



City of Seattle
Seattle Public Utilities

**Capitol Hill Water Quality Improvement Project, also known as Swale on Yale Project
SEPA Determination of Non-significance (DNS)**

Description of Proposal

This proposed action is construction of a water quality treatment project that incorporates a series of flow-through biofiltration swales in improved street rights-of-way adjacent to and coordinated with two City blocks of private redevelopment. The project would divert and treat stormwater from an existing stormwater pipe that drains a sub-basin of more than 435 acres of Capitol Hill. Treated water would be returned to the existing storm drain pipe further downstream, at a location where the pipe conveys non-diverted flows from the 435-acre sub-basin as well as untreated stormwater from the remainder of the 600-acre Capitol Hill drainage basin. The mixture of treated and untreated stormwater subsequently would discharge to Lake Union through the existing outfall at the north end of Minor Avenue North. The project would be constructed in phases between 2011 and 2018 and include the following elements:

- Installation of new drainage pipes and maintenance holes, in the 100 block to 400 block of Yale Avenue North, in the 300 and 400 blocks of Pontius Avenue North, and in Thomas St, Harrison St, and Republican St between Yale Avenue North and Pontius Avenue North; installation of a pretreatment vault and swirl concentrator in the 100 block of Yale Avenue North; relocation of a water main in Pontius Avenue North (300 and 400 blocks); and relocation of a gas main in the 400 block of Yale Avenue North
- Construction of a north pair of swales in the 400 block of Yale and Pontius Avenues North
- Paving adjacent to the north pair of swales and on the 100 and 200 blocks of Yale Avenue North
- Construction of a south pair of swales in the 300 block of Yale and Pontius Avenues North
- Paving adjacent to the south pair of swales

Proponent

Seattle Public Utilities
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Seattle, WA 98124-4018

Location of Proposal

The project site is located in improved public street rights-of-way in the Cascade neighborhood in the South Lake Union area of the City of Seattle (zip code 98109). The project location includes the right-of-way for Yale Avenue North between Stewart Street and Thomas Street and all street rights-of-way bounded by Republican Street to the north, Thomas Street to the south, Yale Avenue North to the east, and Pontius Avenue North to the west. There is no street address for this project. The project location is in the southwest quarter of Section 29, Township 25N, Range 4E and within the Lake Washington Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA 8).

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Lead Agency

Seattle Public Utilities, 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.

This Determination of Non-significance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen (14) days from the date below.

A copy of the environmental checklist is available at:

- Seattle Public Utilities, Director's Office Main Reception Area, Seattle Municipal Tower, Suite 4900, 700 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, Washington
- Seattle Central Library, General Reference Section

Public and Agency Comments

Comments must be submitted by June 16, 2011 and must be sent to:

Betty Meyer, SEPA Responsible Official
Seattle Public Utilities
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Signature: _____


Betty Meyer

Issue Date: June 2, 2011

Appeals

Appeals of this DNS must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on June 23, 2011. The appeal must be in writing, accompanied by a \$50.00 filing fee in a check made payable to the City of Seattle, and sent to:

City of Seattle Hearing Examiner
700 5th Avenue Suite 4000
P.O. Box 94729
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You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Contact the Hearing Examiner at 206-684-0521 to ask about or to make arrangements to read the procedures for SEPA appeals.