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ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Because of the State Environmental Policy Act, the action for which you are filing a Notice of Construction and Application for Approval to this Agency requires the completion of an environmental checklist.

BUT: If you can answer "yes" to either of the following statements with respect to the action being proposed, the attached checklist need not be completed:

1. I have obtained a State, City, or County Permit and filled out an environmental checklist.

☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

If yes, complete the following:

State, City or County Department: _____

Date the checklist was completed: _____

Attach a copy of the checklist

2. An environmental checklist or assessment has previously been filled out for another agency.

☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If yes, complete the following:

Agency: The Town of Darrington

Date the checklist was completed: 8/4/21

Attach a copy of the checklist

If your answers are NO to both of the above statements, you must complete the attached environmental checklist.

Prepared by:

Signature _____

Name _____

Position _____

Agency/Organization _____

Date Submitted _____

Town of Darrington

SEPA Determination
WAC 197-11-970
MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal:

The Town of Darrington (hereafter referred to as "the Town"), in conjunction with Forterra, INC., proposes an access road, walking paths, and water main through the site to serve the Darrington Wood Innovation Center (DWIC), which will reside on a landlocked property approximately 700 feet north and northeast of State Highway 530. The waking path will connect with the Whitehorse Trail, a regional recreational amenity, north of the main DWIC campus. This is part of a phased project to be built on 93.6 acres within the northwest portion of the Town's Urban Growth Area (UGA). The DWIC and its associated infrastructure, including roads, utilities, and parking, will occupy 43 acres of the site. Early clearing and grading proposes to clear approximately 33 total acres, remove approximately 1.5 feet of duff, and build a temporary construction access road off of Washington State Routh (SR) 530. For purposes of roadwork, walking trail, and the water main, there will be approximately 3200 cubic yards of excavation which will then be replaced by asphalt and gravel. Impervious coverage would be less than 3 percent of the total parcel.

Proponent: Glen M. Lyons, OAC Services, Inc. on behalf of The Town of Darrington and Forterra

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

1300 Block of SR 530, Darrington, WA 98241

Lead agency: The Town of Darrington

Threshold Determination:
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 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.

Mitigation Measures:

1. This SEPA decision is for the Access Road and pedestrian walkways for the DWIC only. A separate SEPA checklist shall be submitted with a threshold determination decision made based on a detailed site plan and supplemental documents for any additional phases of the project.
2. Protection of any Critical Areas on site shall be delineated on site with high visibility fencing.
3. The construction contractor must obtain and adhere to a Washington State Department of Ecology Construction Stormwater Permit, and keep a small project SWPPP, including a spill plan on site.
4. The construction contractor must comply with Best Management Practices Standards and Specifications for source control of stormwater pollution, preservation of natural drainage systems and outfalls, on-site stormwater management, runoff Treatment, Flow Control, and Critical Areas protection as prescribed under Volume 2 of the Washington Department of Ecology Stormwater Management in Western Washington, 2012 edition.
5. The construction contractor must implement a "No-idle" policy for all trucks and equipment on site while not operating to reduce construction noise and air quality impacts of construction.
6. Any proposed changes or adjustments to the Development Agreement shall be submitted for review by the Town of Darrington Council and mayor and shall require an amendment to the SEPA Checklist.

☐ There is no comment period for this MDNS.

☐ This MDNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

■ This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 21 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by August 23, 2021.

Town of Darrington

SEPA Determination
WAC 197-11-970
MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Responsible official: Dianne Allen

Position/title: Town of Darrington SEPA Officer **Phone:** (360) 436-1131

Address: PO Box 397, Darrington, WA 98241

Date. 8-04-2021 **Signature** Dianne Allen

■ You may appeal this determination to Dianne Allen at Town Hall 1005 Cascade Street, Darrington, WA 98241 no later than 5:00 pm August 23, 2021 by mail or submit written comments in person at 1005 Cascade Street, Darrington, WA 98241.

You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Contact Dianne Allen to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals.

There is no agency appeal per DMC 17.116.010 (C). Judicial appeals can be made to the Growth Management Hearing Board on the overall action as per RCW 43.21C.075

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SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background [HELP]

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: Darrington Wood Innovation Center Early Clear and Grade

2. Name of applicant: Town of Darrington

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: Dianne Allen, Town Clerk
1005 Cascade St. PO Box 397, Darrington, WA 98241 360-436-1131

4. Date checklist prepared: August 14, 2020

5. Agency requesting checklist: Snohomish County

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):
Permit Application: August 17, 2020
Clearing and Grading: March – June 2021

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

Yes. This SEPA checklist covers the Clear and Grade proposal. This early clearing and grading permit is for the site preparation for the final condition. The final condition of the DWIC will include vehicular roads, pedestrian pathways, two slab-on-grade buildings, landscaping, and stormwater infiltration facilities

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.
Scoping assessment – April 10, 2019, Amy Lucas
Wetland Survey – October 2019, GeoEngineers
Geotech Analysis – November 2019, MTC
Wetland Delineation Report prepared January 31, 2020 GeoEngineers

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

No applications are currently pending for government approval affecting the property covered by the proposal.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Snohomish County Clearing and Grading permit
Snohomish County Land Disturbing Activity permit
WSDOT Access Connection Permit

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

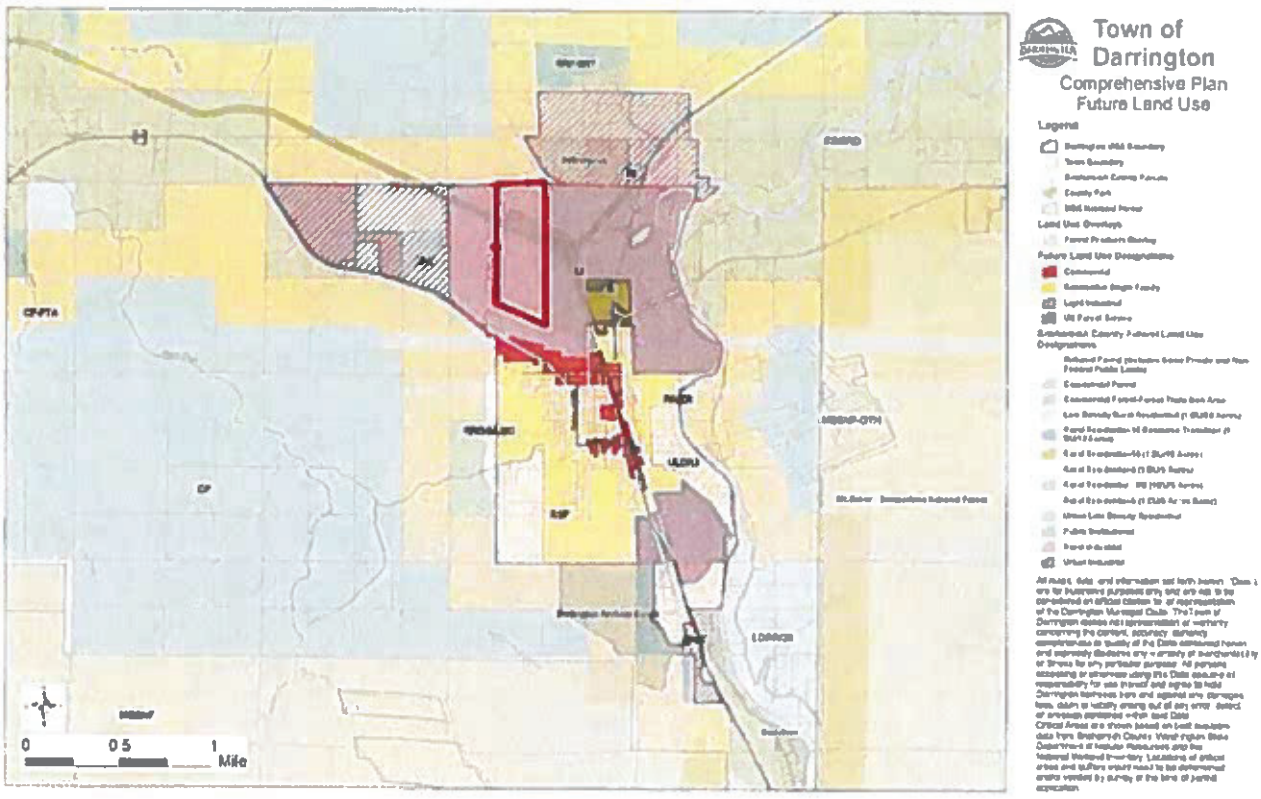
The Town of Darrington (the Town), in conjunction with Forterra, Inc. is proposing the development of the Darrington Wood Innovation Center (DWIC), as a phased project, to be built on a 93.6 acre site on the northwest side of the Town within the Darrington Urban Growth Area. The DWIC and its associated

infrastructure such as roads, parking and utilities will occupy 43 acres of the site. The DWIC early clearing and grading package proposes to clear approximately 33 acres on-site, remove roughly 1.5 feet of duff, perform minor grading, and construct a temporary construction access road off of SR-530.

An additional 15 acres owned by Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be cleared and developed in the future for access to the site. The full project will consist of 203,250 square feet of building pads, 2 parking areas providing 140 stalls, and roadways for access and operations. A cumulative total of 58 acres will be cleared for development on the south portion of the site, and the remaining 50 acres will be left in a natural state. Passive footpaths, including a foot path to the Whitehorse Regional Trail may be also developed in the future.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

1300 Block of SR 530 (no address)
Darrington, WA 98241
Located within the Town of Darrington UGA as defined in the following map



Site Legal Description:

Snohomish County Parcel 32091400200300

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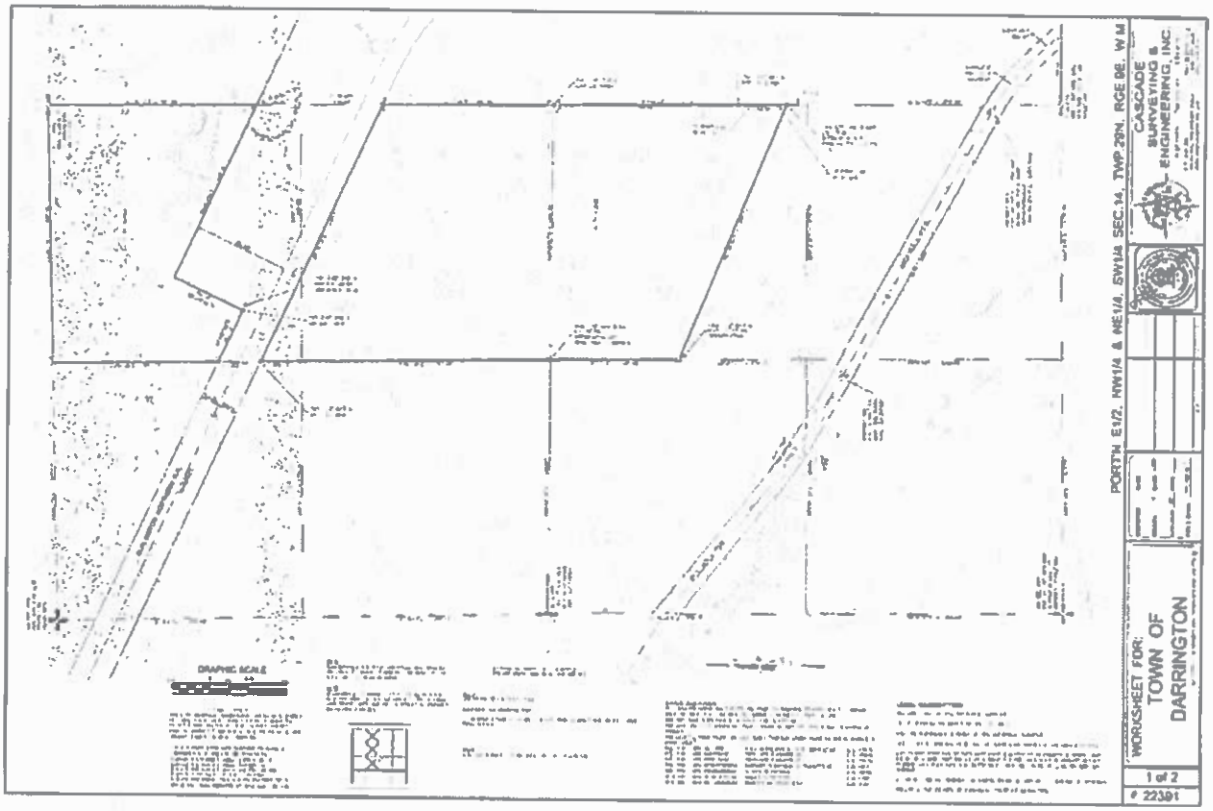
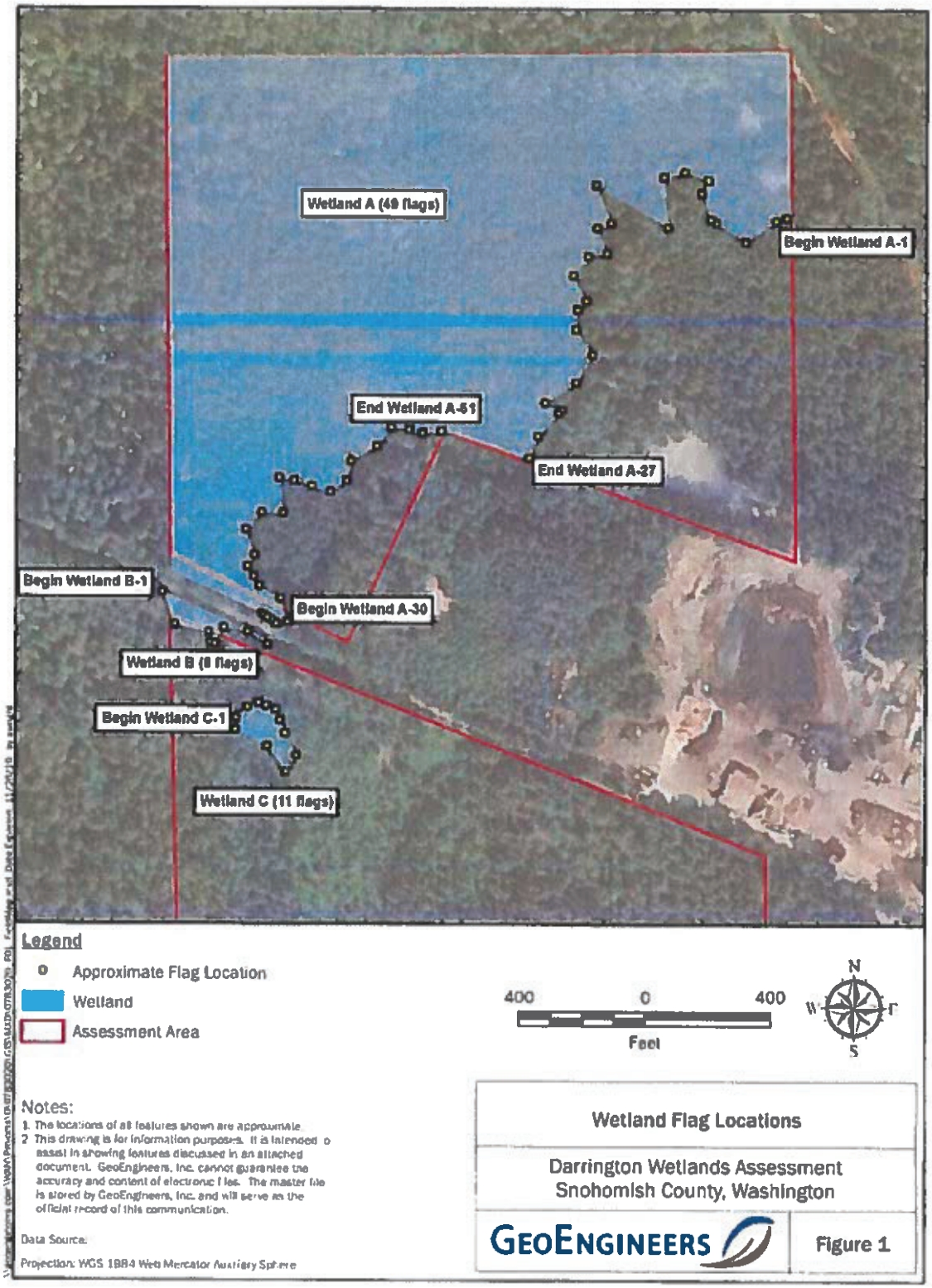
The project site is defined under the following Site Survey and Critical Area Survey maps.

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2. This drawing is for information purposes. It is intended to assist in showing features discussed in an attached document. GeoEngineers, Inc. cannot guarantee the accuracy and content of electronic files. The master file is stored by GeoEngineers, Inc. and will serve as the official record of this communication.
Data Source:
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Wetland Flag Locations
Darrington Wetlands Assessment
Snohomish County, Washington
GeoEngineers
Figure 1

B. Environmental Elements [HELP]

1. Earth [help]

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): (Flat,) rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? Less than 5%

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

The following soils can be found within the site:

Greenwater Loamy Sands
The site generally consists of a layer of organic sand to silty sand topsoil overlying alluvial soils and lahar deposits. The alluvial soils and lahar deposits are predominantly sand

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

There is no history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Topsoil removal and rough grading will be preformed on 33.2 acres to prepare the site and access road for the final condition. There will be approximately 80,880 cubic yards (CY) of top soil cut and approximately 42,854 CY cut and 31,469 CY fill of rough grading.

A 0.7 acre access road will be built to access the site. Approximately 1,620 CY cut will be performed to prepare the access road and approximately 1,620 CY fill of crushed surfacing base course will be imported.

A geotechnical report produced by MTC on January 14, 2020 concluded the site does not appear susceptible to potential deep settlement from loose or soft soils or liquefaction-induced settlement after development. Design and Construction Recommendations within the geotechnical report will be implemented including, but not limited to, removing organic topsoils and soft upper soils will be removed to native subgrade, subgrade compaction, and fill compaction.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Erosion is not anticipated to occur as slopes are generally flat and erosion control Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented according to NPDES and Construction Stormwater General Permit requirements. At project completion, the site will be permanently stabilized.

A geotechnical report produced by MTC on January 14, 2020 provided construction and site recommendations for stormwater runoff during the wet season which will be followed and implemented as part of the Stormwater Pollution Protection Plan.

The final conditions will ensure that all surface runoff is treated on-site and the entire project area will be graded to drain as sheet-flow runoff towards drainage swales and/or infiltration ponds. The ponds will be sized subject to the 2017 Snohomish County Drainage Manual and will comply with flow control, water quality, and on-site stormwater management. Additionally, there are no anticipated runoff impacts from the manufacturing activities taking place inside the facilities.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

For this phase of the project, 2.0% of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces. Cumulatively, under final conditions, the DWIC and its associated infrastructure such as roads, parking and utilities will occupy 43 acres of the site (46%).

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

The native shallow sandy subgrade at presumed excavation depths are unlikely to become moisture sensitive during construction. During wet weather, the contractor will take measures to protect exposed subgrades and limit construction traffic during earthwork activities as appropriate. Erosion control BMPs such as silt fencing and slope protection will be implemented according to NPDES and Construction Stormwater General Permit requirements.

Once a subgrade has been approved, further measures will be implemented to prevent degradation or disturbance of the subgrade. These measures could include, but are not limited to, placing a layer of crushed rock or lean concrete on the exposed subgrade, or covering the exposed subgrade with a plastic tarp and keeping construction traffic off the subgrade.

During wet weather, earthen berms or other methods will be used to prevent runoff from draining into excavations. All runoff will be collected and disposed of properly. Measures may also be required to reduce the moisture content of on-site soils in the event of wet weather. These measures can include, but are not limited to, air drying and soil amendment, etc.

Since the native site soils may be difficult to work with during periods of wet weather due to elevated soil moisture content, and frozen soil is not suitable for use as structural fill, earthwork activities will generally take place in late spring, summer or early fall.

2. Air [help]

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Construction activities may produce dust from groundwork. During this process, truck and heavy equipment will also emit exhaust.
Under final operations, the site will be powered by site generated wood waster

incinerated in bio-mass boilers, and additional wood waste will be transported to a Co-Gen plant less than 1 mile from the site.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

There are no off site sources of emissions or odor that will affect the proposal.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

Impacts from wood generated energy consumption will be minimal to residents as the site is zoned Industrial. Maintaining forested buffers on the south, east and west of the site, and maintaining forested conditions on the remaining norther 50 acres of the site, will reduce impacts of emissions, as well as implementing a "No Idle" zone during truck loading and unloading during operational periods.

3. Water [help]

a. Surface Water: [help]

1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

There are no surface water bodies on or in the immediate vicinity of the site.

2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

Non-applicable

3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

No wetlands will be disturbed on the site, and will be protected as a Critical Area.

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No, the project does not require surface water withdrawals or diversions.

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

No, the site is not within the 100 year floodplain.

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

No, the proposal does not involve any discharges of waste materials to surface

waters.

b. Ground Water: [help]

1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No, the site will be served by Town of Darrington municipal water.

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

No wastewater will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

On-site and access road stormwater runoff will employ full dispersion and disperse to the existing forested land to the north, identical to the existing condition. Stormwater runoff from the temporary construction access road will sheet flow disperse to the northwest.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

The proposed development would not generate waste material run-off into ground or surface waters.

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

The proposal will not alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site, and mimics the natural drainage pattern by dispersing stormwater to the north.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

The project will use stormwater infiltration and/or filtration combined with other low impact development (LID) best management practices (BMPs) to satisfy stormwater management requirements. There is currently no stormwater infrastructure available for connection or extension. No discharges to surface waters are proposed.

A NPDES permit will be required for the excavation and construction phase to mitigate adverse stormwater impacts from construction activities. The project is not mapped within a single source aquifer recharge area. The site is currently flat and forested, nearly all surface water runoff currently infiltrates. The project would mimic existing stormwater mechanisms by collecting and conveying runoff from impervious surfaces to infiltration facilities, and cause no changes to surface water runoff patterns.

4. *Plants* [help]

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

__X_deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
__X_evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
__X_shrubs
__X_grass
____pasture
____crop or grain
____ Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
__X_ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
____water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
__X_other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

43 acres of shrub and secondary growth forest, planted for harvest

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

There are no threatened or endangered species observed on or known to be near the site.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

The site will be landscaped according to Snohomish County Code, and 50 acres north of the development will remain in natural, forested conditions.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

Pasture grass, Himalayan blackberry, California blackberry, cut-leaf blackberry, scotch broom, thistle and reed canary grass were observed on the site.

5. *Animals* [help]

a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

Birds: Hawks, eagles, songbirds, hummingbirds, swifts

Mammals: Deer, bear, coyotes, mountain lions, various small mammals

Fish: salmon, trout, chum are present in the Stillaguamish and Sauk Rivers within a mile of the site

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

Observed on Site: None
Source:

Potentially Near Site:
Source: Critical Areas Report
Marbled Murrelet
Grey Wolf
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Oregon Spotted Frog
North American Wolverine
Steelhead Trout
Chinook Salmon
Bull Trout

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

The site is located along possible migration route of: Marbled Murrelet, Bald Eagle, various swift and hummingbird species

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

The conceptual design proposes to keep all critical areas including buffers undisturbed and protected as open space as well as maintain 50 acres in natural, forested conditions.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

None known or observed

6. Energy and Natural Resources [help]

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

The early clearing and grading scope does not require any energy. The facility will be

powered by site generated wood waster incinerated in bio-mass boilers, and additional wood waste will be transported to a Co-Gen plant less than 1 mile from the site.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

The proposed development would not affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

No energy conservation features are proposed.

7. Environmental Health [help]

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

The project does not propose any development that would result in any environmental health hazards. The primary facilities – the sawmill, CLT/glulam plant, and modular assembly factory – will not utilize or produce any toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances.

1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

None on site

2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

None on site

3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

None are proposed

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

No special emergency services will be required

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

No environmental health hazards are anticipated

b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

Seasonal logging may produce noise that affects the project site, but would be minimal.

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Construction levels may exceed 55 decibels of exterior noise, however there are no residences near the site. Construction will occur during allowed periods of operation.

Final operation noise levels may exceed 55 decibels of exterior noise during shipping and delivery when trucks enter and leave the site.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

Construction-related noises will be kept to a minimum and limited to the allowable hours for construction operations. Forested conditions will be retained on the all sides of the proposed facility, with 50 acres remaining in natural conditions, minimizing noise impacts to the regional trail and future campground.

8. Land and Shoreline Use [help]

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

The site is zoned Heavy Industrial and is currently in use as forested timber land. Adjacent properties are zoned Commercial Forest and Light Industrial. No land uses on adjacent or nearby properties will be affected.

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

The site has been used as working forest lands in the past. Forty-three (43) acres will be converted for development.

1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

No, the project will not affect or be affected by surrounding working forest land normal business operations, and will supplement the forestry industry in the Town of Darrington

c. Describe any structures on the site.

There are no structures on the site.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

Non-applicable

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

Heavy Industrial

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Urban Industrial

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

Non-applicable

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

No part of the site has been classified as a critical area by Snohomish County. A wetland was surveyed on the northern portion of the parcel which will be left in natural conditions.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

No people will reside or work in the completed clearing and grading scope. The proposed project would employ approximately 150 people directly and could employ up to 400 indirectly through logging and trucking jobs.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

No people would be displaced.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

Non-applicable.

L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

The project is an allowed land use within the Heavy Industrial zone, and the proposed use fits the logging and timber use surrounding the parcel.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

The project will support harvests on nearby forest lands.

9. Housing [help]

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Non-applicable, this is not a residential project

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Non-applicable, this is not a residential project

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

Non-applicable

10. Aesthetics [help]

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

No structures are proposed as part of the early clearing and grading scope. The tallest proposed structure in the final project would be 65 feet on one side.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

No views will be obstructed.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

No impacts are expected during the Clearing and Grading phase. Maximum height in the zone is sixty-five feet. No building will exceed this height, and vegetated buffers are proposed on the south, east and west, while forested conditions will be maintained on the northern 50 acres of the site.

11. Light and Glare [help]

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

No light or glare will be produced from the proposed facility or construction.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

No light glare from the finished project will be a safety hazard or interfere with views.

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

There are no off-site sources of light or glare that may affect the proposal.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

Non-applicable

12. Recreation [help]

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Fishing, bicycling, baseball fields, regional trail, passive recreation

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No recreational uses will be displaced. Additional passive recreation space may be added by any future development as footpaths within the natural area and as a connection to the Whitehorse Regional Trail.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

Non-applicable.

13. Historic and cultural preservation [help]

a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers ? If so, specifically describe.

There are no buildings present on the site.

b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

The Washington State Archaeological Predictive Model rates the site at High Risk for discovery. A Cultural Resources Survey was conducted between July 16 – August 29, 2019 consisting of 75 separate shovel probes. One site of camping or timber activity refuse was discovered, but it was concluded that no precontact cultural resources exist on the site.

c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

As part of the Cultural Resources Study, WillametteCRA consulted with archeologists from the Sauk Suiattle Tribe, and Cultural Resources staff from the Stillaguamish Tribe. The Tribal representatives from the Sauk Suiattle and Stillaguamish were on site during archaeology survey work. No

evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation was found within surveyed areas.

d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

A cultural resources study was performed in August of 2019. No evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation was found within surveyed areas. The archaeology consulting firm placed recommendations within the Archaeology Investigation Report that recommended a Universal Discovery Plan for development of the site.

14. Transportation [help]

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

The site is accessed from State Route 530, a Washington state highway. An access permit will be obtained from WSDOT for an access road to enter the site from SR 530.

b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

Community Transit provides a bus stop within a half mile of the property. The owners will work with the transit authority on future service prior to development of the site.

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

The early clearing and grading will not add any parking spaces and eliminates zero spaces. The final development will provide approximately 140 parking stalls within 2 parking areas.

d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

The development will not require improvements to existing roads or state transportation facilities, but access roads as well as internal roadways will be constructed as part of the project.

e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

The project is adjacent to the Darrington Municipal Airport but does not obstruct flight paths or runways, and does not occur within the Runway Clear Zone. The project does not occur in the immediate vicinity of water or rail transportation.

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

Project Trip Generation Method (Estimated PM Peak Hour Trips)

Programmatic (estimated based on anticipated scheduling) – 101 trips
ITE Trip Generation Manual
Employee – 66 trips (recommended method and presented in memo)
Acres – 150 trips
Square-feet – 168 trips

g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

No, the project will not interfere with or affect the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area. The adjacent tree farm is access via a separate roadway. The project may be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on nearby roadways during times of production.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

This is a non-project action, The conceptual design includes commercial square footage including a Town Center. The intent of the development is to increase employment within the Town and reduce employment oriented commuting and commuting for goods and services within the region. A more detailed traffic study will need to be performed when a site plan detailing square footage for specific uses is submitted for permitting.

15. Public Services [help]

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

No, the project is not anticipated to result in an increased need for public services.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

Not applicable; no public services impacts are anticipated.

16. Utilities [help]

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other _____

The site is currently undeveloped

d. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

No utilities are proposed for early clearing and grading scope
The final facility will be powered by site generated wood waster incinerated in bio-mass boilers, and additional wood waste will be transported to a Co-Gen plant less than 1 mile from the site.
Water will be provided by the Darrington Municipal Water system.
Garbage collection service will be provided by Snohomish County Waste Management
Phone and other communications will be provided by Ziply Fiber Communications
Waste water will be treated by an onsite waste water treatment system

C. Signature [HELP]

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: Dianne Allen

Name of signee Dianne Allen

Position and Agency/Organization Town of Darrington SEPA Officer

Date Submitted: 8-18-2020

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [HELP]

(**IT IS NOT NECESSARY** to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.