City of Poulsbo

Planning & Economic Development

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
WAC 197-11-970
City of Poulsbo 2016 Sewer Comprehensive Plan
TYPE 1 | File No: 09-21-16-1

Description of Proposal: The City of Poulsbo 2016 Sewer Comprehensive Plan is a non-project proposal addressing the comprehensive sewer system needs with the City of Poulsbo and its urban growth area. The plan includes projections of waste generation through 2036, review of system facilities, recommendations for improvements and replacement to the system, and discussion of operations and maintenance. Individual projects will be subject to future detailed site plan and environmental review.

Planning File No: 09-21-16-1

Applicant: City of Poulsbo, c/o Diane Lenius, City Engineer, 200 NE Moe Street, Poulsbo, WA 98370

Location of Proposal: The service area covered by the 2016 Sewer Comprehensive Plan includes area within the current City of Poulsbo city limits and its designated urban growth area.

Lead Agency: City of Poulsbo

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

COMMENTS: Pursuant to WAC 197-11-060, phased environmental review will occur for sewer projects. Additional SEPA review will occur as site-specific design plans become available for individual sewer improvement projects. Additional project information will be prepared by and available through the City of Poulsbo Engineering Department.

This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 calendar days from the date below. Public comments must be submitted by October 21, 2016

Responsible official: Karla Boughton
Position/Title: Interim Planning Director
Address: City of Poulsbo
200 NE Moe St
Poulsbo, WA 98370
Phone: (360) 394-9748

Date: October 7, 2016 Signature: _____

You may appeal this determination in writing to the responsible official listed above no later than 10 working days from the date of this notice.

You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Contact the responsible official to read or ask about the procedure for SEPA appeals.

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City of Poulsbo Environment Checklist

A. Background		
Name of proposed project, if applicable: City of Poulsbo 2016 Sewer Comprehensive Plan (SCP)		**Date Prepared:** Sept. 20, 2016
Name of Applicant: City of Poulsbo	**Address:** 200 NE Moe St., Poulsbo, WA 98370	**Phone Number:** 360-779-4078
Contact: Diane Lenius, P.E. City Engineer	**Agency Requesting Checklist:** City of Poulsbo	

Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable)

This is a non-project action. This action is subject to phased environmental review and subsequent improvements and site specific permit applications will require further SEPA review and a threshold determination pursuant to WAC 197-11-060.

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

Not at this time.

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

None.

Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals or other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

None

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

The Comprehensive Sewer Plan must be approved by the Dept. of Ecology.
The Poulsbo City Council will adopt the 2016 Sewer Comprehensive Plan (SCP) as part of the City Comprehensive Plan.

Necessary governmental approval will vary by project. The determination of what approvals will be required will be made during individual site plan and environmental review process. Approvals that may be required include Army Corps of Engineers 404(b) (2), FHWA, WSDOT, DOE, Department of Fish and Wildlife, SEPA, and City of Poulsbo.

Reviewed & commented by Jim Brighton, Interim Planning Director
Oct. 6, 2016.

Give a 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.

The SCP is a non-project proposal addressing the comprehensive sewer system needs with the City of Poulsbo and it's proposed Urban Growth Area (UGA). The plan includes projections of waste generation through 2036, review of system facilities, recommendations for improvements and replacement to the system, and discussion of operations and maintenance.

Individual projects will be subject to detailed site plan and environmental review.

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 service area covered by the 2016 SCP includes area within the current City of Poulsbo City limits and the designated Urban Growth Area (UGA).

B. Environmental Elements		Agree	Disagree	Mitigate
1. Earth				
a.	**General description of the site (check one):** ☐ **flat,** ☐ **rolling,** ☐ **hilly,** ☐ **steep,** ☐ **slopes,** ☐ **mountainous,** ☐ **other.** Varies by project and will be determined during site and environmental review for each individual project.	✓		
b.	**What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?** Unknown at this time, to be determined during site plan and environmental review for each individual project.	✓		
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 prime farmland.** Varies by project and will be determined during site and environmental review for each individual project.	✓		
d.	**Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.** Varies by project and will be determined during site plan and environmental review.	✓		

e.	**Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.** Varies by project and will be determined during site and environmental review for each individual project.	✓		
f.	**Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction or use? If so, generally describe.** The chance that erosion could occur is present during the construction of any project, and will vary by project. An erosion control plan will be implemented for every project to minimize erosion.	✓		
g.	**About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?** Varies by project and will be determined during site plan and environmental review for each individual project.	✓		
h.	**Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.** Varies by project. Individual projects subject to detailed site plan and environmental review. Silt and erosion control methods are subject to Best Management Practices.	✓		

2. Air				
a.	**What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e. dust, automobile, odors, industrial, wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.** Varies by project, but generally some dust and emissions from heavy construction equipment may be expected from any construction project. To be determined at time of individual project review.	✓		
b.	**Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.** Unknown at this time. To be determined during site plan and environmental review for each individual project.	✓		

c.	**Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any.** Varies by project, but generally best management practices will be employed. Measures to be determined on a project by project basis. Individual projects subject to detailed site plan and environmental review.	✓		
	3. Water			
a.	**Surface:**			
	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.** Varies by project and will be determined during site plan and environmental review for each individual project. Some projects may occur within 200 feet of water bodies.	✓		
	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.** Varies by project and will be determined during site plan and environmental review for each individual project. Some projects may occur within 200 feet of water bodies.	✓		
	3) **Estimate the amount of fill and dredge 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.** Varies by project and will be determined during site plan and environmental review for each individual project.	✓		
	4) **Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities, if known.** Varies by project and will be determined during site plan and environmental review for each individual project.	✓		
	5) **Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.** Varies by project and will be determined during site plan and environmental review for each individual project.	✓		
	6) **Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste**			

	materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. No.	✓		

b.	**Ground:**				
	1)	**Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.** No. Generally these types of projects will not withdraw from or discharge to ground water.	✓		
	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.** N/A. This non-project action will not require any discharge of waste material to groundwater. Existing health regulations control the location, type and density of development which utilizes septic tanks.	✓		
c.	**Water Runoff (including storm water):**				
	1)	**Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (including quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.** N/A. This non-project action will not impact surface and stormwater. Stormwater flow, runoff of any type and capital improvement projects will be evaluated as part of site-specific project review and SEPA analysis .	✓		
	2)	**Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.** N/A. This non-project action will not impact ground or surface waters and the goals are to minimize the effects of discharge of waste materials. Possible contamination of ground or surface waters with waste materials will be evaluated as part of site-specific project review and SEPA analysis.	✓		
d.	**Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:** N/A. This non-project action will not have a effect on surface, ground	✓		

	or runoff waters. Possible impacts to surface, ground, and runoff water will be evaluated as part of site-specific project review and SEPA analysis.			
4. Plants				
a.	**Check 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** ☐ **Wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other** ☐ **Water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other** ☐ **Other types of vegetation** Unknown at this time, to be determined during site plan and environmental review for each individual project.	✓		
b.	**What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?** Varies by project and will be determined during site plan and environmental review for each individual project.	✓		
c.	**List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.** Unknown at this time, to be determined during site plan and environmental review for each individual project.	✓		
d.	**Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.** At time of site plan review and environmental review, site specific projects would comply with the City's landscaping requirements. Utilization of native plants in projects will be determined on a case by case basis.	✓		
5. Animals				
a.	**Check any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:** ☐ **Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:** ☐ **Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:** ☐ **Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:** Unknown at this time, to be determined during site plan and environmental review for each individual project.	✓		

b.	**List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.** Unknown at this time, to be determined during site plan and environmental review for each individual project.	✓		
c.	**Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.** Unknown at this time, to be determined during site plan and environmental review for each individual project.	✓		
d.	**Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.** None proposed at this time, to be determined during site plan and environmental review for individual projects. HPA's would be obtained from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, if applicable. Compliance w/ City's Critical Areas Ordinance.	✓		
6. Energy and Natural Resources				
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.** No energy is required for this non-project action. Energy consumption will be evaluated as part of site-specific project review and SEPA analysis and in accordance with the Washington State Energy Code which the City has adopted.	✓		
b.	**Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.** No. This non-project action will have no effect on solar access. Solar access will be evaluated as part of site-specific project review and SEPA analysis.	✓		
c.	**What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.** None. Energy conservation features will be evaluated as part of site-specific project review and SEPA analysis.	✓		
7. Environmental Health				
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.** This non-project action will not cause any environmental health			

	hazards. Environmental health hazards will be evaluated as part of site-specific project review and SEPA analysis.	✓		
	1) **Describe special emergency services that might be required.** This non-project action will not have an effect on any known or possible contamination sites. Effects of individual proposals on contamination sites will be evaluated as part of site-specific project review and SEPA analysis.	✓		
	2) **Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.** This non-project action will not have an effect on any known hazardous chemicals/conditions. Effects of individual proposals on existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might effect project development and design will be evaluated as part of site-specific project review and SEPA analysis.	✓		

b.	**Noise**				
	1)	**What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?** None.	✓		
	2)	**What types of 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.** These types of projects will generate some short-term noise from the use of heavy construction equipment and the actual construction phase of the project.	✓		
	3)	**Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any.** This would be determined at the time of site plan and environmental review for the specific project. As projects are built, increased traffic may result leading to higher noise levels.	✓		

8. Land and Shoreline Use

a.	**What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?** Varies by project and will be identified at the time of site plan and environmental review for each individual project.	✓		

b.	**Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.** Varies by project and will be identified at the time of site plan and environmental review for each individual project.	✓		
c.	**Describe any structures on the site.** Varies by project and will be identified at the time of site plan and environmental review for each individual project. Generally there will be no structures at the project location and therefore no demolition of buildings will occur.	✓		
d.	**Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?** Varies by project and will be identified at the time of site plan and environmental review for each individual project. Generally there will be no structures at the project location and therefore no demolition of buildings will occur.	✓		
e.	**What is the current zoning classification of the site?** Specific zoning would be identified at the time of specific project site plan and environmental review.	✓		
f.	**What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?** Specific comprehensive plan designation would be identified at the time of specific project site plan and environmental review.	✓		
g.	**If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?** Unknown at this time, those projects near of adjacent to Liberty Bay and/or Dogfish Creek would be identified at the time of site plan and environmental review and subject to the requirements of the City's Shoreline Master Program.	✓		
h.	**Has any part of the site been classified as "environmentally sensitive area? If so, specify**. Unknown at this time, those projects near or adjacent to a critical area would be identified at the time of site plan and environmental review and subject to the requirements of the City's Critical Areas Ordinance. The shoreline of Liberty Bay and Dogfish Creek have been identified as environmentally sensitive by the City's Critical Area Map and development in these corridors would be subject to the City's Critical Areas Ordinance and Shoreline Master Program.	✓		
i.	**Approximately how many people would reside or work in the**			

	completed project? None.	✓		
j.	**Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?** Generally none although this will vary by project and will be determined at the time of specific project site plan and environmental review.	✓		
k.	**Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.** To be determined, individual projects subject to detailed site plan and environmental review.	✓		
l.	**Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.** To be determined, individual projects subject to detailed site plan and environmental review. Projects will comply with all applicable land use regulations.	✓		
9. Housing				
a.	**Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.** None.	✓		
b.	**Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.** Generally none although this will vary by project and will be determined during each individual site plan and environmental review.	✓		
c.	**Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any.** To be determined at time of site plan and environmental review on a project by project basis.	✓		
10. Aesthetics				
a.	**What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?** N/A. The sewer projects are typically constructed below grade.	✓		

b.	**What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?** None.	✓		
c.	**Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any.** To be determined, individual projects subject to detailed site plan and environmental review.	✓		
11. Light and Glare				
a.	**What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?** None.	✓		
b.	**Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?** No.	✓		
c.	**What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?** None.	✓		
d.	**Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any.** To be determined, individual projects subject to detailed site plan and environmental review.	✓		
12. Recreation				
a.	**What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?** Parks, trails and other recreational facilities exist in the immediate vicinity of many of the projects;	✓		
b.	**Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.** None known.	✓		

c.	**Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any.** This information would be identified during environmental review for individual projects. Many projects include recreational amenities.	✓		
13. Historic and Cultural Preservation				
a.	**Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.** None known, though this will vary project by project and will be determined at time of individual project site plan and environmental review.	✓		
b.	**Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.** None known, though this will vary project by project and will be determined at time of individual project site plan and environmental review.	✓		
c.	**Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any.** None proposed at this time. To be determined, individual projects subject to detailed site plan and environmental review.	✓		
14. Transportation				
a.	**Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.** The City has an extensive system of arterials, suburban and local public streets. Location of, and access to, public streets and highways will be evaluated as part of site-specific project review and SEPA analysis.	✓		
b.	**Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop**. Will vary from project to project. This information would be identified at the time of site plan and environmental review for specific projects.	✓		
c.	**How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?**			

	No new parking spaces are generally constructed for these types of projects.	✓		
d.	**Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).** Projects are improvements to public sewer collection and conveyance system. Access roads may be required for sewer maintenance. This information would be identified at the time of site plan and environmental review for specific projects.	✓		
e.	**Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail or air transportation? If so, generally describe.** No.	✓		
f.	**How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.** The sewer capital projects will not generate any new vehicular trips.	✓		
g.	**Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any.** This information would be identified at the time of site plan and environmental review for specific projects.	✓		
15. Public Services				
a.	**Would the project result in an increased need for public service (for example fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.** This non-project action will have no effect on public services, except as would normally be required for individual proposals. The need for public services will be evaluated as part of site-specific project review and SEPA analysis.	✓		
b.	**Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.** Will vary project by project. To be determined, individual projects subject to detailed site plan and environmental review.	✓		
16. Utilities				
a.	**Check the utilities currently available at the site: ☐ electric, ☐ natural gas, ☐ water, ☐ refuse service, ☐ telephone,**			

	☐ **sanitary sewer,** ☐ **septic system,** ☐ **other.** Varies project to project. To be determined, individual projects subject to detailed site plan and environmental review.	✓		
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.** Identification of utilities would come at time of the site plan and environmental review of the specific projects.	✓		

C. Signature

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: _____ **Date Submitted:** Sept 20, 2016

D. Supplemental Sheet For Non-Project Actions

(DO NOT 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 of the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal that 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 substance; or production of noise?** Unknown at this time. Each individual project will be reviewed and all associated impacts will be mitigated.
	Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: Will vary by project, but generally BMP's will be employed.
2.	**How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?** To be reviewed on a project by project basis.
	Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are: Will vary by project, but generally BMP's will be employed.
3.	**How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?** N/A
	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?** Unknown at this time, to be determined on a project by project basis.
	Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are: Site plan and environmental review at project stage will determine appropriate mitigation.

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?** Unknown at this time, to be determined on a project by project basis.
	Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are: Site plan and environmental review at project stage will determine appropriate mitigation.
6.	**How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?** N/A
	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.** N/A