

DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

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Proponent: **Seattle Parks and Recreation**

Location: **Rainier Beach Playfield, 4707 South Cloverdale Street, Seattle, WA 98118**


Lead agency: **Seattle Parks and Recreation**

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

- There is no comment period for this DNS.
- This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of publication (July 6, 2023).

Written comments must be submitted by July 20, 2023.

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Date: 06/26/2023 Signature: 

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You may appeal this determination to **Office of the Hearing Examiner** at **PO Box 94729, Seattle, WA 98124-4729** or 700 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4000, Seattle, WA 98104 no later than **5:00 pm** on **July 27, 2023** by **Appeal Letter** and **\$85.00 fee**. You should be prepared to make specific factual objection. Contact the Seattle Examiner to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals.

City of Seattle

ANALYSIS AND DECISION OF
SEATTLE PARKS AND RECREATION

Proposal Name: **Rainier Beach Playfield Skatepark**

Address of Proposal: **Rainier Beach Playfield, 4707 South Cloverdale Street, Seattle, WA
98118**

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION

Seattle Parks and Recreation is proposing to construct a 23,600 sq.ft. concrete skateboard park with street terrain at one end and bowls at the other end. Existing paths to the play area, restroom, and parking lot will be redesigned and constructed to conform with ADA regulations. In addition, the project includes a large gathering area with six picnic tables, three benches and two barbecues. One tree will be removed (and replaced with three) and three will be retained. An older row of trees will remain. The project will be constructed in an area of open lawn; no existing recreational improvements/activities will be displaced.

SEPA DETERMINATION: Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

BACKGROUND DATA

This Rainier Beach Playfield is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Rainier Avenue South and South Henderson. The playfield, South Shore K – 8 School, Rainier Beach Community Center and the South Lake High School all combine to form a community focus presence at that corner. There are other civic buildings in the vicinity including the Rainier Beach High School, the Rainier Beach Branch Library and the Dunlap Elementary School. Surrounding these institutional uses is a variety of commercial and multi-story multi-family residences. Both Rainier Avenue South and South Henderson Street are major City arterials. There is off-street parking available on the adjacent school and community center sites and street parking along South Cloverdale Street. There are no identified Environmentally Critical Areas (ECAs) located on the site, as indicated on the City’s GIS database.

PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION

The project will convert an area of open lawn along the easterly edge of the playfield into a skatepark, with associated pathway connections to surrounding amenities Existing paths to the play area, restroom, and parking lot will be redesigned and constructed to conform with ADA regulations. In addition, the project includes a large gathering area with six picnic tables, three benches and two barbecues. One tree will be removed (and replaced with three) and three will

be retained. An older row of trees that separates the project area from the North baseball field will remain. The area around the proposed skatepark and the connections to the surrounding site will be graded to ensure that the development meets the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements for accessibility; the site is relatively as it has previously been graded for the surrounding playfields and play area although some site grading is anticipated beyond the excavation for the skatepark. As noted in the Checklist, approximately 820 cu.yds. of material will be excavated at the site; 290 cu.yds. of turf, 140 cu.yds. of soil for the planting and bioretention areas, and 390 cu.yds of material for the pathways, gathering areas and the skatepark. The project requires approximately 950 cu.yds of fill; 180 cu.yds of soil for the planting and bioretention areas and 770 cu.yds. for the pathways, gathering areas, and the skatepark. Cut and fill volumes may be balanced on site depending on the quality of the materials excavated materials. Depending on the quality of the soil, it is also possible that there may be an additional over excavation of 700 cu.yds. of soil which will be replaced. Maximum depth of excavation is 8'. All the applicable BMP's for construction site management will be implemented during construction.

ANALYSIS – SEPA

Initial disclosure of potential impacts from this project was made in the applicant's environmental checklist, dated June 7, 2023. The basis for this analysis and decision is formed from information in the checklist, project plans, the lead agency's familiarity with the site and experience with review of similar projects.

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

Short Term Impacts

The following temporary or construction-related impacts are expected: hydrocarbon emissions from construction vehicles and equipment; increased dust caused by construction activities; potential soil erosion and disturbance to subsurface soils during site work; increased noise and traffic from construction equipment and personnel.

Several adopted codes and/or ordinances provide mitigation for some of the identified impacts. The Stormwater, Grading and Drainage Control Code requires that soil erosion control techniques be initiated for the duration of construction. Erosion will be prevented by implementation of a required Temporary Erosion Control and Sedimentation Plan. Best Management Practices, such as mulching and seeding will be implemented at the site to

minimize erosion during construction. Puget Sound Clean Air Agency regulations require control of fugitive dust to protect air quality. The Building Code provides for construction measures and life safety issues. The Noise Ordinance regulates the time and amount of construction noise that is permitted in the city. Compliance with these codes and/or ordinances will lessen the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

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

Construction Traffic

The site is close to arterial streets which provide convenient truck access consistent with the requirements of the Street Use Ordinance. As noted above, a total of up to 1,520 cubic yards of materials may be excavated, removed and/or imported and graded across the site. There will be limited construction traffic beyond materials, equipment and construction workers entering and leaving the site. The site is within a block of Rainier Avenue South, a City arterial and freight route. Given the proximity of a City arterial, construction access and materials hauling can be accommodated consistent with City requirements and with little or no impacts to the surrounding neighborhood. As such, traffic impacts associated with the project construction are not anticipated to be significant and thus no conditioning is necessary or warranted.

Noise

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

Recreation

Rainier Beach Playfield totals approximately 10.5 acres. During the skatepark construction, the majority of the playfield will remain open to the public and available for organized and informal recreational opportunities. No significant adverse temporary open space/recreation impacts are anticipated, and no mitigation is warranted or necessary.

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

Long Term Impacts

Recreation

The new skatepark will provide a new recreational amenity in the neighborhood which currently doesn't exist and won't permanently displace any organized or informal recreational opportunities at the playfield. No significant long-term adverse recreation impacts associated with the operation of the new skatepark are anticipated, and no mitigation is warranted or necessary.

Traffic & Parking

The new skatepark will serve the immediate neighborhood but may also draw users from other neighborhoods. The site is well served by public transit and there is both on-site and on-street parking adjacent to the playfield to accommodate people that drive to use the new skatepark, tennis courts, play area and/or playfields. No significant adverse traffic and/or parking impacts associated with the addition of the skatepark to the already developed playfield are anticipated and thus no mitigation is warranted or necessary.

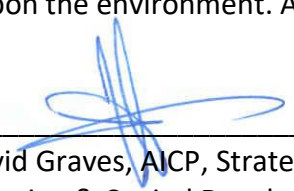
Upon completion of the project, no long term adverse environmental impacts are anticipated and thus no conditioning is necessary or warranted.

DECISION

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

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

Signature:



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

Date: June 26, 2023

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 [Find help answering background questions](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Rainer Beach Playfield Skate Park

2. Name of applicant:

Seattle Parks and Recreation

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

Pamela Kliment, Project Planner

Seattle Parks and Recreation

300 Elliot Ave W first floor

Seattle WA 98118

4. Date checklist prepared:

June 7, 2023

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Seattle

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

Q4 2023 Design

Q1 2024-Bid

Q4 2024-Construction

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

No

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

Geotech studies have been supplied from the adjacent community center construction. It is likely that further geotech work may be required. Mayfly Engineering and Design has been hired for the project to make sure that the project follows stormwater management regulations.

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.

No

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

City of Seattle Building Permit

Construction permit, electrical permit (over the counter)

11. 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. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

The project is a 23,600 sq.ft. concrete skateboard park with street terrain at one end and bowls at the other end, pathways, and gathering areas. The project replaces a non-native lawn field. The intent is to build a skatepark that is less challenging than others in the city and will attract beginners.

New paths (645 linear feet) will surround the skatepark and connect the skatepark to S. Cloverdale St. Existing paths to the play area, restroom, and parking lot will be redesigned and constructed to conform with ADA regulations. There will be two gathering areas: one with three picnic tables, the other with 6 picnic tables and three barbeques. Two covered structures will be added; one will cover part of the skating areas, the other will cover part of the pathway from Cloverdale. The exact sizes have yet to be determined. One tree will be removed (and replaced with two) and three will be retained. An older row of trees will remain. The area will be lit for evening use. The most critical part of the construction is to determine the level of excavation. There are a series of check points put in to test the soils to make sure we have the compaction needed to support the designed elements. After the rough grading is complete, compaction will be tested. If the soil has proper compaction, over excavation will not be needed. The amount of base needed for the horizontal paved surfaces will be decided by the civil engineer. If there are issues, the next steps will be determined with the owner, contractor, and engineer. The excavation work will occur outside of the wet season. The civil engineer will make sure there is a solid plan in place for proceeding with any excavation work.

After the major excavation to subgrade, the vertical surfaces of the skatepark (the sides of the bowls) will be hand dug so they can be shaped by the contractor. The vertical sidewalls of the skate elements are put in place using the existing clay soils, or in some cases structural fill material is brought in. There is no compaction testing for the vertical elements as this is like building a retaining wall. There will be #3 rebar on a 12" grid set within 6" of concrete. If a vertical element is greater than five feet, then there is 8" thick concrete. The forms support this work while the contractors trowel the finished surface. Once the concrete is set, they then remove the form work and move on to the next section, using the previous section as part of the forming. The contractors try to use recycled wood (2x4s and plywood) and reuse the wood as they go. There will be trucks coming to the site as they are pouring the concrete.

There will be footings for the large building structures. Their size and extent will be determined by the arch and structural teams through the design exploration process. Construction will take five months and be completed by the end of Q4 2024.

- 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.**

4707 S Cloverdale St, Seattle, WA 98118. The new skatepark will be located at the southwest edge of the Rainier Beach Community Center parking lot, between the Community Center, playground, and athletic fields. Tennis courts and a restroom are also located on the playfield site.

B. Environmental Elements

1. Earth [Find help answering earth questions](#)

a. General description of the site:

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

Mostly flat with some undulations

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

5% slope

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.

Pleistocene till and outwash clay, silt, sand, cobbles and boulders deposited by or originating from continental glaciers; locally includes peat, non-glacial sediments, modifies land and artificial fill.

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

No

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.

The overall footprint of the project is 23,600 sf. Over the duration of construction, approximately 820 cy of material will be exported, including removal of 290 cy of turf, 140 CY for planting and bioretention areas, and 390 cy for the pathways, gathering areas and the skatepark. The project will require approximately 950 cy of imported material, including 180 cy for planting and bioretention areas, and 770 cy for the pathways, gathering areas, and the skatepark. Depending on the quality of the soil, it is possible that there may be an additional over excavation of 700 cy of soil which will be replaced. Maximum depth of excavation is 8'.

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

Erosion is not expected to occur due to use. Erosion may occur during construction from heavy rains, proper erosion control measures will be in place to keep any sediments on site. The contractor will be required to meet the most current standard erosion control measures in place by the City of Seattle at the time of construction.

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

Most of the new project a is impervious (23,600 sq.ft.) and is replacing lawn. This project adds less than 1% impervious surfacing to the entire 10.5-acre park.

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

Standard City of Seattle Best Management Practices (BMPs)

2. Air [Find help answering air questions](#)

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.

Exhaust from equipment will occur during construction and some dust will occur from earthwork. The park will not cause emissions after it's built.

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

No

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

Standard City of Seattle Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be followed.

3. Water [Find help answering water questions](#)

a. Surface Water: [Find help answering surface water questions](#)

1. Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

No

2. **Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.**

No

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.**

None

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

No

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

No

6. **Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.**

No

b. Ground Water: [Find help answering ground water questions](#)

1. **Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

No ground water is planned to be withdrawn for the project. Water will be collected from the skatepark and diverted to an infiltration trench, not into groundwater. The new system will detain for slow release, but ultimately direct water to the water to the municipal storm. The civil engineer is currently calculating this effort.

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.**

None

c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):

- a) **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.**

Water will be collected from the skatepark and diverted to an infiltration trench. The new system will detain for slow release, but ultimately direct water to the water to the municipal storm. The civil engineer is currently calculating this effort. Other areas associated with soft surfaces include a row of existing trees.

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

No waste materials will be generated.

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

No

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

Standard City of Seattle Best Management Practices (BMPs) during construction; the project will be designed to Ecology's current stormwater manual for Western Washington and comply with City of Seattle Stormwater Code requirements.

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

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

All of the lawn and one tree will be removed.

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

None known

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

Existing trees will provide shade and screening

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

None known

5. Animals [Find help answering animal questions](#)

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.

Birds: Songbirds, Gulls, Pigeons, Crows

Mammals: Squirrels

Fish: none

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

None known

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

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

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

The skatepark will use lighting that doesn't pollute the night skies.

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

None known

6. Energy and Natural Resources [Find help answering energy and natural resource questions](#)

1. 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.

Electricity for the lighting will be used.

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

No, the project is primarily built into the earth. Elements up to 8' may be built.

3. 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.

The concrete will use recycled fly ash allowed while still meeting the needs for structural stability. Some of the lighting will be LED which are more energy efficient and last roughly 5 times longer than incandescent lights. They are also more durable with fewer fragile parts and resistant to heat, cold, and vandalism. A large portion of the drainage will go into an infiltration trench before entering the storm system.

7. Environmental Health [Find help with answering environmental health questions](#)

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

No

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

None known

2. Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

None

- 3. Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.**

None

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

None needed – the project will not use or generate any hazardous materials

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

Standard construction safety procedures

b. Noise

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

There are no noises other than ordinary city sounds.

- 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)?**

Standard construction noise 7 am – 6 pm. There will be minimal noise from the skateboards grinding on the rails and the sound of users talking.

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

Standard City of Seattle Best Management Practices (BMPs) during construction. Once constructed, the skatepark is located near other active recreation uses so additional user noise will be minimized

8. Land and Shoreline Use [Find help answering land and shoreline use questions](#)

- 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.**

The current site is a large lawn. It is within a large park that has other active recreational activities. It will not affect land uses on adjacent properties

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses because of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?**

No

- 1. Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how?**

There are no working farm or forests lands adjacent to the property. It is an urban setting.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

There is a community center with an adjacent play area, restroom, tennis courts, and athletic fields.

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

No

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

Residential Small Lot Zone

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

City Owned Open Space

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

Not Applicable

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

No

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

None

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

None

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

Not applicable

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

The new skatepark is included in the City of Seattle Citywide Skatepark Plan.

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

Not applicable

9. Housing [Find help answering housing questions](#)

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

None

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

None

- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any.**
Not applicable

10. Aesthetics [Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)

- a. **What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?**
Most of the elements will be on the ground. The light poles will be 20' or less. The project isn't a building.
- b. **What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?**
None
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any.**
The new lighting poles will be compatible with existing adjacent light poles.

11. Light and Glare [Find help answering light and glare questions](#)

- a. **What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?**
Skatepark lighting will occur during evening use up to 11:30 pm. Glare will be minimal due to the adjacent row of trees. The Community Center blocks any additional light to and from the street.
- b. **Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?**
There are no significant views
- 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.**
None necessary

12. Recreation [Find help answering recreation questions](#)

- a. **What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?**
On the site, there are athletic fields, play equipment, tennis courts and undesignated open space. Nearby is water access at Be'er Sheva Park and Pritchard Beach and a small play area at Be'er Sheva Park.
- b. **Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.**
Yes, during construction, the open grassy field currently used for casual sports (frisbee, catch, etc.) will not be available. Once constructed, the skateboard park and gathering area project will also remove space for those activities.
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any.**

These activities can occur elsewhere at Rainier Playfield. There are many open playfields on the site that while not being used for scheduled sports could be used for casual unprogrammed sports (frisbee, catch, etc.).

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation [Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)

- 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.**

Dunlap Elementary School 8621 48th Avenue South (effective date 2002) (from City of Seattle Landmark List)

- 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.**

Historical Research Associates conducted a desktop survey for this project which informed this answer. They are prepared to conduct a complete on-site examination including shovel probes. No cemeteries have been documented within 0.25 mi of the project area. The closest burial is the Othello Street Human Remains located 0.75 mi northeast of the project area. Remains of at least two individuals were removed in 1921. Nothing is known about the individuals, and no funerary objects were present (Federal Register 1997).

No archaeological resources have been documented within 0.25 mi of the project area. The nearest archaeological resource is 45KI538, the Columbia and Puget Sound Railroad, located 0.9 mi west of the APE. The linear site is 16.6 mi long and consists of sporadic remnants associated with the Columbia and Puget Sound Railroad, built between 1874 and 1878.

Previous studies within .25 miles of the project area.

- Central Link Rail Transit Project Historic and Prehistoric Archaeological Sites Historic Resources Native American Traditional Cultural Properties Paleontological Sites (1999)
- Sound Transit Central Link Light Rail EIS Historic and Archaeological Resources Technical Report(1999)
- Letter to Urania Perez Regarding Chief Sealth Trail Cultural Resources Assessment (2004)

- 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.**

HRA archaeologist Cele Wolman conducted an archival record search for the Project using a research radius of 0.25 miles (mi) out from the edges of the APE. The purpose of this review was to determine existing knowledge of cultural and archaeological resources, prior cultural resources assessment work, and areas of archaeological potential. Archival resources consulted consisted of the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation's (DAHP) Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data (WISAARD) that included:

- previous cultural resources surveys,
- archaeological site records,

- historic property inventory (HPI) forms,
- cemetery records,
- historic properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or the Washington Heritage Register (WHR), and
- statewide archaeological predictive model layer.

Additional research was conducted using primary and secondary sources from the following collections:

- HRA's in-house library, which includes information on the environmental, archaeological, and historical context of the Project's vicinity;
- Historic-period plats from the U.S. Surveyor General (USSG) General Land Office (GLO);
- Historic-period maps and atlases (e.g., Sanborn, Kroll, Metsker);
- Ethnographic sources (e.g., Hilbert et al. 2001); and
- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey Database

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.

None needed – there are no known historic resources on or adjacent to the site. SPR has a stand Inadvertent Discovery Plan in place should any historic resources be discovered during construction of the project.

14. Transportation [Find help with answering transportation questions](#)

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.

South Henderson Street and Rainier Avenue South, the Rainier Beach Light Rail station serves the neighborhood and is a short walk.

b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

Yes, The #1 Rainier Beach light rail stop is a 20-minute walk away. The #106 and # 7 buses are a 4-minute walk away and the #7 stops right next to the Community Center

c. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

No

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

No

e. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and non passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

While this facility will be popular, most people who will use it live nearby or take public

transportation. The skateboard park is more likely to be used in the afternoons and weekends. We learned this from extensive public outreach in the general community and the skateboard community. Otherwise, the impacts on this heavily used field with many popular existing designated uses will be negligible. The number of light trucks used by park staff for maintenance will remain the same.

During construction, trucks and other typical construction vehicles will access the site from the Community Center parking lot. After the project is complete, the project will not increase the number of commercial and non-passenger vehicles.

- f. **Will the proposal interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.**

No

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

None needed

15. Public Services [Find help answering public service questions](#)

- a. **Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.**

No

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

None needed

16. Utilities [Find help answering utilities questions](#)

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

- b. **Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.**

Electricity will be used and is currently available on site.

C. Signature [Find help about who should sign](#)

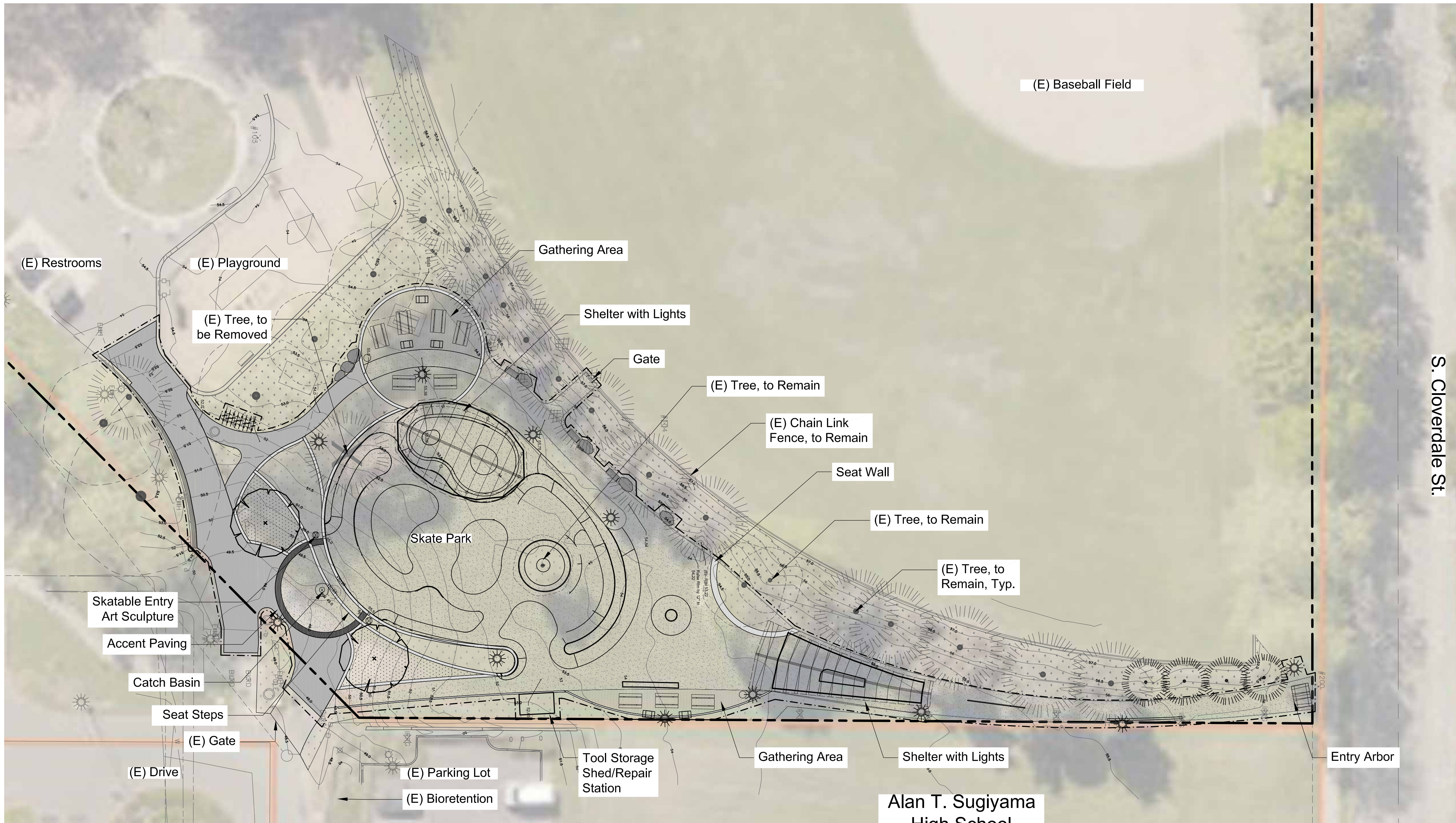
The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

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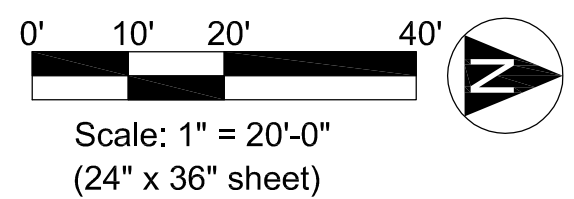
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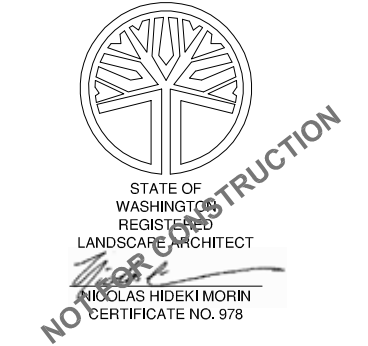


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Site Plan Enlargements

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	Bioretention
	Existing Lawn
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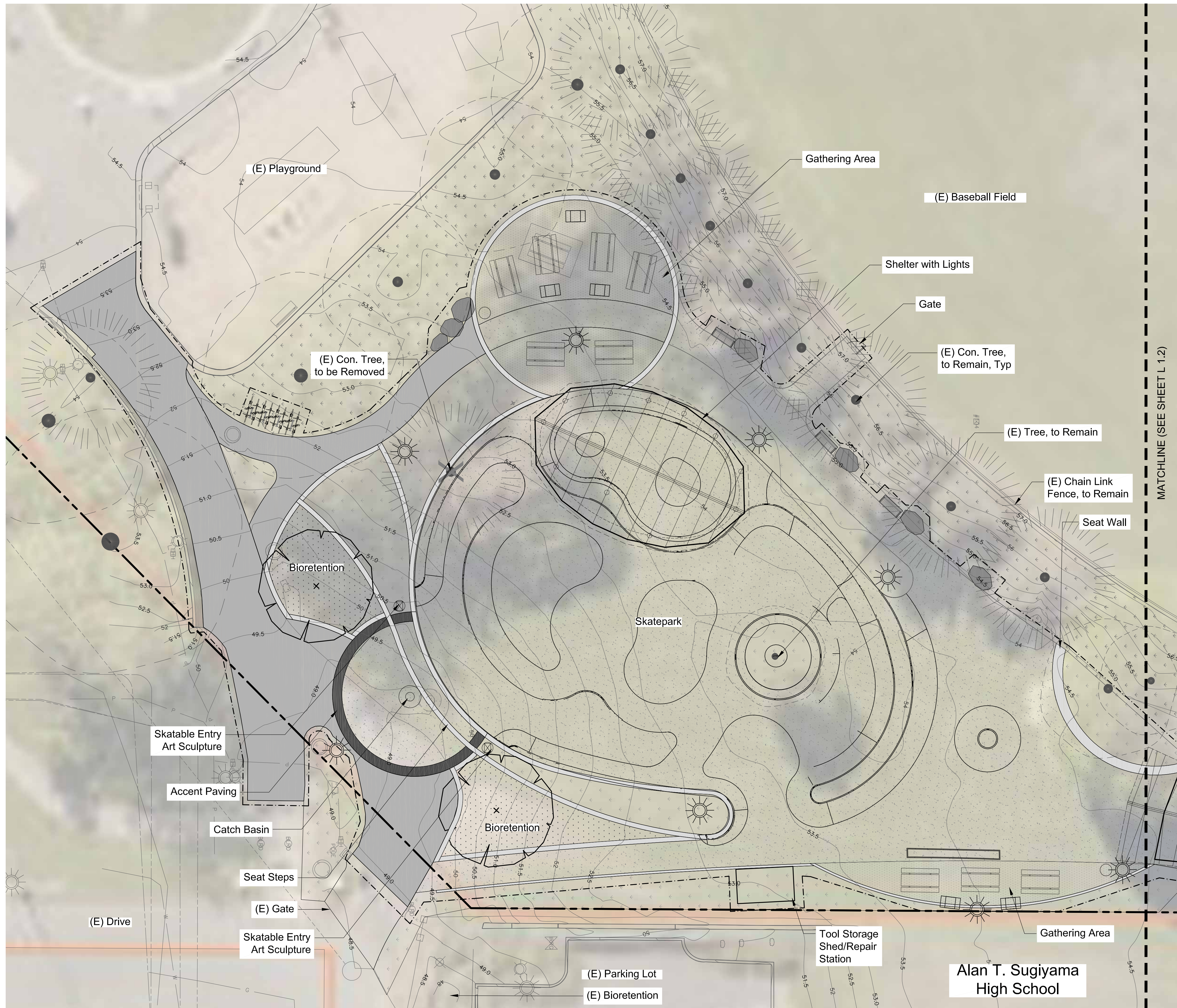


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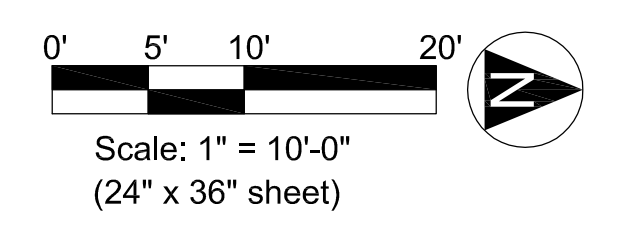
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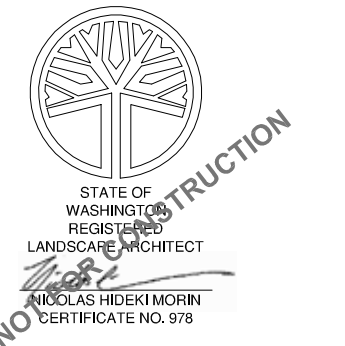
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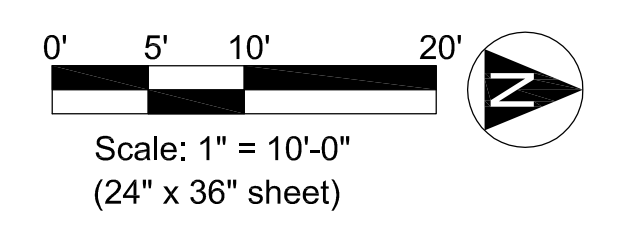


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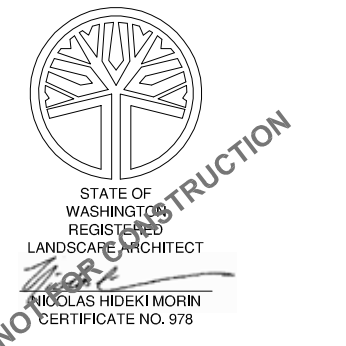


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