendations for plan implementation.

Section 11: Financial Analysis – An overview of the City’s plans for financing the capital improvement projects identified in the GSP.

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.

The City of Ellensburg is located in central Kittitas County within T17E and T18E R18E and R19E along I-90 near the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. The City’s topography slopes southwest to the Yakima River. Elevations within the service area range from 1,450 to 1,800.

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:**

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

The City's sewer service area is generally located in flat or gently rolling terrain.

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 United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Services publishes soil surveys for Washington State. The soil survey information is regularly updated, Kittitas County soil survey data was last updated in 2018.

The soil survey includes general soil map units that show broad areas that have distinctive soil patterns, relief, and drainage.

Each map unit on the general soil unit map is a unique natural landscape typically consisting of one or more major soils or miscellaneous areas and some minor soils and miscellaneous areas. Ellensburg has two general soil map units: Brickmill-Nanum-Opnish and Kayak-Weirman. Brickmill-Nanum-Opnish is found on younger alluvial fans and terraces and covers most of Ellensburg city limits.

This general soil map unit is described as very deep, moderately well drained and somewhat poorly drained soils on level to nearly level alluvial fans. In the Yakima River floodplain, Ellensburg also has the general soil map unit – Kayak-Weirman. This general soil map unit is described as very deep, somewhat excessively drained, moderately well drained, and somewhat poorly drained soils on level to nearly level floodplains and terraces.

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

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

The City of Ellensburg is located on gently sloping topography and thus has very few slopes that would qualify as steep slopes or landslide hazards.

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.

Not applicable to the GSP. No filling, excavation, or grading is proposed for this no-project action. Project-specific proposals are subject to review for consistency with applicable provisions of Ellensburg City Code and separate SEPA review, as applicable.

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

Not applicable. No clearing, construction, or specific uses are proposed as part of this proposal. Project-specific proposals are subject to review for consistency with applicable provision of Ellensburg City Code and will undergo separate SEPA reviews, as applicable.

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

Not applicable. There is no project construction as part of this non-project action. Project-specific proposals are subject to review for consistency with applicable provisions of Ellensburg City Code and will undergo separate SEPA review, as applicable.

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

Not applicable. There is no project construction as part of this non-project action. Project-specific proposals are subject to review for consistency with applicable provisions of Ellensburg City Code and will undergo separate SEPA review, as applicable.

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.

This is a non-project action and will not have specific air quality impacts. No construction, operation, or maintenance is proposed as part of this non-project proposal. Project-specific proposals are subject to review for consistency with

⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-Air>

applicable provisions of Ellensburg City Code and will undergo separate SEPA review, if applicable.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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.**

There are several streams, irrigation canals and lakes in the Ellensburg vicinity including six perennial streams (Lyle Creek, Wilson Creek, Mercer Creek, Whisky Creek, Currier Creek, and Reecer Creek) found in the Ellensburg city limits. All of these streams flow into Yakima River which borders the western city limits at Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park and is classified by the State of Washington Department of Natural Resources as a Type S stream. There are a few unnamed ponds near the west freeway interchange and Englehorn Pond is located south of the 14th Avenue and B Street intersection.

- 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.**

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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>

- 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.**

Not applicable. No fill or dredge material will be placed or removed from surface water or wetlands as part of this non-project proposal. Project-specific proposals are subject to review with applicable provisions of Ellensburg City Code and will undergo separate SEPA reviews, as applicable.

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

Not applicable. No fill or dredge material will be placed or removed from surface water or wetlands as part of this non-project proposal. Project-specific proposals are subject to review with applicable provisions of Ellensburg City Code and will undergo separate SEPA review as applicable.

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

According to the NFIP FIRM maps, portions of Ellensburg lie within the 100-year floodplain. There is not a site plan for this non-project proposal. Project-specific proposals are subject to review for consistency with applicable provisions of Ellensburg City Code and will undergo separate SEPA review, as applicable.

- 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.**

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

b. Ground:

[Find help answering ground water questions⁷](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)

- 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.**

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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>

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.

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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.

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

4. Plants

[Find help answering plants questions](#)

- 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**

X To be determined on a project-specific basis

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

The Kittitas County Noxious Weed Control Board keeps information on noxious weeds in Kittitas County. According to the Weed Control Board, the top ten most common noxious weeds in Ellensburg are: Kochia, Russian Thistle, Canada Thistle, Diffuse Knapweed, Horseweed, Whitetop, Puncturevine, Myrtle Spurge, Houndtongue, and Japanese Knotweed. Project-specific proposals will be reviewed for consistency with provisions of Ellensburg City Code and undergo separate SEPA review as applicable.

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:

- **Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:**
- **Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:**
- **Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:**

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>

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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.

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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.

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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>

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.**

As a non-project action, the proposal is not expected to cause environmental health hazards. Use of any hazardous materials on a project-by-project basis would be subject to the requirements of local, state, and federal laws.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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.**

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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.**

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

b. Noise

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

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>

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

- 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)?**

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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.**

Not applicable and will be evaluated on a project-specific basis.

- 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?**

The City of Ellensburg does not have agricultural or forest land of long term commercial significance in the city limits or the City's urban growth area. As a non-project action this proposal will not directly result in the conversion of any agriculture or forestry land to other uses.

- 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?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal and does not include project action on any specific site. Future project proposals will be evaluated at the project level and will be subject to applicable regulations and standards.

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

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>

This is a non-project action that covers the entire City which contains a spectrum of housing types including detached single family homes, townhomes, apartment buildings, and group living quarters.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

The City has two shoreline master plan designations within its Urban Growth Area, these are the Urban Conservancy (located adjacent to the Yakima River and surrounding Lake Mattoon) and Aquatic.

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

Plan covers the entire City including designation critical areas, however this is a non-project proposal and does not include project action on a specific site. The City's critical areas regulations outlines definitions, designations, and regulations for critical areas in order to:

- Protect members of the public and public resources and facilities from injury, loss of life, or property damage due to landslides and steep slope failures, erosion, seismic events, and flooding;
- Maintain healthy, functioning ecosystems through the protection of unique, fragile, and valuable elements of the environment, including ground and surface waters, wetlands, and fish and wildlife and their habitats, and to conserve the biodiversity of plant and animal species; and
- Prevent cumulative adverse environmental impacts to water quality, wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat, and the overall net loss of wetlands, frequently flooded areas, and habitat conservation areas.

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

The current estimated population in the City of Ellensburg is 21,260.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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.

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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?**

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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?**

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?**

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?**

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:**

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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?**

The City of Ellensburg maintains a park and recreation system that includes a wide variety of facilities and activities for Ellensburg and Kittitas County residents. The City has 8 pocket parks, 6 neighborhood parks, 2 community parks, and 2 regional parks. In addition, the City Parks and Recreation Department operates four year-round facilities including an adult senior center, municipal pool/fitness center, and youth center.

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

No existing recreational uses will be displaced.

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

Not applicable. This non-project action will not impact any recreational uses.

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.**

The City of Ellensburg has a well-established historic preservation program including the Downtown Historic District (established 1980), Residential Historic District (established 1984), Ellensburg Landmarks Register (established 2000), and attainment of Certified Local Government status in 2001. Many of Ellensburg's historic structures are located within a 16-block area of the Downtown Historic District. There are also historic structures located on the Central Washington University campus, the industrial area along the railroad, and in residential neighborhoods in and surrounding the downtown area. No changes are proposed to the existing historic preservation program, regulations, or listings.

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>

- 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.**

Not applicable. As necessary, future project proposals will be reviewed for consistency with applicable standards and regulations.

- 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.**

Not applicable. This non-project action does not address or propose any impacts to historic resources. Future project proposals will be reviewed for consistency with applicable standards and regulations and will be reviewed by the City's Landmarks and Design Commission, as applicable.

- 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.**

This non-project action does not address or propose any impacts to historic resources.

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.**

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

- 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?**

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

- 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).**

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>

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

- 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?**

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

- 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.**

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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.**

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

16. Utilities

[Find help answering utilities questions¹⁸](#)

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>

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>

- a. **Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:**

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

- 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.**

To be determined on a project-specific basis.

C. Signature

[Find help about who should sign](#)¹⁹

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.

12/2/2025

X Derek Mayo

Signed by: Derek Mayo

Type name of signee: Derek Mayo

Position and agency/organization: City of Ellensburg

Date submitted: Nov. 10, 2025

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

[Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet](#)²⁰

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.

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.

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>

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 City is permitted and regulated for wastewater treatment and discharge through our permit with the Department of Ecology. As the City grows, an increase of wastewater treated and discharge from our Waste Water Treatment Facility can be expected. All projects and expansion shall be required to be within all of our permitted requirements.

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

N/A

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

None known.

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

N/A

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

None known.

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

N/A

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?

None known.

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

N/A

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?

None known.

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

N/A

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

None known.

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

N/A

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

None known.