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OPTIONAL DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) NOTICE MATERIALS

The attached materials are being sent to you pursuant to the requirements for the Optional DNS Process (WAC 197-11-355). A DNS on the attached proposal is likely. This may be the only opportunity to comment on environmental impacts of the proposal. Mitigation measures from standard codes will apply. Project review may require mitigation regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. A copy of the subsequent threshold determination for this proposal may be obtained upon request.

File No. 10-129911-LO
Project Name/Address: Erickson Vegetation Management Plan
15352 SE 53rd Street
Publish: February 3, 2011
Minimum Comment Period: February 17, 2011

Materials included in this Notice:

- Blue Bulletin
- Checklist
- Vicinity Map
- Site Plan
- Other:

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ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation and adherence to these procedures. If you need assistance in completing the checklist or have any questions regarding the environmental review process, please visit or call the Permit Center (425-452-6864) between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (Wednesday, 10 to 4). Our TTY number is 425-452-4636.

INTRODUCTION**Purpose of the Checklist:**

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21c RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the City of Bellevue identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the City decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for Applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can. You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the Planner in the Permit Center can assist you. 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. Include references to any reports or studies that you are aware of which are relevant to the answers you provide. The City may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impacts.

Use of a Checklist for Nonproject Proposals: *A nonproject proposal includes plans, policies, and programs where actions are different or broader than a single site-specific proposal.*

For nonproject proposals, complete the Environmental Checklist even though you may answer "does not apply" to most questions. In addition, complete the Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions available from Permit Processing.

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words *project*, *applicant*, and *property* or *site* should be read as *proposal*, *proposer*, and *affected geographic area*, respectively.

Attach an 8½" x 11" vicinity map which accurately locates the proposed site.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Property Owner: **Michael J Erickson**

Proponent: **Michael J Erickson**
15352 SE 53rd Street
Bellevue, WA 98006
(425) 957-1332

Contact Person: **Mark Garff, The Watershed Company**
(If different from the owner. All questions and correspondence will be directed to the individual listed.)

Address: **750 Sixth Street South, Kirkland, WA 98033**

Phone: **(425) 822-5242**

Proposal Title: **Erickson Property Revegetation**

Proposal Location (Street address and nearest cross street or intersection) Provide a legal description if available:

Street Address:
15352 SE 53rd Street
Bellevue, WA 98006

Nearest intersection:
SE 53rd Street/154th Avenue SE/SE 53rd Place

Parcel:
808100-0350

Please attach an 8½" X 11" vicinity map that accurately locates the proposal site. **See last page.**

Give an accurate, brief description of the proposal's scope and nature:

1. General description: **Revegetation to bring the property into compliance with the City of Bellevue after non-permitted tree removal was conducted in a steep slope area. Approximately 1,500 square feet of area will be planted. The proposal involves the planting of 7 trees, 24 shrubs, and 78 perennials/groundcover on the northern side of the property. All proposed plantings are native species.**
2. Acreage of site: **The entire parcel is .4 acres. The area covered by this revegetation proposal is approximately .15 acres.**
3. Number of dwelling units/buildings to be demolished: **None.**

4. Number of dwelling units/buildings to be constructed: **None.**
5. Square footage of buildings to be demolished: **Does not apply.**
6. Square footage of buildings to be constructed: **Does not apply.**
7. Quantity of earth movement (in cubic yards): **Cut: Approximately .5 CY/Fill: Approximately .5 CY**
8. Proposed land use: **No changes are proposed to the existing land use.**
9. Design features, including building height, number of stories, and proposed exterior materials: **The proposal involves the planting of 7 trees, 24 shrubs, and 78 perennials/groundcover on the northern side of the property.**
10. Other

Estimated date of completion of the proposal or timing of phasing:

Site preparation and planting is expected to take place in spring 2011 and should take approximately two days to complete. Vegetation management activities will continue for three years from project initiation.

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

None at this time.

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

Erickson Property Vegetation Management Plan, prepared by The Watershed Company (November 2010).

Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. List dates applied for and file numbers, if known.

No other applications are pending for government approvals of other proposals directly affecting the Erickson property.

List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. If permits have been applied for, list application date and file numbers, if known.

- 1. Critical Areas Land Use Permit (City of Bellevue) – submitted concurrently with this SEPA Checklist**
- 2. Clearing and Grading Permit (City of Bellevue) – not yet applied**

Please provide one or more of the following exhibits, if applicable to your proposal.
(Please check appropriate box(es) for exhibits submitted with your proposal):

- Land Use Reclassification (rezone)
Map of existing and proposed zoning
- Preliminary Plat or Planned Unit Development
Preliminary plat map

- Clearing & Grading Permit
Plan of existing and proposed grading
Development plans

- Building Permit (or Design Review)
Site plan
Clearing & grading plan

- Shoreline Management Permit
Site plan

A. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. EARTH

- a. General description of the site (circle one): Flat Rolling Hilly Steep slopes Mountains Other:
- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

Slopes on site are greater than 40%.

- 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 prime farmland.

According to Natural Resources Conservation Service soil maps, the vegetation management area is comprised of Beausite gravelly sandy loam (BeD). This is a well-drained soil type. Soils observed on-site generally match the BeD description.

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

There are no surface indications of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

	FILL	CUT
Purpose	All cut and fill activities proposed would be part of plant installation	
Quantity and Type	.5 CY of existing soil, potting soil, mulch	.5 CY of existing soil
Fill Source	Potting soil and mulch would come from commercial sources	

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

Erosion could occur if exposed soils are mobilized by rainfall. Short-term erosion may occur in areas cleared of vegetation. However, any impacts would be short-term and the measures described below would help minimize erosion.

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

No new impervious surfaces are proposed.

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

All clearing and grading construction would be in accordance with City of Bellevue Clearing & Grading Code (Chapter 23.76), permit conditions, and all other applicable codes, ordinances, and standards. As needed, the applicant will install temporary erosion and sedimentation control measures such as silt fencing. A silt fence would be installed around exposed soils as necessary to prevent any silt-laden water from leaving the site during rainfall events.

2. AIR

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

Minimal emissions from vehicle trips would occur during site construction and monitoring. After project completion, no further emissions to the air would occur.

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

No off-site sources of emissions or odor would affect the proposal.

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

Vehicles would be kept in good working order.

3. WATER

- a. Surface:

- 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.

No surface water body is on or in the immediate vicinity of the site.

- 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.

Does not apply.

- 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.

Does not apply.

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

The proposal would not require surface water withdrawals or diversions.

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

The proposal does not lie within a 100-year floodplain.

- 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.

The proposal does not involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters.

b. Ground

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

No withdrawal of ground water or discharge of water to ground water would occur as part of this project.

- 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.

No waste material from septic tanks or other sources would be discharged into the ground as part of this project.

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.

Storm water runoff is not expected to be altered as a result of the project.

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

Waste materials would not enter ground or surface waters.

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

The erosion control measures described under question 1h would be implemented as necessary.

4. PLANTS

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
 evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
 shrub
 pasture
 crop or grain
 wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other
 water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
 other types of vegetation

For a detailed list of vegetation found on the site, please see the Erickson Property Vegetation Management Plan prepared by The Watershed Company (November 2010).

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

Invasive vegetation would be removed. Invasive species to be removed include Canada thistle, creeping buttercup, English holly, English ivy, English laurel, Evergreen blackberry, Himalayan

blackberry, Robert's geranium, and Scot's broom. Debris piles that resulted from the clearing activities would be left in place as they provide valuable habitat.

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

No threatened or endangered plant species are known to be on or near the site.

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

The proposal involves the planting of 7 trees, 24 shrubs, and 78 perennials/groundcover on the northern side of the property. Approximately 1,500 square feet of area will be planted. All proposed plantings are native species and include the following: vine maple (7), oceanspray (6), salmonberry (11), red elderberry (7), salal (60), and sword fern (18).

5. ANIMALS

- a. Circle 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: woodpecker

mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

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

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

No threatened or endangered animal species are known to be on or near the site.

Given on-site conditions and landscape position, the project area may potentially provide habitat, primarily perching and foraging habitat, for the following species of local importance: red-tailed hawk, pileated woodpecker, and Vaux's swift.

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

The project area is on the fringe of a larger habitat and is likely an active wildlife corridor for birds, herptiles, small mammals, and potentially larger game animals such as deer.

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

The proposed project will enhance wildlife habitat through the removal of invasive species and the planting of native species within the project area.

6. ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- 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.

No energy would be necessary after the project is completed.

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

The project would not affect 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:

No energy would be necessary after the project is completed.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- 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.

Hazards typical in landscape construction work would be associated with the proposed project.

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

Emergency services are not anticipated to be required at the site. In the unlikely event of an accident, local emergency response services might be required. The full range of safety and accident response supplies would be on-site to treat any emergency during construction.

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

Standard precautions would be taken to ensure the safety of the work crew.

- b. Noise

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

The type of noise in the area is that typical of a single-family neighborhood, and would not affect the project.

- 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.

Noise associated with the proposed project would consist of noises associated with landscape construction work that only involves hand tools. Construction noise would be limited to normal daytime hours as dictated by the City of Bellevue's noise policy. There would be no long-term noise associated with the proposed project.

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

As mentioned above, noise would be limited to daylight weekday hours. No other noise-control measures are necessary.

8. LAND AND SHORELINE USE

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

The current use of the site is single-family residential. The current use of properties immediately adjacent to the west and east is also single-family residential. The current use of property immediately adjacent to the north is open space. The current use of property immediately adjacent to the south is street right-of-way, with single-family residences located on the other side of the right-of-way.

- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

The site has not been used for agriculture.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

A single-family house is currently on the site.

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

No structures are proposed for demolition.

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

The current zoning classification is R-3.5 (Single-Family Residential).

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

The current comprehensive plan designation is SF-M (Single Family, Medium Density).

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

Does not apply.

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

Steep slopes on the property have been classified as environmentally critical areas.

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

No people would reside or work in the completed project.

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

No people would be displaced as a result of this project.

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

Does not apply.

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

The proposal is to bring the property into compliance with the City of Bellevue after non-permitted tree removal was conducted in a steep slope area.

9. HOUSING

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

None.

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

None.

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

Does not apply.

10. AESTHETICS

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

No structures are proposed as part of this project.

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

Relative to the pre-disturbance condition, the proposed project would not further alter or obstruct views.

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

No such measures are necessary.

11. LIGHT AND GLARE

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

No light or glare would be produced by the proposed project.

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

Does not apply.

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

No existing off-site sources of light or glare would affect the proposal.

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

No such measures are necessary.

12. RECREATION

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

No recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity of the proposed project.

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

The proposed project would not displace any existing recreational uses.

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

No such measures are necessary.

13. 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.

No such places or objects are known to be on or next to the site.

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

No such landmarks or evidence is known to be on or next to the site.

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

Should historic, archeological, scientific or culturally significant items be encountered during implementation of this project, work would be temporarily stopped while the appropriate agencies are notified.

14. TRANSPORTATION

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

The site is currently accessed via SE 53rd Street. Site access would not be changed as a result of the proposed project.

- b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

The nearest King County Metro transit stop is located at the corner of 152nd Place SE and 151st Avenue SE, approximately 1,100 feet away.

- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

This project would neither create nor eliminate parking spaces.

- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

The proposal would not require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets.

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

The project would not use or occur in the immediate vicinity of water, rail, or air transportation.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

The proposed project would not generate vehicular trips when completed.

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

No such measures are necessary.

15. PUBLIC SERVICES

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

No increase in public service needs would result from this project.

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

No such measures are necessary.

16. 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.

No new utilities are proposed as part of the project.

Signature

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



Mark J. Daniel

Date Submitted: _____ December 21, 2010

Vicinity Map from iMAP (top) Google Earth (below)

