

## 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:  
Beacon Hill water tank
2. Name of applicant:  
Beacon Hill Spokane Inc. Peter Rayner Pres.

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

4428 E. Longfellow Avenue  
Spokane WA 99217  
509 263 4848

Site address: 4848 E Valley Springs Rd., Parcel #35022.0042

4. Date checklist prepared:

March 26, 2020

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Spokane Planning Department

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

April 1, 2020 ---September 31, 2020

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

Possible future expansion of water tank capacity

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

City of Spokane GIS feature mapping, the May 2010 'Traffic Impact Analysis for Beacon Hill', produced by Ann Winkler, P.E. at Sunburst Engineering for transportation. In regards to stormwater please refer to P.S., Rob Richardson's February 10, 2010 'Preliminary Geotechnical Evaluation during Concept Drainage Design', and Kenneth Geibel, P.E.'s 'Conceptual Drainage Report' dated May 25, 2010. The National Parks funded May 2009 'Beacon Hill Trail System Draft Concept Plan'. The Draft & Final EIS created April 1980 / June 1980 for RLB Resource Corp.'s Preliminary Long Plat/ Rezone 9-16-1981. Geotechnical report, civil engineering, State DOH review and approval

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.

Project is construction of a water storage tank for the adjacent residential development approved in 2011. Review and approval of the booster station to feed the reservoir is pending and in final review.

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

City of Spokane, Washington State Dept. of Health

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.)

Construction of 50,000 gallon water reservoir, access/sevice road, controls and fencing.

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 project proposal is sited on the hills above the northeast edge of the city limits near Wellesley Ave / Valley Springs Rd and Havana St. Parcel #35022.0042 City of Spokane, Spokane County. South of E. Valley Springs Rd approximately 1,250 feet.

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

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

a. General description of the site:

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

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

Greater than 30% exist

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.

The following soil types are located onsite: Bab, SpC, SsC, HhA, StC, SuE please see Rob Richardson's February 10, 2010 'Preliminary Geotechnical Evaluation during Concept. Granite, decomposed granite

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

None known. Restoration and remediation of effected areas will be considered at time of final approval in a grading plan. It is our intent to minimize the area affected by usch activity where possible.

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.

Approximatley 7800 cubic yards of cut and fill. Fill will be from cut on site. Total area of grading will be approximately 100,000 sq. feet

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

There will be some potential for erosion as grades are established for tank site, driveways, and underground installation of pipe and utilities such as electrical and communication Yes, however it is our intent to minimize the possible problems during construction with appropriate mitigation per

an eventual full grading plan. An erosion control plan has been prepared as part of the design plan set to address potential erosion.

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

Approximalty 5000 sq. feet

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

Erosion control per codes. Silt fence is called for in locations where runoff could leave the disturbed areas. Check dams are called for along the roadside ditches to limit ditch erosion.

## 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.

Dust and construction vehicle emissions are expected during development and will be managed per Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency (SRCAA) standards. Dust control measures will be taken to retard dust emissions during grading and other earth moving activities. Exact or estimated quantity of dust is unknown at this time. Minimal exhaust emission from construction equipment. Dust from excavation, none after completion

- 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:

Dust abatement per code

## 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.

There is a manmade pond used for aesthetics and irrigation located northwest of the project at the Beacon Hill Event Center. The pond is not fed by any natural stream or water source.

- 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.

None

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.

Storm water will be managed per storm water plan to be approved

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

NA

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

Drainage patterns will not be affected except as disclosed in storm water analysis

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

Storm water management per code.

#### 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

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

Approximately 1 acre of vegetation will be removed to provide site for tank and access/service road

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:

Cleared site will be finished with gravel access road, concrete footings and tank. Other disturbed areas will be hydroseeded as appropriate.

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

None

#### 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.

White tail deer, turkeys, quail, red tailed hawks, occasional moose

Examples include:

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

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

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

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

There are no known unique, threatened, or endangered species known to be on or near the site. The site itself does not appear at present to offer any significant or special habitat.

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

No

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

None

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

None

## 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.

Electricity to pump water to tank

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties?

If so, generally describe.

NO

b. 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:

Gravity will reduce electric energy needed to meet water demands of future residents.

## 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.

NO

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.

None

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

None

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

NA

**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 during grading. NO noise after completion

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

NA

**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.

Site is currently vacant. Site will provide essential water and fire protection to approved residential development

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?

NO

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 single family

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

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

Not applicable

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

Yes for steep slopes, erodible soils

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

None

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

None

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

NA

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

Project is in compliance and essential as it will provide water to future residents.

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.

Tank site will allow development of approximately 590 residential units at this time on adjacent property.

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:

Project enables permitted housing

## **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?

b eight tall concrete tank

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

None

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

paint of tank

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

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

None

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:

None

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

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

Hiking, bicycling

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.

None cultural study completed for existing plat/PUD disclosed no cultural impacts from site

- 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.

Cultural study completed October 16, 2014 by/for Spokane Tribe of Indians

- 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.

NONE

#### **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.  
E Valley Springs Rd, Chronicle St. and future Carnahan Rd. will provide access to the NS corridor, currently under construction as well as Wellesley Ave. and Market St. major Spokane arterials

- 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?

No nearest spot is Market street and E. Wellesley Ave.

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

None except for city water department service vehicles.

- c. 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).

Tank site will be serviced by access driveway from Chronicle st. currently under construction

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

Project will provide water to adjacent development.

- 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?

Less than one per day.

- 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:

NA

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

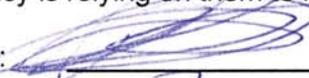
- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.  
Project will provide fire protection and public water
  
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.  
NA. Project provides public services

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

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:  
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
NONE
  
- e. 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.  
Electrical, Avista, Water City of Spokane

**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 Peter D. Rayner

Position and Agency/Organization Baron Hill Spokane

Date Submitted: 4/27/2020

## ***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.