



## 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:

**Housing Action Plan (CPA-2020-001 and SEPA-2020-001).**

2. Name of applicant:

**City of Mukilteo**

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

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4. Date checklist prepared:

**February 4, 2021**

5. Agency requesting checklist:

**City of Mukilteo**

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

**A Public Hearing with Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled for April 15, 2021, which will be followed City Council review and adoption after a public hearing by June 15, 2021.**

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

**The Housing Action Plan (HAP) will result in a prioritized list of housing strategies that will be implemented over the next several years. Strategies may include future Comprehensive Plan amendments, changes to zoning or permit processing regulations, or programs.**

**The City intends to use the HAP as background research and analysis for future amendments to the City of Mukilteo Comprehensive Plan and development regulations.**

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

**No additional environmental information has been prepared in relation to this proposal.**

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.

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Any existing projects would be vested to the regulations in place at the time of a complete application. Future projects may be impacted if strategies adopted under the HAP are implemented.**

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

**The proposed final HAP will be considered by the Mukilteo Planning Commission at a public hearing. The Planning Commission forwards a recommendation to City Council, which is the final decision authority for legislative actions.**

**Any amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, development regulations, or project permits will be reviewed separately.**

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.)

**In 2019, the Washington State Legislature authorized the Washington State Department of Commerce to offer grant funding for the development of Housing Action Plans (HAPs). The City of Mukilteo applied for and received a grant. The HAP is a strategic plan that identifies clear, actionable strategies to meet current and projected housing needs. Washington State law requires the HAP identify strategies to encourage construction of:**

- **A greater variety of housing types; and**
- **Housing at prices that are accessible to people with a wide range of incomes.**

**Additional information on the Mukilteo HAP is available at:**

**<https://mukilteowa.gov/departments/planning-development/planning-long-range/housing-action-plan/>**

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 HAP is a citywide proposal; however it most specifically impacts locations where residential uses are allowed.**

**See the City's currently adopted Zoning Map at: <https://mukilteowa.gov/maps/pdf-maps/>**

## B. Environmental Elements

### 1. Earth

a. General description of the site (check one):

- Flat    Rolling    Hilly    Steep slopes    Mountainous  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Generally, Mukilteo is characterized by steep bluffs and ravines adjacent to Puget Sound, with associated land movement.**

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; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Project actions will be required to comply with the requirements of Mukilteo Municipal Code (MMC) Chapter 15.16 – Grading and Excavation.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Generally, project actions will be required to comply with all applicable local, state and federal regulations in addition to the flood hazard regulations, including but not limited to shoreline management regulations, stormwater and low impact development regulations, and in-water permit requirements.**

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.

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Promoting additional housing in areas served by transit (bus, ferry, and rail) can help to reduce overall emissions.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Project actions are required to comply with the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act and the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.**

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.

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. There are shoreline and flood hazard areas within the City, generally located along Puget Sound. There are a number of streams that flow through the flood hazard area into Puget Sound, including Big Gulch Creek, Brewery Creek, Goat Trail Creek, Japanese Gulch Creek, Lower Chennault Beach Creek, Naketa Beach Creek, Olympic View Creek, Smuggler's Gulch Creek, Upper Chennault Beach Creek, and a number of unnamed creeks and wetlands.**

- 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; this is a non-project action. Project actions will be required to comply with any applicable regulations.**

- 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; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Project actions within the City of Mukilteo typically do 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.

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Properties within the 100-year floodplain are limited to properties adjacent to Puget Sound.**

- 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.

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Project actions within the City of Mukilteo typically do not discharge 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.

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. The City has public water services provided by Mukilteo Water & Wastewater District and Alderwood Water & Wastewater District.**

- 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.

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. The City has sanitary sewer services provided by Mukilteo Water & Wastewater District and Alderwood Water & Wastewater District.**

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

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- 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; this is a non-project action. The City operates under the Western Washington NPDES Phase II Permit for surface water. Project actions are required to comply with the stormwater manual currently adopted by the City of Mukilteo.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Project actions are required to comply with the stormwater manual currently adopted by the City of Mukilteo.**

4. Plants

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

Deciduous trees:  Alder  Maple  Aspen  Other:

Evergreen trees:  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?

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Clearing and grading is regulated under Chapter 15.16 of the Mukilteo Municipal Code, and clearing is further restricted in critical areas and buffers.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Invasive species will be documented with project actions.**

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.

Examples include:

Birds:  Hawk    Heron    Eagle    Songbirds

Other Birds: \_\_\_\_\_

Mammals:  Deer    Bear    Elk    Beaver

Other Mammals: Coyote, whales, dolphins, seals

Fish:  Bass    Salmon    Trout    Herring    Shellfish

Other Fish \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Both state and federally listed endangered and threatened species have been observed in or near the City, including killer whales, salmon, rockfish, and marbled murrelet.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. The City is part of the migratory bird Pacific Flyway; and the adjacent nearshore environment in Puget Sound is part of fish and mammal migration routes, including for salmon and trout.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**



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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Invasive species will be documented with project actions.**

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.

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Generally, height limits in residential areas are limited to 30 – 35 ft., and would not affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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.

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

- 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.

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

- 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; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

b. Noise

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

- 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.

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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.

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. A variety of residential uses and housing forms are permitted at different densities. The HAP intends to facilitate additional housing while meeting the requirements of the Growth Management Act. Some strategies, once implemented, may impact adjacent properties in the future.**

- 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 applicable; this is a non-project action. No portion of the City has been used as working farmlands or working forest lands in recent history.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Structures may be demolished in the future as part of a project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. The City's currently adopted Zoning Map is available online at: <https://mukilteowa.gov/maps/pdf-maps/>**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Housing is permitted in all land use designations except Industrial and Open Space. The City's currently adopted Future Land Use Map is available online at: <https://mukilteowa.gov/maps/pdf-maps/>**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Residential uses are permitted in the following shoreline environments:**

- **Urban Conservancy**
- **Urban Waterfront**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. The City currently partners with affordable housing providers to reduce displacement impacts.**

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

**Any strategy adopted under the HAP to allow for additional housing forms or allow currently permitted housing forms in additional locations would go through a public review process and consider standards to minimize impacts to existing neighborhoods. Adoption of any amendments would take place as a separate action.**

- m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. There are no agricultural or forest lands within Mukilteo.**

9. Housing

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action and will not cause additional development on its own. The strategies are intend to help the City better meet existing and future population and housing growth targets.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Due to the developed nature of the City, some housing units will necessarily be eliminated for redevelopment.**

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

**This is a non-project action with the intent of implementing strategies that improve access to housing over time. The Planning Commission and City Council will be presented with strategy options for review and prioritization.**

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?

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

11. Light and Glare

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

12. Recreation

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

**Many recreational opportunities exist within the City. The Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Arts (PROSA) Plan addresses recreational and cultural needs created by residential growth.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Generally, project actions would not decrease or displace existing recreational uses.**

- 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; this is a non-project action. New residential units are subject to a parks impact fee.**

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 located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. No changes to existing historic structures or locations are proposed.**

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- 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.

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Portions of the City have known evidence of historic use or are likely to contain cultural resources. These areas are recommended for archaeological surveys prior to any work by the Washington State Department of Archaeological and Historic Preservation (DAHP). Existing professional studies are on record with DAHP.**

- 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; this is a non-project action. Notice of project actions are sent to area tribes and DAHP.**

- 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; this is a non-project action. Project actions with a moderate, high, or very high likelihood to impact cultural resources are required to consult with DAHP and follow any recommendations provided.**

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.

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Traffic impacts would be reviewed with any project action.**

- 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?

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action. Mukilteo is served by bus (Community Transit, Everett Transit); rail (Sound Transit); and ferry (Washington State Ferries).**

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

**None; this is a non-project action. Some review of parking standards are proposed as sub-recommendations of strategies in the HAP. If adopted by Council, these would be reviewed through a separate process.**

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- 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).

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

- e. Describe the existing condition of the proposed access road, including width of easement, width of pavement or roadway, curbs, gutters, and/or sidewalks.

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

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

**Not applicable; this is a non-project action.**

- g. 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?

**None; this is a non-project action.**

- h. 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; this is a non-project action.**

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

**None; this is a non-project action.**

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.

**Not directly; though overall growth will require additional services over time.**

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

**None; this is a non-project action.**

16. Utilities

- a. Check utilities currently available at the site:

Electricity

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- 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.

**None; this is a non-project action.**



## 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: Lauren Balisky

Position and Agency/Organization: Planning Manager, City of Mukilteo

Date Submitted: February 11, 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?

**The HAP would not directly cause any of these impact. Strategies support housing development and associated population growth. Any project action would be reviewed separately against existing regulations to control these impacts.**

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

**Not applicable.**

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

**The HAP would not reduce existing protections for critical habitat, animals, fish or marine life.**

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

**None.**

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

**The proposed changes are unlikely to deplete energy or natural resources.**

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

**None.**

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?

**The HAP would not reduce existing protections for critical areas.**

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

**None.**

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?

**The HAP will not immediately impact land use, as any strategies require further detailed analysis under separate action. The HAP would not affect shoreline use.**

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

**None.**

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

**The proposal is unlikely to increase demands on transportation, public services and utilities. While the HAP will inform the 2024 Major Comprehensive Plan Update and support planning for future population growth, it does not itself create increased demand for these services.**

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

**None.**

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

**The HAP meets the intent of the Growth Management Act to ensure adequate housing for the existing and projected needs of all economic segments of the community, and by concentrating population growth in urban areas that have access to transportation, public services and utilities. The HAP will also facilitate future updates to the Comprehensive Plan and does not conflict with local, state or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.**