

# SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

## ***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:***

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:***

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: **Portage Creek Village**
2. Name of applicant: **Mary Carey**
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

**Mary Carey**  
**8003 Sandpoint Way NE B51**  
**Seattle, WA 98115**

4. Date checklist prepared: **January 31, 2022**
5. Agency requesting checklist: **City of Arlington WA**
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

**Following land use approval, construction document preparation will take 6 months. Presuming 3 months for building permits, construction should commence in the second quarter of 2023. Construction expected to take 9 months.**

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

**None**

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

**Geotechnical Report prepared by Palmer Geotechnical Consultants, July 21, 2021**  
**Traffic Analysis prepared by Gibson Traffic Consultants, June 2021**  
**Critical area buffers have been shown based on the underlying Plat of Kent Prairie Estates (8909295007)**

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.

**None.**

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

**City of Arlington Land Use Approval**  
**City of Arlington Clearing, Grading, and Utilities Permits**  
**City of Arlington Building Permits**

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.)

**Development of 17 Multifamily dwelling units on a 61,778 sf previously undeveloped parcel accessed from Portage Street. The units are located in two adjacent three story structures with a combination of within building and site parking. The structures each measure 10,476 sf and include garages for 6 automobiles. Total parking count is 39**

stalls plus bicycle rack to accommodate 4 bikes. The total paving including 81<sup>st</sup> Street measures 22,419 sf. Krueger Creek, a tributary of Portage Creek runs through the southern portion of the site. Sandwiched between the creek with its preservation zone and the parking lot for the project is the Portage/Krueger Creek Trail.

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 site can be accessed from SR-9 by turning east on 204<sup>th</sup> Street NE and continuing until you reach Stillaguamish Avenue where a left turn takes you immediately to Portage Street where you turn left (west).**

**The section, township and range: SE 11 31 5**

## **B. Environmental Elements** [\[HELP\]](#)

### **1. Earth** [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site:

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

**Generally flat with steep slope on the parcel to the north.**

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

Slopes are generally 5-25%. The steepest slope is around 28%.

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.

**Soil conditions found in the Geotech exploration generally found sandy gravel to gravelly sand with varying amounts of silt.**

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

**As described in the Geotechnical Report, the subject property is a landslide hazard area due to the location of Portage Creek near the south property boundary that could cause stream bank erosion. The parcel to the north does contain slopes greater than 15% with impermeable soils embedded with permeable granular soils. Neither the subject parcel or the parcel to the north are mapped as landslide hazards or potential**

**landslide hazards. The Geotechnical report states that the risk of landslide activity at the site or in the vicinity is low.**

- 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.

**The purpose of grading will be to prepare the site for the development. Estimated quantities are 1,100 cy of fill and 1,000 cy of cut. For SEPA purposes we propose that those number be increased by 50% to account for potential increases during the final design. Therefore for SEPA purposed, 1, 650 cy fill and 1,500 cy of cut. Source of fill material will be an approved off-site source of structural material.**

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

**Clearing, grading and construction of the proposed project may cause minimal erosion during clearing, excavation and grading. Best Management Practices (BMP's) will be implemented to avoid, reduce, and mitigate erosion potential.**

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

**34%**

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

**Surface Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Best Management Practices (BMP's) will be developed and deployed to reduce or control ersion. BMPs will follow the requirements outlined in the Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington and will include such items as a Construction Entrance, Clearing Limits, Silt Fence, Temporary Cover Measures, and additional BMP's as they apply.**

## **2. Air** [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

**Emissions will be limited to any heavy equipment and trucks used during the clearing, grading and excavation processes during the earliest stages of construction. Once that portion of the project is complete, no noticeable emissions will occur.**

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

**None.**

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

**Exhaust emissions will be typical of residential developments with laundry dryer exhaust, and residential unit bathroom exhausts. The outlet for each of these types of exhaust is well away from property lines as well as any fresh air intakes for the project itself.**

### 3. **Water** [\[help\]](#)

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.

**Krueger Creek runs through the southern portion of the site. This is a tributary of Portage Creek which eventually runs into the Portage Creek Wildlife Preserve.**

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.

**The site development activities including clearing, grading and building construction will occur within 200' of the stream. No work will occur over or within the buffer area of the stream.**

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.

**None.**

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

**No.**

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

**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.

**No.**

b. Ground Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

**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.

**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.

**The source of runoff is upstream flow from the north and direct precipitation. Upstream flows will be collected in an interceptor trench along the north boundary line and directed to the Preservation Zone of Krueger Creek where they will be level spread to continue downstream.**

**Site runoff will be collected in catchbasins and roof drainage, directed to treatment facilities and then infiltrated into the ground. The preliminary drainage report discusses this further and provides an estimate of quantities.**

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

**Anytime that stormwater encounters impervious surfaces subject to vehicle traffic, there is a threat that oils and heavy metals can enter the runoff.**

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

**No, water will not be withdrawn from a well. Stormwater will be infiltrated into the underlying soils and will come into contact with groundwater. The proposed**

**stormwater infiltration facility will be a rock filled gallery located under the southern parking stalls. Prior to infiltrating, stormwater from pollution-generating surfaces will receive treatment.**

**All stormwater from the project site is intended to infiltrate. There is no anticipated overflow.**

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

**The drainage system will meet the requirements of the City of Arlington (2014 Department of Ecology Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington.**

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

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
- 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 – Blackberries, Scotch Broom

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

**Existing trees and non-invasive vegetation within the Krueger Creek Preservation Zone will remain. The remainder of the site will be cleared and replanted.**

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

**None**

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

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

**Blackberries.**

#### 5. **Animals** [\[help\]](#)

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:

birds: **hawk**, heron, eagle, **songbirds**, other:

mammals: **deer**, bear, elk, beaver, other: rabbits, squirrels, domestic pets

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other \_\_\_\_\_

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

**A review of the Priority Habitats and Species mapping provided by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife shows the Lower Stillaguamish River Wetlands approximately 1000' to the east. Krueger Creek runs through the southern portion of the site, but no threatened or endangered species have been identified.**

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

**According to the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the site is included in the Pacific Flyway.**

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

**Best practices identified by Fish and Wildlife will be sought and followed. Existing trees and non-invasive vegetation will be preserved within the Preservation zone.**

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

**None Known.**

## **6. Energy and Natural Resources** [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

**Electric power will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs for heating, lighting, and cooking.**

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

**The positioning and heights of the buildings should not result in any impacts on the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties.**

- 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:

**Standard energy saving measures as prescribed in the 2018 Washington State Energy Code are being implemented.**

## 7. Environmental Health [\[help\]](#)

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.

1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

**None.**

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.**

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.

**Concrete will be placed, fertilized stored and other chemicals used during construction will be on the site at times.**

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

**None.**

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

**The Surface Water Pollution Prevention Plan will have a section on construction pollutants and propose Best Management Practices to prevent contamination.**

### b. Noise

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

**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.

**Construction noise primarily from heavy equipment during the clearing and grading process will be limited in scope and will occur at hours approved by the City.**

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

**None.**

**8. Land and Shoreline Use** [\[help\]](#)

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.

**The site is currently in its native vegetated state.**

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?

**Neither.**

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.

**None.**

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

**No.**

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

**Residential – High Capacity.**

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

**Residential – High Capacity.**

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

**NA.**

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

**Krueger Creek runs through the southern portion of the site.**

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

**50 Residents**

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

**None.**

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

**None.**

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

**Proposed use is consistent with the comprehensive plan and with surrounding development patterns.**

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

**None.**

## **9. Housing** [\[help\]](#)

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

**Seventeen units of market-rate housing would be provided.**

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

**The site is currently undeveloped.**

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

**None.**

**10. Aesthetics** [\[help\]](#)

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

**The proposed buildings will measure 42' to the top of the shed roof elements. The primary siding element will be cement fiber in various profiles and colors.**

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

**The only potential for view blockage would be to a limited number of units in the multifamily development due west of the proposed site.**

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

**The proposed project was designed to comply with the bulk development standards in the Arlington Development Code.**

**11. Light and Glare** [\[help\]](#)

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

**Site lighting will be equipped with the appropriate cutoffs to avoid light spillage or glare. Pole mounted lights will illuminate the parking areas. Sconces on the buildings will provide pathway lighting and limited building illumination.**

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

**No.**

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

**None.**

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

**Site lighting will be equipped with the appropriate cutoffs to avoid light spillage or glare.**

**12. Recreation** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

**The Portage/Krueger Creek Trail when it is completed will provide a unique recreational opportunity.**

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

**No.**

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

**None.**

**13. Historic and cultural preservation** [\[help\]](#)

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 ? If so, specifically describe.

**No.**

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.

**There are no indications of historic use or occupation. To the best of our knowledge, development projects to the east and west have not uncovered any such signs.**

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.

**No Studies have been specifically conducted.**

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.

**Contractor will be alerted to the potential for discovery during clearing, grading and excavation activities. Upon any potential occurrence, work will be stopped and City authorities alerted.**

**14. Transportation** [\[help\]](#)

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.

**The proposed site is served by Portage Street accessed off or Stillaguamish Avenue which connects to E. Highland Drive and SR-9 to the north or 207th Street NE which connects to SR-9 to the south.**

- 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?

**Transit stops are located nearby on Stillaguamish Avenue and 207th Street NE. The nearest stop is located approximately 1,200 ft away.**

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

**The site will have 39 parking spaces for tenants and guests.**

- 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).

**81st Street (A private road) will be improved and crosswalks introduced.**

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

**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?

**The Traffic Impact Analysis prepared by Gibson Traffic Consultants projected 117 new daily trips with 7 new AM peak hour trips and 9 new PM peak hour trips for a 16 unit development. The current proposal adds one additional dwelling unit to the project. The trip calculations were based on data published by the Institute of Traffic Engineers.**

- 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.

**No.**

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

**None.**

## **15. Public Services [\[help\]](#)**

- 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.

Yes, the added residents will require public services such as fire (North County Regional Fire Authority) and police protection (Arlington Police Department, transit (Community Transit, schools (Arlington School District) and healthcare (local and regional).

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

**Payment of mitigation fees by the developer and taxes by the future residents.**

**16. Utilities** [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

**The site will extend water and sewer services from the City of Arlington mainlines in 81st Dr NE.**

**Underground power and communication lines will be extended to the proposed buildings from 81st Dr NE.**

**Refuse service will be provided by the local provider.**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of signee \_\_\_\_\_

Position and Agency/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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**D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions** [\[HELP\]](#)

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet 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?

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

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

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

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

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

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?

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

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?

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

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

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

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