

City of Cle Elum, Washington SEPA Checklist

Purpose of the 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.

Use of the 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:

Stormwater Plan (SWP) for the City of Cle Elum, Washington

2. Name of applicant:

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

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4. Date checklist prepared:

May 4, 2026

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Cle Elum

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

*Draft SWP to Ecology for Review November 2025
Final SWP to Ecology by December 2025
SEPA Public Review and Comment Period (January - May 2026)
SWP adoption by City, May 2026*

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

There are no future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this non-project SWP proposal. Any future stormwater projects identified within SWP, will be individual project proposals and will go through the required environmental process at the time of project design and construction.

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

There is no known environmental information that has been prepared for this proposal.

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.
There is no pending approvals, however the City will adopt the Stormwater Plan upon completion of the project.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.
There are no governmental permits, however the Department of Ecology must approve the Stormwater Plan prior to the City adopting the plan.

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 proposal is to prepare and adopt a Stormwater Plan (SWP) for the City of Cle Elum. The SWP is a non-project action that establishes a framework for managing, maintaining, and improving the City's stormwater system within the existing service area.

The plan identifies conceptual projects and strategies to address existing system deficiencies, ongoing maintenance needs, and anticipated growth. It also evaluates utility rates and funding mechanisms, including potential grants and financing, to support implementation.


No specific construction is proposed as part of this action. Individual projects identified in the SWP will be subject to future environmental review and permitting, as applicable.

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.

The SWP includes the UGA of the City of Cle Elum. Refer to the attached map showing the anticipated projects to be performed during the next 10 to 15 years as the SWP is carried out.

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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Type name of signee: Michael R. Heit, P.E.

Position and agency/organization: HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. on behalf of the City of Cle Elum, WA

Date submitted: 05-05-2026

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet](#)

IT IS NOT REQUIRED to use this section 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 the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, 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 substances; or production of noise?

As a non-project action, adoption of the Stormwater Plan (SWP) will not directly result in increases to discharge, air emissions, hazardous substance release, or noise. Future capital projects identified in the SWP may result in temporary construction-related impacts.

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:**

Individual projects will undergo project-level environmental review, permitting, and design to minimize impacts, including compliance with applicable stormwater, air quality, and construction standards.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

The SWP will not directly affect plants, animals, or habitat. Implementation of future projects has the potential to improve water quality and reduce untreated stormwater discharges, resulting in long-term benefits to aquatic species and habitat.

- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:**

Future projects will be subject to environmental review, agency consultation, and permitting to avoid or minimize impacts and to incorporate best management practices for habitat protection.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

The SWP itself will not directly result in depletion of energy or natural resources. Future infrastructure improvements will require materials and energy typical of construction activities.

- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:**

Project-level design will incorporate efficient construction practices, resource conservation measures, and evaluation of alternatives to minimize resource use.

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?**

The SWP does not authorize site-specific activities and will not directly affect sensitive areas. Future projects may occur in or near regulated areas such as wetlands, floodplains, or streams.

- **Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:**

All future projects will be evaluated for consistency with critical areas regulations, shoreline regulations, and applicable state and federal requirements, with mitigation measures developed at the project level.

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?**

The SWP is consistent with existing land use plans and does not change land use designations or authorize new development. It supports planned growth by identifying needed infrastructure.

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:**

Future projects will be reviewed for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, development regulations, and shoreline management requirements.

6. **How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?**

The SWP will increase long-term demand for public services related to stormwater system operations and maintenance. Construction of future projects may result in temporary, localized transportation impacts.

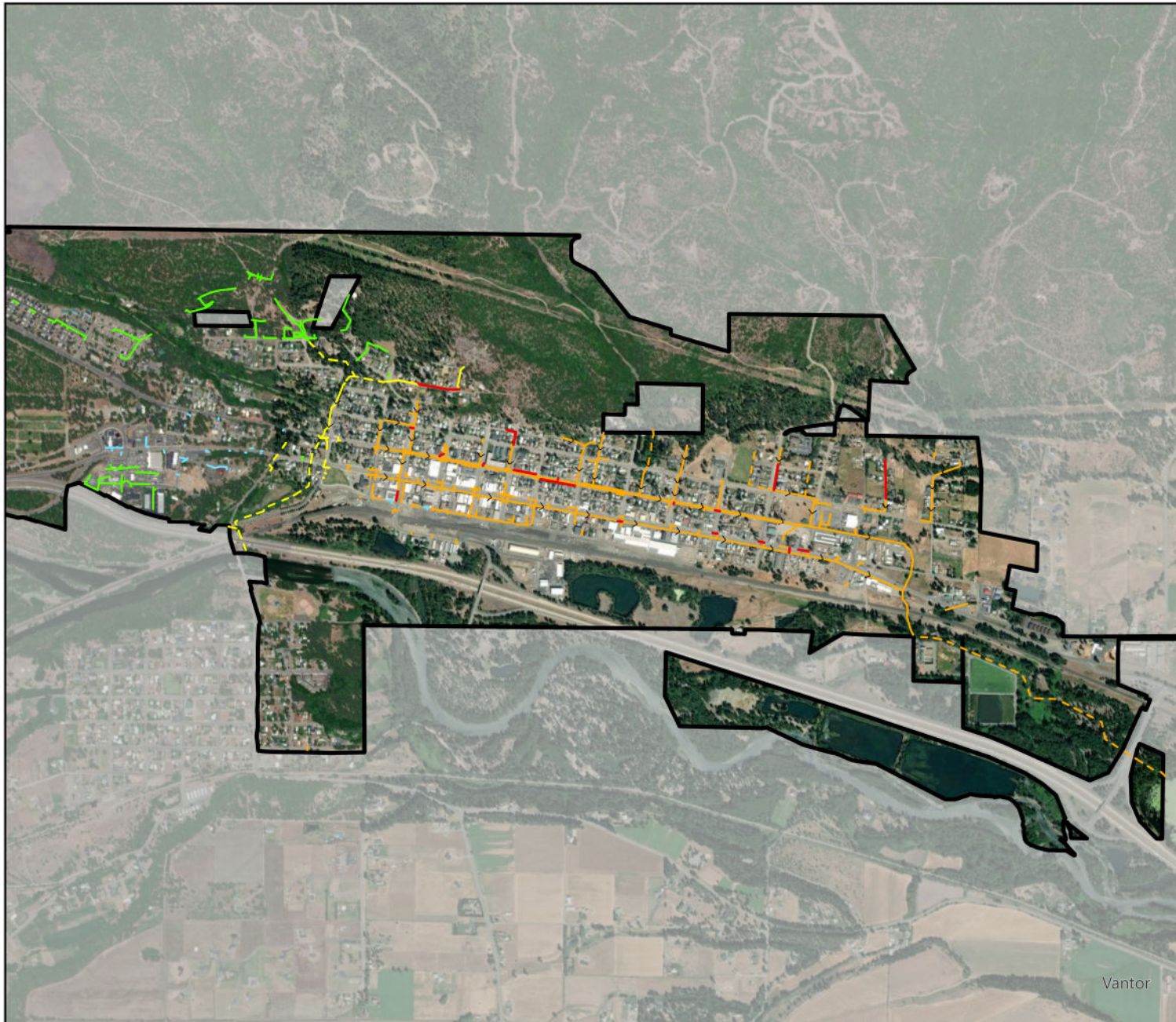
- **Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:**

The SWP includes planning for funding, staffing, and infrastructure improvements. Project-level measures will address traffic control and coordination during construction.

7. **Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.**

The proposal is intended to support compliance with applicable local, state, and federal environmental regulations. No conflicts are anticipated.

CITY OF CLE ELUM Stormwater Flow Exhibit



LEGEND

OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

STORM LINES

- PIPE TO TOWN DITCH
- OPEN DITCH TO TOWN DITCH
- PIPE TO CRYSTAL CREEK
- OPEN DITCH TO CRYSTAL CREEK
- PRIVATE
- INFILTRATION
- DAMAGED PIPE

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