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

Date: 3/30/2026

Name of Proposal: White Center Ponds Retrofit

Agency Contact: Allison Cook

Description of Proposal:

The White Center Ponds Retrofit Project will upgrade an aging regional stormwater facility that serves the White Center community. The project will improve water-quality treatment in Cells 2 and 3, which receive runoff from 72 acres of highly urbanized and mostly impervious land. The retrofit will increase storage and treatment capacity to remove sediment, excess nutrients, and bacteria. A pre-settling vault at the inlet will capture trash, debris and sediment to improve long-term system performance and reduce downstream impacts. Native emergent vegetation will be planted in the ponds to support natural filtration, along with upland plantings of shrubs and trees to improve habitat and provide shade. Safety and public-access improvements will help deter illicit activities and reduce improper disposal by improving sightlines, adding pathway lighting, and completing a looped multi-use trail. These upgrades will create a more secure and accessible open space for the community while maintaining the facility's primary stormwater function.

Location of Proposal:

The proposed project is located in unincorporated King County, Washington in Section 6, Township 23 North, Range 4 East of the Willamette Meridian. The project area consists of the White Center Pond (Cells 2 and 3) located between Southwest Roxbury Street and Southwest 100th Street in the unincorporated community of White Center. The project area is within Cell 2 and Cell 3, which are located within parcels 797320-0790, 0623049403 and 797320-0715.

Responsible Official: Josh Baldi

Position/Title: Division Director, Water and Land Resources Division

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SIGNATURE:  Signed by: _____

Proponent and Lead Agency: King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks
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Contact Person(s): Allison Cook, Project Manager, 206-321-1946

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/white-center-ponds>.

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

The proposal is not likely to have a significant adverse environmental impact. OR All potential impacts will be mitigated to a level of insignificance and the overall effect on the environment will be beneficial. *[Revise this rationale for non-significance –such as mitigation measures that adequately address potential impacts, summary of permit conditions, etc. as appropriate and delete this verbiage]*

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 **4/29/2026**. (NOTE: Date must be at least 14 days from date of issuance) 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.