



## **King County**

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# **State Environmental Policy Act Determination of Non-Significance**

**Date:** August 20, 2024

**Name of Proposal:** May Creek Cemetery Pond Wetland Protection & Restoration Project

**Agency Contact:** Allison Cook, Project Ecologist

### ***Description of Proposal:***

The King County (County) Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Water and Land Resources Division is proposing a project to improve water quality in the May Creek basin through protection and restoration of Cemetery Pond. The Project has been identified as a high-ranking recommendation project in the Final Adopted May Creek Action Plan (King County 2001). The proposed Project includes cleanup of existing trash, replanting of native vegetation, and restoration of filled wetland areas through removal of historical fill and paving material.

The proposed design includes the following key elements:

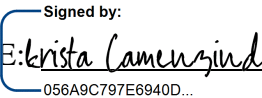
- Removal of previously placed fill (wetland restoration)
- Expansion of the existing wetland (wetland restoration)
- Restoration of wetland vegetation and habitat features within the expansion boundary (wetland restoration)
- Maintenance and enhancement of the wetland buffer by removal of obsolete site improvements and invasive plant species
- Construction of pedestrian amenities and re-stripping existing right-of-way (ROW) pavement for parking stalls.

### ***Location of Proposal:***

The Project is located adjacent to the intersection of Southeast 128th Street and 165th Avenue Southeast, in unincorporated King County just outside of the city limits of Renton, Washington, in Section 13 and 14, Township 23 North, Range 5 East of the Willamette Meridian. The 14.1-acre Project area is bordered by Southeast 128th Street to the north, 166th Avenue Southeast to the east, and 164th Avenue Southeast to the west. The project area will also include parts of the Southeast 128th Street and 164th Avenue Southeast Right of Way.

**Responsible Official:** Josh Baldi  
**Position/Title:** Division Director, Water and Land Resources Division  
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**DATE:** 8/22/2024

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**Proponent and Lead Agency:** King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks  
Water and Land Resources Division

**Contact Person(s):** Allison Cook, Project Ecologist, 206--477-2101

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) or by visiting <https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dnrp/nature-recreation/environment-ecology-conservation/stormwater-surface-water-management/capital-services-unit/cemetery-pond>.

***This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:***

The proposal is not likely to have a significant adverse environmental impact. The Project will restore and expand wetlands and enhance public access to green spaces.

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 **September 16, 2024**. Comments must be submitted or postmarked by that date.

For additional information, please contact:

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There is no agency appeal of this determination.