# Cosser Jackson Highway Tiny Homes

# **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 <u>all parts of your proposal</u>, 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 <u>SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D)</u>. 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

- 1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:
  - **Cosser Jackson Hwy Tiny Homes**
- 2. Name of applicant:
  - Cassondra Fuller/Fuller Designs
- 3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:
  - 1101 Kresky Ave, Centralia, WA 98531

- 4. Date checklist prepared: 5/05/21
- 5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Chehalis

- 6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):
  - Spring/Summer 2021
- 7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

No

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

No environmental information has been prepared.

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 pending.

- 10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. Road Approach Permit, Utility Service Permit, Short Plat 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 site will have approximately 56 home sites, storm tract, and conservation tract.

  The property will then be split into 4 parcels to create "blocks" 13-15 homes each.

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.

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#### B. Environmental Elements

1.	Earth	
a.	General description of the site:	

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b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

15%

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.

**Reed Silty Clay Loam** 

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

No

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.

Approximately 2300CY of excavation and 1200CY of fill is expected.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. Erosion affecting surrounding properties is unlikely. Appropriate TESC measures will be in place.

prior to construction start. Once site is stabilized erosion is highly unlikely.
g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

About 40% of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: Erosion control measures will be in place and BMP's will be implemented. Measures include: silt fence, high visibility fencing, construction entrances, seeding, plastic covering, etc.. See TESC plan and SWPPP.

#### 2. Air

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.

During Construction you will have emissions and dust from standard construction equipment. After

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

No, off-site sources of emissions or oder.

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

Exhaust systems on construction equipment and de-watering for dust.

#### 3. Water

- a. Surface Water:
  - 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.

No surface water body in the immediate vicinity.

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.

No

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.

None

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

No

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

No, the property does not lie within a 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 discharges of waste materials to surface waters is proposed.

#### b. Ground Water:

- 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. Domestic water will be provided by the City of Chehalis. Minor infiltration is expected to discharge to groundwater through storm-water systems after treatment.
- 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. The sewer will be ran to the Lewis County Sewer District #4 public sewer system.
- 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.
    - Rain water will be collected and treated through approved filter and biotreatment systems. Pipe and pond detention systems will discharge at natural locations.
  - 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.
    - Approved treatment systems are to be installed with appropriate maintenance agreement. Waste contamination is unlikely.
  - 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

No

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

Yes standard TESC measures and BMPs will be implemented. See erosion control plans.

#### 4. Plants

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

	Xdeciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, otherevergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, otherXshrubsXgrassXpasture
	crop or grain Crop or grain Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops. wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other other types of vegetation
b.	What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?  Standard pasture type vegetation on the property will be removed in order to build homes, roads, parking areas, and storm systems. There will be a portion on the East-side that will be used as a conservation area.
c.	List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.
	None that we know of.
d.	Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:  Manicured lawns will be placed on site. Pond areas will be seeded with biofiltration seed mix. BMP T5.13 for compost amended soils will be utilized to enhance vegetation.
e.	List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.
	Scotch broom and other minor weeds exist onsite. Invasive weeds and brush will be removed from site.
5.	Animals
	<u>List</u> any birds and <u>other</u> 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
b.	List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.  None that we know of.
c.	Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.
	This site is apart of the Pacific Fly Away Route.
d.	Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:  Approximately 2 acres of the eastern portion of the site will be preserved in its native condition.
e.	List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

None that we know of.

## 6. Energy and Natural Resources

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.

Electric and Natural gas are anticipated to be used as the primary energy source for this project. Solar and wood stove may be installed to supplement.

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

No

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:

This project will follow the 2018 IBC and will comply with energy conservation requirements listed in the code.

#### 7. Environmental Health

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.

No

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

#### None known

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

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.

Fuels for equipment will be used and stored properly on site during construction. Standard household chemicals will be onsite during operation.

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

None. Standard fire, police and ambulatory services are expected.

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

Safely store all fuels for equipment. Implement source control BMPs. See SWPPP

#### b. Noise

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

None. Standard traffic noise from the adjacent road currently exists.

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.

Standard short term construction noise and standard long term residential noise.

Construction is expected to occur from 6am to 6pm.
3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

Noise for construction would only happen during the week days.

#### 8. Land and Shoreline Use

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 and surrounding properties are currently zoned R-UGA. The proposed development will not affect land use of surrounding properties

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?

No

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

c. Describe any structures on the site.

No structures on site.

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

N/A

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

The site currently is zoned R-UGA.

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

**Urban Growth Area- Residental** 

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

Not applicable

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

A drainage ditch has been identified on the South property line. This drainage ditch is mapped in the Lewis County
GIS Maps however it does not have any buffer associated with it. Steep slopes are located on the Eastern portion of
the project site. This area will remain undeveloped. No further critical areas are located on site.

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

There is going to be 56 tiny homes. Approximately 112-168 people would reside within the property.

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

Zero people will be displaced.

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

None

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

Project will be approved through hearings examiner process, public meetings, and city staff approval processes.

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

**None Proposed** 

## 9. Housing

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

56 tiny homes with low to middle income housing.

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

None

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

None

#### 10. Aesthetics

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

12-15 feet is tallest structure. Wood and hardiboard is principal exterior materials

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

None

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

None

## 11. Light and Glare

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

None to minimal. Standard residential glare from reflective building materials like windows is expected. Glare could be expected during daylight hours.

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

No

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

None

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

None

#### 12. Recreation

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

  There will be a small conservation area and playground will be located on site.

  Also, city parks, golf course, and rivers are located within a few miles.
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No existing recreational uses have been displaced.

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

The small conservation area and playground will help control impacts on recreation.

## 13. Historic and cultural preservation

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.

No buildings or structures on 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.

No

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.

WIZAARD, GIS maps, and site visit was used to assess potential cultural and historic impacts.

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.

None

## 14. Transportation

 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 access will be from Jackson Hwy. See attached plans

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?

The nearest transit stop will be located down on Jackson Hwy and Wallace Road.

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

151 parking spaces will be located on property. 2 spaces are provided adjacent to each residence and 39 will be provided in an overflow parking area.

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).

Access from Jackson Highway will be upgraded. Private drive will be located on the site.

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

No

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?

There will be about 7 trips per tiny home. With 56 tiny homes that will be about 392 trips generated per day. Peak volumes will occur between 7-9am and 4-6pm. No truck traffic is expected

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

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

None

#### 15. Public Services

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.

Yes, Standard increases in all services listed are expected. Increases would be consistent with adding 56 single family residences.

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

None

#### 16. Utilities

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

c. 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.

Adjacent public utilities listed above are proposed to be extended onsite to serve new residences. Trenching, pipe installation, and other standard utility extension techniques will be used to construct the services.

## C. Signature

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: Name of signee Cassondra Fuller Position and Agency/Organization \_\_\_ **Project Manager** Date Submitted: 5/17/2021 D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions (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,

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	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.