Notice of Optional SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposal has been determined to have no probable significant adverse impacts on the environment, and that an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). Written comments on the SEPA DNS may be submitted to the Responsible Official by June 5, 2020.

Case number: SLR-2019-00044
Project name: Russo Driveway
Applicant: Mark Russo
Location: 29103 NE Lookout Rd, Camas, WA

Project Description: Grading to construct a residential driveway through the property.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Brent Davis, Program Manager, 564.397.4152 or brent.davis@clark.wa.gov. SEPA documents and other project information can also be found on Clark County's website: www.clark.wa.gov/community-development/wetland-and-habitat-review

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Dan Young, director

Date of this notice: May 21, 2020
Closing date for public comments: June 5, 2020 – fifteen days from notice

Public Comment
The public is encouraged to comment on this proposal. Comments received by the closing date above will be considered before the likely DNS is final. This notice is to inform potentially interested parties about the application and invite written comments regarding any concerns.

In person: The Community Development Permit Center is located in the Public Service Center, first floor, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington 98660.

Mail: Attn: Kristi Mollman
Community Development
P.O. Box 9810
Vancouver, WA. 98666-9810

An accurate mailing address for those mailing comments must be included or they will not qualify as a "Party of Record" and, therefore, will not have standing to appeal the decision.

Appeal
Purpose of checklist:
The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 43.21C, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and agencies identify impacts from your proposal and to help agencies decide whether or not an EIS is required.

Instructions for applicants:
This environmental checklist asks you to describe basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether or not the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. Please answer the questions briefly, giving the most precise information or best description known. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write “do not know” or “does not apply.”

Some questions pertain to governmental regulations such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. If you have problems answering these questions, please contact the Clark County Permit Center for assistance.

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. You may be asked to explain your answers or provide additional information related to significant adverse impacts.

Use of checklist for non-project proposals:
Complete this checklist for non-project proposals (e.g., county plans and codes), even if the answer is “does not apply.” In addition, complete the supplemental sheet for non-project actions (Part D).

For non-project actions, the references in the checklist to the words “project,” “applicant,” and “property or site” should be read as “proposal,” “proposer,” and “affected geographic area,” respectively.
A. Background  

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:
   Russo driveway and future short plat

2. Name of applicant:
   Mark Russo

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:
   29103 NE Lookout Road; Camas, WA 98607

4. Date checklist prepared:
   09/22/19

5. Agency requesting checklist:
   Clark County

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):
   Driveway construction will occur summer 2019. The parcel will may be short platted 2019 or 2020.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.
   The site will go through the short plat process to divide into two 5 acre lots.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.
   The project will be designed and developed in accordance with state and local requirements for stormwater management, erosion control and any other environmental standards.

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 at this time. In the future the site will undergo required approvals for a short plat.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.
Clark County planning, engineering and construction approvals and permits

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 project will construct a driveway through the 10 acre site. In the future, the property will be short platted into two 5 acre lots.

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.

The project is located at NE Hancock Road Camas, WA 98607. Parcel 170645-000. NE ¼ of Sec 12, T2N, R3E.

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)?

40-100%

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.

Olympic Clay Loam (OID) and Olympic Stony Clay Loam (OmE, OmF)

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

The site is mapped as having severe erosion hazard areas and slopes greater than 25%. There are no known unstable slopes on the site.

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.

Grading will occur onsite for infrastructure/driveway development and future home construction. Approximately up to 15,000 CY of grading may occur on the site.
f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.
   Yes, soil could erode due to exposure to rain during construction.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?
   Approximately 5-10%.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:
   Silt fence, inlet protection, mulching and seeding.

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 equipment will emit exhaust. Air may get dusty during construction.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.
   No.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:
   None.

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.
   None Known.

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

No.

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.

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.

Stormwater will be treated, infiltrated or dispersed across the ground using bioretention areas and/or other approved BMP's. Quantity varies depending on rainfall. Individual wells will be drilled to serve future homes.

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.

In the future two septic systems for two homes will be used on-site to dispose of domestic sewage. Sizing of the systems will most likely be based upon a 4-5 bedroom homes.

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.

Stormwater will be managed on the site using infiltration or full dispersion to capture runoff from the driveway and future homes.

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

The stormwater systems will be designed to collect, convey, treat and infiltrate or disperse stormwater runoff from the developed site.

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**
   - ___ shrubs
   - ___ 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?
   
   Some grasses, small trees and shrubs will be stripped for the driveway and future home construction.

   c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.
   
   None known.

   d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:
   
   In the future, private residential landscaping will be added. Mature trees will be retained on the lots if feasible. Native and drought tolerant plants/trees are likely to be used for residential landscaping.

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

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.
b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.
   None known.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.
   The site is located within what is commonly referred to as the Pacific Flyway. The flyway stretches from Alaska to Mexico and from the Pacific Ocean to the Rocky Mountains.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:
   Landscape plantings and large open areas on the lots will provide food and cover for small mammals, birds, insects, animals and soil organisms.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.
   None known.

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.
   Electricity or natural gas will be used to heat the homes and electricity for lighting.

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:
   Comply with state building and energy codes. Incorporate sustainable building design features like passive solar heating through the use of certain building materials and strategic placement of windows and openings. Utilize efficient building designs to maximize building materials and minimize waste.

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.
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 known.

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 known.

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.
   Fire, Police and Ambulance.

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:
   None.

b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?
   Minimal existing traffic from NE Handcock Road.

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.
   Short Term: 7am – 7pm construction noise.
   Long Term: 24 hour noise associated with rural residential use.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:
   None.

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 currently vacant. Adjacent properties are existing single family homes and outbuildings on large lots.

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?
Not known.

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.
   There are no structures on the site.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?
   No.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?
   R-5

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?
   R-5

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

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.
   No streams or wetlands are shown on GIS. Steep slopes are present on the site.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?
   In the future, two homes may be built on the site with approximately 8 residents total. The existing residence on the northern parcel will remain.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?
   None.

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

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:
   The rural character and large lots will ensure the project is compatible with existing and projected uses.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:
   None.
9. **Housing**  
   a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.  
      
      Two high income homes will be constructed on-site after the site completes the short plat process.

   b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.  
      
      No homes will be eliminated.

   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?  
       
       Two story wood framed structures (35')  
       Some form of wood, concrete or vinyl based siding will cover the buildings.

    b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?  
       
       No large vistas or views will be altered with this project.

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

11. **Light and Glare**  
    a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?  
       
       In the future, residential house lighting will occur at night.

    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 known.

    d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:  
       
       Proper orientation and shading of light sources.
12. Recreation [help]
a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?
   There are no known recreational opportunities in the immediate vicinity.

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:
   At the time of home construction residents will pay park impact fees which will help in the
   future development of parks and recreation facilities.

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.
   No.

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.
   None.

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 [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.
   NE Hancock provides access to the site. A shared driveway will be constructed on-site to
   serve future lots and the existing home on parcel 170612-000.
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?

No.

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

When homes are constructed it is anticipated that there will be 4 parking spaces for each of the future residences.

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 project does not require any frontage improvements. The proposed shared driveway will be constructed to County Standards.

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?

The completed project will generate approximately 19 total average daily trips. 0 existing and 2 new PM peak 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.

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.

The future short plat will require all public services and they are all available to serve the site.

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

The future short plat will pay Impact Fees as required.

16. Utilities
a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: 

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

b. 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.

Telephone: Qwest or Comcast
Electricity: Clark Public Utilities

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: .................................................................
Name of signee ..........................................................
Position and Agency/Organization Planner, City Engineering
Date Submitted: 9-26-19

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.