

SEPA INFORMATION

A. Background:

1. Name of proposal, if applicable:

City of Port Townsend 2024 General Sewer Plan

2. Name of proponent:

City of Port Townsend

Name of Contact person: *Steve King, Public Works Director*

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

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4. Date checklist prepared:

8/30/24

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Port Townsend Sewer Utility

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

Public notice—~~October 23~~ 2024. Provides an opportunity to comment on the pending threshold determination.

Staff comment: The City will issue a Determination of non-significance. This is not a pending threshold determination.

Public hearing with the City Council—~~Nov 18~~, 2024. The hearing would be held at the Port Townsend City Hall during the regular business meeting.

Adoption of Plan Amendment—~~D~~, 2024.

Majority of future construction of projects—Fall 2024-2044. Construction projects will perform project specific Environmental Review. This SEPA determination is a non-project action.

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

This is a non-project action SEPA; however, future site-specific projects are reasonably likely. Except where exempt from SEPA, future projects would go through project action SEPA analyses and would comply with the Port Townsend Municipal Code (PTMC) and

permitting requirements. Refer to the Department of Ecology approved General Sewer Plan.

[General Sewer Plan | City of Port Townsend Washington \(cityofpt.us\)](http://cityofpt.us)

The Port Townsend Comprehensive Plan is amended annually, or less frequently, unless approved by the Planning and Community Development Director, in compliance with the Growth Management Act. The General Sewer Plan is anticipated to be adopted into the Comprehensive Plan by reference as a functional plan of the City.

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

The General Sewer Plan was prepared for public health and sanitation which by nature includes environmental protection. The plan also is prepared to facilitate compliance with the City's NPDES discharge permit associated with upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Additionally, the plan address upgrades needed to the City's Compost Facility for with compliance of the State Waste Discharge Permit. Finally, the General Sewer Plan facilitates connection to the public sewerage system as opposed to on-site disposals as required for urban levels of density and service.

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.

The City Council has given preliminary approval of the plan. The Department of Ecology has given approval of the plan. The last step for final approval is SEPA review.

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

N/A

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.

a. Brief Description:

The City proposes to update its General Sewer Plan pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 90.48.110 and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Section 173-240-050.

The Plan is the centerpiece of operating and expanding a sewer system and articulates a series of goals, objectives, policies, actions, and standards that are intended to guide day-to-day operations and decisions by elected officials and City government staff. While the Plan is designed to provide a vision for the sewer system in support of planned growth, it must also be responsive to changes due to variations in growth patterns and changing regulations. The City must periodically review and, if needed, revise its Plan to ensure that it complies with the GMA, and associated regulations.

Future projects guided by this non-project Plan amendment are reasonably likely to occur as outlined in the Capital Improvement Schedule.

The City would utilize the provisions of Chapter 197-11-060 WAC that provide for Phased Review of SEPA—this provides for a broad environmental review and the Plan amendment and project-specific environmental review as development proposals are submitted. Project actions would comply with the Port Townsend Municipal Code and permitting requirements along with State and Federal regulations .

b. Have any known wetlands or their buffers been identified on the property?

No Yes

Yes, the City's sewer collections system exists within some designated wetlands. Additionally, the Wastewater Treatment Plan is within a shoreline boundary. Any project impacting wetlands would require environmental review and associated wetland mitigation. This non-project action does not go into detailed analysis.

c. Are there any steep slopes (greater than 15%) on the property?

No Yes

If yes, attach geotechnical report.

Yes, the City's sewer collections system exists within some steep slopes. Any project impacting steep slopes would require environmental review and associated geotechnical evaluations.

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.

Citywide.

All of the projects guided by this non-project action would be within the Port Townsend City Limits, except the Compost Facility and a lift station which are located near the edge of the City.

Property Legal Description: Assessor's Tax #:

N/A

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<p>B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS</p> <p>1. EARTH</p> <p>a. General description of the site (mark one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rolling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hilly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steep slopes <input type="checkbox"/> Mountainous <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent of the slope)? <i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p>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. <i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i> <i>Port Townsend is primarily Glacial Till. The SCS Soils survey shows variability in soils throughout the City.</i></p> <p>d. Are there surface indications or a history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. <i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i> <i>The City's critical area maps provide indications of where unstable soils exist. Each project within these areas will address mitigation measures following the City's critical area codes.</i></p> <p>e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. <i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i> <i>Earthwork requirements are unknown at this time. Each future project would be evaluated at the time of project development.</i></p> <p>f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. <i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p>	

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<p><i>Future guided projects requiring clearing or construction shall be conditioned by City and State erosion and sediment control permits. Erosion during use is unlikely because soil infiltration rates are high and ground surfaces shall be stabilized and maintained by proponents.</i></p> <p>g. About what percent of the site would be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Areas of new impervious surfaces would be evaluated at the time of future project development.</i></p> <p>h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Each future project with potential to cause soil erosion or impact earth would be evaluated during permitting, and erosion and sediment control measures applied as appropriate to comply with City and State stormwater construction standards and regulations.</i></p> <p>2. AIR</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Future project construction, operation, or maintenance may generate emissions from construction equipment or cause fugitive dust. However, these would be managed within applicable City and State air quality regulations. The City has ORCA permits for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Compost Facility.</i></p> <p>b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>No off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect future projects are known.</i></p> <p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:</p>	

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<p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Project permits would be conditioned with air quality measures if required to meet City or State air quality standards. The wastewater treatment plant has a functioning odor control system. The compost facility incorporates a biofilter into the composting process to control odors.</i></p> <p>3. WATER</p> <p>a. Surface Water:</p> <p>1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round or seasonal streams, salt waters, lakes, ponds, and wetlands)? If yes, describe the type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into:</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Surface waters potential impacted in the future include the Strait of Jaun De Fuca, Port Townsend Bay, Chinese Garden Lagoon, Kah Tai Lagoon. The Wastewater Treatment Plant has a discharge permit for treated wastewater at North Beach into the Strait of Juan De Fuca.</i></p> <p>2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, describe the work and attach the available plans.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Future wastewater treatment plant projects will involved work within 200 feet of Chinese Garden Lagoon. Other projects including the outfall replacement, lift station upgrades, and collections improvements are anticipated. Projects will be required to obtain Shoreline Substantial Development Permit as applicable.</i></p> <p>3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from the surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Identify the source of the fill material.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Projects are not anticipated.</i></p> <p>4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose and approximate quantities, if known.</p>	

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<p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>No surface withdraws are anticipated</i></p> <p>5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year flood plain? If so, note the location on the site plan.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Similar to shorelines, projects are anticipated within the flood plain. Those projects will be required to comply with the City's Flood Development Permit requirements.</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Discharges to surface waters is addressed through the City's NPDES permits regulated by the Department of Ecology.</i></p> <p>b. Ground Water:</p> <p>1) Will ground water 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 ground water? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities, if known.</p> <p><i>N/A.</i></p> <p>2) Describe waste material that would 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:</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>The City's compost facility has a State Waste Discharge Permit for infiltration of treated water to groundwater.</i></p> <p>c. Water runoff (including stormwater):</p> <p>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.</p>	

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<p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Some projects may reduce the amount of stormwater going to the wastewater treatment plant through combined system separation.</i></p> <p>2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>The City requires compliance with the Western Washington Stormwater Manual for applying best management practices to address wastes or pollutants removal in construction stormwater.</i></p> <p>3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Proposed drainage alterations would be evaluated at the time of project development.</i></p> <p>4) Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Stormwater analysis would occur at the time of project development and prescribe management measures to comply with the City's stormwater management regulations and Critical Areas ordinance.</i></p> <p>4. PLANTS</p> <p>a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:</p> <p><u>Deciduous tree:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Alder <input type="checkbox"/> Maple <input type="checkbox"/> Aspen <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><u>Evergreen tree:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Fir <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar <input type="checkbox"/> Pine <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Shrubs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Grass</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pasture</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Crop or Grain</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops</p> <p><u>Wet Soil Plants:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Cat-tail <input type="checkbox"/> Buttercup <input type="checkbox"/> Bulrush</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Skunk Cabbage <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p>	

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<p>Water Plants: <input type="checkbox"/> Water Lily <input type="checkbox"/> Eelgrass <input type="checkbox"/> Milfoil <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other types of vegetation:</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p>c. What kind and amount of vegetation would be removed or altered?</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Future projects would manage vegetation as appropriate.</i></p> <p><i>Projects would be evaluated at the time of development.</i></p> <p>d. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Impacts to ESA listed species would be addressed at the time of project environmental review.</i></p> <p>e. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p>f. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site:</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p>	
<p>5. ANIMALS</p> <p>a. Check any birds and animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:</p> <p>Birds: <input type="checkbox"/> Hawk <input type="checkbox"/> Heron <input type="checkbox"/> Eagle <input type="checkbox"/> Songbirds <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>Mammals: <input type="checkbox"/> Deer <input type="checkbox"/> Bear <input type="checkbox"/> Elk <input type="checkbox"/> Beaver <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>Fish: <input type="checkbox"/> Bass <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> Trout <input type="checkbox"/> Herring <input type="checkbox"/> Shellfish <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p>	

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<p>c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>The affected geographic area lies within a migratory bird corridor.</i></p> <p>d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p>e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p>	
<p>6. ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES</p> <p>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 would be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Projects requiring energy would likely continue to use electricity.</i></p> <p>b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Future projects are unlikely to affect solar energy use on adjacent properties.</i></p> <p>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:</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Energy conservation measures are not known at this time. Projects would be evaluated at the time of development.</i></p>	
<p>7. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH</p> <p>a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or</p>	

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<p>hazardous waste that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>A spill response procedure is in place for sewer overflows resulting from clogged collection system piping.</i></p> <p>1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>None known.</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Projects in the vicinity of identified hazardous chemicals will be evaluated at the time of project review.</i></p> <p>3) Describe special emergency services that might be required.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p>4) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>A primary purpose of the General Sewer Plan is to control environmental health hazards.</i></p> <p>b. NOISE</p> <p>1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>The Wastewater system operation includes normal noise such as machinery. All operational noise complies with the city noise ordinance.</i></p>	

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<p>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.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>No anticipated noise increase is anticipated. Construction projects will follow the City's noise ordinance.</i></p> <p>3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Construction noise is regulated by the PTMC. Noise controls are not known at this time. Projects would be evaluated at the time of development.</i></p> <p>8. LAND AND SHORELINE USE</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Various land uses are supported by the City sewer system and adjacent to sewer facilities. Impacts on adjoining property will be evaluated at the time of project proposal.</i></p> <p>b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agriculture or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource land has not been designated, how many acres of farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to non-farm or non-forest use?</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>The affected geographic area is not farmland or forest since the sewer system serves the City limits or a local area of more intense rural development as defined by the Growth Management Act.</i></p> <p>1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversized equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, describe.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p>	

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<p><i>The proposal is not expected to affect or be affected by surrounding farm or forest operations.</i></p> <p>c. Describe any structures on the site.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p>d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Some projects at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Compost anticipated demolition of existing structures. Projects would be evaluated at the time of development.</i></p> <p>e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p>f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p>g. If applicable, what is the current Shoreline Master Program designation of the site?</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Shoreline designations vary depending on location throughout the City.</i></p> <p>h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "critical area" by the city or the county? If so, specify.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Critical area impacts will be evaluated at the time of project review.</i></p> <p>i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p>j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?</p>	

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<p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>No people would be displaced by future projects.</i></p> <p>k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p>10. AESTHETICS</p> <p>a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Future structure heights and materials would be evaluated at the time of project development.</i></p> <p>b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Project effects on views would be evaluated at the time of development.</i></p> <p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>City code requires aesthetic mitigation measures for above ground facilities.</i></p> <p>11. LIGHT AND GLARE</p> <p>a. What type of light or glare would the proposal produce? What time of the day would it mainly occur?</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p>b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p>	

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<p>c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p>d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action. The PTMC (Chapter 17.44.180 PTMC) requires all exterior lighting to be designed to reduce glare impacts to adjacent properties and public rights-of-way and to reduce nighttime "light pollution." Project lighting would be evaluated at the time of development.</i></p>	
<p>12. RECREATION</p>	
<p>a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Numerous parks, trails, and water related recreation occur in and around Port Townsend. Project impacts would be evaluated at the time of project review.</i></p> <p>b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Future projects are not expected to displace existing recreational uses. Land uses are not expected to change. Projects would be evaluated at the time of development.</i></p>	
<p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreational opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, if needed, would be evaluated at the time of project development.</i></p>	
<p>13. HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION</p>	
<p>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 located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.</p>	

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<p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Eligible historic properties are not known to exist associated with projects in the plan. This would be verified at the time of project development.</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Cultural resource evaluation will be performed at the time of future project review.</i></p> <p>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, archeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>The City would ensure that cultural and historic resources investigations, and consultation with Tribes and the State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, would be performed as required by City, State, and Federal cultural resources regulations at the time of project development.</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Impacts to cultural and historic resources are not expected but future projects would be evaluated for their need for mitigation measures at the time of development.</i></p>	
<p>14. TRANSPORTATION</p> <p>a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p>	

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<p><i>Impacts to streets are anticipated for collection system projects. Mitigation measures will be developed as part of future project review.</i></p> <p>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?</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>The affected geographic area is served by Jefferson Transit. Coordination with Jefferson Transit for impacts is part of project development and review.</i></p> <p>c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many spaces would the project or proposal eliminate?</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>No impact to parking is anticipated associated with future projects except for temporary construction impacts to be evaluated at the time of project development and review.</i></p> <p>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).</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p><i>Some collection system projects involve trail corridors. Evaluation of impacts will be done at the time of future project review.</i></p> <p>e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p>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 non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p>	

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<p>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.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p>h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p>15. PUBLIC SERVICES</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p>b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any:</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p>16. UTILITIES</p> <p>a. Check which utilities are currently available at the affected geographic area:</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refuse Service <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> Septic System <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanitary Sewer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Telecomm</u> </p> <p>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 that might be needed.</p> <p><i>Not applicable for this non-project action.</i></p> <p>C. SIGNATURE</p> <p>The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand the lead agency is relying on this information to make its decision.</p>	

C. Signature

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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: Steve King

Position and agency/organization: Public Works Director, City of Port Townsend

Date submitted: August 30, 2024

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

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Do not 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?

The Sewer Plan Update is a long-range plan that would not result directly in the implementation of specific projects. Therefore, the Sewer Plan Update itself would be unlikely to increase emissions to air, long-term discharges to water, production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances, or production of noise.

The Plan Update's recommendations represent commitments and refinements to existing policies, programs, and projects that have goals to decrease waste disposed

¹⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-C-Signature>

¹⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-d-non-project-actions>

(increase waste prevention, recycling, and composting) and reduce environmental impacts caused by solid waste management activities.

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

Plan adoption and approval would not result in increased discharges to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise. Therefore, no measures to avoid or reduce such increases are proposed. Actions contemplated in the Plan Update would be designed, implemented, constructed, operated, and maintained to avoid and minimize such increases and to meet applicable local, state, and federal regulatory and permit requirements. Specific measures for doing so would be identified during the design, environmental review, and permitting of individual projects, as applicable.

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

Plan adoption and approval would be unlikely to adversely affect plants, animals, or fish, including threatened and endangered species. Most of the Plan's recommendations represent commitments and refinements to existing policies, programs, and projects that have goals to decrease waste disposed (increase waste prevention, recycling, and composting) and reduce environmental impacts caused by solid waste management activities.

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

Long-term adverse impacts on plants, animals, fish, and marine life are not expected under the Plan Update. Actions contemplated in the Plan Update would be designed, implemented, constructed, operated and maintained to avoid and minimize adverse impacts on plants, animals, fish and marine life and to meet applicable local, state, and federal regulatory and permit requirements. Specific measures for doing so would be identified during the design, environmental review, and permitting of individual projects, as applicable.

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

Plan adoption and approval would be unlikely to directly deplete energy or natural resources. The Sewer Plan Update itself would not require any additional long-term energy sources. Most of the Plan Update's recommendations represent commitments and refinements to existing policies, programs, and projects that have goals to decrease waste disposed (increase waste prevention, recycling, and composting) and reduce environmental impacts caused by solid waste management activities.

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

The Sewer Plan Update is not expected to cause long-term, adverse impacts on energy and natural resources. Actions contemplated in the Plan Update would be designed, implemented, constructed, operated and maintained to protect or conserve energy and natural resources and to meet applicable local, state, and federal regulatory and permit

requirements. Specific measures for doing so would be identified during the design, environmental review, and permitting of individual projects, as applicable

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?

Plan adoption and approval is not expected to adversely impact environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated for government protection or threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands or floodplains. Most of the Plan Update's recommendations represent commitments and refinements to existing policies, programs, and projects that have goals to decrease waste disposed (increase waste prevention, recycling, and composting) and reduce environmental impacts caused by solid waste management activities.

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

The Sewer Plan Update is not expected to result in adverse, long-term impacts on environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated for government protection, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands or floodplains. Actions contemplated in the Plan Update would be designed, implemented, constructed, operated and maintained to avoid and minimize adverse impacts on environmentally sensitive areas, areas designated for government protection, and threatened or endangered species habitat, historic and cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains and prime farmland. Specific measures for doing so would be identified during the design, environmental review, and permitting of individual projects, as applicable.

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 Sewer Plan Update is a non-project plan of future actions that would not directly affect land and shoreline use in the planning area. Plan adoption and approval would not change land and shoreline uses or designations. Most of the Plan Update's recommendations represent commitments and refinements to existing policies, programs, and projects that have goals to decrease waste disposed (increase waste prevention, recycling, and composting) and reduce environmental impacts caused by solid waste management activities.

The Sewer Plan Update is consistent with requirements of the Growth Management Act and local and regional land use plans. Any City of Port Townsend actions themselves would not encourage land or shoreline uses that are incompatible with existing plans. Future land and shoreline uses would be determined by local land use plans, zoning codes, and development regulations.

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

The Sewer Plan Update is not expected to result in direct or indirect adverse impacts on shoreline and land uses. Actions contemplated in the Plan Update would be designed, implemented, constructed, operated and maintained to avoid and minimize adverse impacts on shoreline and land use. Specific measures for doing so would be identified during the design, environmental review, and permitting of individual projects, as applicable.

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

Plan adoption and approval would be unlikely to directly increase demand on transportation, public services, or utilities. Most of the Plan Update's recommendations represent commitments and refinements to existing policies, programs, and projects that have goals to decrease waste disposed (increase waste prevention, recycling, and composting) and reduce environmental impacts caused by solid waste management activities. The Plan Update's programs and projects would address present and future needs for solid waste management, which would benefit utilities.

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

The Sewer Plan Update is not expected to result in long-term, adverse impacts on transportation, public services, and utilities. Actions contemplated in the Plan Update would be designed, implemented, constructed, operated and maintained to avoid and minimize adverse impacts on

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

The Sewer Plan Update would be consistent with, and support, all local, state, and federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. In implementing the Sewer Plan Update, the City of Port Townsend would comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations.