

SEPA¹ Environmental Checklist

Purpose of the 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 study 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 a 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 a checklist for non-project 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.

¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/Checklist-guidance>

A. Background

[Find help answering background questions²](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

City of Walla Walla Comprehensive Plan 2026-2046 SEPA File# PLN1-26-0017

2. Name of applicant:

City of Walla Walla "City "

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

15 N. 3rd Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362 Jon Maland, Sr. Planner 509 524 4710

4. Date checklist prepared:

April 22, 2026

5. Agency requesting checklist:

Washington State Department of Commerce

6. Proposed timing of schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Proposed adoption of the Proposed Comprehensive Plan Update in October 2026

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

No future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal.

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

Draft City of Walla Walla Comprehensive Plan Update 2026-2046.

City of Walla Walla Comprehensive Plan Update - Final Environmental Impact Statement, May 2018.

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.

In April of 2026, the City of Walla Walla provided the Washington State Department of Commerce with the required 60-day notice of intent to adopt the update. Comments received will be incorporated into the draft of the Comprehensive Plan. While not a governmental approval, the comprehensive plan amendments will be submitted to the Department of Commerce Growth Management Services for a 60-day state review as required by RCW 36.70A.106

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

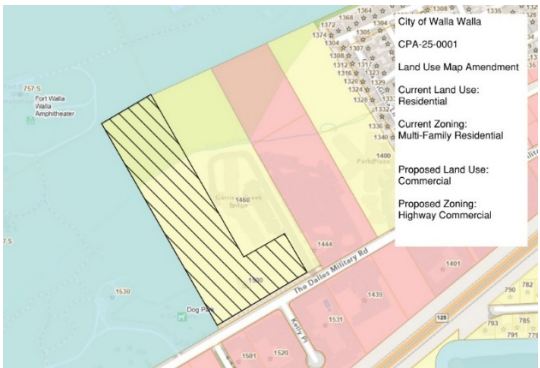

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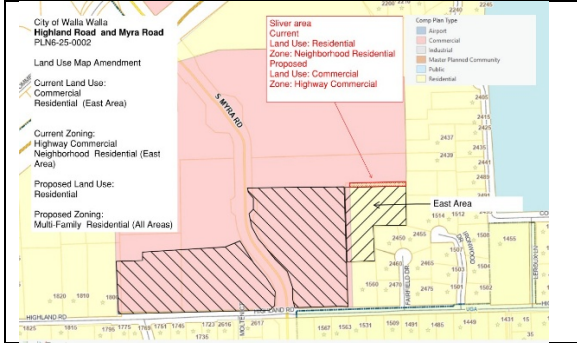
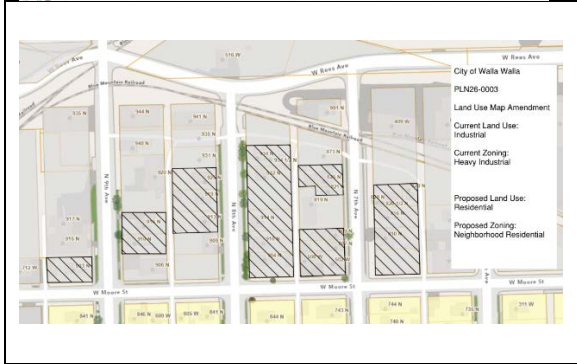

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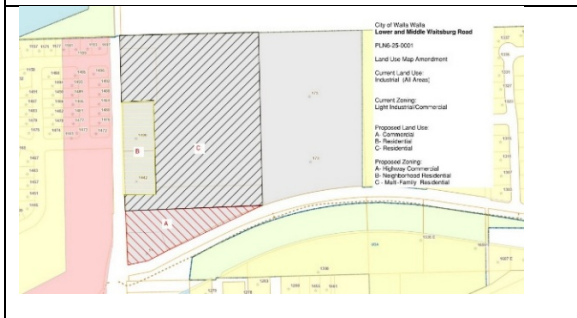
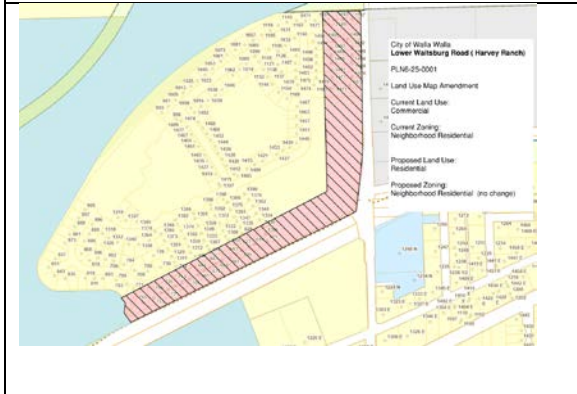
11. Give a brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies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

The City intends to adopt, in October of 2026, the mandatory Growth Management Act (GMA) Comprehensive Plan Update 2026-2046 (Comp Plan Update). The Comprehensive Plan Update covers 20 years from 2026 until 2046, and the City of Walla Walla and the associated GMA urban growth area known as the City of Walla Walla Urban Growth Area (UGA).

Proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map for 2026-2046.

Future Land Use Map Amendment	Location	Map Changes Proposed	Category and Notes
	1500 Dalles Military Road	RM → CH	State Mandate RCW 36.70A.115 – Sufficient Land Capacity Multi-family development would still be permitted within the highway commercial zoning.
	1300 Block of Dalles Military Road	CH & RN → MHC	Clarification The property is under development for manufactured homes. The land use designation would reflect the current development type.

Future Land Use Map Amendment	Location	Map Changes Proposed	Category and Notes
	SR 125 and Myra Road (O Village Way)	RN → CH	Clarification To allow new Commercial development along the South Myra Road extension, and to provide greater continuity to the already existing and developing Commercial zoning.
	Highland and Myra Road	CH & RN → RM	State Mandate RCW 36.70A.020(4) Housing Goal, RCW 36.70A.115 – Sufficient Land Capacity
	North of Moore Street	IH → RN	State Mandate RCW 36.70A.020(4) Housing Goal, RCW 36.70A.115 – Sufficient Land Capacity
	North of Rees Ave (N & S of George Street)	IH → RN	State Mandate RCW 36.70A.020(4) Housing Goal, RCW 36.70A.115 – Sufficient Land Capacity

Future Land Use Map Amendment	Location	Map Changes Proposed	Category and Notes
	171 Middle Waitsburg Road	IL/C → CH, RM	State Mandate RCW 36.70A.020(4) Housing Goal, RCW 36.70A.115 – Sufficient Land Capacity
	Lower Waitsburg Road	Land Use Map Only Commercial to Residential	Clarification The subject property has always maintained a residential zoning designation. A 2018 Land Use Amendment changed this southeast “shape” to Commercial, but a subsequent rezone was never applied for.

This update takes a practical approach with a planning document that focuses more on the goals and policies for multi-decadal planning, administration, and governance of the City of Walla Walla's activities related to GMA-required elements. These elements include:

- Environment and Natural Resources
- Climate Resilience
- Economic Development
- Land Use
- Housing
- Transportation
- Community Facilities
- Parks and Recreation
- Capital Facilities and Utilities
- Shoreline
- Historic Preservation

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.

B.Environmental Elements

1. Earth

[Find help answering earth questions](#)³

- a. **General description of the site:** The City of Walla Walla urbanized area.

Circle or highlight one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other:

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

Most slopes in Walla Walla are less than 5 percent.

- 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.**

Yakima silt loam 0 to 3 percent.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

- f. **Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.**

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

While this non-project proposal will not cause erosion or impact the earth, the City will continue to require the application of stormwater management, critical areas, and dust control regulations to future project proposals.

³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-earth>

2. Air

[Find help answering air questions](#)⁴

- 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.**

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

While this non-project proposal will not result in emissions or other impacts to the air, its goals and policies are consistent with the GMA planning goals (RCW 36.70A.020), which include reducing sprawl, encouraging efficient multimodal transportation systems, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions and per capita vehicle miles traveled.

3. Water

[Find help answering water questions](#)⁵

- a. **Surface:**

[Find help answering surface water questions](#)⁶

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.**

The City of Walla Walla has Mill Creek and other creeks. The City of Walla Walla is in the watershed for the Walla Walla River.

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 work is proposed over, in, or adjacent to the water described above.

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.**

⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-Air>

⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water>

⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Surface-water>

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

This proposal will 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.**

Only a small portion of the southernmost portion of the City lies within the 100-year floodplain, as defined in the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map.

- 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.**

This non-project proposal does not involve any discharge of waste materials to surface waters.

b. Ground:

[Find help answering ground water questions](#)⁷

- 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 a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

Not applicable to this non-project proposal. A section of the city's Critical Areas Ordinance provides regulations for the identification and protection of critical aquifer recharge areas (CARAs). In addition, the City has adopted stormwater management regulations to manage the discharge of water.

- 2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (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.**

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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.**

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Groundwater>

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

While impacts to surface, ground, and runoff water or drainage patterns are not anticipated to result from this non-project proposal, the City's critical areas regulations, which protect surface and groundwater and stormwater standards, will continue to apply to all future development. The City's Shoreline Master Program will continue to regulate impacts on shorelines of the state along the Mill Creek.

4. Plants

[Find help answering plants questions](#)

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

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other**
- 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?

No applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

The City will continue to apply its landscaping standards to new development.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

5. Animals

[Find help answering animal questions](#)⁸

- a. **List any birds and other animals that 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:

A variety of birds, mammals, and aquatic species are known to have habitat in the City of Walla Walla. The primary wildlife habitats species in the City are located along stream and river corridors.

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

IPac reviews showing the following for the Walla Walla area.

Birds Yellow-billed Cuckoo, CH Coccyzus americanus- Threatened

Fishes Bull Trout CH, Salvelinus confluentus - Threatened

Insects Monarch Butterfly CH, Danaus Plexippus -Proposed Threatened

Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee , Bombus suckleyi -Proposed Endangered

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

The City of Walla Walla is known as a Pacific Flyway for migratory birds.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

6. Energy and natural resources

[Find help answering energy and natural resource questions](#)⁹

- 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.**

⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-5-Animals>

⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-6-Energy-natural-resou>

As a non-project proposal, the proposal does not have energy needs.

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

As a non-project proposal, there would be no impact on solar energy as a result of this proposal.

- 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.**

Not applicable to this non-project proposal. Future site-specific development would be required to meet applicable building and energy codes.

7. Environmental health

[Health Find help with answering environmental health questions](https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-7-Environmental-health)¹⁰

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

As a non-project proposal, no environmental health hazards would result as a consequence of this proposal.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal. Sites within the City are listed with the WA Dept. of Ecology.

- 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.**

As a non-project proposal, no hazardous chemicals/conditions will affect the proposal.

- 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.**

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

- 4. Describe special emergency services that might be required.**

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

- 5. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.**

As a non-project proposal, no measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards are required. Future site-specific development would be subject to the City's

¹⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-7-Environmental-health>

codes and regulations, State hazardous materials regulations, and additional environmental review.

b. Noise

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

While this non-project proposal will not create noise impacts, the City of Walla Walla Municipal Code contains noise regulations that will continue to be upheld.

8. Land and shoreline use

[Find help answering land and shoreline use questions](#)¹¹

- 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.**

There are several different land uses within the City of Walla Walla, which include Residential, Commercial, Industrial, and other.

- 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 because 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?**

Historically, lands in the City have been used for farmland. No resources lands have been designated.

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

The proposal will not affect or be affected by the surrounding working farm or forest land's normal business operations.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.**

Existing structures include those used for municipal infrastructure, as well as for residential, commercial, industrial, and parks and recreation purposes.

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

¹¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-8-Land-shoreline-use>

No structures will be demolished as part of this non-project proposal.

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

See Walla Walla Municipal Code 20.02.050 Establishment of zone districts – Official zoning map.

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

See Walla Walla Comprehensive Plan 2040 Future Land Use- LU-6 Maps

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

See the Shoreline Master Program for the City of Walla Walla,

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

The City of Walla Walla designates and contains wetlands, critical aquifer recharge areas, frequently flooded areas, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, and geologically hazardous areas.

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

Per the WA State Office of Financial Management, the April 1, 2025, population is 34,850

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

This is a non-project proposal, while the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations are reviewed for consistency.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

9. Housing

[Find help answering housing questions](#)¹²

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

Non-Project Action: No housing units will be provided; however, goals and policies contained within the Comprehensive Plan are intended to accommodate growth,

¹² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-9-Housing>

provide housing affordable to all economic segments of the community, and promote a variety of residential housing types.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal. Development regulations may be revised for consistency and applied to future development.

10. Aesthetics

[Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)¹³

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

11. Light and glare

[Find help answering light and glare questions](#)¹⁴

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

¹³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-10-Aesthetics>

¹⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-11-Light-glare>

12. Recreation

[Find help answering recreation questions](#)

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

The City of Walla Walla provides recreational opportunities that include neighborhood parks and community parks.

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

No existing recreational uses would be displaced as a result of this proposal.

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

The Comprehensive Plan contains goals and policies related to the maintenance and improvement of parks and recreation, open space, and trail facilities.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

[Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)¹⁵

- 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 City of Walla Walla contains many listed buildings, structures, and sites.

- 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.**

This is a non-project action. Future development proposals will be evaluated for impacts to any historic sites and subject to comply with the Comprehensive Plan, City, state, and federal regulations.

- 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.**

This is a non-project action. Future development proposals will be evaluated for impacts to any historic sites and subject to comply with the Comprehensive Plan, City, state, and federal regulations.

- 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.**

¹⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-13-Historic-cultural-p>

The City of Walla Walla will continue coordination with tribal governments and require proper review of future project proposals.

14. Transportation

[Find help with answering transportation questions](#)¹⁶

- 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 City of Walla Walla contains many streets and highway infrastructure

- 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?**

Valley Transit is the service provider for public transit.

- c. **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 Comprehensive Plan includes a Transportation Element and a 6-year Transportation Improvements Program (TIP).

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

Not applicable to the non-project proposal.

- e. **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?**

Not applicable to the non-project proposal.

- f. **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 to the non-project proposal.

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

No transportation impacts are anticipated from this non-project proposal.

15. Public services

[Find help answering public service questions](#)¹⁷

¹⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-14-Transportation>

¹⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-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 Capital Facilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan and Capital Facilities Plan outlines strategies for public services to accommodate growth

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

16. Utilities

[Find help answering utility questions¹⁸](#)

- 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 that might be needed.**

Not applicable to this non-project proposal. The Capital Facilities Element, which contains goals and policies for utilities, provides details on existing facilities, projected need, and projected demand to develop all city utilities at levels of service appropriate to planned orderly growth.

C. Signature

[Find help about who should sign¹⁹](#)

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.

Type name of signee:



Position and agency/organization: Senior Planner, City of Walla

Date submitted: April 23, 2026

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

[Find help for the non-project actions worksheet²⁰](#)

Do not use this section for project actions.

¹⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-16-utilities>

¹⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-C-Signature>

²⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-d-non-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 to which 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?

It is not anticipated that this non-project proposal will cause these increases to occur.

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:**

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

As a non-project proposal, the proposal will not directly affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

As a non-project proposal, the proposal will not directly deplete energy or natural resources.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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?

As a non-project action, the Comprehensive Plan includes updates to plans, goals, and policies to ensure the protection of environmentally sensitive areas.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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?

This proposal will encourage shoreline uses compatible with existing plans.

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

The Comprehensive Plan Update is drafted and designed to be consistent with the GMA.

The Land Use Element includes goals and policies intended to ensure new development is

compatible with existing land uses and an analysis of future land use needs and projected growth demands to guide future land development.

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

This proposal is intended to plan for growth and increase capacity accordingly.

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

Not applicable to this non-project proposal.

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

The proposal will not conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. Individual development proposals must comply with all local, state, and federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.