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State Environmental Policy Act Determination of Non-Significance

Date: October 29, 2020

Name of Proposal: Fairwood Crest Fish Barrier Removal (Project #1117559)

Description of Proposal:

King County proposes to remove a man-made fish barrier in Molasses Creek by modifying an in-stream stormwater detention facility. Approximately 183-feet of pipe (consisting primarily of 48-inch-diameter pipe) and drainage structures (catch basins) will be removed. Approximately 190-feet of roughened stream channel will be created.

The new stream channel will be created generally along the existing stream corridor, but rather than being buried underground the stream will run through a new open channel. The topography and vegetation of the site immediately adjacent to the stream corridor will change from flat, grassy open space to a sloped open channel and with native trees and shrubs along the stream banks. The new channel will be lined with streambed aggregates, boulders and large woody debris. Other work within the same property includes adjustments to the remaining pipe and catch basin system downstream of the new channel and planting a new riparian corridor along both sides of the new stream channel. The total project area is 0.9 acre, and the total area of excavation and fill is approximately 0.5 acre.

King County has coordinated closely with the primary landowner, Fairwood Crest Homeowners Association. The project requires a land use permit (clearing and grading permit) to further ensure the project is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans.

This work will result in the removal of a seven-foot drop between pipes in an existing catch basin, which is a fish barrier. The need for removal of the barrier is documented in HPA 2016-4-390+01.

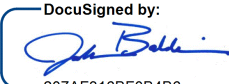
Location of Proposal:

The proposal is located within and adjoining the Fairwood Crest neighborhood community park and open space that lies in the 16500 block between 132nd Place SE and 133rd Place SE. This is in unincorporated King County near the City of Renton. The site is located at latitude 47.454812, longitude -122.162822 in the northwest quarter of Section 27, Township 23N,

Range 05E (Willamette meridian). The location can be found on page 656, grid G6 of the Thomas Brothers Guide.

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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) or by visiting <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/wlr/sections-programs/stormwater-services-section/capital-services-unit.aspx>

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

The proposal is not likely to have a significant adverse environmental impact as potential adverse impacts will be avoided, reduced or controlled to a level of non-significance. The project overall is anticipated to have a beneficial impact to the natural environment.

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 12, 2020. **Comments must be submitted by phone, email, or U.S. mail with a postmark by November 12, 2020**, or for additional information, contact:

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In accordance with King County Code 20.44.120, there is no administrative appeal of this determination.