

SEPA 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.

A. Background [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:
Spokane County Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Periodic Update
2. Name of applicant:
Spokane County Building And Planning Department

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

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4. Date checklist prepared:

4/12/21

5. Agency requesting checklist:

Spokane County

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

5/13/21	5/7/21	6/17/21	6/29/21	7/1/21 – 8/31/21
<i>Planning Commission Public Workshop (Special Meeting)</i>	<i>Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt / Public Hearing Notices</i>	<i>Planning Commission / Ecology Joint Public Hearing</i>	<i>BOCC Meeting - Adoption of SMP amendments</i>	<i>SMP adopted by County & submitted for final approval to Ecology</i>

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

Not at this time

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

Periodic Review Update only. No additional environmental information will be prepared as part of this periodic review. Existing studies include:

- **Spokane County Inventory and Assessment for Spokane County Lakes (2002)**
- **Spokane County Conservation District Stream Inventory and Assessment (2005)**
- **Landau Associates Stream and Lake Analysis (2005)**

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.

None

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

Action on the proposal will be taken by the Spokane County Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners. The Washington State Department of Ecology must approve the proposal.

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.)

This is a non-project SEPA. Spokane County is undertaking a periodic review of its Shoreline Master Program (SMP), as required by the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (SMA), RCW 90.58.080(4). The SMA requires each SMP be reviewed and revised, if needed, on an eight-year schedule established by the Legislature. The review ensures the SMP stays current with changes in laws and rules, remains consistent with other Spokane County plans and regulations, and is responsive to changed circumstances, new information and improved data.

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 proposed project is located in Spokane County. The Revised Shoreline Master Program (RSMP) will apply to shorelines of the state as defined by the Shoreline Management Act, RCW 90.58 which are all lakes over 20 acres and all streams with a mean annual flow of 200 cubic feet per second or greater. Refer to the Shoreline Designation map posted on the Department of Building and Planning website: <https://www.spokanecounty.org/616/Shoreline-Master-Program>

B. Environmental Elements [\[HELP\]](#)

1. **Earth** [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____

The geographical area subject to the SMP includes all topographic features listed.

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

N/A

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.

A wide variety of soil types exist in the geographical area subject to the RSMP.

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

Soil stability conditions will be determined on a project by project basis when site specific developments are proposed and building permits are requested.

- 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.
NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined on a project by project basis when a site specific development is proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.
- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.
NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?
NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:
NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations. All projects will comply with the requirements of Spokane County, city and town Stormwater Management Guidelines, Critical Areas Ordinance and the use activity regulations in Section 5 of the RSMP.

2. Air [\[help\]](#)

- 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.
NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations. All projects will comply with Spokane County Air Pollution Control Authority requirements.
- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.
N/A
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:
All new use activities will be consistent with the RSMP and will comply with Spokane County Air Pollution Control Authority requirements.

3. Water [\[help\]](#)

a. Surface Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

Streams with 200 cubic feet per second or greater flow and all lakes 20 acres or larger are subject to the RSMP.

- 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.

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.

- 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.

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.

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

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.

Per the RSMP, "All state and local agencies with authority under this chapter to issue permits or other authorizations in connection with emergency water withdrawals and facilities authorized under RCW 43.83B.410 shall expedite the processing of such permits or authorizations in keeping with the emergency nature of such requests and shall provide a decision to the applicant within fifteen calendar days of the date of application."

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

FEMA maps indicate 100-year floodplains exist throughout the geographical area subject to the RSMP.

- 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.

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.

b. Ground Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 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 general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County, city and town development regulations.

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: 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.

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County, city and town development regulations.

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.

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County, city and town development regulations.

Developments encouraged by the RSMP will direct stormwater to ground surfaces consistent with the Spokane County and city and town Stormwater Management Guidelines, Spokane Regional Health District requirements and 36.70A RCW concurrency requirements.

Per the RSMP "Stormwater facilities are prohibited within 100 feet of the ordinary high water mark, or in required buffers specified in any shoreline environment designation as set forth in Table 5B, whichever is greater, unless demonstrated to be technically infeasible. In that case, they must be located as far landward of OHWM as technically feasible, and impacts shall be mitigated in accordance with Section 4."

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

To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County, city and town development regulations.

Per the RSMP: "No solid or liquid wastes shall be stored, transferred or disposed of in any shorelines except that removal of trash and garbage from regularly

serviced receptacles located at parks and other public access facilities shall be removed in accordance with Chapter 70.95 RCW (Solid Waste Management Act), and also in accordance with the Spokane County Solid Waste Management Plan.”

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

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County, city and town development regulations.

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

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County, city and town development regulations.

4. **Plants** [\[help\]](#)

- 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?

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County, city and town development regulations.

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

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County, city and town development regulations.

Known threatened plant species in Spokane County, per the Fish and Wildlife IPaC Service:

- **Howellia aquatilis (Water howellia)**

- *Silene spaldingii* (Spalding's silene)
- *Spiranthes diluvialis* (Ute ladies'-tresses)

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

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations. All shoreline alterations will comply with the use activity regulations in Section 5 of the RSMP and all applicable landscaping and screening requirements of the Spokane County Zoning Code and the vegetation conservation requirements of the RSMP.

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

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations. The RSMP does not inhibit removal of noxious and invasive species.

Most Commonly found noxious weeds in Spokane County, per the County:

- Spotted Knapweed
- Common Bugloss
- Rush Skeletonweed
- Canada Thistle
- Dalmatian Toadflax
- Hoary Alyssum
- Scotch Thistle
- Leafy Spurge
- Kochia

5. Animals [\[help\]](#)

a. List any birds and other animals which 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 _____

Spokane County Fish and Wildlife Conservation Areas Map (a part of the Spokane County Critical Areas Ordinance) shows variety of animal habitat areas with in the area subject to the RSMP. Site specific habitats will be determined when developments are proposed and building permits are requested.

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

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County, city and town development regulations. Below is a list of threatened animal species in Spokane County, per the Fish and Wildlife IPaC Service:

Mammals:

- **Canada Lynx *Lynx canadensis***
- **Grizzly Bear *Ursus arctos horribilis***

Birds:

- **Yellow-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*)**

Fish:

- **Bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*)**

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

Yes, the area subject to the RSMP is a habitat/resting/nest area for migratory species. Per the Fish and Wildlife IPaC service, the birds listed below are birds of particular concern either because they occur on the USFWS Birds of Conservation Concern (BCC) list or warrant special attention:

- **Bald Eagle**
- **Black Swift**
- **Brewer's Sparrow**
- **Cassin's Finch**
- **Clark's Grebe**
- **Golden Eagle**
- **Lesser Yellowlegs**
- **Lewis's Woodpecker**
- **Long-billed Curlew**
- **Marbled Godwit**
- **Olive-sided Flycatcher**
- **Rufous Hummingbird**
- **White Headed Woodpecker**
- **Willet**
- **Willow Flycatcher**

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

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations. Projects will comply with applicable requirements of the Spokane County Critical Areas Ordinance and the shoreline protection requirements in the RSMP. The RSMP includes goals, policies and regulations which encourage mitigation measures which are intended to conserve shoreline natural resources. One of the primary purposes of the RSMP is to protect and conserve the shoreline environment.

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

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations. Projects will comply with applicable requirements of the Spokane County Critical Areas Ordinance and the shoreline protection requirements in the RSMP.

6. Energy and Natural Resources [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.

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

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.

- 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:

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations. All projects shall comply with the energy conservation requirements of the Uniform Building Code.

7. Environmental Health [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.

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

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested

pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.

- 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.

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations. All projects will comply with Washington State environmental health requirements and the shoreline protection requirements in the RSMP.

- 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.

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations. All projects will comply with Washington State environmental health requirements and the shoreline protection requirements in the RSMP.

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

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations. All projects will comply with Washington State environmental health requirements and the shoreline protection requirements in the RSMP.

b. Noise

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

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.

- 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.

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations. Specific site development projects will comply with state noise reduction requirements to the extent that state law allows.

8. Land and Shoreline Use [\[help\]](#)

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.

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.

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 as a result 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?

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations. The RSMP provides for the allowance of forest practices and is consistent with the State Forest Practices Act, RCW 76.09.

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:

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations. The RSM provides that agricultural uses of a very low intensity may be consistent with the Natural Environment when such use is subject to appropriate limitations or conditions to assure that the use does not expand or alter practices in a manner inconsistent with the purpose of the [shoreline] designation.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?
NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?
Shoreline areas are within nearly all zoning classifications set forth in the Spokane County and city and town zoning codes to include but not be limited to Mixed Use, Rural Traditional, Rural Conservation, Urban Reserve, Small and Large Tract Agricultural, Limited Development Areas (Residential and Commercial), Low and Medium Density Residential, Light Industrial
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?
Shoreline areas are within nearly all designations set forth in the Spokane County and city and town Comprehensive Plans to include but not be limited to Mixed Use, Rural Traditional, Rural Conservation, Urban Reserve, Small and Large Tract Agricultural, Limited Development Areas (Residential and Commercial), Low and Medium Density Residential, Light Industrial
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?
All shoreline areas are classified in one of the following four shoreline designations: Natural, Rural Conservancy, Urban Conservancy, and Shoreline Residential.
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.
All the shoreline areas are located in one or more critical area.
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?
NA. This is a non-project SEPA. The number of employees or residents will be determined at the time project development permits are requested.
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?
NA. This is a non-project SEPA. The number of displaced persons (if any) will be determined at the time project development permits are requested. The RSMP provides for provisions regarding non-conforming uses, structures and lots.
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:
NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations. The RSMP provides for provisions regarding non-conforming uses, structures and lots.
- L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:
The development of the RSMP include consideration of existing land use conditions and will be consistent with all requirements of the Washington State Growth Management Act. The goals polices and shoreline designations map will be incorporated into the Natural Environment Chapter of the Spokane County

Comprehensive Plan. Other participating cities and towns may incorporate the goals and policies in their Comprehensive Plans or in a stand-alone Shorelines Program.

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

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations. The RSM provides that agricultural uses of a very low intensity may be consistent with the Natural Environment when such use is subject to appropriate limitations or conditions to assure that the use does not expand or alter practices in a manner inconsistent with the purpose of the [shoreline] designation. The RSMP also provides for the allowance of forest practices and is consistent with the State Forest Practices Act, RCW 76.09.

9. Housing [\[help\]](#)

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

NA. This is a non-project SEPA.

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

NA. This is a non-project SEPA.

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

NA. This is a non-project SEPA.

10. Aesthetics [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

Structure heights will be limited by the Spokane County Zoning Code and height limitations vary by zoning classification. The tallest structures are limited to 65' within the Heavy Industrial Zone.

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

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.

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

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations. All projects will comply with the Spokane County and city and town zoning code requirements which include but are not limited to standards pertaining to

landscaping, screening, height limits, and lot coverage. Additionally, the regulations of the RSMP require maintenance of shoreline aesthetics.

11. Light and Glare [\[help\]](#)

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?
NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?
NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?
NA. This is a non-project SEPA.
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:
NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations. All projects in the unincorporated area will comply with illumination requirements in the Spokane County Zoning Code. The regulations of the RSMP encourage that light be directed away from the water for certain use activities.

12. Recreation [\[help\]](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?
Shoreline areas subject to the RSMP include a variety of recreational opportunities to include but not be limited to hiking, fishing, swimming, canoeing, floating, hunting and picnicking.
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.
This is a non-project SEPA. The RSMP will not adversely affect existing recreation uses or public access to the shoreline.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:
This is a non-project SEPA. The RSMP includes goals, policies and regulations which are intended to protect and enhance recreation opportunities in shoreline areas.

13. Historic and cultural preservation [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

This is a non-project SEPA. Numerous designated historical sites are located in shoreline areas subject to the RSMP.

- 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.

This is a non-project SEPA. Generally, there are numerous designated historical sites located in shoreline areas subject to the RSMP.

- 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.

This is a non-project SEPA. Generally, there are numerous designated historical sites located in shoreline areas subject to the RSMP.

- 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 is a non-project SEPA. The RSMP includes goals, policies and regulations which are intended to protect historical and cultural artifacts and structures within shoreline areas. Goal 1 of the historical and cultural element states, "Identify, protect, preserve, acquire, and restore shoreline resources that have cultural, historic, educational, or scientific values". The public participation plan includes outreach specifically to tribes of the affected area including, but not necessarily limited to the Spokane Tribe of Indians.

14. Transportation [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

Generally, numerous city, county and state roads and bridges are located within the shoreline area. Also, numerous private roads and driveways exist in shoreline areas.

- 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?

Spokane Transit Authority provides bus access to shoreline areas located within the Spokane Urban Growth Area.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

NA. This is a non-project SEPA.

- d. 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 new roads and bridges will be required to implement the RSMP.

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.
NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.
- f. 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?
NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.
- g. 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.
NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:
 N/A

15. Public Services [\[help\]](#)

- 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 additional services will be necessary to implement the RSMP. Use activities allowed by the RSMP will require many of the listed services. Service needs will be determined when building permits are requested.
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.
NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.

16. Utilities [\[help\]](#)

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:
 electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
 other _____
NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.

- 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.

NA. This is a non-project SEPA. To be determined when site specific developments are proposed and project approvals, exceptions or exemptions are requested pursuant to the Shoreline Management Regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance or other applicable Spokane County and city and town development regulations.

C. Signature [\[HELP\]](#)

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.

Signature:

Name of signee: Corey Smith



Position and Agency/Organization: Principal Planner - Spokane County Building and Planning Department

Date Submitted: May 4, 2021

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [\[HELP\]](#)

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet 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.

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 plan allows some use activities which will eventually be constructed over pervious ground, providing for considerably more impervious surfaces than now exist, thereby causing additional stormwater discharges to the ground. Additional traffic will be generated by new and expanded use activities causing additional noise and air contamination in portions of the shoreline areas. Toxic or hazardous substances will likely be stored at some of the sites of new and/or expanded use activities.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

All projects will comply with Critical Areas Ordinance, Stormwater Management Guidelines, Floodplain Management Regulations, Spokane County Air Pollution Control Authority requirements, Washington State Hazardous Materials Management requirements and Spokane County Regional Health District environmental health requirements. The project specific SEPA review process may

also be used to mitigate adverse impacts. The regulations in the RSMP will also be used to minimize impacts.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?
Vegetation will be removed as allowed use activities are developed or expanded. Some vegetation will be replaced as project proponents comply with the landscaping and screening requirements of the Spokane County Zoning Code and the aesthetic maintenance and no net-loss of ecological requirements of the RSMP. Some animal habitats will be eliminated as allowed use activities are developed.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:
The RSMP includes goals, policies and regulations which are intended to protect and maintain animal habitat and conserve shoreline vegetation.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?
Development of additional use activities as allowed by the RSMP will consume additional electrical and petroleum based energy. Energy and natural resources will be expended manufacturing the materials necessary to construct and operate new or expanded use activities.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:
All construction will be required to comply with the energy conservation measures in the Uniform Building Code. The RSMP includes goals, policies and regulations which encourage mitigation measures which are intended to conserve shoreline natural resources.

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?
The RSMP includes goals, policies and regulations which encourage mitigation measures which are intended to conserve shoreline natural resources. One of the primary purposes of the RSMP is to protect and conserve the shoreline environment.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:
Affected critical areas will be determined when site specific developments are proposed and building permits are requested. Projects will comply with the requirements of the Critical Areas Ordinance and the regulations of the RSMP both of which are intended to conserve and protect the listed environmental features.

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?
Projects will have minimal impacts on existing land and shoreline uses since impacts will be mitigated as required by the RSMP and all Spokane County, city and town and Washington State development regulations. The regulations of the RSMP are intended to encourage shoreline encroachments be compatible with shoreline environmental features.

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

Land use and shoreline impacts will be mitigated as all use activities will comply with Washington State, Spokane County, and city and town requirements pertaining to stormwater drainage, road access, building height, landscaping and screening, setbacks, lot coverage, glare reduction, aquifer protection, soil stabilization, grading and filling, sewage disposal, solid waste disposal, floodplain management and the regulations in the RSMP.

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

No increase in demand is anticipated resulting from implementation of the RSMP.

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

New use activities allowed by the RSMP will comply with all applicable Spokane County, city and town and Washington State road access requirements and thereby minimize transportation impacts.

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

The RSMP does not conflict with local, state or federal requirements pertaining to the protection of the environment. Amendments proposed are pursuant to the periodic review checklist guidelines provided by the Department of Ecology.