



Main Street Planned Action Modified SEPA Environmental Checklist

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Submittal Requirements:

- Submit all application materials electronically here: www.cityofferndale.org/permits
- Upload all submittals listed in [FMC 14.07.050 Table 1: Land Use Submittal Requirements](#)
- Submittal questions: call (360) 685-2359

Purpose of checklist:

On March 5, 2012, the City of Ferndale adopted Ordinance 1710, establishing a planned action designation for the Main Street Master Plan area, pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act. Environmental review for the Main Street Master Plan was conducted through preparation of a Planned Action EIS (Draft EIS dated July 2011 and Final EIS dated December 2011).

WAC 197-11-172 establishes the procedures for project-level review within the planned action area, stating that "Review of a project proposed as a planned action is intended to be simpler and more focused than for other projects." Verification that probable significant impacts of the proposed project have been adequately addressed in the EIS is established through review of an environmental checklist. WAC 197-11-315 establishes that the checklist shall be the existing SEPA Environmental Checklist or a modified checklist approved by the Washington State Department of Ecology. The City of Ferndale has prepared this modified checklist to provide for a simple and focused review of projects in the planned action area. On [insert date] the Washington State Department of Ecology approved this modified checklist.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe basic information about your proposal. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can. Questions about environmental elements that were analyzed in the Main Street Master Plan EIS ask for confirmation as to whether the proposed project is consistent with analysis in the EIS. In order to respond to these questions, the EIS is available online at <https://www.cityofferndale.org/commdev/long-range-planning/exit-262-corridor-planning/> or at Ferndale City Hall, 2095 Main Street, Ferndale.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project: _____
2. Name of Applicant: _____
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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

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

6. In addition to the Main Street Master Plan EIS, list any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

7. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

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

9. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site.

10. Please provide a street address or legal description to allow confirmation that the project site is located within the Main Street Master Plan boundary.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

I EARTH

a. General description of the site (check one): Flat Rolling Hilly Steep

Slopes Mountainous Other (describe) _____

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

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

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.

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

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

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

II AIR

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (ie. dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? Generally, describe and give approximate quantities if known.

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

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air:

III WATER

a. Surface:

1) 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.

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

3) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? (Note location on a plan or map)

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

b. Ground

1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including stormwater) 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.

d. Describe measures, if any, beyond those described in the Main Street Master Plan EIS proposed to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts.

IV PLANTS

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: _____

wet soil plants: cattail buttercup bulrush skunk cabbage other: _____

water plants: water lily eelgrass milfoil other: _____

other types of vegetation: _____

b. Describe measures, if any, beyond those described in the Main Street Master Plan EIS proposed to address potential impacts to the vegetation.

V ANIMALS

a. Indicate any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

Birds: hawk heron eagle songbirds other: _____

Mammals: deer bear elk beaver other: _____

Fish: bass salmon trout herring shellfish other: _____

b. Describe measures, if any, beyond those described in the Main Street Master Plan EIS proposed to address potential impacts to the fish and wildlife.

VI ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

a. What kinds of energy (electrical, 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. _____

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

- 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:

VII ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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

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

- 2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards:

- b. Noise

- 1) 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.

- 2) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts:

VIII Land and Shoreline Use

- a. Describe the amount of retail, office/service, hotel, and residential development proposed. Are other uses proposed?

- b. Describe measures, if any, beyond those described in the Main Street Master Plan Planned Action EIS proposed to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans.

IX Housing

- a. Describe measures, if any, beyond those described in the Main Street Master Plan Planned Action EIS proposed to ensure the proposal to reduce or control housing impacts? If yes, please describe.

X Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

XI Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

- b. Are measures to control light and glare proposed or needed?

XII Recreation

- a. Describe open space and/or recreational opportunities, if any, provided by the proposal.

- b. Describe measures, if any, beyond those described in the Main Street Master Plan Planned Action EIS proposed to ensure that park and recreation impacts are addressed.

XIII Historic and Cultural Preservation

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:

XIV Transportation

- a. Provide information describing the total number of trips and trip distribution pattern anticipated by the proposal.

- b. Describe measures, if any, beyond those described in the Main Street Master Plan EIS proposed to address transportation impacts of the proposal.

XV Public Services

- a. Describe the potential increased demand for police protection, fire and emergency medical services and/or schools resulting from the proposal.

- b. Describe measures, if any, beyond those described in the Main Street Master Plan EIS proposed to reduce or control direct impacts on public services.

XVI Utilities

- 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.

C. SIGNATURE

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

Signature: _____ Date Submitted: _____