



## **King County**

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## **Determination of Non-Significance**

*Name of Proposal:* Riverbend Levee Setback and Floodplain Restoration Project

*Description of Proposal:*

King County Water and Land Resources Division (WLRD) is proposing to restore riverine processes and reduce flood hazards along the Cedar River at the Riverbend project site. Previous property purchases and structure demolitions have prepared the site for the restoration project. The project will reconnect approximately 52 acres of floodplain, enhance connection to existing off channel habitats and create over 5,000 linear feet of new side-channel habitat on the site. This will be accomplished by removing approximately 3,000 linear feet of existing levee/revetment, excavating approximately 170,000 cubic yards of fill, raising the bottom elevation of a relict gravel mine (Cavanaugh Pond) to surrounding floodplain elevation and placement of over 450 pieces of large wood within the newly created channels and active floodplain. Large wood, placed as single pieces, in clusters or as jams will be strategically placed to provide instream cover, help stabilize channels and create roughness and promote habitat formation within the floodplain. The project will also include approximately 1,600 linear feet of new buried setback revetment outside of the floodplain that will protect SR 169, the Cedar River Trail and adjacent private property from damage from potential future channel migration.

*Location of Proposal:*

The project site is located between the Cedar River and State Route 169 (Renton-Maple Valley Highway), from River Mile (RM) 6.5 to RM 7.4., in Section 23, Township 24 North, Range 05 East.

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**Proponent and Lead Agency:** King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks  
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The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON REQUEST (for a nominal photocopying fee).

THIS DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) is issued under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal until after **November 27, 2018**. Comments must be submitted or postmarked by that date.

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