

# **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

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: Cascade SUD
2. Name of applicant: Cascade Community Healthcare
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:  
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4. Date checklist prepared: Oct 25, 2021
5. Agency requesting checklist: City of Chehalis
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): Completion:  
Summer 2022.
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.
  - a Site plan showing existing building.
  - b A hazardous material survey will be obtained for the existing building in compliance with RCW 49.26.013.
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.  
None.
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. A Conditional Use Permit from the City of Chehalis is required for the project, meeting the criteria identified within RCW 35A.21.430. A Building Permit from the City of Chehalis is required, as well as review and approval of the project by the Construction Review Services department of the Washington State Department of Health. A component of the Building Permit approval will be the requirement for the building to be upgraded with new automatic fire sprinkler system. A component of the sprinkler system installation will be approval from the City of Chehalis Public Works Department for the installation of water service for sprinkler system for the building.

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 existing building is a former church, constructed in 1950. It is currently used as an out-patient facility for treatment of individuals with substance abuse issues, together with associated administrative offices. The proposal is to convert a portion of the building to a Residential Treatment Facility (RTF) licensed by the State of Washington Department of Health to provide 24-hr substance abuse treatment services. The facility would be licensed as a 16-bed RTF (designated as a voluntary facility) under 246-377 WAC. The facility will serve individuals who are homeless, or are formerly homeless and will focus on providing inpatient substance abuse related services, and is intended to address both the clinical needs and the basic health, food, clothing, and personal hygiene needs of individuals receiving services.**

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.

**Section 32 Township 14N Range 02W  
Existing Building Address: 135 West Main Street, Chehalis, Washington 98531.  
This project site is the south side of W Main Street, directly west of the Chehalis Masonic Temple. Other surrounding buildings on the same block are residential.**

## **B. Environmental Elements**

### **1. Earth**

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)?

**The site is predominately flat, with less than 3 feet of grade difference.**

- 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. **Not applicable.**
- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. **None.**
- 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.  
**Not applicable.**
- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.  
**Not applicable.**
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?  
**No change from existing.**
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:  
**Not applicable.**

## **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.  
**Short-term exhaust emissions would be generated from construction equipment typically associated with construction. Some dust emissions may occur depending on the time of year of construction.**
- 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 that impact the project.**
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:  
**None.**

## **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.

There is no surface water body 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.

Not 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.

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

The site does not lie within a designated 100-year flood plan.

- 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.

There will be no discharges of waste materials to surface waters.

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 groundwater withdrawals are planned for this project and no water will be discharged to ground 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.

The project does not include any discharge of waste materials to ground water.

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.

The project will not have a new impact on water elements of the environment from the existing. Storm water of impervious surfaces (including paved areas and building roofs) will be routed to existing storm drainage.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.  
No.

- 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:

The project will not have a new impact on water elements of the environment from the existing.

#### 4. **Plants**

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

X deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

X shrubs

X grass

pasture

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?  
Trees and existing grasses will not be altered by this project.
- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.  
There are no known threatened or endangered plant species at or near the site.
- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:  
None.
- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.  
None observed.

**5. Animals**

- 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. None directly observed, except for small birds and crows.

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 are to be known to be on or near the site.
- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.  
Lewis County is within an avian migratory corridor, the Pacific Flyway, which extends from South America along the Pacific Coast to Bering Sea in Alaska. The site is located immediately adjacent to similar infill housing and commercial and retail development.
- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:  
During construction standard Best Practices will be implemented to prevent erosion and protect water quality. No impacts to wildlife are anticipated.
- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.  
None observed.

## 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.

During construction the project will use electricity to power construction tools. Construction will use electricity, diesel, and gasoline fuels. Electricity will be used for building heat.

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

This project will 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:

This project is designed and conforms to the Washington State Energy 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.

- 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 in the vicinity of the project.**
- 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.**
- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required. **Does not apply.**
- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: **None will be necessary.**



b. *Noise*

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

The site is immediate adjacent to residences and near a commercial/retail area. Minimal noise, primarily associated with vehicle traffic, exists in the area.

- 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.

A minimal increase in noise may occur as a result of construction activities. Once project is complete there is no additional noise expected to originate on the site.

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

Noise muffled machinery and limited construction activities to daytime hours will minimize noise impacts during the construction period. All construction activities will comply with applicable state and local noise regulations.

**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 building is a former church, constructed in 1950. It is currently used as an out-patient facility for treatment of individuals with substance abuse issues, together with associated administrative offices. Adjacent properties include a church and single-family residences.

- 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 non-forest use?

The site not likely used for farmlands or working forest lands in modern history. Existing building was constructed in 1950.

- 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:

Not applicable.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

The building is a former church, constructed in 1950.

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

None.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?  
Central Business District.
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?  
Central Business District
- 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.  
No.
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?  
The completed portion of the building to a Residential Treatment Facility (RTF) licensed by the State of Washington Department of Health to provide 24-hr substance abuse treatment services. The facility will be licensed as a 16-bed RTF. There will be approximately 3-5 staff regularly at the facility on a 24-hour basis, with incidental additional staff for structured programs during the daytime hours.
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?  
None.
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:  
None proposed.
- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:  
Submission of a Conditional Use Application to the City of Chehalis.
- m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:  
Not applicable.

## **9. Housing**

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, mid- dle, or low-income housing.  
The facility would be licensed as a 16-bed Residential Treatment Facility (RTF).

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

No housing would be eliminated.

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

Not Applicable.

## **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?

The existing building would not be changed. Existing windows may be updated as required.

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

No views will be altered or obstructed.

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

Not applicable.

## **11. Light and Glare**

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

Existing exterior lighting will not be altered.

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

Existing exterior lighting will not be altered and will not pose any safety hazards 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 will impact the project.

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

Not applicable.

## **12. Recreation**

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

The City of Chehalis has no designated recreation opportunities in the immediate area of the proposed project.

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

No.

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

Not applicable.

## **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.

The building is a former church, constructed in 1950.

The building is not listed on any recognized local, state, or federal registers or lists as a historic structure eligible for listing as a historic structure.

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.

None observed.

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.

The existing church's interior has been previously extensively renovated for the existing out-patient facility for treatment of individuals with substance abuse issues and associated administrative offices.

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.

As a component of the project funding from the Washington State Department of Commerce, the agency will consult with the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historical Preservation (DAHP) and affected tribes on the potential effects of the proposed project on archaeology and cultural resources.

## 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 project site is on W Main St, in-between N Market Blvd and I-5.

- 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?

Twin Transit Red Line stops on Main St at the Courthouse, and also at Main St and Market Blvd. Both stops are approximately one block away from project site.

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

No changes to existing parking at the project site.

- 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).

No.

- 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 not in the immediate vicinity of water.

- 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 non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

Those served by at this RTF typically do not have vehicles. No estimated changes to vehicular volumes. Existing office use will be replaced with residential use, effectively balancing or creating less vehicle usage of the site.

- 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.

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

**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.

No.

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

No measures are anticipated to reduce or control direct impacts on public services. The operation of the proposed facility will provide services that will potentially mitigate or reduce the extent of services required by law enforcement and medical services.

**16. Utilities**

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:

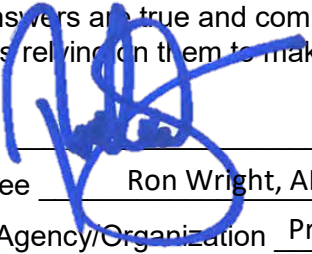
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other \_\_\_\_\_

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.

The following utilities will be used on site: Electricity, Natural Gas, Water, Sanitary Sewer, Telephone, Cable and Internet 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 Ron Wright, AIA

Position and Agency/Organization Principal, Ron Wright & Associates/Architects, P.S.

Date Submitted: 10/26/2021

## ***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, 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.