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Notice of Action

Fairwood Crest Fish Barrier Removal (Project #1117559)

Notice is hereby given under State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C.080, that King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Water and Land Resources Division (WLRD), Stormwater Services Section took the action described in item 2 below on November 17, 2020.

1. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of non-compliance with the provisions of Chapter 43.21C RCW shall be commenced on or before 4:00 pm on December 15, 2020.
2. **Description of Agency Action:** The agency made a decision to proceed with the Fairwood Crest Fish Barrier Removal (Project #1117559). Following this Notice of Action, WLRD will obtain required permits and approvals, and proceed to construction.
3. **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 and drainage structures 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 an open stream channel with sloped stream banks. The new channel will be lined with streambed aggregates, boulders and large woody debris. The stream banks will be planted with native trees and shrubs. Other work within the same property includes adjustments to the remaining pipe and catch basin system downstream of the new 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 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.


Construction is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2021. Active construction is estimated to take up to 20 days in the summer months. Plant installation is estimated to take three days in the fall of 2021 and another three days in the spring of 2022.

4. **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.
5. **Type of Environmental Review under SEPA:** As the SEPA lead agency, WLRD issued a Determination of Non-Significance on October 29, 2020, upon having determined that the project does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. A SEPA environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed SEPA Environmental Checklist (ECL) and supporting information on file with the lead agency.
6. **Document Availability:** General project information is available on the project website at <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/wlr/sections-programs/stormwater-services-section/capital-services-unit/fairwood-crest-fish-barrier-removal>. Additional project information on file with the lead agency can be made available by contacting the Project Manager, Rachel Berryessa, at Rachel.Berryessa@kingcounty.gov or 206-477-4644.
7. **Name of Agency, Proponent or Applicant Giving Notice:** King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, WLRD
8. **This Notice is Filed By:**

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