

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

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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: [\[help\]](#)

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: [\[help\]](#)

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: [\[help\]](#)

Dakota Place Park Demolition

2. Name of applicant: [\[help\]](#)

City of Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: [\[help\]](#)

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4. Date checklist prepared: [\[help\]](#)

June 30, 2015

5. Agency requesting checklist: [\[help\]](#)

City of Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): [\[help\]](#)

*Building Removal : August 2015
Site Restoration Work : August/September 2015*

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. [\[help\]](#)

None at this time.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. [\[help\]](#)

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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. [\[help\]](#)

None pending.

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

[\[help\]](#)

City of Seattle Demolition Permit

Typically, Parks projects do not need to secure a Grading Permit. However, the requirements of the Grading and Drainage code shall be complied with when undertaking site work.

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

Seattle Parks and Recreation (Parks) is proposing to demolish five (5) existing one-story, wood framed structures existing on the subject property. There are three (3) houses [~780 sf each], one (1) garage [210 sf] and a shed [280 sf]. The houses are supported on concrete post foundations and the garage and the shed are on the grade. No existing vegetation will be removed. The existing buildings will be demolished by a contractor. The existing concrete post supports and any slabs on grade will be removed. The crawl space voids will be filled in with approximately 96 cubic yards of Type-17 granular fill. Compacted to 80% M. P., with top one foot being planting

top soil. The grade of fill will be as shown on drawings. The entire backfilled area will then be hydroseeded for future Parks use. Once demolition and hydroseeding are completed, the area will be available for use in conjunction with the existing Dakota Place park located immediately to the south of the site.

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. [\[help\]](#)

The project site is located west of California Avenue SW. The street address of the property is: 4043 California Ave SW. The access to the building is from California Ave SW. The King County Tax ID number is 301030-1056. The legal Description of the property is:

Haninsworth J. Walter 2nd Addition Less E 36 Ft. of Lot 30 & Less E 36 Ft. of S5 Ft. of Lot 31.

Plat Block: 4

Plat Lot : 30-31

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS [\[help\]](#)

1. Earth

a. General description of the site [\[help\]](#)

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

The 4043 California Ave SW site gradually slopes to about 3' above the side walk as you enter from California Ave SW. After first 15' of the east property line the site is almost level. The buildings are to the west once you enter the site. The three residence buildings are supported on concrete post blocks and are one storey tall. The garage and the shed are on the grade.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? [\[help\]](#)

The steepest slope on the site is approximately 27 percent (this slope is just at east end of the property and once you go about 12 feet horizontal, the site becomes almost flat and levels off.

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. [\[help\]](#)

Soil type(s) are unknown at this point.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

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. [\[help\]](#)

After removal of the buildings the existing concrete post supports and any slabs on grade will be removed.

The crawl space voids will be filled in with approximately 96 cubic yards of Type-17 granular fill.

Compacted to 80% M. P., with top one foot being planting top soil. The grade of ffill will be as shown on drawings. The entire backfilled area will then be hydroseeded for future Parks use.

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

[\[help\]](#)

The site is contained or surrounded by asphalt and or concrete. The contractor will manage the site through Best Management Practices, in compliance with the City of Seattle Grading and Drainage ordinance and policies.

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

Negative 1,874 square feet.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: [\[help\]](#)

City of Seattle approved erosion control measures.

2. Air

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. [\[help\]](#)

Equipment emmissions and a limited amount of dust may be generated during demolition.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

None known.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Dust control measures during demolition, which will include wetting down surfaces and hosing off trucks and other equipment as needed to reduce and limit dust and dirt on streets and in the air.

2. Water

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. [\[help\]](#)

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. [\[help\]](#)

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. [\[help\]](#)

None

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

No.

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. [\[help\]](#)

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. [\[help\]](#)

No

b. Ground Water:

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. [\[help\]](#)

No

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. [\[help\]](#)

None

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. [\[help\]](#)

Surface runoff currently flows into the existing City of Seattle drainage system. The project reduces storm water run-off from the site by changing impervious surfaces to pervious surfaces.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No waste material is generated

3) 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:

The area will be restored to pre-existing conditions – grass. Run-off during construction will be controlled via erosion control methods required by City of Seattle. There will less surface long term run-off impacts when the site is restored to its native conditions after the demolition of the buildings.

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

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site: [\[help\]](#)

- 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? [\[help\]](#)

The project will not remove any native vegetation.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

Not known.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Disturbed areas (footprint of all buildings, demolished concrete walks, garage, shed) will be hydroseeded with grass.

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

None known.

5. **Animals**

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: [\[help\]](#)

- birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

None

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

None.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. [\[help\]](#)

No.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: [\[help\]](#)

No wild life exists on this property/site.

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

None.

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. [\[help\]](#)

Not Applicable.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No.

- 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: [\[help\]](#)

Not Applicable.

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. [\[help\]](#)

None.

- 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 known.

- 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 known.

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

Not Applicable.

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

Not Applicable.

b. Noise

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

None.

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

Short Term: During demolition noise will be generated by trucks, moving and other equipment. Work will be done during daylight hours, generally between 7:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m..

Long Term: None.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

See comments for 'b2' above.

8. Land and shoreline use

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. [\[help\]](#)

Zoned LR3 RC. On east side is a commercial building; on south side a park; on west, ally and on north an apartment building.

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? [\[help\]](#)

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:

No.

c. Describe any structures on the site. [\[help\]](#)

There are three small, one storey residential buildings, a one car garage and a shed.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? [\[help\]](#)

Yes. All five structures will be demolished.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? [\[help\]](#)

LR3 –RC

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

LR3-RC –Single Family

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

Not Applicable.

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

[\[help\]](#)

None.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? [\[help\]](#)

None.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? [\[help\]](#)

None.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Not Applicable.

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: [\[help\]](#)

The project will change land use from residential to public park; Parks are a permitted use in this zoning designation.

m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

Not Applicable.

9. Housing

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

None.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

None.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Not Applicable.

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? [\[help\]](#)

Not Applicable.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? [\[help\]](#)

None.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Follow City of Seattle code.

11. Light and glare

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? [\[help\]](#)

Lighting is not a component of this project.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? [\[help\]](#)

Lighting is not a component of this project.

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? [\[help\]](#)

Not Applicable.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Not Applicable.

12. Recreation

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? [\[help\]](#)

There is an existing park adjacent to this property on the south side.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

No.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: [\[help\]](#)

This project increases green spaces.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

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 located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe. [\[help\]](#)

The structures are more than 45 years old. Parks Department contacted Dept. of Neighborhood, but were told that none of the structures are on their maps as eligible propertuies.

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. [\[help\]](#)

None.

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.

[\[help\]](#)

Not Applicable.

d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

Not Applicable.

14. Transportation

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. [\[help\]](#)

The project is accessed by California Avenue SW.

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? [\[help\]](#)

There are regular Metro route #s 22, 128 running on California Avenue SW. The nearest bus stop is approximately 200 feet from this property.

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? [\[help\]](#)

None will be created. One will be eliminated.

- 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). [\[help\]](#)

No new roads or streets are proposed.

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No.

- 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? [\[help\]](#)

None.

- 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.

Not Applicable.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

When the future park is developed, it will serve the immediate neighborhood and be accessed predominantly by surrounding residents. Visitors to the future park will likely walk and the need for any future parking will be minimal. As the future park will serve the surrounding residents, it is unlikely that it will generate many traffic trips.

15. Public services

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

No.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. [\[help\]](#)

Not Applicable.

16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: [\[help\]](#)

electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

None proposed.

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: <signature on original>

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