

SEPA¹ 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.

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:

2025 City of Morton Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations Update

2. Name of applicant:

City of Morton

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

This periodic update is a non-project action with no direct plans for future activities or physical projects. The Comprehensive Plan is subject to optional and requires regular review and public input.

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

The City of Morton has is adopting the 2025 Lewis County's Critical Areas Ordinance separate from but related to the Comprehensive Plan Update.

5. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

This update is a non-project action that will lead to the adoption of several ordinance amendments as required during the Growth Management Act Periodic Update. There are no known applications that are pending governmental approvals affecting this update.

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

The final 2025 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance updates will be adopted by ordinance(s) by the Morton City Council after appropriate open houses, public comment periods, Department of Commerce review, and a series of duly noticed public hearings.

7. 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.)

Pursuant to the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), the City of Morton is updating the City's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

Changes include land use and demographic data, transportation and housing need forecasts, capital facilities need forecasts, public input, consistency between elements, goals and policies regarding climate change, additional definitions and clarifying language, reformatting, and other changes required to remain consistent with state law.

² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-A-Background>

Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan update does not propose development of any type. Adoption of the update establishes policy that works to inform other land use regulations which work to guide future land use decisions.

8. **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.

This non-project action applies within city limits. Maps provided in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan apply to specific areas within the municipality.

B.Environmental Elements

1. Earth

[Find help answering earth questions³](#)

- a. **General description of the site:**

This update is a non-project action. Future projects or actions resulting from this update will undergo appropriate environmental review and permitting.

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

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

This is a non-project action that does not directly affect slopes.

- 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.**

This is a non-project action that does not directly affect soils.

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

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

This is a non-project action that does not directly affect unstable soils.

- 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.**

This is a non-project action that does not propose filling or grading.

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

This is a non-project action that does not result in erosion.

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

No impervious surfaces will result from this non-project action.

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

This is a non-project action that does not directly create erosion or other impacts to the earth. Future projects or actions will undergo environmental review.

2. Air

[Find help answering air questions⁴](#)

- 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.**

This non-project action does not directly result in emissions. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

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

This non-project action does not directly result in emissions. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review

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

This non-project action does not directly result in emissions. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

3. Water

[Find help answering water questions⁵](#)

- a. Surface:

[Find help answering surface water questions⁶](#)

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.

This non-project action does not directly result in impacts to surface waters. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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.

This non-project action does not directly result in impacts to surface waters. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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.

This non-project action does not directly result in impacts to surface waters. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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>

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

This non-project action does not directly result in impacts to surface waters. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly result in impacts within the 100-year floodplain. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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 action does not directly result in discharge of waste materials to surface waters. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

b. Ground:

[Find help answering ground water questions⁷](#)

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.**

This non-project action does not directly result in impacts to ground water. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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.**

This non-project action does not directly result in waste materials being discharged into the ground and/or impacts to ground water. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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>

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.

This non-project action does not directly result in water runoff and/or impacts to ground water. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly result in waste materials entering and/or impacts to the ground water or surface waters. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact ground water. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact surface, ground and runoff water, and drainage patterns. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact plants or vegetation. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

This non-project action does not directly impact, remove, or alter plants or vegetation. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact threatened and endangered species. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact plants or vegetation. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact plants or vegetation. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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:

This non-project action does not directly impact animals. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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>

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

This non-project action does not directly impact any threatened or endangered species. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact a migration route. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact animals and/or wildlife. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact invasive species or animals. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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.**

This non-project action does not directly impact energy and natural resources. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact potential use of solar energy. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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>

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

This non-project action does not directly impact energy, energy conservation features, and natural resources. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

7. Environmental health

Health Find help with answering environmental health questions¹⁰

- 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.**

This non-project action does not directly impact environmental health. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact environmental health. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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.**

This non-project action does not directly impact hazardous chemicals/conditions, underground hazardous transmission pipelines, and environmental health. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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.**

This non-project action does not directly impact environmental health. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact environmental health. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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>

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

This non-project action does not directly impact environmental health. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

b. Noise

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

This non-project action does not directly impact noise. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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)?

This non-project action does not directly impact noise. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact noise. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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.

This non-project action does not directly impact land and shoreline use. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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?

This non-project action does not directly impact land and shoreline use. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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>

- 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?**

This non-project action does not directly impact by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact structures and/or land and shoreline use. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact structures and/or land and shoreline use. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact zoning classification and/or land and shoreline use. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact land and shoreline use. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly shoreline master program and/or land and shoreline use. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact critical areas designated by the city or county and/or land and shoreline use. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact land and shoreline use. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly displace people or impact land and shoreline use. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly displace people or impact land and shoreline use. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact land and shoreline use. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance and/or land and shoreline use. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

9. Housing

[Find help answering housing questions¹²](#)

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

This non-project action does not directly impact housing. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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>

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

This non-project action does not directly impact housing. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact housing. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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?**

This non-project action does not directly impact aesthetics. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact aesthetics. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact aesthetics. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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?**

This non-project action does not directly impact light and glare. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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>

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

This non-project action does not directly impact light and glare. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact light and glare. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact light and glare. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

12. Recreation

[Find help answering recreation questions](#)

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

This non-project action does not directly impact recreational opportunities. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact recreational uses. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact recreational uses or opportunities. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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.**

This non-project action does not directly impact historic and cultural buildings, structures, or sites. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

- 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 non-project action does not directly impact historic and cultural landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

- 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 non-project action does not directly impact historic and cultural resources. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

- 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.**

This non-project action does not directly impact historic and cultural resources. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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>

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.**

This non-project action does not directly impact transportation. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

- 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?**

This non-project action does not directly impact transportation. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

- 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).**

This non-project action does not directly impact transportation. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact transportation. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

- 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?**

This non-project action does not directly impact transportation. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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>

- 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.**

This non-project action does not directly impact transportation. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact transportation. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

15. Public services

[Find help answering public service questions¹⁷](#)

- 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.**

This non-project action does not directly impact public services. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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

This non-project action does not directly impact public services. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

16. Utilities

[Find help answering utilities questions¹⁸](#)

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

This non-project action does not directly impact utilities. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

- 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.**

This non-project action does not directly impact utilities. Future projects and actions will undergo environmental review.

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>

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>

C. Signature

[Find help about who should sign](#)¹⁹

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.

X 

Type name of signee: LuAnn Ward

Position and agency/organization: City of Morton City Clerk/Treasurer

Date submitted: February 22, 2026

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

[Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet](#)²⁰

Do not use this section 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 update will not increase density or land use zoning. This non-project action will not result in a direct increase in discharge to water, emissions to air, production of noise, production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances.

- Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

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>

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

Proposed update will not affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life. This non-project action will not have a direct impact to the natural environment.

- 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 update will not deplete energy or natural resources. This non-project action will not result in a direct impact on existing energy or natural resource use.

- 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?

Individual projects will be reviewed for compliance with the adopted 2025 Lewis County Comprehensive Plan as amended.

- 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?

These updates do not propose any changes to the adopted Shoreline Master Plan. Individual projects in the shoreline will be reviewed for compliance with the current Shoreline Master Plan.

- 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?

The updated 2025 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations will not result in increased 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.

The updates to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations are meant to address conflicts with local, state, or federal laws. The proposals are compliant with Washington State Department of Commerce checklists.