

A. Background

[Find help answering background questions¹](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

The Town of Elmer City Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan 2024.

2. Name of applicant:

Kurt Danison, Highlands Associates (Contract Planner).

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

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4. Date checklist prepared: *October 7, 2024.*

5. Agency requesting checklist:

The Town of Elmer City.

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

The Elmer City PROS Plan was developed in 2024 to meet the community's needs and comply with the requirements of the Recreation Conservation Office. There is a list of PROS plan projects anticipated starting over the next 6 years, as detailed in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Other projects may take longer to develop depending on timing and project funding availability.

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

Periodic updates to the proposed PROS plan may occur, generally every six years. Any future development will be subject to environmental review at the time of permitting.

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

There is no environmental information that has been prepared or anticipated to be prepared at this time, as any future development specified in the PROS plan will be subject to environmental review at the time of development.

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.

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

The Town is in line for a grant from the Recreation Conservation Office for the replacement of the existing basketball courts and installation ADA access.

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

Recreational and Conservation Office (RCO) approval and Elmer City Town Council approval will be needed for the PROS plan. RCO has not yet reviewed the draft or commented.

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

The PROS Plan is a planning document developed for the Town of Elmer City by Highlands Associates, SPVV Landscape Architects and G&O Engineers through collaborative efforts with Town Staff, the community, stakeholders, and appointed and elected officials. The PROS Plan documents the Town's existing parks, recreation, and open space and makes suggestions on short-term and long-term park improvements. The PROS Plan proposes improvements to the Town's park system and guides operational procedures to improve the level of service and improve deficiencies.

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 PROS Plan covers the Town of Elmer City in southeastern Okanogan County. The community lies astride S.R. 155 just a few miles downstream of Grand Coulee Dam. See location map in attached DRAFT PROS Plan.

B. Environmental Elements

1. Earth

[Find help answering earth questions²](https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklistguidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-earth)

a. General description of the site:

The Town is located on a slope below steep rocky bluffs and above the Columbia River.

² <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklistguidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-earth>

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

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

Some of the rocky bluffs east of the community are nearly 100% with the majority of the community lying in the 10-30% range.

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- b. 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.**

Proposal is a non-project action. No agricultural land of long-term commercial significance will be affected by this PROS plan proposal. However, the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service "Web Soil Survey" maps most of Elmer City as either "Colville Sandy Loam", "Hodgson silt loam", "Garrison gravelly loam", or "Donovan loam". Any future development in result will be subject to environmental review at the time of permitting.

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

Proposal is a non-project action where no soil will be impacted, and no development action will be taken.

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

To be determined project-specific for all capital projects in the Plan.

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

Proposal is a non-project action. All projects will comply with Town and State requirements and guidelines for erosion control measures.

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

Proposal is a non-project action. All improvement projects proposed in the PROS Plan will comply with Town and State requirements and guidelines for impervious surface and drainage requirements.

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

The proposal is a non-project action, so no measures are being proposed at this time.

With the approval of this PROS Plan, no erosions or impacts to the earth are anticipated.

2. Air

[Find help answering air questions³](#)

- 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.**

Proposal is a non-project action. Any project proposed in the PROS Plan would be required to meet Town and State requirements and guidelines for air emissions during the proposed project's construction.

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

Proposal is a non-project action. There are no off-site sources of emissions or odor that would affect air quality for the proposed PROS Plan improvements.

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

Proposal is a non-project action. There are no proposed measures.

3. Water

[Find help answering water questions⁴](#)

- a. **Surface:**

[Find help answering surface water questions⁵](#)

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.**

Proposal is a non-project action. However, Elmer City has several rivers/creeks and wetlands in and near the Town limits. Some of the water bodies' names include the Columbia River; any future project development will be subject to environmental review at the time of permitting.

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

⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklistguidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water>

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

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.**

The proposal is a non-project action. The Columbia River forms the southwester boundary of the Town. Appropriate environmental review will occur with any proposed action project for alteration and/or development.

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 proposal is a non-project action. There is not any fill or dredge material anticipated to be removed or placed in surface water or wetlands due to the approval of the PROS Plan. Any action project would be subject to the Town's codes and regulations, State, and Federal regulations of critical areas and wetlands.

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

The proposal is a non-project action and does 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.**

The proposal is a non-project action. None of the Town's PROS plan projects are anticipated to be in a floodplain. The PROS plan does not propose changes to the Floodplain ordinance of floodplain maps.

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 proposal is a non-project action and it does not involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters.

b. Ground:

[Find help answering ground water questions](https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklistguidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmentalelements-Groundwater)⁶

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.**

⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklistguidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmentalelements-Groundwater>

This proposal is a non-project action for the Town's PROS Plan adoption approval, this non-project action does not include withdrawal from a well for drinking.

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 proposal is a non-project action, and no waste material is anticipated to be discharged into the ground for any project identified.

Water Runoff (including stormwater):

3. **Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**

The project proposal is a non-project action. Subsequent projects will adhere to Town, State, and Federal regulations.

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

This project proposal is a non-project action. No waste materials are anticipated to enter ground and surface waters.

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

This project proposal is a non-project action. The PROS Plan does not alter or affect drainage patterns.

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

Proposal is a non-project action. Future development will adhere to the most recent version of the Stormwater Management Manual for Eastern Washington and all design standards specified within the Town's Municipal Code. No measures proposed.

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?

Proposal is a non-project action.

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

Proposal 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.

This proposal is a non-project action.

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

This proposal is a non-project action.

5. Animals

[Find help answering animal questions⁷](#)

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.

The following birds and animals are known to exist in Elmer City: deer, bear, songbirds, bald and golden eagles, osprey, cougar, coyote, marmot.

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

Information regarding listed species was obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

(USFWS) Information Planning and Consultation (IPaC), and the USFWS database Priority Habitats and Species (PHS) on the Web. The following ESA-listed species have the potential occur in and around the vicinity of Elmer City:

- *Yellow-billed Cuckoo*

⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklistguidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-5-Animals>

- Canada Lynx Grizzly Bear
- North American Wolverine
- Bull Trout
- Monarch Butterfly

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

The Town of Elmer City is located in the Pacific Flyway, which extends from Mexico northward into Canada and the state of Alaska. Non-ESA listed migratory birds that are likely to be found in the area include but are not limited to: eagles, osprey, swifts, gulls, and hummingbirds.

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

The proposal is a non-project action. There are no proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife at this time.

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

None known at this time.

6. Energy and natural resources

[Find help answering energy and natural resource questions](#)⁸

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.

The proposal is a non-project action.

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

The proposal is a non-project action. The approval of this PROS Plan does not 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.

The proposal is a non-project action. This section is not applicable.

7. Environmental health

[Health Find help with answering environmental health questions](#)¹⁰

⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklistguidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-6-Energy-natural-resou> ¹⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklistguidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-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 because of this proposal? If so, describe.

The proposal is a non-project action. This section is not applicable.

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

The proposal is a non-project action. The section is not applicable.

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.

The proposal is a non-project action. The section is not applicable.

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.

The proposal is a non-project action. This section is not applicable.

4. Describe special emergency services that might be required.

The proposal is a non-project action. This section is not applicable.

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

The proposal is a non-project action. This section is not applicable.

8. Noise

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

The proposal is a non-project action. This section is not applicable.

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)?

The proposal is a non-project action. This section is not applicable.

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

The proposal is a non-project action. No measures are being proposed.

8. Land and shoreline use

[Find help answering land and shoreline use questions⁹](#)

- 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.

⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklistguidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-8-Land-shoreline-use>

The Town has several land uses including residential, commercial, civic, and industrial uses. The proposal is a non-project action and therefore will not affect the land uses of the Town. Any future development in result will be subject to environmental review at the time of permitting.

- 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?**

The proposal is a non-project action and therefore will not affect the working farmlands of the Town. Any future development in result will be subject to environmental review at the time of permitting.

- 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 section is not applicable, the proposal is a non-project action.

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

This section is not applicable, the proposal is a non-project action.

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

This section is not applicable, the proposal is a non-project action.

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

There are many zoning classifications within the Town (see below).

C-2 - Central Business/Pedestrian Overlay, C-3 - General Commercial, I – Industrial, L-I

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Light Industrial, OS - Open Space & Conservation, R-1 - Single Family, R-1-S - Single Family Suburban (4.5 d/u), R-2 - Multifamily (22 d/u), R-3 - General Res/Manufactured Homes

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

The proposal is a non-project action.

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

The Town does not have a Shoreline Master Program as the shoreline area is owned by the federal Bureau of Reclamation.

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

There are some areas with the Town that could be classified as critical areas. However, the Town has not classified or designation any critical areas.

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

The proposal is a non-project action.

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

The proposal is a non-project action. No one would be displaced due to the approval and completion of the PROS Plan.

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

The proposal is a non-project action. There are no proposed measures.

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

The proposal is a non-project action.

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

The proposal is a non-project action. There are no proposed measures.

9. Housing

[Find help answering housing questions](#)¹⁰

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

Proposal is a non-project action. Any future development because of this proposal will not be residential in nature.

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

No units are anticipated for elimination for any subsequent project identified and the proposal is a non-project action.

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

Proposal is a non-project action and although some additional privately owned sites are contemplated for acquisition, they are currently devoid of existing housing units. Therefore, no impacts to housing are anticipated at this time.

10. Aesthetics

[Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)¹¹

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

The proposal is a non-project action. This section is not applicable.

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

¹⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklistguidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-9-Housing>

¹¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklistguidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-10-Aesthetics> ¹⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklistguidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-11-Light-glare>

The proposal is a non-project action. This section is not applicable.

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

The proposal is a non-project action. This section is not applicable.

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?

Proposal is a non-project action. This section is not applicable.

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

The proposal is a non-project action. No light or glare is anticipated as part of the approval of this PROS Plan.

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

The proposal is a non-project action. This section is not applicable.

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

The proposal is a non-project action. There are no proposed measures.

12. Recreation

[Find help answering recreation questions](#)

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

Proposal is a non-project action. However, three existing parks are described in the PROS plan.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. No, the PROS Plan would not displace any 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:

The proposal is a non-project action. However, the PROS plan lists a proposed trail completion, a couple of trail extensions, a refuge area along the trails, in the Six-Year capital Improvement Program which would provide more usable open spaces for trails and allow for additional amount of developed trail acreage. Recreation impacts are likely to be enhanced with the PROS plan.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

[Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)¹²

¹² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklistguidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-13-Historic-cultural-p>

- 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.**

None known for any potential new park site. Cultural resources will be assessed prior to project development.

- 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.**

There are no known landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian occupation or historic use at this time for any project location identified. The proposal is a non-project action. Any future development in result will be subject to environmental review, and potentially a cultural resources study at the time of permitting.

- 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.**

Methods will be determined at the time of permitting for each project in the Capital Improvement Plan.

- 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.**

No measures proposed at this time.

14. Transportation

[Find help with answering transportation questions](#)¹³

- 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 Town lies along S.R. 155. The attached PROS Plan provides maps which show the location of existing parks. Several conceptual project details and some site plans are provided within the plan but are still in the early conceptual stages as some trails and pathways may need further refining. The proposal is a non-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?**

¹³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklistguidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-14-Transportation>

Although ride-share options are available in the area, there is no public transit within the Town.

- 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).**

To be determined at project level but several regional and local trail opportunities have been identified within the plan. Some future parks facility improvements, new skate park, parking lot improvements, and new trail completion with improved amenities may also trigger a substantial number of new trips, when the projects are implemented over time. No new public or private improvements to existing roads or streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities are not anticipated due to these projects.

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

No. The plan does not identify any improvement projects that will involve projects being development of within water, rail, or air transportation.

- 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 is a non-project action, projects will be assessed at the time of project design.

- 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.**

Proposal is a non-project action, and no impacts are anticipated.

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

The proposal is a non-project action. None at this time.

15. Public services

[Find help answering public service questions¹⁴](#)

- 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 proposal is a non-project action. The plan provides possible actions to address the level of service standards for recreation.

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

¹⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklistguidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-15-public-services> ¹⁸
<https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklistguidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-16-utilities>

The proposal is a non-project action. However, to support some of the future facilities envisioned, funding mechanisms have been identified.

16. Utilities

[Find help answering utilities questions](#)¹⁸

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

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

The proposal is a non-project action. To Be Determined.

C. Signature

[Find help about who should sign](#)¹⁵

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 Kelly Ross

Position and Agency/Organization Town of Elmer City, Clerk/Treasurer

Date Submitted: October 7, 2024

¹⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklistguidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-C-Signature>

D. Supplemental sheet for non-project actions
[Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet¹⁶](#) 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?

To be determined on a project-specific basis. The proposed projects in the PROS plan will include improvements to the Town's parks systems and the creation of new parks. Runoff volumes discharged to surface water or groundwater will generally not be increased, due to the likelihood of large amounts of pervious surfaces. Runoff treatment will be provided where required by Town regulations and the Stormwater Management Manual for Eastern WA. Impacts to air quality or noise will occur temporarily during construction, but no long-term impacts are anticipated.

• Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

Discharges to surface water will be maintained at pre-project levels with no increase in runoff rates, and the projects will comply with the Town's stormwater requirements, which are adapted from the Department of Ecology's requirements. Air emissions will be limited to temporary impacts from construction vehicles. No toxic substances will be stored or released from any sites, and sites will be assessed prior to construction to identify any existing contaminated soils or groundwater. Noise impacts will be limited to temporary impacts during construction. Construction will occur during Town-mandated hours to limit impacts.

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis. There are proposed projects in the PROS Plan that will include work in or around existing water bodies.

• Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are: *Environmental impacts will be assessed for each project individually. Projects in the vicinity of any surface water bodies or with heavily wooded trees and shrubs will include an evaluation by habitat and ecology professionals to determine best practices for minimizing impacts to habitat areas.*

¹⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklistguidance/sepa-checklist-section-d-non-project-actions>

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

To be determined on a project-specific basis. Improvements to existing parks would likely maintain or enlarge the natural resources of the Town. Proposed parks could potentially remove some vegetation to make way for park improvements but will likely ultimately enhance site vegetation.

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

None anticipated. To be determined on a project-specific basis.

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?

To be determined on a project-specific basis. Some proposed projects in the PROS plan may include work in or around existing non-fish bearing streams, which may include floodplains, recreation areas, habitat, and wetlands.

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

Environmental impacts will be assessed for each project individually. Most projects will occur within existing Town parks in developed areas, with little to no habitat or sensitive areas. Projects in the vicinity of any surface water bodies, heavily vegetated areas, and/or open space will include evaluation by habitat and ecology professionals to determine best practices for minimizing impacts to wetland or other critical areas. Temporary impacts to parks may occur if construction is required inside Town parks.

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?

At time of project design and implementation, Elmer City's Critical Resource Areas will be adhered to and as well as any regulation applicable to their protection. The proposal is not likely to affect land and shoreline uses, especially incompatible uses. Any project proposal would follow the applicable land use codes and regulations and no incompatible or conflicting uses are being proposed within the scope of PROS Plan improvement projects.

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

Measures taken at the project design level will be based on best practices and best available science in accordance with the adopted Shoreline Master Program.

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

The proposed projects in the PROS plan include improvements to the Town's park systems primarily to address service level deficiencies. The proposal would likely increase demands on transportation and services as more people from the community and surrounding area

would be encouraged to come and enjoy Elmer City's improved park system. Utilities could potentially increase with the additional people coming to visit the parks.

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

7. *Some proposed projects, if implemented, may be anticipated to generate enough vehicle trips to warrant a traffic study which will be determined during project design phase. **Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.***

All projects will be required to obtain the necessary local, state, and federal permits that are relevant to the project actions. This will include review by all interested agencies and Tribes, as needed. All required regulations and laws will be adhered to on a project-specific basis, and necessary approvals and permits will be secured before project initiation.