



City of Seattle
Seattle Public Utilities

Residential RainWise Program
SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

Description of Proposal

SPU's RainWise Program (Program) provides technical support, education/outreach, and other resources to assist the general public, homeowners, landscapers, and property managers in understanding low impact development techniques such as site design, pervious paving, vegetation retention, sustainable landscape practices, and other natural drainage solutions (NDS). The RainWise Program also provides rebates to private landowners (at their request and if eligible) for the installation of rain gardens and cisterns to reduce stormwater runoff from their private properties. Property owners are responsible for obtaining any required permits. To be eligible for a rebate, all construction must be performed by a contractor licensed to do business in the State of Washington and all RainWise design requirements must be met and verified by an SPU inspector.

A SEPA Environmental Checklist has been prepared to review proposed Program activity from March 2012 through December 2017. A total of 116 installations were completed in 2012, and approximately 500 to 550 installations are expected to be completed each year thereafter. The Program has a goal of 3,005 installations total.

Proponent

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P.O. Box 34018
Seattle, WA 98124-4018

Location of Proposal

The planning area for deployment of SPU's RainWise Rebate Program includes 13 targeted areas (neighborhoods) within SPU's jurisdiction—all within the municipal limits of the City of Seattle, King County, Washington. These targeted areas include about 9.3 square miles of land with approximately 28,000 eligible parcels. The rebate program is currently limited to private properties in the Ballard, Delridge, North Union Bay, and Windermere areas. Future potential rebate areas include Duwamish, Fremont/ Wallingford, Genesee, Henderson, Leschi, Madison Park, Montlake, and Portage Bay. Specific private property locations are identified as contractors either apply for a pre-construction inspection or, for contractors that have satisfactorily constructed a number of RainWise installations, submit a Notice of RainWise Project form. All raingarden and cisterns would be installed by trained contractors on privately owned parcels within some or all of these targeted areas. In addition, SPU may also install up to 12 demonstration rain gardens and cisterns on publicly owned parcels in the same targeted areas as the rebate program.

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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.

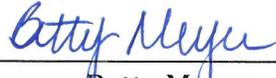
A copy of the environmental checklist is available at:

- Seattle Public Utilities, Director's Office Main Reception Area, Seattle Municipal Tower, Suite 4900, 700 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, Washington
- Seattle Central Library, Public Review Documents, Level 5 Reference
- www.seattle.gov/util/rainwise

Public and Agency Comments

Comments must be submitted by February 25, 2013 and must be sent to:

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Signature: 
Betty Meyer

Issue Date: February 11, 2013

Appeals

Appeals of this DNS must be accompanied by a \$85.00 filing fee and must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on March 4, 2013.

- Written appeals must be sent to:
City of Seattle Hearing Examiner
700 5th Avenue Suite 4000
P.O. Box 94729
Seattle, WA 98124-4729
- Appeals can be filed electronically. Details on electronic filing procedures are available under "e-File" at the Office of the Hearing Examiner's web site:
<http://www.seattle.gov/examiner/>

- Filing fees must be paid by the appeal deadline and can be paid *via* check (made payable to the City of Seattle) or credit/debit card (Visa and MasterCard only). Credit/debit card payments can be made in-person or over-the-phone.

You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Please refer to the Hearing Examiner Rules of Practice and Procedure for rules that govern appeals. These rules are available on the Hearing Examiner's website at www.seattle.gov/examiner/rules-toc.htm or by calling 206-684-0521.

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